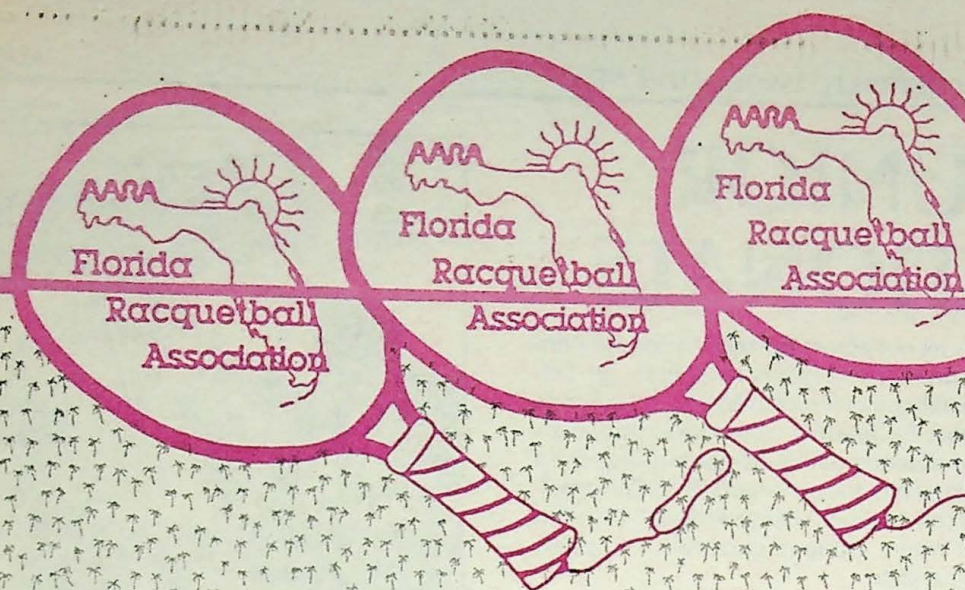




News

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ONE OF THE BIGGEST: THE 1988 SUNSHINE STATE GAMES

Among Florida racquetball players, the Sunshine State Games have become one of the most popular tournaments held in any given year. It's a level three event (meaning big points for winners), the entry fee is reasonable (the state isn't in it to make money), and the t-shirts are colorful (you see them all over). For these, and other reasons, it routinely draws most of the top names in Florida racquetball — and this year was no exception.

Held at RacquetPower in Jacksonville, the Sunshine State Games had the benefit of tournament direction by Mary Lyons, Susan Morgan, Charlie Krestul and a host of friendly staffers from the club. Drawing over 300 players, the tournament ran well into the night, yet matches rarely were more than forty minutes behind schedule. Too many bodies in one place (packed between the fishbowl and side courts) caused an air-conditioning overload late Sunday, but spectators managed to live through a damp men's open final without too much discomfort.

Sweating for good reason, Charlie Nichols and Tim Hansen fought it out inside the fishbowl for the men's open title after successfully maneuvering through three rounds each. On the top half of the draw, #1 seeded Nichols reached the final by advancing against Aaron Metcalf, Vinnie Ganley and Sergio Gonzalez, while #2 seeded Hansen eliminated Norman McNutt, Derek Lee and Jason Waggoner. Nichols and Hansen have squared off in a number of finals, and on each occasion the outcome has defied prediction. On this particular Sunday, Nichols was flawless in his shot-making, court speed and strategy, never giving Tim an opportunity to gain control of the match. Soon after it began, Charlie tucked another state Open title into those great shorts with a match win of 15-7, 15-7.

Local legends Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons might have seriously considered waiting until Monday to play their Women's Open Final match since they didn't take to the court until well after 6:00 PM on Sunday night. Earlier in the weekend #1 seeded Morgan met Vivian Hurtado for a 15-2, 15-5 win, then faced a tan, trim and relaxed Julie Pinnell who took her to a tie-breaker. Gaining eight points early in the third game, Pinnell threatened to take the match until a quick move and ankle turn threw her concentration for a loop. Accustomed to being under pressure (and dishing it out), Morgan promptly took advantage of the situation and regained control of the match for a 11-8 win.

On the other half of the draw, Mary Lyons allowed nearly identical scores to both Lori Basch (15-5, 15-11) and Kersten Hallander (15-5, 15-12) as she advanced into the finals opposite Morgan. Then, in the last match of the tournament, Lyons turned the tables on her doubles partner and won their 11-10 tie-breaker with a wall-crawling ceiling ball to Susan's backhand. By then it was close to 8:00 pm, RacquetPower was all but deserted, thunderstorms had blown in, and the Sunshine State Games had run their course.

Aside from the Florida Amateur Sports Council and the Sunshine State Games Foundation, Ektelon played a major part in the success of this tournament. Additional funding from Bi-Rak-It promoter Dr. Everett McCormick helped offset some of the expenses, and the healing hands of the Florida Massage Therapists Association had dozens of sore players moaning in gratitude as they received free sports massage before and after matches all weekend long.

Our congratulations to all the winners of the 1988 Sunshine State Games:

SINGLES

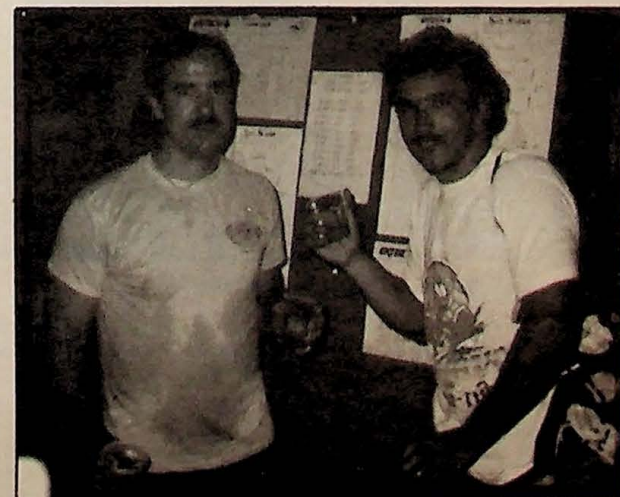
MO: Charlie Nichols def. Tim Hansen
MA: Jimmy Fanning def. Robert Schmeltzer
MB: Neil Sigel def. Michael Martino
MC: Josh Lewis def. Todd Gordon
MD: Bill Byers def. Danny Mullins
MN: Ron Allen def. Paul Bogardus
19+: Curtis Winter def. John Schneider
25+: Brent Huber def. John Scargle
30+: Dan McKinley def. Jeff Krisjansen
30B: Tony Zizzo def. Steve Moss
35+: Mitt Layton def. Steve Chapman
40+: Joe Serabia def. Mike Winslow
40B: Sam Sprout def. Steve Hancock
45+: Tom Rumsey def. Graig Shaak
50+: Ed Vlock def. Tom Rumsey
60+: Mal Roberts def. Paul Gorman
B8-: Rusty Moulton def. Jimmy Lyons
B14: Nicky Xynidis def. Craig Czyz
B16: Aaron Metcalf def. Jim Hundley
B18: Aaron Metcalf def. Ross Greenberg
WO: Mary Lyons def. Susan Morgan
WA: Donna Hayes def. Linda Mojer
WB: Beverly Dill def. Amanda Simmons
WC: Rachel Smith def. Rena Baer



Women's "B" Finalists Amanda Simmons (left, runner-up) and Beverly Dill (right, Division Winner).



Mixed "A" Doubles Champions Allyson Woods and Robert Borges.



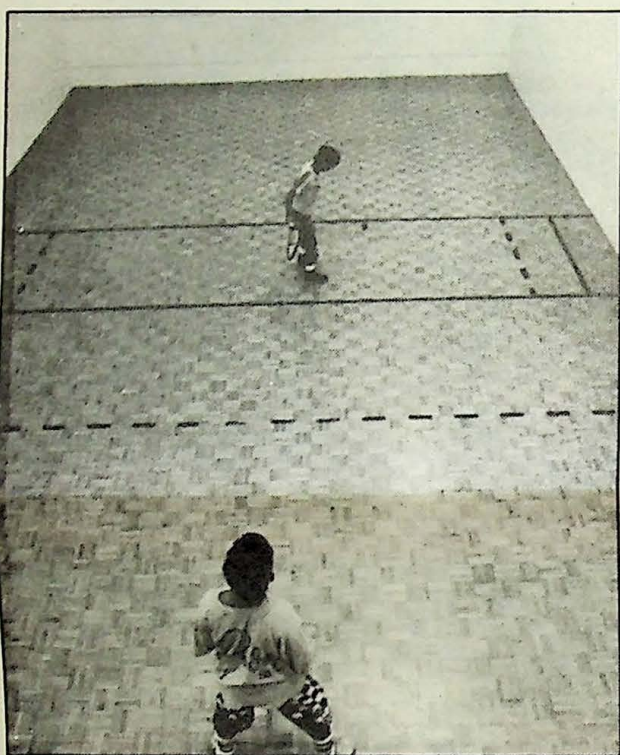
Men's 30+ Doubles Champions Paul Owens (L) and Terry Fluharty (R).

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WD: Geri Goldfine def. Kristina Emberton
 WN: Lisa Mittnacht def. Kristina Emberton
 30+: Julie Pinnell def. Barbara Simmons
 30B: Barbara Mosser def. Casey Kisner
 35+: Eileen Tuckman def. Agatha Falso
 40+: Agatha Falso def. Jo Kenyon

DOUBLES

MOD: Hansen/Gonzales def. Morrison/Nichols
 MAD: Deloach/Shaw def. Chappel/Wood
 MBD: Collision/Moore def. Green/Fouts
 MCD: Gordon/Lewis def. Gassaway/Patterson
 30+: Owens/Fluharty def. Morrell/Owen
 40+: Thomas/Schaffer def. Fouts/Green
 WOD: Lyons/Morgan def. Green/Rasmussen
 WAD: Kenyon/Hole def. McNutt/Hunter
 WBD: Smith/Baer def. Budnick/Kisner
 30+: Bazarte/Fontaine def. Simmons/Oliveri
 MXO: Nichols/Rasmussen def. Hansen/Pinnell
 MXA: Borges/Woods def. Stuart/Dill
 MXB: Segal/Mosser def. Zizzo/Kisner
 MXC: Simmons/Oathoat def. Deason/Totten



Jimmy Lyons prepares a lob serve for Jeremy Weiner (look familiar?).



A group of future champions!

JUNIOR NATIONALS

Just as schools let out across the country for the summer, over four hundred youngsters ranging in age between five and barely nineteen converged on the Sports Club in Lakewood, Colorado to compete in this year's Junior National Racquetball Championships. Even though local players made up a large "Team Colorado" with twenty-six competitors, "Team Florida" still outnumbered most with a group of thirty-two youngsters from the sunshine state.

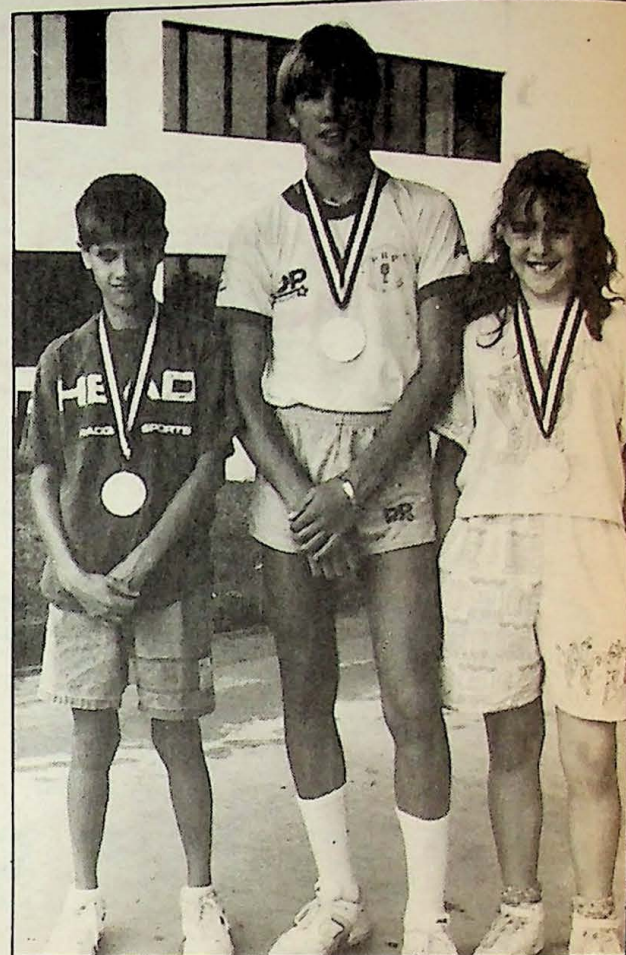
Not surprisingly, twenty-three of the Florida group represented "Power Racquetball Plus" from Bradenton, led by coach Pat Powers. Even without a host club for practice sessions in the months preceding the national event, Powers still managed to do an excellent job training his group — an exercise which stressed exemplary behavior along with a long list of racquetball skills. Throughout the five-day event, the PRP players were outstanding in their displays of first-rate sportsmanship and good humor, despite facing defeats to a series of very talented peers from across the country.

Allan Engel was one of the few PRP players to weather the storm of competition, aided by an inspired confidence in his own abilities. Without hesitation, Engel steadily advanced through one of the largest divisions of this event, racking up two-game wins over Julian Duran (New Mexico), Scott Wirtala (Texas), Jim Karp (California), and #2 seeded Jim Ellenberger (Wisconsin) to reach the finals against Brett Beugen of Minnesota. There Engel came as close to a tie-breaker as possible, with Beugen earning 14 hard-fought offensive rallies before Allan won the final point. In the second, a determined Engel wasted no time in securing the 15-9 match victory and the Boys 14 and under title for 1988.

Another gold medal in singles went to a young lady who is accustomed to winning, Debra Derr from Ormond Beach. In the Girls 10 and under division, Miss Derr was able to add to her impressive list of championship wins by defeating Stacy Mattioli of Massachusetts and Jill Trachsel of Minnesota in a regular draw, taking no prisoners and allowing no tie-breakers. In the corresponding Boys 10 and under division, Mark Hurst of Lynn Haven was defeated in the semi-final by division winner Eric Storey, but quickly rallied against Rick Buchanan of Maryland to take third place and bring home the bronze.

There were many more familiar Florida names in the finals of doubles divisions, however, as second championship titles went to Allan Engel with Nicky Xynidis of Ormond Beach in Boys 14-, and Debra Derr with Colorado teammate Amy Meyer in Girls 10-. Substantial team points were earned by the silver medalist teams of Ryan Smith (Bradenton)/Jon Xynidis (Ormond Beach) in Boys 12-, and Chris Conway/Robby Walden (Bradenton) in Boys 16-. Third place points were also added to the list by PRP's Melissa McGregor and Cassandra Pierce in G12-, while consolation awards went to Jody Friedman in B10, and Britt Engel in G14.

With a total draw of close to ninety participants in the Boys 16 and under, Robby Walden was kept busy in the opening four rounds of play before losing a tie-breaker to Vince Kelley of Oregon in the quarterfinals, 15-12, 3-15, 11-7. Aaron Metcalf of Jacksonville and Mike Altman of Coral Gables also played three rounds in the 16s before meeting up with skilled opposition from



Left to Right: Mark Hurst, Allan Engle, Debra Derr.

California and North Carolina. Walden, Metcalf, Altman and Scott Reiff of Coral Springs had loyal Florida galleries during each of their matches, and will no doubt continue to draw spectators as they "grow into" the 18- US team qualifying division in the next few years.

In the team standings, Florida's third place position (behind California and Minnesota) showed a close battle between the junior boys of opposing coasts. California boys scored a total of 62 points for their team, while Florida boys totalled 61, followed by Minnesota with 28. The girls of both Minnesota and California contributed more than their fair share, with point totals of 83 and 58 respectively. This year's smaller contingent of female players in the upper age brackets definitely affected the point total of 31 for Florida girls.

Junior Team Florida members have set a standard for the rest of the country to follow, and follow they have. The quality of competition at the Junior Nationals has improved in direct response to the urge to "beat" Florida, and it's certain that the young people listed below are ready to bump that competition up another notch over the next year. Our congratulations to:

JUNIOR TEAM FLORIDA!!

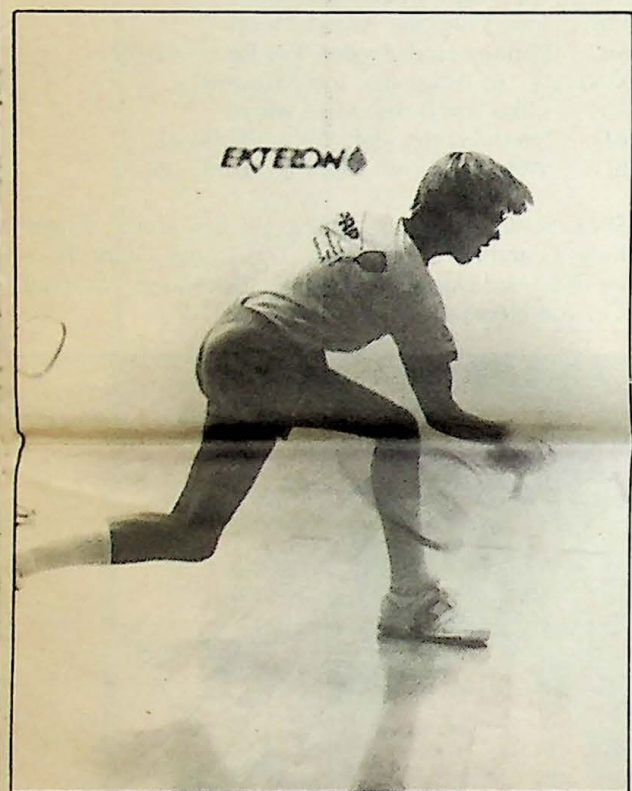
Mike Altman (Coral Gables), Debra Derr (Ormond Beach), Mark Hurst (Lynn Haven), Aaron Metcalf (Jacksonville), Brian Rankin (Lakeland), Andy & Scott Reiff (Coral Springs), Jon & Nicky Xynidis (Ormond Beach) — Power Racquetball Plus (Bradenton): Chris & Jonathan Conway, Sue Cox, Allan & Britt Engel, Jody Friedman (Terra Ceia), Paul Grivas, Adam & John Gyselinck, Jay Hamilton, Chris Conway, Tommy Hodgson, Scott Huggins, Joseph Keene, Peter Kezar, Trevor Looby, Melissa MacGregor (Anna Maria Island), Cassandra Pierce, Frank & Steve Quinlan, Spencer Russell, Ryan Smith, John Stanford (Indian Harbor), Robby Walden.

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 Miguel Altonso
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 Alexander Fritz Jr.
 Brandon Fritz
 Vinnie Ganley
 Robert Gant
 Ruben Gonzalez
 Jeff Gordon
 Todd Gordon



(L-R) Nicky Xynidis, Allan Engel, Chris Conway, Robby Walden.



Allen Engel

NORTHWEST REPORT "Florida Keelhauls Capt. Crunch"

by Bob Hurst

Several top-ranked Florida players traveled northward to compete in Alabama's "Capt. Crunch" Classic April 8-10. This tournament, now in its sixth year, is named for the Montgomery Athletic Club's president Mike Kolen (formerly of the Miami Dolphins) and is quickly gaining national prominence. The event attracted a number of regional "tournament team" members from Birmingham, Montgomery, south Florida's "Team Krunch" and north Florida's Power Court Players, guaranteeing keen competition between the two states.

Current national champion Andy Roberts made the trip from Memphis to compete in the Men's Open, and was joined by Tim Hansen of Boynton Beach, Panhandle favorite Maurice Sweet, and Birmingham's Tim Wallace and Steve White. In the finals, Roberts was matched point for point in the first game to win over Hansen 15-13, and quickly followed with a second game win at 15-7 for the match.

In Men's A semi-final action between south Florida players Scott Reiff (Team Krunch) and Mike Altman, #1 ranked Reiff succeeded in his bid to advance into the finals. Reiff then made quick work of Jim Pearson, winning the Men's A division with scores of 15-9, 15-10.

Andy Roberts had his hands full with Maurice Sweet in the Men's 19+ final, taking three games (9-15, 15-11, 11-8) to conclude the match in Tennessee's favor. In remaining age division play, Florida players reached the semi-finals in 13 of 18 brackets, and claimed the win in Men's 40+ (Steve Hancock winning over Jim O'Connor, both of the Panhandle area).

Florida women made a fine showing, as usual, by reaching the semi-finals or better in each of their brackets. Major Ruth Moss of Valparaiso defeated Jenni Fuller in a close finals match (5-15, 15-9, 11-10) to win the Women's B division. Vivian Hurtado, Kathy Maynor and Paula Kendig also placed in the Women's Open, C and D draws respectively.

At the junior level, well-trained Florida youngsters made their mark in a number of divisions. Scott Reiff and Mike Altman eliminated Alabama's Will Epperson and Stephen Akers in the semi-finals of Boys 16 and under. Altman then dampened Reiff's "A" victory by winning a re-match final 15-0, 15-9. In Boys 12- Alabama's Frank Dean squeezed out a close two-game match over Mark Hurst (PCP) with scores of 15-14, 15-12. Hurst rallied in Boys 10-, however, to win over another Alabama junior, Brian Golson.

Panama City girls Toby Jobson and Kimmi O'Connor earned awards in Girls 12- and 10-. Miss Jobson (PCP) easily defeated two of Alabama's best, Jamie Newton (15-11, 15-1) and Vanessa Tulao (15-1, 15-3) to win the Girls 12- division. At the same time, Miss O'Connor (in her first tournament appearance) placed third behind Newton and Tulao in G10-. Congratulations go to both young ladies.

The territory bordering south Alabama and North Florida seems destined to become a racquetball battleground in the very near future. Be on the lookout for tournaments in that area, and consider coming up to showcase the very best racquetball that Florida has to offer. Our congratulations to the following Florida players:

Mike Altman [1st/B16, 4th/MA]
Steve Hancock [1st/M40+]
Tim Hansen [2nd/MO]
Mark Hurst [1st/B10-]
Vivian Hurtado [4th/WO]
Paula Kendig [3rd/WD]
Toby Jobson [1st/G12]
Jeff Kristjansen [4th/M25+]
Kathy Maynor [2nd/WC]
Daniel Moss [1st/B8-]
Ruth Moss [1st/WB]
Jim O'Connor [2nd/M40+]
Kimberly O'Connor [3rd/G10-]
Scott Reiff [1st/MA, 2nd/B16]
Maurice Sweet [2nd/M19+]

SWEET REVENGE

by Bob Hurst

Eighty-five players from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida gathered at the Bluewater Racquet & Fitness Center in Niceville on June 10-12 for the "Billy Bowlegs" Racquetball Classic. There was little controversy over refereeing, since the tournament was fortunate enough to have newly-elected AARA board member and National Rules Commissioner Otto Dietrich on hand to officiate many of the matches.

Florida players faced out-of-staters in many of the final matches. In Women's Open, Ruth Moss of Niceville defeated 18-year old Tracie Townsend of Columbus, Georgia with scores of 15-12, 15-1. In Men's B, Jacksonville's Mark Cross defeated Danny Bush of Long Beach, Mississippi in a hard-fought match ending with scores of 13-15, 15-4, 11-6.

Alabama players triumphed in two divisions beginning with a Men's 25+ win by the state's #2 player Steve White of Birmingham, over Paul Clemmons of Tallahassee (8-15, 15-12, 11-5). In Men's C, "Stormin'" Norman Copeland of Selma defeated 16-year old Steve Poligala of Panama City, 15-5, 15-9.

Spirits among the Florida and Alabama cheering sections naturally reached fever pitch for the Men's Open finals between left-handers Maurice Sweet of Niceville and Birmingham's #1 player Tim Wallace. Wallace characteristically showed up late for the match and employed familiar stalling tactics throughout the first game, winning 15-2. Upset with Wallace's idiosyncrasies, Sweet went so far as to exchange words with Wallace during one of their time-outs, then dominated game two and served three aces right when he needed them at 12-6. In the tie-breaker the two battled point for point until they reached 5-5. Sweet then found the right serve and followed with two aces. The final score of 11-6 represented "Sweet Revenge" for Florida, breaking a Wallace winning streak which had included a win over Curtis Winter at the last Bluewater tournament.

FINAL RESULTS:

MO: Maurice Sweet def. Tim Wallace (AL)
MA: Jim Pearson (GA) def. Rich Calano
MB: Mark Cross def. Danny Bush (MS)
MC: Norm Copeland (AL) def. Steve Poligala
MD: Tony White (AL) def. Chuck Ditto
25: Steve White (AL) def. Paul Clemons
30B: Danny Bush (AL) def. J.W. Simon (GA)
40: Steve Hancock def. Rich Calano
WO: Ruth Moss def. Tracy Townsend (GA)
WA: Kimee Allison def. Tracy Townsend (GA)
WB: Charlotte Morris (AL) def. Lori Ritter

TOURNAMENT RESULTS AROUND THE STATE

CAPITAL CLASSIC: May 13-15
Capital Racquet & Fitness, Tallahassee
Reported by Charlie Crawford

MO: Brian Phillips def. Helmut Braun
MA: Glen Lillycrop def. Chip Chaney
MB: Marty Chizmor def. Steve Richards
MC: Carl Allen def. Greg Brown
MD: Lloyd Kim def. Lou Ritz
M19: Chris Chartier def. Jeff Bowman
WO: Ruth Moss def. Francis Braun
WB: Kim Yedinak def. Tina Peters
MOD: Phillips/Braun def. Bowman/Chartier
MBD: Cassels/Dely def. White/Grant
MXO: Phillips/Phillips def. Braun/Braun
MXB: Greer/Ryder def. Richards/Peters

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NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS

Paul Gorman
Corey Gowing
Mark Grant
John Green
Kenneth Green
Ross Greenberg
John Greer
Rick Gregory
Julio Guardado
Andy Gutierrez
Lisbeth Hamilton
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Steve Hancock
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Bradley Parker
Mike Patterson
Alfred Perez
Erasmus Perez
Ruben Perez
William Peters
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Danford Plourde

SUNSHINE STATE GAMES WARM-UP: June 4-5
Suncoast Courthouse & Fitness, Clearwater
Reported by Sally Milano

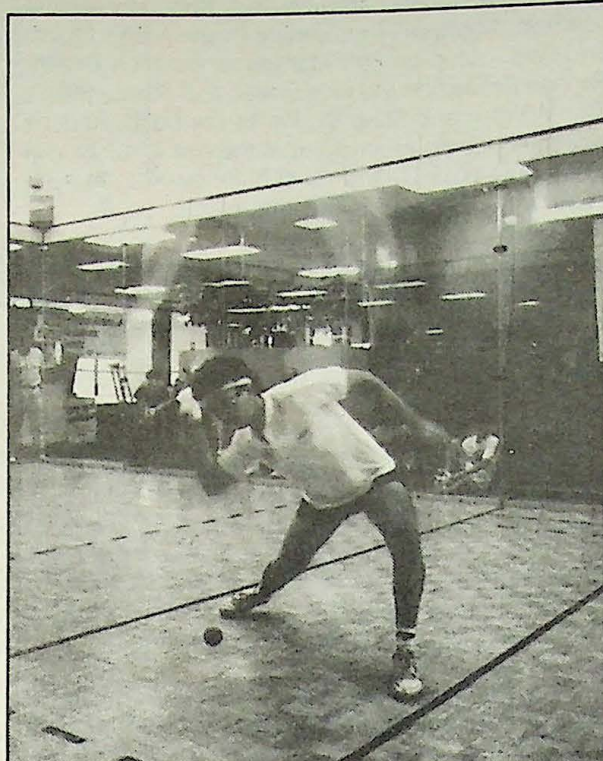
MO: John Scargle def. Dana Levy
MA: Matt Bishop def. Joe Tumminia
MB: Randy Jackson def. Robert Warren
MC: Wayne Tinney def. Tom Jamison
MD: Paul Mahoney def. James Law
25B: Mike Wagner def. Dave Segal
30B: Jim Terrell def. Don Kucerik
40+: Richard Dellanini def. Jim Free
40B: David Biggs def. Wayne Tinny
WB: Barbara Mosser def. Karen Guarino
MOD: Levy/Rodriguez def. Scargle/Klusza
MBD: DeAngelo/Maretz def. Constable/Luczak
MXO: Klusza/Dellapina def. Triplett/Fish
MXB: Terrell/Milano def. Slavney/Bedy

CHUCK PRINCE TOURNAMENT: June 10-12
South Florida Racquet Club, Ft. Lauderdale
Reported by Jo Kenyon

MO: Fred Calabrese def. James Lorello
MA: Terry Brysman def. Bill Walker
MB: Herve Bony def. Randy Enos
MC: German Stokes def. Todd Gordon
MD: Darryl Hartung def. Oscar Lavarrano
M19: James Wells def. David Woody
M30: Bill Simon def. Steve Chapman
30B: Pedro Gomez def. Raphael Pigg
M40: Mike Winslow def. Steve Squire
40B: Steve Feldman def. Ron Tabin
M45: Jack Ross def. Tony Murguia
M16: Marshall Chaifetz def. Lee Spector
WO: Brenda Grossnickle def. Eileen Tuckman
WA: Michelle Scott def. Sharon Conrad
WB: Denise Leon def. Mary Kalscheuer
WD: Geri Goldfine def. Teresa Aquino
W25: Brenda Grossnickle def. Jo Kenyon
40B: Sandra Reiff def. Min Taroreh



Kevin Gallagher and Paul Ownens.



Sergio Gonzalez at Sunshine State Games.

ORLANDO SPORTS FESTIVAL: June 17-19
Orlando Tennis & Racquet Club
Reported by Gordon Hilton

MO: Mark Morrison def. Dana Levy
MA: Aaron Snipes def. Tony Owji
MB: Larry Malesky def. John Welton
MC: James Fox def. Marion Douglas
MN: Dave Bonfleur def. David Fout
M19: Tony Caltabiano def. Garrett Holland
M25: Rick Taylor def. Danny McKinley
M30: Danny McKinley def. Paul Owens
30B: Bob Christ def. Ed Sanders
M35: Joe Mauricio def. Ed Sanders
M40: Bob Matthews def. Tom Rumsey
40B: Joe Huau def. Huelan Grier
M45: Tom Rumsey def. Mike Mojer
WO: Diane Fields def. Lori Basch
WB: Teresa Chaffin def. Lynn Kliemeyer
WC: Lisa Richardson def. Tricia Houghton
19B: Laura Kleimeyer def. Joanna Lopez
30: Laurie Potter def. Jane Fontaine
30B: Casey Kisner def. Barbara Mosser
MOD: Morrison/Serabia def. Thomas/Greaney
MAD: Gallagher/Collision def. Snipes/Welton
MBD: Welton/Sullivan def. Grier/Louis
MCD: Portland/Scorse def. Gassaway/Hellem
MXOD: Fluharty/Basch def. McKinley/Fields

PEPSI CLASSIC: June 24-26
Miami Court Club
Reported by Jo Kenyon

MO: Fred Calabrese def. Tim Hansen
MA: Mike Winslow def. Greg Diaz
MB: Alfred Perez def. Herve Bony
MC: Todd Gordon def. Javier Rodrigo
MD: Javier Rodrigo def. Julio Junki
25: Jeff Johnson def. Greg Diaz
30B: Pedro Gomez def. Tony Murguia
40: Jack Ross def. Mike Winslow
WO: Jo Kenyon def. Mary Kalscheuer
WB: Mary Kalscheuer def. Stephanie Roscia
30: Lynn Balthazor def. Jo Kenyon

SUMMER CLASSIC: July 29-31
Goldenrod Athletic Club, Orlando

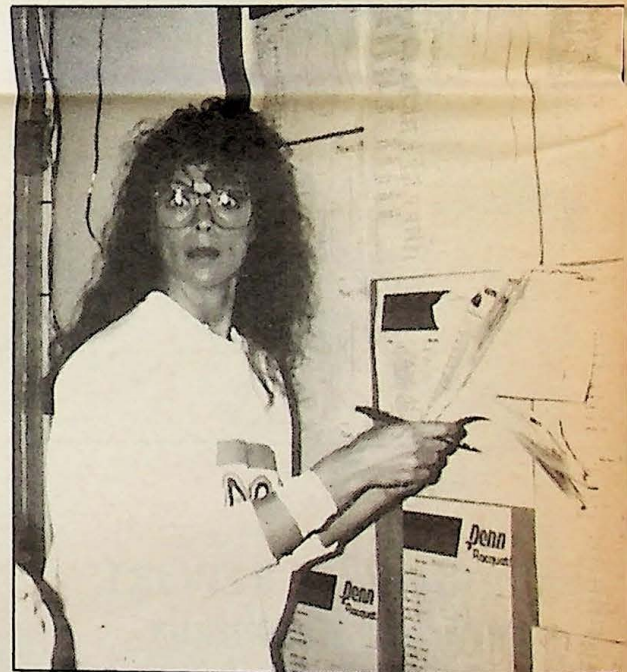
Just under one hundred players tied up two courts for a mini-tournament at the Goldenrod Athletic Club on July 29-31, just to keep themselves out of mid-summer trouble. Well-fed Orlando players kept tournament directors John Linde and David Fout busy from the crack of dawn until well in the night, but they were still able to end the cozy get-together fairly early on Sunday afternoon.

Chris Smith eased his way back onto the tournament circuit after being "missing in action" for about two years. The effect of the layoff showed just a bit as he went to a tie-breaker to defeat Rick Taylor in the Men's A final. Two divisions of doubles provided a little warm-up for local players, with Smith and Paul Hanley defeating John Welton and Rick Taylor in the A's. Welton then exchanged Taylor for Gene Sullivan to win the B final against the mixed doubles team of Mike Mojer and Cheryl Lee.

FINAL RESULTS:

MA: Chris Smith def. Rick Taylor
MB: Tony Owji def. Doug Moore
MC: Rodney Hudson def. Wayne Shoffner
MN: J.J. Gonzalez def. Joe Mandese
40: Mike Smith def. Mike Mojer
AD: Smith/Hanley def. Welton/Sullivan
BD: Welton/Sullivan def. M.Mojer/C.Lee

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Board member Agatha Falso pitches in by posting scores. [photo by Sue Giliberti]

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

The Florida Racquetball Association Board of Directors will appoint several new members at the end of this year — so here is your annual opportunity to take an active part in the governance and growth of racquetball in Florida. If you are interested in being considered for a three year term on the board, please submit a letter and resume BY OCTOBER 30, 1988 to Linda Mojer, President/FRA, 915 North Kentucky Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789-4736.

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Randy Sintos
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Herb Smith
David Smith
Stan Smith
Jay Sonnenklar
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Gene Sullivan
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Denny Vandendriessche
Edwin Vargas
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John Zaldivar
Julio Zayas-Baran
Fred Zoller
George Zoller

DOUBLES RANKINGS

MEN'S OPEN

#1	HANSEN, TIM	970
#2	GONZALEZ, SERGIO	695
#3	NICHOLS, CHARLIE	480
#4	PFAHLER, RANDY	400
#5	MORRISON, MARK	370
#6	SCARGLE, JOHN	295
#7	HUBER, BRENT	285
#8	DUBOLSKY, VAN	250
#9	MACEO, GEORGE	220
#10	LEVY, DANA	215
#11	RANKIN, BRIAN	205
	GONZALEZ, OSCAR	205
#12	SCHNEIDER, JOHN	200
#13	OWENS, PAUL	195
#14	WAGGONER, JASON	185
#15	SHECK, MARK	180
#16	GANLEY, VINNIE	175
	OWEN, GENE	175
#17	WINTER, CURTIS	170
#18	GAUTIER, BUBBA	165

MEN'S B

#1	CZYZ, CRAIG	50
	WOLF, JEFF	50
	STALLWORTH, FRED	50
	STIFF,	50
#2	BERMEJO,	30
	MAY, TOM	30
	LAMB, ROB	30
	MESA,	30
#3	DAVIS, TOM	20
	FREE, JIM	20
#4	EVELAND, GEORGE	15
	TAYLOR, ROBERT	15

MEN'S 19 +

#1	GONZALEZ, SERGIO	745
#2	HANSEN, TIM	550
#3	JONES, STEVE	450
#4	HUBER, BRENT	150
	NICHOLS, CHARLIE	150
	WINTER, CURTIS	150
#5	GAUTIER, BUBBA	100
	KRESTUL, CHARLIE	100
	MACEO, JORGE	100

MEN'S 25 +

#1	MORRISON, MARK	250
#2	DUBOLSKY, VAN	200

#3	KIMBALL, BRIAN	150
#4	McDONALD, GREG	100
	McDONALD, MARTHA	100
	PFAHLER, RANDY	100
	SANFORD, MARK	100
#5	GANLEY, VINNIE	90
#6	GODWIN, RANDY	75
	TAYLOR, TODD	75

MEN'S 30 +

#1	DUBOLSKY, VAN	450
#2	McDONALD, GREG	375
#3	ICAZA, JOE	350
	TAYLOR, TODD	350
#4	McDONALD, MARTHA	225
#5	SHAAK, GRAIG	200
	GODWIN, RANDY	200
#6	OWEN, GENE	185
#7	FERNANDEZ,	150
	PFAHLER, RANDY	150

MEN'S 35 +

#1	DUBOLSKY, VAN	600
	ICAZA, JOE	600
#2	SHAAK, GRAIG	380
#3	CHAPMAN, STEVE	200
	MARSOCCI, LEO	200
	ZETROUER, GARY	200
#4	OWEN, GENE	175
#5	ARIET, MARIO	130
#6	TRIPLETT, REUBEN	125
#7	LEON, JEFF	120

MEN'S 40 +

#1	SHAAK, GRAIG	575
#2	ARIET, MARIO	260
#3	BEHAR, CHARLIE	250
	LEON, JEFF	250
	MARSOCCI, LEO	250
	WHERLE, ROGER	250
#4	ROSS, JACK	200
	WINSLOW, MIKE	200
#5	CONTI, TONY	180
#6	BILTZ, LOU	165

MEN'S 45 +

#1	SHAAK, GRAIG	600
#2	VLOCK, ED	360
#3	BILTZ, LOU	175

	DELLANINI, RICHARD	175
#4	HATCHER, JOHN	150
	WOODINGTON, DON	150
#5	CARLTON, COLLIE	125
	SWANSON, LARRY	125
#6	BLAESS, FRED	100
	SHAFFER, DAN	100
	SHUMER, FRANK	100

MEN'S 50 +

#1	BILTZ, LOU	150
	WOODINGTON, DON	150
#2	NATHAN, HERB	145
#3	ALT, DON	100
	HARPER, ROBERT	100
	HURST, BILL	100
	SENA, CARLOS	100

MEN'S 55 +

#1	ROBERTS, MALCOLM	550
#2	ALT, DON	300
#3	GLAVAN, JOE	250
#4	NATHAN, HERB	200
#5	IRA, GORDON	150
	WOODINGTON, DON	150
#6	HARPER, ROBERT	100

MEN'S 60+ DOUBLES

#1	ROBERTS, MALCOLM	350
#2	GLAVAN, JOE	250

WOMEN'S OPEN

#1	GREEN, DIANE	700
	PINNELL, JULIE	700
#2	McCARTHY, CLAUDIA	445
#3	MORGAN, SUSAN	360
#4	HALLANDER, KERSTEN	300
#5	SIMMONS, BARBARA	200
#6	BAZARTE, VAL	195
#7	COLLINS, CHRIS	165
#8	HAMRICK, NANCY	150

WOMEN'S 19 +

#1	COLLINS, CHRIS	100
#2	ALOI, BETH	60
	BRADY, JACKIE	60

WOMEN'S 25 +

#1	PINNELL, JULIE	100
#2	TROXELL, GAIL	75
#3	BEDELL, DEBBIE	60
	FEGERS, KATHI	60
#4	BUFFUM, MARILYN	50
	CHENEY, MARY ELLEN	50
	GREEN, DIANE	50
	McINTYRE, LILLY	50
#5	ANDRUS, CAROL	45
	SANSONE, CHERISE	45

WOMEN'S 30 +

#1	TUCKMAN, EILEEN	900
#2	TROXELL, GAIL	700
#3	FALSO, AGATHA	415
#4	LEE, CHERYL	300
	MOJER, LINDA	300
#5	FISH, RENEE	210
#6	WORDEN, JANE	195
#7	SMITH, BRENDA	170
#8	DERRICK, LINDA	160
#9	SCHMIDT, JUDY	125

WOMEN'S 35 +

#1	FALSO, AGATHA	850
#2	TUCKMAN, EILEEN	750
#3	SCHMIDT, JUDY	400
#4	KENYON, JO	300
#5	DERRICK, LINDA	200
	FISH, RENEE	200
#6	GILBERTI, SUE	100
	REIFF, SANDRA	100

WOMEN'S 40 +

#1	SCHMIDT, JUDY	750
#2	FALSO, AGATHA	600
#3	KENYON, JO	300
#4	McNUTT, MARY	150
#5	GILBERTI, SUE	100
	REIFF, SANDRA	100

WOMEN'S 45 +

#1	KENYON, JO	600
	SCHMIDT, JUDY	600

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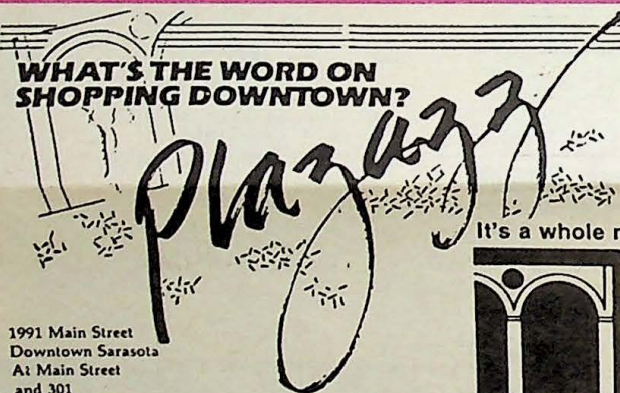


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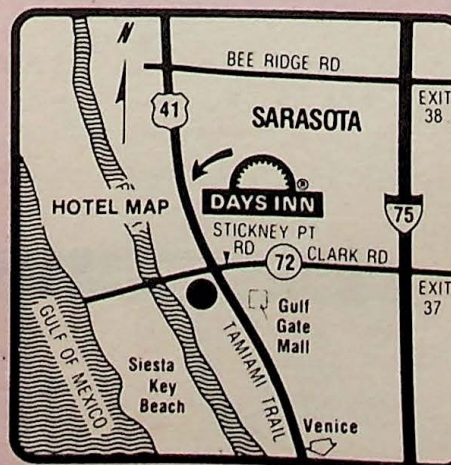
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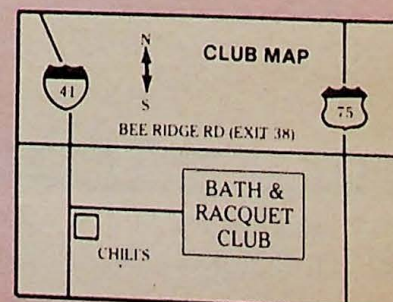
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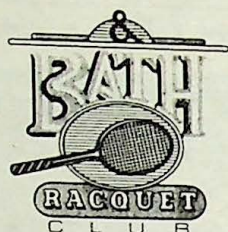
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FRA Championship medallions to the top three finishers in each division.

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Fresh fruit and energy drink will be provided throughout the tournament. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily. Dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRA Board of Directors meeting in auxiliary lounge upstairs at 7 p.m. Friday evening.

Ektelon players meeting in auxiliary lounge upstairs on Saturday at 2 p.m.

SHIRT SALE — to benefit the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Donate your clean, used-but-not-abused racquetball shirts at the check-in desk on Thursday and Friday. Shirt sale all day Saturday and Sunday with proceeds to AARA's U.S. Team. Cheap prices, great variety of shirts to add to your collection. Get rid of the shirts you never wear and pick up some new favorites.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

AARA rules will apply with one exception: no consolation rounds. Matches consist of games to 15; tiebreakers to 11. Lensed eyeguards are required for all participants. Tournament Directors: Judi Schmidt, Charlie Nichols, Lara Cyril. Rules committee: Tournament Directors plus Florida Racquetball Association Directors. AARA membership is required & applications will be available at check-in.

CLASSIFICATION & CANCELLATION

The tournament directors reserve the right to reclassify, deny or redraw any entrant in the interest of fair competition. Any division of play with fewer than 8 entrants may be combined or eliminated. Should an excessive number of entries be received in any division, that division may be closed without notice to additional entries. Players are advised to enter early.

FORFEITS

Any player failing to appear for his/her match within twenty minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the match.

STARTING TIMES

The tournament may begin as early as 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 25th. Players must contact Bath & Racquet Club or Tournament Director at numbers listed on front of brochure. Starting times will be available on Tuesday, August 23 after 6 p.m. Requests for special starting times will be honored if possible; however, refunds will not be given after the entry deadline if such a time is unavailable. All players must be ready to play at any time during the scheduled days of the tournament.

ENTRY FEES

\$2.50 referee fee for each division entered (referees will be paid \$5.00 per match). Certified referees will have preference.

First event, adults.....\$30.00 + \$2.50 referee fee

Second event, adults.....\$15.00 + \$2.50 referee fee

*First event, juniors.....\$20.00 + \$2.50 referee fee

*Second event, juniors.....\$10.00 + \$2.50 referee fee

All third events.....\$10.00 + \$2.50 referee fee

(All third events must be mixed doubles or junior/senior doubles.)

*Juniors playing in adult divisions must pay the adult first event rate for that division.

1988 Florida State Doubles Championships

Official Entry Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Partner/s: _____

Birthdate: _____

Past Tournament Record: _____
(for seeding information)

Divisions

Men	Women	Juniors	Boys	Girls
☐ Open ☐ 19+	☐ Open	10 & under	☐	☐
☐ A ☐ 25+	☐ A	12 & under	☐	☐
☐ B ☐ 30+	☐ B	14 & under	☐	☐
☐ C ☐ 30+B	☐ C	16 & under	☐	☐
☐ 35+	☐ 19+	18 & under	☐	☐
☐ 35+B	☐ 25+	Mixed		
☐ 40+	☐ 30+	☐ Open		
☐ 40+B	☐ 30+B	☐ A		
☐ 45+	☐ 35+	☐ B		
☐ 50+	☐ 35+B	☐ C	☐ Wheelchair	
☐ 55+	☐ 40+			
☐ 60+	☐ 45+ ☐ 50+			

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(L-R) Jo Kenyon, Lynne Balthazor, Shirley Elgaway.



Above left: Sergio Gonzalez, Norm Blum and Oscar Alvarez. Above right: Diane Green, Charlie Nichols and Trina Rasmussen. Below: Agatha Falso, Jeff Leon and Denise Leon.



Kersten Hallander and Becky Dubolsky.



Eva Russell with the inventor of racquetball, Joe Sobek.



TEAM FLORIDA CELEBRATES!

PRODUCT PREVIEWS: Racquets from the "Other Guys"

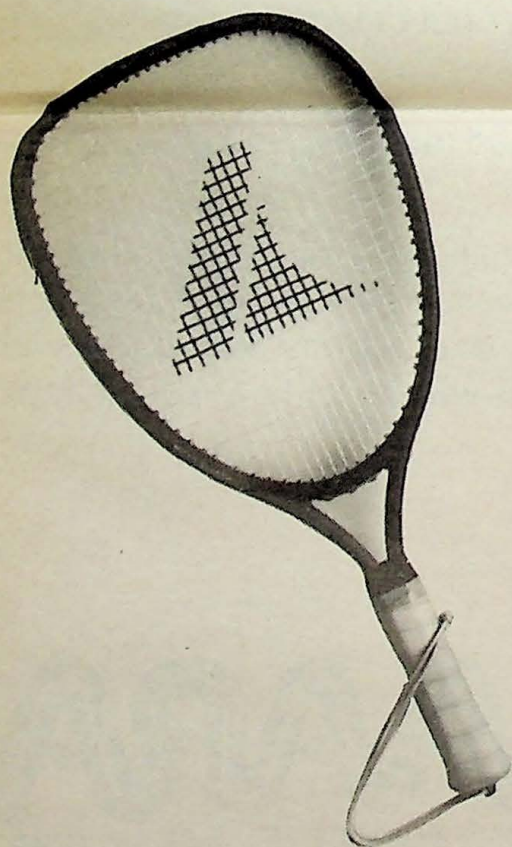
In response to the popularity of new racquets from companies other than Ektelon and Head, we thought it might be helpful for players to have a little more information about them. This month FRA NEWS looks at the "Shadow" from Pro Kennex and the Gatch Graphite Composite.

The Marty Hogan Micro Shadow

Marty Hogan himself is reportedly playing with the "Shadow" along with Bret Harnett, Dan Ferris and Andy Gross. In Central Florida, Trina Rasmussen, Kevin Gallagher and Cheryl Lee have each taken it up in preparation for state, regional and national doubles championships.

The Shadow is 80% graphite and 20% fiberglass, weighs in at between 235-250 grams, and features "micro-stringing" (22 sets of main/cross strings) at 30-36 lbs. Promotion is geared toward the intermediate to advanced player, for whom an "elongated sweet spot" and "unprecedented frame stiffness" would yield precision and power. Depending upon supplier, the Shadow is in the \$100.00 to \$130.00 price range.

Pro Kennex offers equipment sponsorships for players who qualify. Local representatives Steve Davis (Tarpon Springs, 813/938-0025) and Doug Zerbe (Winter Park, 407/679-5451) can give you more details about possible sponsorship and the complete line of Pro Kennex racquetball equipment.

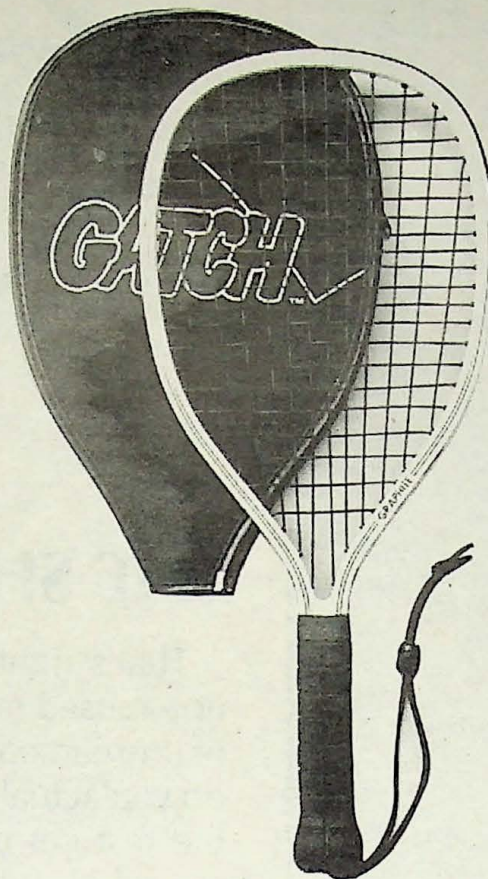


Micro Shadow

MARTY HOGAN
RACQUETBALL

Gatch Graphite Composite

Durbin C. Gatch of Lake Mary recently introduced this moderately priced racquet to Central Florida by sponsoring Terry Fluharty as he successfully re-entered the local tournament circuit. Priced at \$39.95, the Gatch is marketed for recreational play, but still held up nicely through some rough and tumble Fluharty competition in the first few months after its unveiling.



Much of the technology attributed to this racquet is focused in the handle and grip area. Intended to provide a more secure grip, the synthetic handle is "designed to channel away sweat, reduce vibration and improve the player's power and control." The safety tether is also unusual, and suggested string tension is 40 lbs.

Equipment sponsorships are available from Gatch Sport Concepts, Inc. and additional information can be obtained by calling Durbin Gatch at 407/322-7623.

NEXT ISSUE: The Fin "Vibration Free" racquet and Richcraft NXT series.

THE SWITCH TO RUBBER GRIPS

by Doug Smith

It's just a matter of time before all racquetball, paddleball and even squash players will wear a glove and play with a rubber type grip. It just makes sense. A player can hold onto the racquet better — it's that simple.

As the past vice-president of Tacki-Mac Grips, Inc., I have heard all the reasons one should stick with leather: "better feel," "softer touch," "more control," and so on. The only problem was when the grips got wet . . . they slipped.

Golf was the first sport to switch from leather to rubber grips (it's now difficult to find a leather grip), and racquetball is following that lead closely with approximately 80% of the players now using a rubber grip with a glove. I'm certain that squash is not far behind, and sooner or later manufacturers will get on the bandwagon and provide these grips as original equipment. Besides being more colorful, durable, and consistent (and less expensive), the rubber grips offer more control and better performance. What more could you ask?

For more information about rubber grips, who is playing with them and/or where to order, call or write me at: Network Marketing, 3844 Shawnee Run, Lilburn, GA 30247 — 404/979-9707.

TIME OUT

by Linda Mojer

HELPFUL HINT: More and more procrastinators like myself have gotten into the habit of calling in their entries to tournaments on the day of the deadline. If you are among this group, please remember that you **MUST** bring your valid Mastercard or Visa to the tournament with you for processing OR be prepared to pay by some other means at the check-in desk. Telephone entries are a courtesy and their acceptance constitutes a reservation NOT a payment.

CORRECTIONS: Almost without fail, round-robin results come up wrong. With apologies, our congratulations to the real winners of these regional titles: In Women's 45+, Mary McNutt was the undefeated champion, followed by Jo Kenyon. In Men's 50B, Lee Minicus took first place. Please don't be shy about letting me know if something is incorrect (especially in round-robin play) and we'll set the record straight.

The handwritten results of the United Cerebral Palsy Tournament at the South Florida Racquetball Club in January were incorrect in designating Walter Hesse the runner-up in Men's 25+B. Walter was actually the winner of that division. Kersten Hallander placed fourth in the Women's 19+ division at Nationals this year, and got to the quarterfinals in Women's Open. She was listed as a quarterfinalist in W19+ only.

ROUND ROBIN FORMAT: As long as we're trying to set all the records straight, here are the official guidelines governing round-robin play.

- 1) Matches = two games to 15, tie-breaker to 11.
- 2) Each game won will earn the player one point.
- 3) Each match won will earn one bonus point.
- 4) Ties will be determined by (a) head to head match results and (b) "points scored against" the winner.

In cases where "points scored against" are used to break the tie and a forfeit has occurred, all points contributed by the forfeiting player or team will be discounted from the totals.

EXPOSED: Media coverage of racquetball is on the rise as more and more local newspapers and television stations are learning about champions in their communities. In May, one of the Orlando area network affiliates set up an exhibition match between Malcolm Roberts and Mike Mojer at OTRC, then interviewed Roberts and televised the footage on the evening sports report. Don't be shy about letting media representatives know what you've accomplished — and please send copies of any articles to FRA NEWS for possible reprint.

PERSONALIZED TRAINING: Tasso Kiriakes has changed one of Omega 40's racquetball courts into an "Elite Training" facility. Under his direction, clients are establish specific goals related to ideal weight, bodybuilding, or racquetball. Presently 62 individuals receiving personalized instruction and training, and another 69 are on a waiting list to get into the program.

NOT GETTING YOUR "NEWS"? Don't forget to let the national office know if you move. The mailing labels used to send out the FRA NEWS are prepared from the most recent roster of Florida AARA members. Since bulk mail is not forwarded, the only way you can be sure you'll get each edition of the newsletter is to be an active AARA member with a correct address on file.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Mike Mojer and Mike Smith (authors of "The Book") would like to do some investigative reporting on some of the past racquetball champions in the state. If you know how to contact any of the following players, please let the Mikes know by calling 407/645-0468. They'll do the rest and fill you in! The mystery players: Mike Fatolitis, Bubba Gautier, Percy Filman, Jerry Sherlock, Kenny Hendricks.

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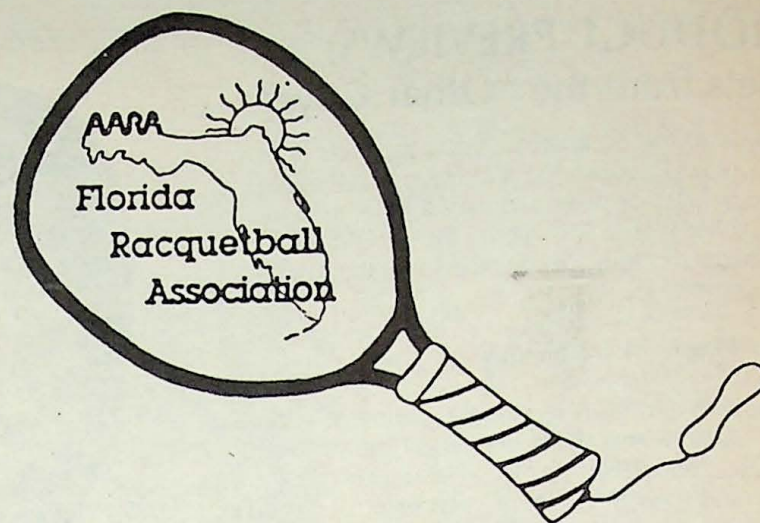
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MA: Scott Reiff (#1)
Chuck Call (#11)
MB: Doug Chase (#9)
John Cee (#13)
MC: Jim Clark (#3)
MD: Sergio Ybirin (#10)
19+: Curtis Winter (#8)
25+: Mark Morrison (#1)
Brent Huber (#3)
Vinnie Ganley (#12)
John Scargle (#13)
30+: Mark Morrison (#11)
Ken Arrowsmith (#13)
35+: Gene Owen (#5)
Mitt Layton (#6)
Steve Chapman (#14)
40+: Jay Schwartz (#2)
45+: Jack Ross (#11)
Tom Rumsey (#14)
50+: Sonny Marcus (#2)
Ed Vlock (#7)
Tom Rumsey (#14)
55+: Don Alt (#11)
Robert Harper (#15)
60+: Mal Roberts (#5)
Ed Busigo (#15)
65+: Nick Sans (#10)
75+: Bill Duckworth (#2)

8nb: Scott Huggins (#2)
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10-: Mark Hurst (#1)
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Brian Rankin (#15)

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Ruth Moss (#12)
WC: Denise Leon (#2)
Colleen Seitter (#3)
WD: Cathy Brickell (#10)
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Lori Basch (#8)
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Joanna Serabia (#15)
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Debra Derr (#5)
Britt Engel (#8)
Melissa MacGregor (#14)
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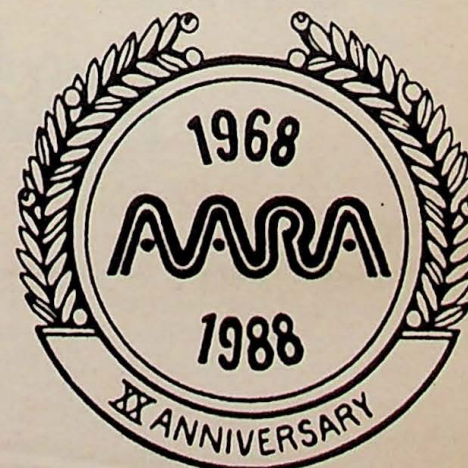
That's right, we'll take any and all of the used-but-not-abused racquetball shirts from your vast collection of tournament souvenirs. Seriously, how many of them do you actually wear? One or two favorites, maybe, and the rest get used to wash the car.

Once a year the FRA offers to take them off your hands for a good cause — so now's your chance. Bring your washed and folded, "out of favor" tournament t's, collared shirts, tanks and sweatshirts to State Doubles, drop them off at the check-in desk and watch them disappear at the giant shirt sale on Saturday and Sunday.

Help out with your donations — or come on out and buy some extras for yourself. We'll have low, low prices and a huge selection of sizes, colors and logos (with your help). The proceeds will benefit the US National Racquetball Team.

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NATIONAL NOTES: AARA Women's Committee

by Judi Schmidt



Following my appointment as Women's Commissioner by the AARA Board in 1987, I formed a small committee to begin dealing with the problems and needs of women racquetball players. The following is an update on the current status of AARA programs to expand the growth of women's racquetball in 1988-89.

Our first goal, established at National Singles in Houston last year, was to increase the number of senior women participating in the National Doubles championships the following October in Tempe, Arizona. This modest goal was achieved when the women's senior draws at Doubles reflected a 20% increase, and several new active members were added to the committee. At the 1988 National Singles, an even larger percentage increase of 30% was noted in the women's draws across the board.

The Women's Commission itself has tripled in size due to the enthusiasm and commitment of various state and regional directors, the WPRA, and attendees of the OTC annual leadership seminar — all of whom have contributed ideas and time to help formulate a set of goals for implementation over the next eighteen months.

Our main goal continues to be the development of female interest in the sport of racquetball. Participants at all levels need to be encouraged to play and compete, and the commission has discussed a variety of means to accomplish the task. Among them are:

Publicity Campaigns to refeminize the women's aspect of the sport, making it more attractive to women in general. This effort would include more articles and photos in national publications depicting WPRA players, US Team members and other female athletes at their best. A step in the right direction — the Women's Sports Foundation "Up and Coming" award, which went to Amy Simonetta (one of only 10 young women in the country to be so honored).

Articles generated and submitted to national and statewide athletic and fitness publications to explain and illustrate the total fitness benefits of racquetball by females of all ages. This is especially important in light of the current attention to fitness and aerobic activities by women.

Collaboration between the AARA and WPRA in the promotion of racquetball to women. The WPRA is now producing a monthly newsletter targeted at all women in the sport and, per our request, has established a new "sponsoring member" category to their membership structure. It is hoped that this move will attract more amateurs to the WPRA and allow the organization to expand their own programs, including low cost or free instruction by the pros at the sites of their regularly scheduled tour stops. In general, this grassroots membership support will allow the WPRA to, in turn, return benefits to the AARA.

Letter-Writing Campaigns to manufacturers and their representatives, sponsors, clubs, and tournament directors regarding the full participation of women in all manner of racquetball competition and promotion. This includes child-care concerns, equal prize money for equal draws (and entry fees), etc.

Sponsorships for a series of local, regional and national clinics for women, and invitational tournaments in various states, culminating in a National Women's Conference and Tournament in 1989.

Obviously, there is much to do this year to pave the way for successful Conference in 1989. What is actually accomplished over the coming months will depend upon the action and enthusiasm of those committed to the growth of women's racquetball. To become active, or simply receive additional information about the Women's Commission, please contact a member of the committee in your area, or me at:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Junior Leagues . . .

When I see our juniors having difficulty attending racquetball tournaments due to financial problems or conflicting obligations of their parents, I ask myself if organized soccer or baseball leagues have these problems. The answer in many cases is no, because those teams usually have financial backing and chaperones.

Junior racquetball needs new directions. A complete revamping is necessary. We must attempt to organize junior racquetball into leagues.

The junior program should be organized into regions within each state. A regional coach would train and select (through a tournament) junior players who would go to junior state championships. A state director would be responsible for putting together a state team, which would then go to the Nationals. Sponsors and transportation would be found to take the team. Problems encountered previously at Junior Nationals involving discipline and numbers would be partially solved because each state team would limit its numbers and team coaches would assume responsibility for the players.

Since the Nationals are organized around state rather than regional teams — and would be even more so under this system — why have regional tournaments at all? Certain states (such as California, Florida and New York) might be sub-divided, for example, into north and south regions and enter two teams at Nationals. Small states might combine with each other and enter a single team.

The whole program would be administered in perpetuity by the AARA and coordinated by a Commissioner for Juniors.

Bob Hurst

Draw Preparation . . .

This letter is to voice a growing concern involving the fair preparation of draws at tournaments. A particular case in point was the men's open doubles draw at the annual "Spring Fling" at Omega 40 in May.

At this year's tournament, it was again noted that the doubles draw was arranged without regard to either the FRA point system or common sense. The team with the most points (and defending tournament champions from the previous year) were forced to play a match just to get into the first round! While the defending champions went unseeded, the tournament director's team was seeded #3, and the bottom half of the draw was obviously much weaker than the top half (with the exception of the #2 seeded team). When asked about this, the tournament director replied with "They don't keep points in doubles, do they?"

Omega 40 tournaments are among the finest in the state and everyone enjoys going to Ormond Beach to play. Yet, the growing aggravation of not being able to count on an accurate draw is taking the fun out of it. Is there some way that tournament directors can be informed about the doubles ranking system so that it will be easier for them to construct fair draws?

Name Withheld by Request

[This issue of FRA NEWS contains the current doubles rankings, but a good look at the singles rankings of individual players who constitute a team can usually provide some direction for doubles draws.]

Compliments . . .

On the weekend of July 22-24, the Scandinavian Olympiad in Boca Raton held a racquetball/squash tournament. The tournament was open to all and there was a tremendous turnout.

As a participant, I was very impressed at how professionally the tournament was run. The club pro, Jeff Leon, conveyed enthusiasm as well as excitement throughout the weekend. I have played in many tournaments and this was by far the best all around. I did not hear one negative comment about the tournament all weekend. Jeff Leon and the people who helped him should be congratulated. The AARA should be proud to have Jeff Leon as one of its members.

Robert Gawne

NEWS YOU CAN USE

by Linda Mojer



A note of caution to skill division players — If you compete in two skill divisions of any tournament, you are at risk of being forfeited out of the lower division if you reach the semi-finals of both. Example: If you reach the semi's of both the Bs and the Cs you will be forfeited from the Cs. This naturally applies to any combination of Open, A/B/C/D or Novice divisions.

Over the past eighteen months, the FRA has employed this policy in a number of instances at the state and regional level where skill brackets are the largest. This method has proven to be the best way to: 1) establish that the player is competitive in the higher division, and 2) eliminate "sandbagging" at the lower level prior to the finals. When this situation occurs, the forfeited player is replaced in the semi-final by his/her defeated quarterfinal opponent.

Of course, tournament directors are always expected to use common sense when applying this rule. At smaller tournaments where limited divisions are offered (no second division options for the entrant) a tournament director might reconsider taking a hard line. If cash prizes are involved, it becomes even more difficult to make a fair decision (the player might need to be observed in play to determine their true skill level). In the majority of instances, however, tournament directors can use the FRA policy as a matter of course.

So, you might want to reconsider entering two skill divisions in any tournament. Instead, enter your age division, play mixed or regular doubles, and concentrate on winning one skill title at a time.

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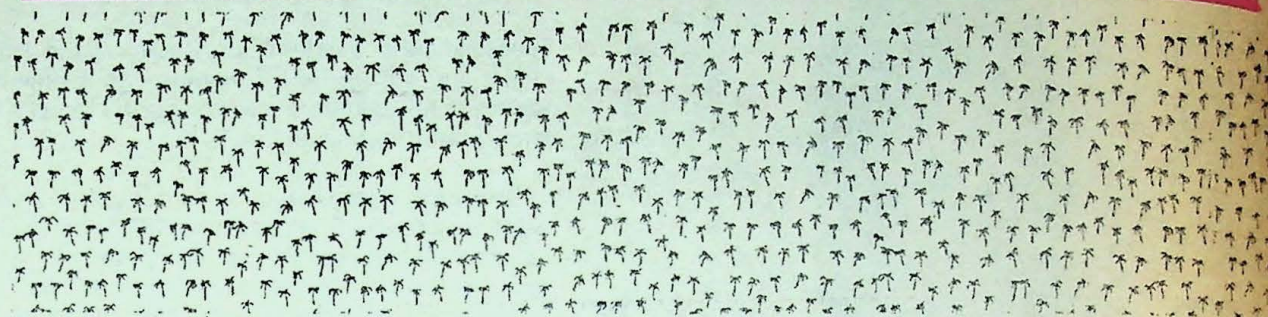
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Date	City & Club	Level & Comments
AUGUST		
12-14	Jacksonville Athletic Club	2
26-28	Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club	3 STATE DOUBLES
SEPTEMBER		
16-18	Tampa - American Fitness	2
16-18	Ft. Lauderdale - South Florida RB	2
22-25	Jacksonville - RacquetPower	4 REGIONAL DOUBLES
30-Oct. 2	Miami Court Club	2
OCTOBER		
7-9	Panama City - Courthouse	2
7-9	Lakeland YMCA	2 Cool Cucumber
14-16	Orange Park - Park Avenue Fitness	2
21-23	Niceville - Bluewater RB & Fitness	2
21-23	Venice - Suncoast Fitness Center	2
27-30	Baltimore, MD - Merritt	6 NATIONAL DOUBLES
NOVEMBER		
4-6	Auburndale Recreation Center	3 STATE OUTDOOR 4-WALL
11-13	Sarasota YMCA	2
18-20	Jacksonville Athletic Club	2
DECEMBER		
2-4	Ft. Lauderdale - So. Florida RB	2 Dazzling December II
9-11	Jacksonville - RacquetPower	2
18-22	Miami Lakes Athletic Club	5 JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL
JANUARY		
6-8	Jacksonville Athletic Club	2

1988 REGION FOUR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS AT RACQUETPOWER

It's been a good year for regional competition in Florida, so don't miss out on the 1988 Region Four Doubles Championships in Jacksonville, September 22-25.

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