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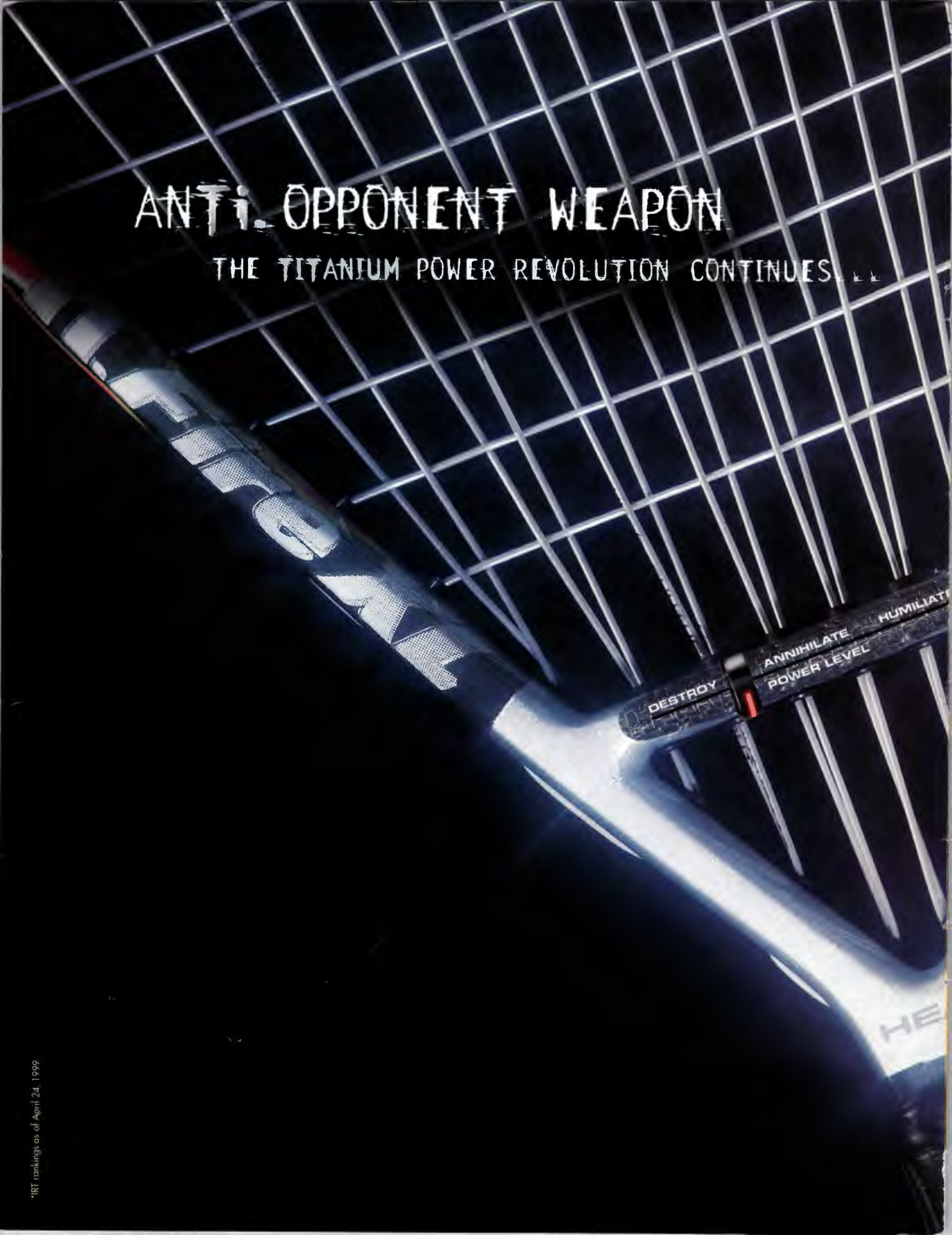
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from the editor

Well, summer may be vacation time for most of you, but here it's all-business, all-the-time! With only eight weeks before the season gets back into full swing, we're in full-tilt "scramble" to get things organized, scheduled and implemented. Oh, and I could tell you some tales about things that have made my life more interesting lately — but I'll save it for when we see each other in person.

What? You insist on knowing now?? Okay, maybe just *one* tale ... Our Media/PR Manager, Kevin Vicroy, has moved on to bigger and better things. In early June, he was offered the position of Internet &



Interactive Media Manager for the U.S. Olympic Committee, where he will oversee its many and varied website projects. Kevin brought a fresh, journalistic viewpoint to the pages of RACQUETBALL, and we'll sorely miss his work in our pages. At the same time, we're hoping that this will encourage more of you to try your hand at event coverage and send us your interviews, articles and photography. You'll see a "classified" call for low-cost freelancers on page six.

In another post-Houston move, we've decided to delay the publication of the annual rulebook until the September-October issue in the hope of obtaining an industry sponsor to underwrite the production of a smaller version that will fit more neatly into your gear bag. If we're successful in pitching the project, we hope to provide you with a more "court-friendly" rulebook that you can refer to quickly and easily all year long. In the interim, there are no rule changes to be concerned with, so your existing book will remain "good" until the new release comes to your door in September.

And although it may seem like it's a long way off, the entry form for the 4th (yes, 4th) Promus U.S. OPEN Championships appears as the center insert to this issue. This event has become more and more popular each year, and offers a great time for all "down south" in Memphis. Make plans to spend at least part of your holiday season doing what you love most!

Lastly, we've got high hopes for the membership drive that was introduced in the last issue and appears for the second (and final) time on page 49. How hard can it be for you to convince just one person to join the USRA? We're betting on each and every one of you can do just that, and pull off one heck of a feat — doubling our membership in just one year. Forget Y2K ... now, *there's* a challenge!

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Laura Fenton had to do a little dance when she defeated Robin Levine to earn her first spot in a USRA Open final, and be named to the Pan American Games roster. Photo: John Foust.

... on the cover

USRA National Champion Adam Karp faced off against IRT Champion Sudsy Monchik at the Pro Nationals in Vegas. Photo: John Gillooly.

reader forum



During the induction ceremony, Master of Ceremonies Otto Dietrich recited a respectable list of honors relating to Mr. Acuff's long-time military service. Afterward, this group of tournament attendees — representing all four service branches — gathered to congratulate one of their own. Photo: John Foust.

STANDOUT

I just wanted to thank you and the people who permitted me to join such a select group of racquetball players. I had a couple of people tell me the program [USRA Awards Banquet] moved along better than any they had attended. I believe we should give Otto credit for doing such a good job as the coordinator of the evening's program.

Mary Low and I have had many honors, but the one that stands out for us is the fact that we are both in the U.S. Racquetball Hall of Fame.

I still do not understand why such outstanding athletes as the racquetball professionals are not featured as the truly great athletes they are. I can't think of any sport where the participants are in as high a state of physical condition as our professional racquetball players.

Again, I want to thank you all for another outstanding national tournament.

Earl Acuff
Asheville, North Carolina

MORE GOOD SPORTS

In an era when there is a great deal of controversy over the sportsmanship or lack thereof in this game, I am happy to report on good sportsmanship for a change! This week in Houston there have been many examples of players who will not take that skip even if the ref misses it, or who will

call avoidables on themselves. I personally experienced the ultimate in good sportsmanship in my women's A match. I played Sandy Sexton from Texas who called a carry ball on herself at 14-14, match point!! Sadly, she had to drop out of the tournament for medical reasons, but hopefully she will be seen playing at the U.S. Open in November. The only other time that I saw this was when my own son, Marc Moccia, called a carry on himself at 14-14 match point in an open tournament — which made me a very proud mother! As we all know, there are many players who would not have been as honest as Sandy.

And let's not forget Mike Johnston, Men's Open player (the Division with the worst rep for bad sports-

manship), who also made a call against himself at game point, which proves that good sportsmanship may be making a comeback in this game!

But of course, there are the people who insist on proving me wrong. I watched an older woman playing a match yesterday. After being soundly beaten 11-2 in the tiebreaker, she demonstrated a disturbing lack of courtesy and class when she called her opponent three or four very bad names, and stormed away. Oh well, I guess there are some bad apples in every bushel. All in all, a great time was had by all!

Marsha Kazarosian
Haverhill, Massachusetts

AT-LARGE CHALLENGE

Anybody playing racquetball has experienced a noticeable decline in tournament participation. So what can we do? It seems like everybody has an answer or an opinion, including myself. But the real question here is: are you willing to back up your suggestions?

Sure the manufacturers can put more money into advertising, promotions, or exhibitions. But remember it is, after all, a business. Yes, they will spend some money, but they need and require a return on their investment. And what about clubs? Do they promote the sport? Does your club have beginner and junior instruction, women's leagues,

a high school program? Do they have any contact with any local colleges? But we are back to square one here. How can the sport grow?

Okay, I'll throw this challenge out to each and every player. Between now and the end of 1999, every racquetball player needs to bring one new player to the game. Sure not everyone who tries the game will continue, but some of them will stick. This effectively will increase the overall racquetball player population.

Now I'll throw out a challenge for every manufacturer. Why don't they make it a contract requirement for each and every sponsored player to work and improve the game of at least one player? Hopefully it would be a new player, but it could be an existing male or female player, a tournament player or even a junior.

The real challenge is simple: What are *you* doing to help promote and grow the sport? It seems that too many people want to sit around and talk the talk. It's time to stand up and be counted. Make that personal contribution and sacrifice; you will be a better person for that effort. And the sport of racquetball will grow and flourish.

Harvey Miller
Winter Park, Florida

REPLY TO "OUCH"

I have been playing racquetball off and on for about 14 years. And have been stringing for the last five. I read Robert Beiuier's question about what he can do about losing grip on his racquet. I was stringing a racquet last year that had a molded plastic/rubber placed over the handle (molded onto the racquet), that was molded to the individuals hand. The man said he had ordered it through a racquetball company in the magazine (don't know which one).

If Robert was to do the same thing on his racquet, it would give him a molded fit for his hand, and should take care of his problem (he would have to change his backhand due to not being able to change his grip). Another option

Good deal! For it's "launch" (the issue shown is #2), Sports Illustrated for Women is offering free introductory subscriptions. To take advantage of their limited-time offer, sign up on their website at: www.siforwomen.com

he has is to go to a racquet with a more oval shaped handle. Such as the Wilson Air Hammer (gold and purple), or the Pro Kennex racquets. With the more oval shape of the grip, it should give him more of a support in his hand, and stop from turning as much.

Kevin Leon
Watertown, Wisconsin

MORRIS FAN

Over a period of five years, I had the pleasure — and definite challenge — of playing racquetball with Phyllis Morris on a regular basis, at a delightful place called Fort Myers Recreation Center. Although it was early in her career, it was obvious that Phyllis has potential to be an outstanding player: extremely quick and agile; focused and dedicated. Because of your fine magazine, I am able to follow my friend's career. Currently, she is ranked twelfth among the WIRT touring pros... and I'm not the least bit surprised.

Bob Goodin
Berkley, Michigan

IN OR OUT?

I have heard much debate concerning whether top open division contenders should play in their age divisions at the National Singles Championship tournament in Houston. I personally think that anyone should be able to prove that they are the best player in their age group if that is important to them.

I was therefore disappointed to see Laura Fenton forfeit her semi-final match in the 35+ age division this year. Apparently, she wanted to focus her attention on the open division when she realized she would be playing in that final. I can



certainly understand that decision. What she may not realize, however, is that the greatest aspiration for most of the entrants in her *forfeited* division was to become the 35+ National Champion. It may have been as important to them as the Open title was to her.

It seems to me that if it was important to her to be the 35+ National Champion, she should have played both finals, as did several other players fortunate enough to make it to the finals of two divisions. If it wasn't important to her, she should not have entered that division and eliminated others to whom it was important.

Kassi Herr
Apopka, Florida

THE FINALS

After nine years of attending "National Singles." I can honestly say this year was by far the *best* year for all who participated. It started with the drapes, which hung throughout the gymnasium, the parties, Talent Night, Casino Night, Karaoke Night, Banquet with the Midway — unbelievable! The newsletters used throughout the week were definitely a class act, plenty of food, great shirts, silent auction, and on and on and on. I applaud the USRA, its dedicated staff and the Texas Racquetball Association. This was a great year to be a player in Houston. I don't see how this year can be outdone.

Julee Nicolai
Erie, Pennsylvania

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VIDEOGRAPHERS WANTED

The Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships seeks qualified videographers to assist in documenting the event in this, and coming, years. If you plan to attend the '99 event in Memphis [November 31 through December 5] and would like to take part in the video project, please express your interest in letter form to event director Doug Ganim, 6449 Lake Trail Drive, Westerville, OH 43082, or email to ganim@earthlink.com.

AMPRO INSTRUCTORS

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SEEDING POLICY

I would like to comment in reference to the website article regarding the seeding for the U.S. National Singles Open Division this year. As a graduate of the Ohio State University with a BS and MA in Physical Education, and a coach in wrestling, tennis, racquetball and football for over 30 years, I have seen a lot of different methods used in seeding, but I believe the number one purpose is to try to have the best participants in that sport, at that point in time, play for the most important prize (money, awards, berth on a National Team, prestige, etc.)

To award a seed for any other purpose is not fair to any of the individuals in that division. I do not understand the use of regional placing as a high priority for seeding in a national event. The stated purpose of the regional is to [qualify for] nationals, nothing more or less. If it was required that you place in the top 3 or 4 in the regional to [qualify], and the timing of the regional was 2-3 weeks before the Nationals, and the top four individuals in a regional were guaranteed to be separated in quarter brackets at the Nationals, then I could see them having a high priority. (Sometimes the best participants in a division might

all be from the same regional.) Also, some regionals have great participation in certain divisions while others might only have one or two entrants. Which brings the whole issue of ranking points into play and how many should be awarded to division winners when there are only two or three participants — compared to a regional at which that same division might have 12-16 entries.

While there is probably no perfect method of seeding (and most of us are probably motivated by beating a seeded player) I do believe that every tournament director should be able to justify their seeds even if it means they flipped a coin or pulled a name out of a hat.

Gary Vanderson
Dublin, Ohio

BROADCAST SUGGESTIONS

I have the following suggestions regarding future televised coverage of the [Promus] U.S. Open.

1. Show only the Finals, eliminate the short spots on the quarters and semi-finals matches.
2. Show the best Finals — either men or women. Do not automatically show the men. This year's match between Swain & Monchick was not enjoyable to watch. I would have preferred to see the women's final.
3. If the goal of the coverage is to generate interest and attract new players to the game, I would vote for far more coverage of women. Since the men's game is increasing fast, an un-informed viewer has difficult time making sense of what they're seeing and enjoying it. The women's game being slower is far easier to understand and more enjoyable to watch.
4. Put the strategy portion at the begin-

ning of the coverage — The John Ellis strategy segments were terrific.

5. At the end of the coverage let viewers who want to learn more about the game know about the state organization and free clinics available at local clubs. Also mention the Juniors programs.

These are my suggestion for getting more bang for the dollars invested in television. The game nationally and reaching the goal of increasing successfulness of and interest in this wonderful sport.

John Walsh
Indianapolis, Indiana

REGIONAL RATIONALE

The way the current regionals are set up in the Southeast, there is one tournament in South Florida and one in Atlanta. What ends up happening is the players in North and Central Florida play in the Atlanta Regional. The South Florida players compete in the Coral Springs event. The result is two high-level tournaments of which neither has as large a draw as our State Singles. In many of the divisions (especially the women), neither tournament even has a competitive draw.

I have been playing racquetball in Florida since 1981. I know that in the past we may have been able to populate two regionals, but this just isn't true anymore. While we still have many good national level players in our state, we don't have the numbers that we had for so many years.

And while it is convenient for those players going to Houston be able to compete in a location fairly close to home, the players who are serious enough and involved enough to be travelling to Houston will play wherever they need to in order to qualify. A distant regional location is not going to stop any of these players from competing.

Aside from the issue of participation numbers, I think having this progression from the State to the Regional to the National championships is extremely important to the sport.

Lori Lepow
Orlando, Florida

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king of the hill

this past season, sudsy monchik has lost only one match to cliff swain, in nine head-to-head meetings

what will it mean for Swain - and the tour - in 2000?

by kevin vicroy

Following his 11-6, 11-3, 11-2 demolition of defending tour champion Cliff Swain in the finals of the Bud Light Pro Nationals in Las Vegas this past April, Sudsy Monchik said, "I feel phenomenal. This will be the third year that I'm No. 1 and I just want to keep it and never lose it."

By winning, Monchik, 24, assured himself the 1998-99 International Racquetball Tour championship - his third in four years. And yes, his play was phenomenal, as well.

In the minds of those who witnessed the final match between five-time pro tour champ Swain and Monchik, terms like "overpowered," "outmatched" and "dismantled" might have surfaced.

Swain, 33, finished the '98-99 tour season with an amazing record of 48-2 versus all tour opponents except Monchik, who held an 8-1 advantage over the Boston native.

There is a distinct tiering of the tour's top players; Swain is a level above the "next best" group, which includes John Ellis, Jason Mannino and Mike Guidry in the #3 through #5 ranking positions.

The problem for Swain lies in the fact that he hasn't taken a game from Monchik since February and his last victory over the New Yorker was September 7, 1998. So, should he retire? Are you kidding? He would strangle you for suggesting anything of the sort.

While other tour members might lean toward excusing themselves with "my ... [whatever] ... hurts," Swain continuously battles numerous forms of ailments from shoulder to elbow to knee. Still, he remains quiet about his injuries and repeatedly makes his way into the finals

of nearly each IRT stop — 11 of 12 this season.

In Vegas, after putting away challengers Mike Trask, Scott Reiff and Eric Muller in straight games to reach the quarterfinals, Swain finally dropped a game as Derek Robinson fell 8-11, 11-2, 11-5, 11-4.

Meanwhile, Monchik moved past Andrew Lewis and James Lockhart before narrowly defeating Tony Jelso in the round of 16, 8-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-1, 11-7. Monchik then took out defending U.S. National amateur champion Adam Karp in the quarters with another low-digit thumping.

The most shocking upset in the quarters was administered by Tucson, Arizona's Jeff Bell, who deleted fifth seed Mike Guidry 11-7, 10-12, 11-7, 3-11, 12-10.

"That's my best win ever," Bell said. "I'm a part time player and play select events. For me to come in and have the opportunity to play with these guys, it's really something."



He's Excited: Recently featured in Sports Illustrated, Monchik also announced recently that he'll be married by press time. After a whirlwind courtship, he and fiancée Lisa plan to wed on July 10, in Bermuda. All photos from Las Vegas by John Gillooly.



In the first semifinal, Swain strung together some of his finest serves to down Tim Doyle in three.

"I haven't played Cliff on this court before and him being left-handed, he hit some pretty tough serves out there and uses the glass pretty well," Doyle said. "He hops on top of the ball a little faster than most people, so [it's] coming back at you a little faster too ... If I left it off the back wall he killed it."

The nightcap featured dark horse Bell, against the powerful Monchik. It was almost too painful to watch, as Monchik outscored his upstart opponent 33-3 to close out an 11-5, 11-0, 11-2 match.

"He just served me off the court," Bell said. "He was playing to beat me, definitely, by as

much as he could. I thought that if he slowed the pace down that it would be an opportunity for me. But he started out drive serving. I thought that maybe he would come out a little slower, but obviously he didn't."

Monchik was not about to let Bell gain any confidence. According to "Suds," "You've got the Cinderella guy here and I just wanted to send a message. I didn't want him to think that he was going to have a chance against me ... I said, 'You know what? Let me send a message early to him and make him not want to be on the court.'"

Then came the finals between Swain and Monchik. And, in what seemed like a scant thirty minutes later, there *went* the finals between Swain and Monchik.



IRT — Bud Light Pro Nationals Las Vegas, Nevada: April 21-25, 1999

- [1] Sudsy Monchik def. Tony Jelso, 8-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-1, 11-7
 [8] Adam Karp def. Dan Fowler, 11-7, 11-6, 0-11, 11-5
 [5] Mike Guidry def. Rocky Carson, 11-9, 2-11, 11-9, 11-9
 Jeff Bell def. Mike Locker, 11-5, 11-6, 11-5

- [1] Sudsy Monchik def. [8] Adam Karp, 11-1, 11-8, 11-4
 Jeff Bell def. [5] Mike Guidry, 11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 3-11, 12-10

- [1] Sudsy Monchik def. Jeff Bell, 11-5, 11-0, 11-2

- [1] Sudsy Monchik def.
 [2] Cliff Swain 11-6, 11-3, 11-2

- [2] Cliff Swain def. [6] Tim Doyle, 11-5, 11-2, 11-6

- [6] Tim Doyle def. [3] John Ellis, 6-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-3
 [2] Cliff Swain def. [7] Derek Robinson, 8-11, 11-2, 11-5, 11-4

- [3] John Ellis def. Chris Wright, 11-0, 11-2, 11-3
 [6] Tim Doyle def. Doug Ganim, 11-5, 11-4, 11-8
 [7] Derek Robinson def. Brian Istace, 11-9, 11-5, 11-8
 [2] Cliff Swain def. Eric Muller, 11-4, 11-4, 11-3

Facing page L-R: Swain vs. Robinson in the quarterfinal, and Bell vs. Monchik in their semi. This page: Tim Doyle tries to come up with a strategy to keep Swain from reaching another final.

If one listened close enough to the sound immediately following Swain's backhand skip return for the final point, there was a door slamming shut.

That unseen door closed on another lost chance at a tour title for Swain. With a nine-year difference in their ages and a distinct difference in their power games, last year's tour championship may have been Swain's last hurrah.

"I don't think it will ever be the official slamming of the door," Monchik said. "Cliff's a great competitor and as long as he wants to be out there, him and I will be battling for a few years."

But Monchik has a few more years remaining than Swain — nearly a decade.

"Cliff's awesome and still the greatest of all time," Monchik said.

Just give Monchik a few more years.

1998-99 IRT FINAL SEASON TALLY

Las Vegas	Monchik/Doyle def. Swain/Ellis	(6), 5, 7, 8
New Orleans	Monchik def. Swain	1, (10), 11, 9
Stockton	Swain def. Monchik	9, (5), 7, 2
Birmingham	Monchik def. Swain	(9), 0, 6, 9
Riverside	Ellis def. Swain	7, 3, 5
Chicago	Mannino def. Ellis	7, 3, 5
Memphis	Monchik def. Swain	2, 8, 4
Denver	Swain def. Locker	4, 4, 5
Denver	Monchik def. Swain	6, 8, 3
Boston	Monchik def. Swain	9, 8, 3
Rochester	Monchik def. Swain	(8), 4, 3, 2
Santa Barbara	Monchik def. Swain	7, 0, 4
Las Vegas	Monchik def. Swain	6, 3, 2
Portland	Monchik def. Ellis	3, 6, 1

See the top-50 season finishers on page 31 ...

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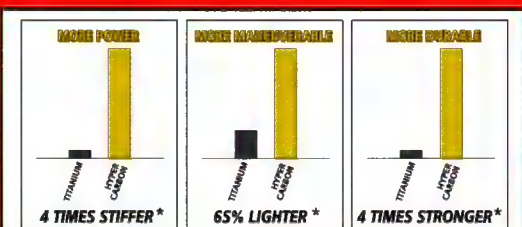


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It has been a long trip for Jackie Paraiso — and a steady rise — but her second women's professional tour title is now a reality.

After winning the 1992 tour championship, Paraiso remained among the women's top five, yet didn't secure the top spot until this April's tiebreaker final victory over Robin Levine at the Bud Light Pro Nationals in Las Vegas.

Her 23rd win in 24 pro matches this season led to a overwhelming finish in the Women's International Racquetball Tour rankings — 1,245 points to 757 for #2 Cheryl Gudinas.

Current World Champion and winner of the season's first stop, Christie Van Hees tallied 696 for third place.

On her way to the semifinals, Van Hees put away Leslie Pawka, Kerri Stoffregen, and fellow Canadian Lori-Jane Powell.

But unknown to the rest of the field, Van Hees was suffering with severe pain in her right quadriceps muscle. When Saturday's semifinal against Levine arrived, Van Hees was forced to forfeit.

"On Tuesday it started feeling really tight and I just worked through it," Van Hees said. "But this morning it swelled up and that was it."

"I just did a couple of things last week that maybe I shouldn't have. But I was training with Lisa (Kerr) and Kelly (Kerr) and they're fine this week ... The diagnosis is a Grade 2 pull in my right quad. I'm just going to have to keep off of it for the next couple weeks."

Van Hees would eventually miss the Canadian Nationals due to the injury.

WIRT — Bud Light Pro Nationals Las Vegas, Nevada: April 21-25, 1999

round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	[1] Jackie Paraiso def. Lisa Kerr, 11-6, 11-7, 11-1
	[8] Michelle Wiragh def. Lisa Hjelm, 11-2, 3-11, 11-13, 11-5, 11-8
	Susy Acosta def. [5] Lydia Hammock, 11-7, 11-8, 5-11, 11-7
	Laura Fenton def. [4] Kersten Hallander, 12-10, 11-4, 7-11, 12-10
	[1] Jackie Paraiso def. [8] Michelle Wiragh, 11-1, 11-2, 11-2
	Laura Fenton def. Susy Acosta, 11-4, 11-3, 11-9
round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	[1] Jackie Paraiso def. Laura Fenton, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5
	[1] Jackie Paraiso def. [7] Robin Levine, 6-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-4, 11-7
round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	[7] Robin Levine def. [3] Christie Van Hees by forfeit
	[3] Christie Van Hees def. L.J. Powell, 11-6, 10-12, 11-13, 11-2, 11-9
round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	[7] Robin Levine def. [2] Cheryl Gudinas, 11-9, 2-11, 11-7, 11-9
	[3] Christie Van Hees def. Kerri Stoffregen, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5, 11-3
round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	Lori-Jane Powell def. [6] Molly O'Brien, 11-9, 11-7, 11-6
	[7] Robin Levine def. Kim Machiran, 11-1, 11-1, 11-5
round of sixteen quarterfinals semi-finals final	[2] Cheryl Gudinas def. Karina Odegard, 11-2, 11-0, 11-1

With the women's semis and finals scheduled for the same day, Levine appeared to have scored a significant advantage over her finals opponent — the winner of the Paraiso-Laura Fenton match.

"It's definitely an advantage," Levine said. "You're playing two of your toughest matches on the same day. You're barely getting enough time to get off the court, shower and get something to eat before you have to come back and play again."

Not to mention that the Fenton-Paraiso match was the second of the two scheduled semis.

Paraiso did her best to dispose of Fenton quickly, then retreat to the showers for some rest and relaxation. She held Fenton at bay to advance with an 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 victory.

"She just played better than I did," Fenton said. "That's the bottom line. Jackie's a step above me right now. She didn't make a lot of mistakes. I had a little trouble with the (right



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TENDS TO LEVINE'S
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Fifteen minutes later, Levine returned to the court and fought Paraiso to four lead changes and three ties.

wall) glass, but that wasn't the difference in the match. It's ups and downs and every little break hurts ... She is definitely a better player than I am right now and that's okay."

That evening, Paraiso and Levine began what would be one of the finest women's matches of the season.

After taking the first game, 11-6, Levine watched Paraiso rattle off an 8-1 run to close out the second frame, 11-3. The Sacramento product then jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second and held off a late Paraiso run to win the third, 11-7.

With the help of two aces, Levine again grabbed an early lead, 3-0. But Paraiso came back to tie the fourth game at four and then scored seven consecutive points for an 11-4 win.

In the fifth game, Levine began showing signs of leg cramps and was forced to take an injury timeout with the game knotted 1-1.

Eventually, Paraiso managed the 11-7 match-clinching victory.

"I guess I just stayed focused," Paraiso said. "I needed to concentrate on every point and play the ball. Not playing Robin and not playing an injured Robin. Play the ball and that's what I focused on."

Levine, still haunted by her injury forfeit to Paraiso in the semifinals of the '98 Promus U.S. OPEN, was not about to just hand over the match.

"I was worried at first because I felt a 'pop' in my left calf," Levine said. "I was afraid that I had just popped my Achilles (tendon). I had never had cramps in my calf before, so I didn't know what it was. Then my right one started cramping and it was like, 'OK, here we go . . . After Memphis when I had to forfeit, that killed me. I hate forfeiting and I was *not* going to forfeit again."

1998-99 WIRT FINAL SEASON TALLY

Baltimore	Van Hees def. Paraiso	(8), 6, (1), 6, 9
Memphis	Paraiso def. Van Hees	6, 6, 5
Denver	Paraiso def. Van Hees	9, 6, 6
Chalfont	Paraiso def. Gudinas	11, 8, (7), 8
Roanoke	Paraiso def. Gudinas	(4), 2, 3, 8
Las Vegas	Paraiso def. Levine	(6), 3, (7), 4, 7
Portland	Paraiso def. Van Hees	9, 7, (11), (8), 4

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karp repeats gudinas peaks

Enroute to Cheryl Gudinas winning her first-ever U.S. National Championship title, and Adam Karp becoming only the sixth man to manage a repeat win, the early buzz around this year's Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Singles Championships wasn't about either of them. It was, "Why isn't Derek Robinson seeded?"

After finishing 7th on the 1998-99 men's pro tour, Robinson entered the amateur event as the highest tour-ranked player, yet was left out of the top 16 by tournament director Jim Hiser.

"We have regionals that you can play in and qualify for your seed by winning regionals," Hiser said. "There are no other guaranteed seeds. The top four (finishers) from here (U.S. Nationals) retain their seeds. The top two are guaranteed first and second. Three and four are guaranteed to be in the top 16. All of our regional winners are guaranteed to be in the top 16."

There were 13 regionals qualifiers. Robinson chose to play in the Las Vegas regional, since he was already entered into the Bud Light Pro Nationals' draw. In Vegas, according to Robinson, his first-round open match was scheduled for 10 a.m. of the same day as his 4 p.m. pro quarterfinal against five-time tour champion Cliff Swain. Robinson played the open qualifier, but lost while attempting to retain most (to all) of his energy for his subsequent match against one of the greatest pros of all time.

"We realize that he's one of the better players," Hiser said of "Big D." "But the fairest place to put him is in the opposite half of the first seed (Karp). And you shouldn't put him in the bracket of the two seed (1998 runner-up Michael Bronfeld), because that's not fair to him. So you put him someplace in that three-seed bracket. That's why he was placed there."

Ironically, Robinson later fell to sixth seed Jason Thoerner (15-8, 15-14) in the round of 16. Both players earned a visit from tournament directors after the first game degenerated with pushing, shoving, trash-talking and a technical.

In his next match, Thoerner fell to Texas' Brian Fredenberg in the quarterfinals 15-7, 8-15, 11-10. Fredenberg supposedly defused his opponent's trash talking by inquiring how his wife was doing. As was the case with Fredenberg's photon serve, Thoerner had no reply.



Top: An exhausted Michael Bronfeld and repeat champion Adam Karp after their final. Bottom: Which is the winner? Both champ Cheryl Gudinas and runner-up Laura Fenton were clearly pleased with their performances over the course of the week. Each reached a career high with this year's final. All singles photos: John Foust.



What Hinder? Adam Karp gets tangled up with Doug Eagle in their quarterfinal battle for a team berth. After the play, Eagle quizzes the referee (right).



Former two-time champion Bronfeld made his way into the semifinals by holding off Jeff Bell 11-15, 15-5, 11-2 in the 16s and Mike Locker in the quarters, 15-8, 15-14.

Fourth-seeded Eric Muller, fresh from graduation ceremonies at Harvard Law School, muscled his way onto the U.S. Team with a semifinal appearance following his 15-10, 9-15, 11-10 win over James Mulcock.

Oh, and defending champion Karp beat Doug Eagle 12-15, 15-2, 11-7 to advance into the semis.

Fredenberg tallied 13 aces against Bronfeld in the day's first semifinal. However, Bronfeld held on for the 15-9, 15-3 victory and trekked his way to a sixth national finals appointment.

"That's about the hardest serve I've ever seen," Bronfeld said following the match. "I was diving just to put it in play."

"I felt like once I got into the rally, I could control the point, but it was ridiculous."

Bronfeld estimated that Fredenberg's photon was traveling at approximately 180 mph.

"By the time you react, it's already past the short line," he said. "If I was him, I would have hit some jam serves. I would have been lucky to get the racquet on it."

In the nightcap, Karp put on a stellar performance of the "Flying Fish" show and held down an impressive Muller, 15-12, 15-11.

"If I would have played anything short of a great match, Eric would have whooped my butt," Karp said. "Eric had no weaknesses today."

The first game featured 36 side outs, four ties and five lead changes.

"I didn't think that anyone was up by more than two or three points at a time," Karp said. "That starts to get to you. It's just so intense, you need to make every shot perfect ... after a while, it can get to you."

In a rematch of last year's finals, Karp set his backhand to "unbelievable" and cruised to an 11-2 first-game lead. Bronfeld cut the champ's lead to 12-8, but eventually fell 15-8.

Bronfeld earned an early 4-1 lead in the second game, only to watch the Fish dive into his pool of shots and come out with an 11-4 advantage. From there, Karp sank Bronfeld 15-12 for the match.

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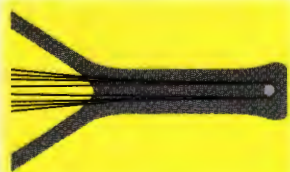


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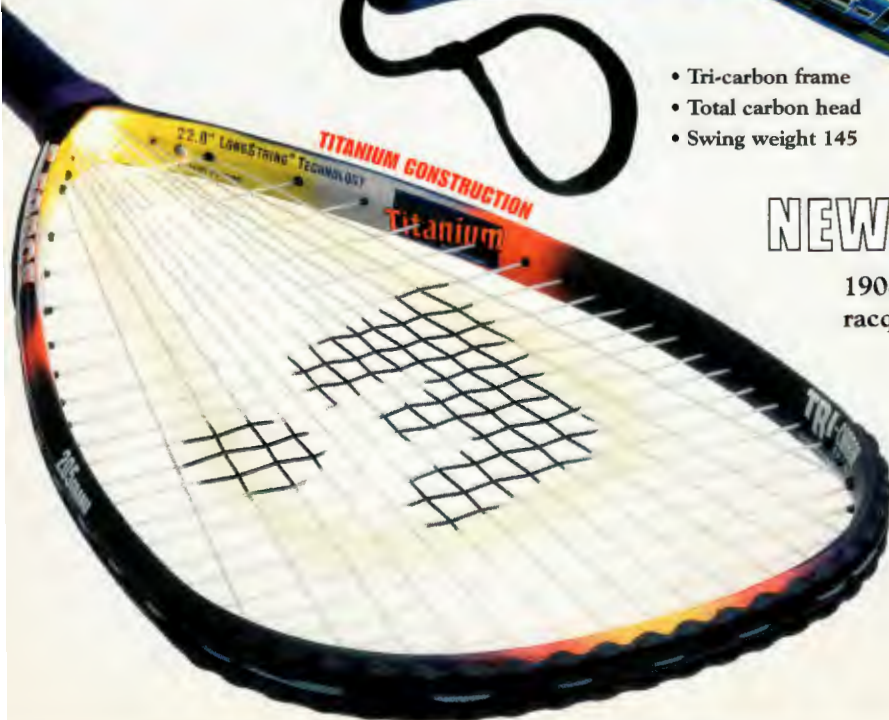
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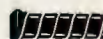
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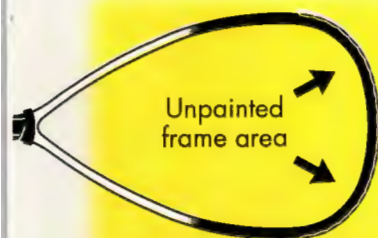
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**Above: Karp takes a big swing against Bronfeld in their final.
Below: New team members Eric Muller (l) and Brian Fredenberg.**



"This year, I tried dodging every question in the world about back-to-back," Karp said. "But it was a big goal of mine, not too many people have done it."

"To be honest with you — not to take anything away from Michael — the way I started this match, I felt like I would be beating anyone. I thought I was playing perfect. I had three goals coming into this tournament: make the (U.S.) Team, qualify for Pan Ams and back-to-back. Fortunately, I accomplished all three."

All Mixed Up

Like the men's open final, it was supposed to be another re-match, with defending champion Robin Levine facing off against '98 runner-up Jackie Paraiso. But fourth-seeded Laura Fenton and third-seeded Cheryl Gudinas flatly refused to follow the script.

All four earned spots in the semifinals — and one-year appointments to the U.S. National Team — without losing a single game. Fenton sent home Brenda White (15-6, 15-3), Lisa Hjelm (15-8, 15-8) and fifth seed Kersten Hallander (15-10, 15-10) for her semis entry.

Fenton's opponent in the Final Four, Levine, had cruised through the draw, as well. The Sacramento resident defeated Linda Moore (15-5, 15-4) and Rhonda Rajsich (15-7, 15-5) for her spot.

Meanwhile, Gudinas was busy beating Gail Guy (15-2, 15-0), Angela Burth (15-5, 15-1) and Phyllis Morris (15-6, 15-6). In similar fashion, Paraiso disposed of Sara Borland (15-9, 15-8) and Sadie Gross (15-7, 15-3).

In Sunday's first semifinal, Gudinas squared off against this year's pro tour champion, Paraiso, and opened the match with an extremely hot shooting arsenal, surging out to a 10-4 advantage. Paraiso retaliated with an 8-0 run before Gudinas hit an overhead pass down the left line and immediately called for the timeout.

Now down 12-10, Gudinas went to work and earned four consecutive points off of a forehand into the

right corner, a Paraiso skip and two passing shots. Paraiso then requested a timeout of her own and proceeded to pinch a forehand into the right corner for a much needed side out.

The Californian earned one more point before Gudinas regained the serve after an out-of-court shot. Again Paraiso signaled for a timeout. The two players returned and Gudinas hit a forehand reverse pinch for a 15-13 first-game win.

Then, as if Gudinas wasn't playing well enough, the Chicagoan backhanded her way to an amazing 14-0 lead in the second game.

Paraiso finished the pro tour with a 26-1 record. Her only loss was to current world champion Christie Van Hees in the first stop of the year. And Gudinas was beating the 1999 USRA Female Athlete of the Year 14-0. Wow.

Paraiso promptly called for a timeout as Gudinas sat on match point. A side out put Paraiso back in the service box, where she reeled off three straight points before Gudinas replaced her.

"That's the hardest time to play (up 14-0)," Gudinas said. "When she got a couple of points, I felt the pressure increase tremendously. When she gets on a run, then I start getting more tense. Then, before I know it, she would have gone from the most phenomenal game to the most phenomenal comeback. It was very important, when I got the serve back at 14-3, that I took a timeout."

Following her timeout, Gudinas hit a backhand pinch to advance into her third national title bout.

"I went with that lob serve to her backhand and she didn't attack anything," Gudinas explained. "On the pro tour, she's really good at short hopping and you don't have to wait behind that line. But here, it's effective."

In the other semifinal, Fenton was wowing the crowd with her steady play. Eventually, the Nebraska native



came away with a 15-9, 9-15, 11-6 upset of the defending champ.

"I'm not strong and I'm not quick, but right now I don't care," Fenton said following her win.

For Fenton, the eldest of the four semifinalists at 36, her first appearance in the national finals was nearly a dream come true.

"It's been a tough road for many years," Fenton, 36, said. "I came to this tournament for me and me only. That sounds selfish, but I had to. I'm not getting any younger and I know my body hurts, but I want to go to the Pan Ams. It's the only chance in my lifetime to do this. I'm thrilled and I've got one more."

That "one more" was in the finals against a red-hot Gudinas. By reaching the championship match, both



Service games played a large part in both Gudinas' (top) and Fenton's scoring runs in their final. Right: Last year's finalists, Paraiso and Levine, each earned re-appointments to the U.S. Team.



players earned spots on the U.S. Team roster for the Pan American Games this summer in Winnipeg, Canada.

An admitted slow starter, Fenton could not afford a sluggish beginning against Gudinas. Unfortunately for Fenton, her lack of momentum cost her the first game after a long, hard fight. Gudinas shot out to an 8-1 lead and then held advantages of 12-4 and 14-6 before watching Fenton fight back to 14-14.

Fenton served four aces in her final 7-0 run. But a non-called light hinder (lost on appeal) cost Fenton the first game as the ball appeared to take an odd path off the light to give Gudinas an easy setup for game point.

"One point shouldn't be the difference, but it really effected the match," Fenton said of the no call. "I had such a good run coming back in that game, serving probably the best I've served this whole tournament. If I could win that game, I felt I had a shot to win that match because it would have put more pressure on her ... It definitely took a strange bounce, came up short and gave her a set up."

Gudinas agreed that the controversial call effected the outcome.

"I was very freaked out," Gudinas said of the comeback. "If she gets that game, it's a whole different story."

But, as it played out, the story was "Gudinas Wins First National Title." As was the case in the first game, Gudinas rushed out to a quick 13-2 lead and finished off Fenton 15-5.

"I just didn't want to be going home in second place again. What on Earth would everybody think?" said Gudinas, who has taken second at the National Singles on two occasions and finished second in the final pro tour rankings for three seasons.

So, how much did that first game play in the outcome?

"Immediately, it didn't take the wind out of my sails, but eventually it did," Fenton said. "I put a lot of energy in to that game and I had the momentum and if I would have won that game I would have gone into the second with the momentum rather than having to start over."

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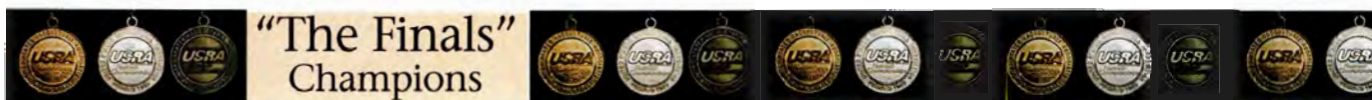
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Women's Open . . Cheryl Gudinas [3], Lisle, IL def. Laura Fenton [4], Troutdale, OR 15-14; 15-5

Men's Open Age Divisions

Men's 24- Jack Huczek [1], Rochester Hills, MI def. Josh Tucker [3], Joplin, MO 10-15; 15-7; 11-2
Men's 25+ Rob Dejesus [5], Phoenix, AZ def. Sameer Hadid [2], Sacramento, CA 9-15; 15-11; 11-7
Men's 30+ Jeff Bell, Tuscon, AZ def. David Watson [1], Miami, OK 15-1; 15-4
Men's 35+ Jimmy Lowe [1], Fairbanks, AK def. Lance Gilliam [6], San Antonio, TX 11-15; 15-8; 11-3
Men's 40+ Tom Travers, Westlake, OH def. Dave Peck [1], Austin, TX 15-8; 15-14
Men's 45+ Ruben Gonzalez [1], Staten Island, NY def. Tom Travers [7], Westlake, OH 15-14 Ret
Men's 50+ Ed Remen [1], Apex, NC def. Jim Bailey, Norfolk, VA 15-11; 15-8
Men's 55+ Ron Galbreath [1], New Wilmington, PA def. Roger Wehrle [2], Flowery Branch, GA 15-5; 11-15; 11-6
Men's 60+ Lee Graff [3], West Linn, OR def. Rex Lawler [1], Terre Haute, IN 9-15; 15-5; 11-7
Men's 65+ Otis Chapman [1], Cleveland, OH def. Don Alt [2], Ft. Myers, FL 15-11; 15-13
Men's 70+ Barney Freisth, Sioux Falls, SD def. Chuck Lake, Chesapeake, VA 15-0; 15-10
Men's 75+ Earl Acuff [4], Asheville, NC def. Nick Sans, Irvine, CA 15-2; 15-11
Men's 80+ Earl Acuff, Asheville, NC def. George Spear, Jr., Venice, FL 15-3, 15-12

Men's Skill & Combined Age/Skill Divisions

Men's Elite Brian Pointelin [1], Denver, CO def. Jim Derks, Anchorage, AK 9-15, 15-6, 11-3
Men's A David Ghio, Salinas, CA def. Barney Revuelta [4], Waco, TX 15-5; 6-15; 11-4
Men's B Ryan Lindell [3], Beaverton, OR def. Tony Garcia, Brownsville, TX 15-14; 15-7
Men's C Peter Michael [1], Dallas, TX d. Andy Silva, Miami, FL 3-15; 15-14; 11-5
Men's D Ryan Kinnaman, Siloam Springs, AR def. Garry Carter [2], Napa, CA 15-8; 14-15; 11-1
Men's 24- Jack Huczek [1], Rochester Hills, MI def. Josh Tucker [3], Joplin, MO 10-15, 15-7, 11-2
M24- A/B Ryan Lindell [1], Beaverton, OR def. Stanley Shaw IV, East Longmeadow, MA 15-5; 12-15; 11-5
M24- C/D Jason Hicks [3], Radcliff, KY def. Sid Harshavat, Palatine, IL 15-4, 15-8
M25+ C/D Luis Garcia III [3], Houston, TX def. Wes McDonald [1], Lake Charles, LA 15-9, 15-10
M25+ A/B Dave Bartscher [3], Plano, TX def. John Schiavi [8], Darlington, MD 13-15; 15-8; 11-0
M25+ C/D Luis Garcia III [3], Houston, TX def. Wes McDonald [1], Lake Charles, LA 15-9; 15-10

M35+ A/B Wayne Gonsalves, Carthage, NY def. Lynn Johnson, Stillwater, Ok 15-2; 15-12
M35+ C/D Richard Golden [2], Plano, TX def. Wayne Skinner, Harvey, LA 15-13; 15-8
M45+ C/D Donne Crowe, Ft. Polk, LA def. David Carter, Hurst, TX 15-12; 10-15; 11-1
M45+ A/B Ron Fowler, Decatur, GA def. Keith Butts, Kingwood, TX 15-11; 10-15; 11-10
M55+ A/B Paul Lowe, Dallas, TX def. Craig Shaak [2], Gainesville, FL 15-10; 15-11
M55+ C/D Grant Morrill [3], Middletown, PA def. George Scheffel, Jackson, MI 15-8; 15-2

Women's Open Age Divisions

Women's 24- . . . Kerri Stoffregen, Chicago, IL def. Shannon Feaster, New York, NY 15-5; 15-13
Women's 25+ . . . Heather Dunn, So. Burlington, VT def. Johanna Shattuck, Wheat Ridge, CO 15-7; 15-5
Women's 30+ . . . Kim Russell, Chattanooga, TN def. Michelle Wiragh, Annandale, VA 15-5; 15-1
Women's 35+ . . . Holly Remen, Apex, NC def. Karin Sobotta, Kennewick, WA 15-3 Ret (Inj)
Women's 40+ . . . Chris Evon, Wheeling, IL def. Janell Marriott, W. Warwick, RI 15-8; 15-13
Women's 45+ . . . Janell Marriott, W. Warwick, RI def. Raymie Roland, Sebastopol, CA 15-4; 15-8
Women's 50+ . . . Gerri Stoffregen, Cincinnati, OH def. Sharon Hastings-Welty, Corvallis, OR 15-5; 15-0
Women's 55+ . . . Gerri Stoffregen, Cincinnati, OH def. Sharon Hastings-Welty, Corvallis, OR 15-2; 15-6
Women's 60+ . . . Jo Kenyon, Tallahassee, FL def. Susan Embry, Tacoma, WA 15-2, 15-5
Women's 65+ . . . Jo Kenyon, Tallahassee, FL def. Lola Markus, Park Ridge, IL 15-1; 15-6
Women's 75+ . . . Mary Low Acuff, Asheville, NC def. Christine Stephens, Lumberton, TX 15-1, 15-4

Women's Skill & Combined Age/Skill Divisions

Women's Elite . . Denise Mock [4], Plano, TX def. Johanna Shattuck [1], Wheat Ridge, CO 15-10, 15-11
Women's A Janel Tisinger [8], Canoga Park, CA def. Esther McNary [2], Gales Ferry, CT 15-11; 15-11
Women's B Michelle Poage [3], Anchorage, AK def. Renee Kemp, Lutherville, MD 15-13; 15-2
Women's C Cheryl Kirk [4], Naperville, IL def. Beth Rist [4], Lake Charles, LA 15-3; 15-7
Women's D Pamela Trent, Baltimore, MD def. Ramona Vonondarza, Boca Raton, FL 15-10, 15-10
W24- A/B Janel Tisinger, Canoga Park, CA d. Brenna Bilbrough, Eugene, OR 15-3; 15-5
W25+ A/B Lia Sullins, Houston, TX def. Veronica Ramirez, Kingwood, TX 15-14, 10-15, 11-9
W25+ C/D Lynn Hiorns, Aurora, IL d. Carla Thompson, Aurora, CO Def (Unex)
W35+ A/B Gladys Leonard, Falls Church, VA def. Lori Edmonds, Lincoln, NE 15-13; 15-1
W35+ C/D Janice Kennedy, Decatur, GA def. Beth Rist, Lake Charles, LA 6-15; 15-2; 11-0
W45+ A/B Carmen Alatorre Martin, Arlington, VA def. Donna Cooper, Ft. Worth, TX 15-10; 15-2
W45+ C/D Linda George, Hutchinson, KS def. Jane K. Bentley, Albuquerque, NM 14-15, 15-3, 11-3
W55+ A/B Marquita Molina, Wasco, CA def. Gail Schaefer, Randalls Town, MD 15-7, 15-13



XII Tournament of the Americas Pan American Games Preview

Although the U.S. National Team won its 12th consecutive Tournament of the Americas overall team championship this past March in Baja California, Mexico, it was the Chilean women and the Canadian men who put up the finest and most surprising performances.

Canada's Mike Green played with tremendous poise and confidence as the 25 year old Hamilton, Ontario product disposed of 10-time Canadian national champion Sherman Greenfeld in the men's finals, 15-10, 15-7.

On his way to the championship match, Green took out tournament Cinderella Rob DeJesus of Puerto Rico in the semifinals, 15-5, 12-15, 11-5. Earlier, DeJesus had upset the bracket's top seed Adam Karp 15-12, 15-5 in the quarterfinals. Greenfeld reached the finals by putting away the U.S.'s Michael Bronfeld 15-5, 15-12.

"I was thinking well all week," Green told Canadian Racquetball magazine. "My focus, strategy and patience were as good as it's ever been. Sherman played well, but it was my day to win ... from start to finish."

Green's victory, coupled with DeJesus' third-place win over the Bronfeld (2-15, 15-11, 11-6), helped Canada to the men's team title, 50-32 over the United States.

"I'm thrilled," Canadian head coach Ron Brown said of his squad's performance. "We don't traditionally do well in this tournament and we've exceeded our expectations. The real beauty of this tournament is that it showed me that Canada has several players who can win gold medals at the Pan Am Games."

On the other hand, Brown might have been forced to believe that his women's doubles team could use some shaking up. Veteran's Josee Grand'Maitre and Lucie Guillemette were upset - not once - but twice by Chile's Angela Grisar and Loreto Barriga. Twice in a row? Maybe that isn't such an upset.



ABOVE — U.S. TEAM | TOP ROW: ASSISTANT COACH TOM TRAVERS, TRAINER KEVIN BROWN, TEAM LEADER SHELLEY OGDEN, DREW KACHTIK, ADAM KARP, MICHAEL BRONFELD, DOUG GANIM, HEAD OFFICIAL OTTO DIETRICH, HEAD COACH JIM WINTERTON. KNEELING (L-R): CHERYL GUDINAS, JOY MACKENZIE, JACKIE PARAISO, ROBIN LEVINE, TEAM MANAGER KELLY BEANE.

BELOW — L-R: CANADIAN TEAM MEMBERS LORI-JANE POWELL, LUCIE GUILLEMETTE, CHRISTIE VAN HEES, JOSEE GRANDMAITRE, KANE WASELENCHUK, SHERMAN GREENFELD, MIKE GREEN, BRIAN ISTACE.

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The event's second seeds, behind the USA's defending, all-everything doubles duo of Jackie Paraíso and Joy Mackenzie, fell in the preliminary rounds to the Chileans 15-10, 14-15, 11-4. Grand'Maitre and Guillemette took it on the chin again in the semifinals as Barriga and Grisar bounced the Canadians in two straight games, 15-9, 15-7.

"We thought, the second time around, that we would learn from the first match," Grand'Maitre said. "We did learn from the first match and we did



CHILE'S LORETO BARRIGA & ANGELA GRISAR
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change some strategy. But they played much better than we did."

Grand'Maitre pointed to Barriga's improved forehand and backhand as a key.

"They're used to speed and power and that's the game we played against them," Grand'Maitre said. "We couldn't put it to the ceiling all of the time

because both Angela and Loreto can hit the overhead . . . We would love to see them in Pan Am's."

In the women's final, Sacramento's Robin Levine earned her first Tournament of the Americas title since a doubles gold medal with Michelle Gould in 1994. Levine downed U.S. teammate Cheryl Gudinas in the finals, 15-2, 15-10.

"The best I played during the tournament was probably against Cheryl," Levine said. "It seemed like she was having a some problems returning my serves. During the rallies, she seemed like she was having trouble getting the ball past me. I felt like I was

doing a good job recovering her shots. When you have somebody who is doing a good job of recovering, it makes it frustrating. That put even more pressure on her to try to make better shots.

To follow up a poor performance at the 1998 World Championships in Bolivia with a gold medal in her next international competition was an important confidence booster for Levine.

"It felt good, especially after the Bolivian experience," she said. "It showed that I can play internationally. I felt like I had this black cloud over me every time I left the country . . . like there was some kind of curse on me or something."

Doug Ganim teamed with Drew Kachtik to earn his second Tournament of the Americas men's doubles championship by defeating Canada's Brian Istace and Kane Waselenchuk 15-11, 15-11.

1999 XIIIth Tournament of the Americas Baja California, Mexico

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Men's Singles:	Mike Green (CAN) def. Sherman Greenfeld (CAN), 15-10, 15-7
Women's Singles:	Robin Levine (USA) def. Cheryl Gudinas (USA), 15-2, 15-10
Men's Doubles:	Doug Ganim/Drew Kachtik (USA) def. Brian Istace/Kane Waselenchuk (CAN), 15-11, 15-11
Women's Doubles:	Joy MacKenzie/Jackie Paraiso (USA) def. Loreto Barriga/Angela Grisar (CHI), 15-1, 15-2

final team results

Overall	Men	Women
1. USA 87	1. Canada 50	1. USA 55
2. Canada 75	2. USA 32	2. Canada 25
3. Chile 27	3. Mexico 13	3. Chile 25
4. Mexico 22	4. Puerto Rico 12	4. Bolivia 14
5. Bolivia 17	5. Argentina 12	5. Mexico 9
6. Puerto Rico 13	6. Venezuela 12	6. Costa Rica 2
7. Venezuela 13	7. Colombia 3	Honduras 2
8. Argentina 12	8. Bolivia 3	8. Guatemala 1
9. Honduras 3	9. Chile 2	Puerto Rico 1
10. Costa Rica 3	10. Honduras 1	Venezuela 1
11. Colombia 3	11. Costa Rica 1	11. Argentina 0
12. Guatemala 1	12. Guatemala 0	
13. Peru 0	Peru 0	
14. El Salvador 0	14. El Salvador 0	

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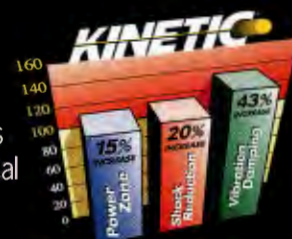
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Luis Bustillos & Christie Van Hees take Gold southern colorado thunderwolves repeat intercollegiate win

In a near-identical repeat of last season's event, the 1999 E-Force 27th U.S. National Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships produced a series of similar results as over 200 students invaded the courts of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas in April.

As it did in '98, the Southern Colorado Thunderwolves outdistanced second-place Memphis, this time with a 2,388 to 2,100 record, to take away the team title. Brigham Young (1,871), Texas (1,224) and Penn State (808) rounded out the top five. The Thunderwolves captured 10 of the 18 individual division championships, including a sweep of all six men's singles draws. Southern Colorado also won the men's team competition, while Brigham Young took home the women's.

Current world champion Christie Van Hees, representing Canada's Simon

Fraser University, successfully defended her women's No. 1 singles title by downing Sadie Gross of Memphis, 15-3, 15-3, in the finals. The young Canadian became only the fourth female player to win back-to-back No. 1 singles titles at the U.S. National Intercollegiate.

Southern Colorado's Luis Bustillos tied Sacramento State's Kelly Pulis for most singles and doubles championships at the U.S. National Intercollegiate by winning his sixth and seventh gold medals. Bustillos put away Minnesota's Aaron Granberg 15-7, 15-9 for the men's No. 1 singles crown.

Meanwhile, Bustillos, a member of the Mexican National Team, and his doubles partner Willie Tilton cruised past the No. 1 doubles opposition to win another title. Tilton and Bustillos defeated Javier Moreno and Phillip Nordan (Memphis) in the

final, 13-15, 15-5, 11-1. As foreign players, neither Bustillos nor Van Hees were eligible for the one-year appointment to the U.S. National Team awarded to the No. 1 singles champions from this event.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's No. 1 singles: [1] Luis Bustillos (Southern Colorado) def. [7] Aaron Granberg (Minnesota), 15-7, 15-9; Men's No. 2 singles: [1] Erin Brannigan (Southern Colorado) def. [6] Phillip Nordan (Memphis), 15-9, 15-13; Men's No. 3 singles: [1] Willie Tilton (Southern Colorado) def. [2] Jim Therrell (Texas), 15-8, 15-13; Men's No. 4 singles: [1] Samuel Menache (Southern Colorado) def. [2] Paul Atkinson (Texas), 15-4, 15-3; Men's No. 5 singles: [1] Kris Odegard (Southern Colorado) def. [2] Brian Feng (Texas), 15-6, 15-4; Men's No. 6 singles: [1] Lee George (Southern Colorado) def. [3] Ron Scoville (Brigham Young), 15-0, 15-6.

Women's No. 1 singles: [1] Christie Van Hees (Simon Fraser University) def. [2] Sadie Gross (Memphis), 15-3, 15-3; Women's No. 2 singles: [3] Susy Acosta (Southern Colorado) def. [1] Jen Venneman (Missouri), 15-1, 15-0; Women's No. 3 singles: [1] Samantha Hinton (Brigham Young) def. Monica Durham (Texas A&M), 15-4, 15-8; Women's No. 4 singles: [1] Janette Olsen (Brigham Young) def. [2] Lai Man Cheung (Penn State), 15-3, 15-3; Women's No. 5 singles: [1] Shannon Bridge (Brigham Young) def. [3] Lindsay Rogers (Texas), 15-6, 15-7; Women's No. 6 singles: [1] Megan Morris (Brigham Young) def. [3] Jamie Johnson (Baldwin-Wallace College), 15-6, 15-5.

Men's No. 1 doubles: [1] Luis Bustillos/Willie Tilton (Southern

Colorado) def. [2] Javier Moreno/Phillip Nordan (Memphis), 13-15, 15-5, 11-1; Men's No. 2 doubles: [1] Erin Brannigan/Kris Odegard (Southern Colorado) def. [2] Nantille Boards/Dino Tashie (Memphis), 15-4, 15-6; Men's No. 3 doubles: [4] Joel Bogorad/Brad Jantz (Memphis) def. [3] Merrill Dibble/Ronald Scoville (Brigham Young), 15-10, 15-14.

Women's No. 1 doubles: [4] Susy Acosta/Jo Shattuck (Southern Colorado) def. [3] Sadie Gross/Ana Martino (Memphis), 15-4, 15-8; Women's No. 2 doubles: [1] Samantha Hinton/Janette Olsen (Brigham Young) def. [3] Michele Dooley/Shannon Skirm (Memphis), 15-2, 15-9; Women's No. 3 doubles: [1] Karen Carter/Shannon Bridge (Brigham Young) def. [2] Lai Man Cheung/Shannon Fogal (Penn State), 15-5, 15-9.

TEAM RESULTS

Overall

1. Southern Colorado, 2,388
2. Memphis, 2,100
3. Brigham Young, 1,871
4. Texas, 1,224
5. Penn State, 808
6. Baldwin-Wallace College, 752
7. Utah State, 674
8. Colorado, 652
9. SW Missouri State, 592.5
10. Texas A&M, 586
11. Missouri, 573
12. Florida, 354
13. Rensselaer Poly Institute, 186
14. Air Force Academy, 156
15. Nichols College, 68.5
16. Bryant College, 12

Men's

1. Southern Colorado, 1,728
2. Memphis, 1,320
3. Texas, 848
4. Brigham Young, 698
5. Minnesota, 596
6. Colorado, 571

Women's

1. Brigham Young, 1,173
2. Memphis, 780
3. Southern Colorado, 660
4. Simon Fraser University, 618
5. Penn State, 528

final 1998-99 pro tour season rankings



MEN'S FINAL SEASON RANKINGS

IRT Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
[Season Record]			
1. Sudsy Monchik [55-4]	1	2	4,616
2. Cliff Swain [51-11]	2	1	4,102
3. John Ellis [35-12]	3	3	2,972
4. Jason Mannino [26-12]	4	5	2,292
5. Mike Guidry [26-13]	5	7	2,231
6. Tim Doyle [23-13]	7	15	2,192
7. Derek Robinson [24-13]	6	11	2,102
8. Adam Karp [22-13]	9	10	1,963
9. Andy Roberts [19-10]	8	4	1,722
10. Dan Fowler [14-11]	10	6	1,454
11. Rocky Carson	14	30	1,189
12. Mike Ray	12	8	1,164
13. Doug Eagle	11	17	1,149
14. Louis Vogel	13	12	1,088
15. Mike Locker	15	39	1,034
16. Eric Muller	17	26	955
17. Kelly Kerr	16	22	863
18. Tony Jelso	18	13	772
19. Dan Llacera	19	21	612
20. James Mulcock	20	16	462
21. Luis Bustillos	24	40t	455
22. Brian Istace	27	32	449
23. Darrin Schenck	21	19	426
24. Jeff Bell	46t	43	391
25. Ruben Gonzalez	23	23	377
26. Kelly Gelhaus	16	9	364
27. Alvaro Maldonado	37	-	311
28. Sherman Greenfeld	26	35	293
29. Rob DeJesus	30	-	275
30. Javier Moreno	25	29	263
31. Todd O'Neil	43	37	246
32. Hirotaki Usami	45	-	241
33. Sam Rutkowski	31	34	208
34. Erin Brannigan	49	71t	191
35. Chris Wright	97t	-	190
36. Doug Ganim	87	162t	189
37. James Lockhart	40	45t	187
Shane Vanderson	29	97t	187
39. Chris Crowther	54	60	183
Scott Reiff	57	24	183
41. Sameer Hadid	41t	139t	169
42. Aaron Embry	33	52	158
43. Shawn Royster	50t	83	151
44. Mike Johnston	86	44	148
45. Steve Wattz	89t	-	145
46. Jeff Garner	34	56t	139
47. Jason Thoerner	39	50	116
48. Matt Adesso	36	53	109
49. Steve Lerner	46t	56t	107
50. Drew Kachtik	48	-	105
Adam Priamo	89t	49	105

WOMEN'S FINAL SEASON RANKINGS

WIRT Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
[Season Record]			
1. Jackie Paraiso [27-1]	1	2	1,245
2. Cheryl Gudinas [14-7]	2	4	757
3. Christie Van Hees [16-4]	3	19t	696
4. Kersten Hallander [8-6]	4	14t	564
5. Lydia Hammock [7-6]	5	9	563
6. Robin Levine [9-4]	8	12	502
7. Molly O'Brien [6-6]	6	7	456
8. Michelle Wiragh [5-5]	9	25	423
9. Janet Myers [3-5]	7	11	387
10. Lori-Jane Powell [4-4]	16	36	256
11. Laura Fenton	18	5	251
12. Doreen Fowler	10	10	247
13. Susana Acosta	17	41	219
14. Phyllis Morris	12	17	211
15. Aimee Roehler	11	58	202
16. Sandy Kubany	14	27	183
17. Caryn McKinney	15	18	180
18. Beverly Supanick	13	33t	171
19. Lisa Kerr	-	32	153
20. Mindy Hartstein	19	13	150
21. Kerri Stoffregen	24	43t	141
Karina Odegard	23	37t	141
23. Angela Burth	20	-	140
24. Lorraine Galloway	21	8	136
25. Kim Machiran	30t	19t	106
26. Chris Evon	25t	19t	80
Josee Grand'Maitre	25t	37t	80
Lisa Hjelm	25t	24	80
Linda Moore	25t	46t	80
30. Jesse Carbajal	30t	-	73
Amanda MacDonald	30t	35	73
32. Jennifer Dering	34t	22	70
33. Sadie Gross	37t	37t	56
Denise Mock	36	-	56
35. Jo Shattuck	29	30t	54
36. Anita Maldonado	33	26	51
37. Carol Zimlinghaus	34t	43t	50
38. Kristen Walsh	37t	-	42
39. Shantal Turgeon	37t	52t	35
40. Debbie Ward	41	50t	34
41. Katie Gould	40	-	30
42. Rachel Gellman	-	-	25
43. Brooke Crawford	-	-	23
44. Leslie Pawka	-	-	20
Rhonda Rajsich	-	30t	20
46. Lucie Guillemette	42t	-	8
Karina Hamilton	42t	-	8
Stephanie Munger	42t	-	8
Shigemi Yasuda	42t	-	8
Makni Youko	42t	-	8

men's and women's top-50 tour finishers

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HEAD ACQUIRES PENN RACQUET SPORTS

HEAD Tyrolia Mares (HTM), has acquired Penn Racquet Sports, the leading manufacturer of tennis balls and racquetballs worldwide. The deal includes Penn's 546 employees as well as the company's manufacturing facilities in Phoenix, Arizona, USA and in Mullingar, Ireland. The acquisition was finalized May 7, 1999.

HTM Sports currently manufactures tennis, squash and racquetball racquets, footwear, accessories, snow skis and boots under the HEAD brand name, ski bindings under the Tyrolia name, and scuba diving equipment under the Mares and Dacor brands.

"Penn is an ideal strategic fit for our group. This deal further expands our vision to be the dominant player in every segment of the Sporting Goods Industry in which we compete," commented Johan Eliasch, Owner and Chairman of the Board of HTM. "With the HEAD and Penn brands combined, we are positioned to make very aggressive expansion plans on a global basis and further reinforce our commitment to the Racquet Sports category."

The acquisition of Penn will position HTM Sports as the second largest Racquet Sports Company worldwide. Revenues of over \$170 million for the combined companies are projected for 1999. The company will continue to manufacture tennis and

racquetball balls under the Penn brand name and distribute internationally to more than 100 countries.

"We have an outstanding opportunity to blend the sales and marketing efforts of two globally-recognized brands," explained Dave Haggerty, HEAD USA's Chief Operating Officer. "With the companies' synergies, specifically in the United States, we'll become a more important resource for our customers."

Penn will continue to be directed by Penn's president, Gregg Weida. "We look forward to making the transition with HTM," commented Weida. "Penn is proud to be one of the leading brands in the tennis and racquetball market worldwide. As an integral part of HEAD, we will have access to resources that will allow us to further grow our business and extend our leading position worldwide."

Headquartered in Phoenix, Penn Racquet Sports has been manufacturing tennis balls since 1910. The brand is currently the best-selling tennis ball in the world, the no. 1 brand in the United States and the no. 2 brand in Europe, and controls the no. 1 position in racquetball worldwide.

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Men's round of 16	Thursday	6pm-10pm
Women's round of 16	Friday	11am-3pm
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Women's semi #2/Men's semi #2	Saturday	5pm-7:30pm
Women's finals/Men's finals	Sunday	12:30pm-3pm

MEMBERSHIP

All players must be current members of the USRA. If you are not, a membership can be purchased at the event (\$20 per year). In addition, all players entering the pro draws

must be current members of the IRT/WIRT Players Association or join at the event (\$10).



Cheryl Gudinas

WIRT #2 Player

PLAY BEGINS/STARTING TIMES

Players must be prepared to play as early as 8am on the following dates. Requests for special starting times must be indicated on the entry form. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests, however no guarantees can be made. Starting times are available after 5pm on Monday, November 30th by calling The Racquet Club at (901) 765-4411.

Wednesday Dec. 1st

Singles – All Pros, Men's Open, A, B, C, D, 24 & under, 24 & under A/B, 24 & under C/D, 25+, 25+A/B, 25+C/D, 30+, 35+, 35+A/B, 35+C/D, 40+, 45+, 45+A/B, 45+C/D, 50+, 55+, 55+A/B, 55+C/D. **Doubles** – Men's Open, A, B, C, 29 & under, 29 & under B/C, 30+, 30+B/C.

Thursday Dec. 2nd

Singles – Women's Open, A, B, C, D, 24 & under, 24 & under A/B, 24 & under C/D, 25+, 25+A/B, 25+C/D, 30+, 35+, 35+A/B, 35+C/D, 40+, 45+, 45+A/B, 45+C/D. **Doubles** – Men's 40+, 40+B/C, All Women's and Mixed except 50+, 50+B/C

Friday Dec. 3rd

Singles – Men's 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, Women's 50+, 55+, 55+A/B, 55+C/D, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, **Doubles** – Men's, Women's and Mixed 50+, 50+B/C

CHECK-IN

All player registration will take place at The Racquet Club of Memphis. Check-in is required prior to participating in the event. Hours for registration are: Tuesday Nov. 30th 3pm-10pm, Wednesday Dec. 1st 8am-10pm, Thursday Dec. 2nd 8am-9pm, Friday Dec. 3rd 8am-9pm, and Saturday Dec. 4th 8am-3pm.

SKILL LEVEL VERIFICATION

All players entering Skill Divisions and/or Skill + Age Divisions (i.e. A, B, 35 C/D, etc.) must either have their skill level verified by an AMPRO clinician prior to the event (have certification card) or submit their skill level on the entry form. All information submitted will be subject to verification by the State Association President in your home state. Players must compete in the highest skill division they have played in during the three-month period prior to the Promus U.S. OPEN.

TICKETS FOR PRO MATCHES

Everyone will be required to purchase tickets for pro matches — see ticket application or call (800) 234-5396. All non-players must purchase a ticket to be admitted to the Saturday evening "PARTY WITH THE PROS". Seats are limited therefore it is strongly recommended that you purchase tickets in advance. **ABSOLUTELY NO VIEWING WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT A TICKET.** Last year's event sold out 6 weeks in advance, so don't delay!

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TRAVEL AND LODGING

Omega Travel and Delta Air Lines join the USRA in offering you the lowest possible airfares/rental car rates to the Promus U.S. OPEN. For reservations, call Omega Travel at 800-844-4924. **Be sure to reference the Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships.**

When making hotel reservations, you must mention the Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships. Rates are good for up to 4 people per room. You must make reservations by Nov. 8, 1999 for these special rates.

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| 1. EMBASSY SUITES
1022 S. Shady Grove Rd.
Memphis, TN 38120
(901) 684-1777
Rate: \$119 - 124 | 2. HOMEWOOD SUITES
5811 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119
(901) 763-0500
Rate: \$124 | 3. HAMPTON INN-Poplar
5320 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119
(901) 683-8500
Rate: \$80 (code: MDR) | 4. HAMPTON INN & SUITES
962 S. Shady Grove Rd.
Memphis, TN 38120
(901) 762-0056
Rate: \$94 - 159 |
| 5. EAST MEMPHIS HILTON
5069 Sanderlin Ave.
Memphis, TN 38117
(901) 767-6666
Rate: \$98 | 6. THE RACQUET CLUB OF MEMPHIS
5111 Sanderlin Ave.
(901) 765-4400 | 7. UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
630 Echles St.
(901) 678-2816 | 8. WIMBLETON SPORTSPLEX
6161 Shelby Oaks Dr.
(901) 388-6580 |

Regular shuttle service will be available between all three clubs throughout the event. In addition, transportation will be provided from each host hotel to The Racquet Club during select morning and evening hours. No parking is available at The University of Memphis, so players must use the shuttle.

HOSPITALITY

Exceptional hospitality for amateur players will be available at The University of Memphis and the Wimbeldon Sportsplex only. The Racquet Club of Memphis features a four-star restaurant for your dining pleasure, as well as the Hospitality Village with limited concessions offered throughout the tournament.

SILENT AUCTION & PRO/AM DOUBLES CHALLENGE

For the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the U.S. National Racquetball Team, a silent auction will be held during the event featuring Olympic Memorabilia and racquetball equipment from the industry's best manufacturers. Checks, cash, VISA, and MasterCard are welcome. In addition, Tuesday evening November 30th, 32 lucky amateurs will have the opportunity to play in a single elimination (1 game to 15) doubles challenge with a top professional player as their partner. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude, and each amateur player will receive an autographed racquet from their pro partner. **Call (614) 890-6073 for more information as spots are limited.**

Pro/Am Doubles for St. Jude - \$250 donation.



ST. JUDE HOSPITAL

The Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships is proud to name St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its designated charity. Founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude is dedicated to the successful treatment of diseases that afflict children. Having treated more than 13,000 patients from 47 states and 53 countries, the hospital is a world leader in the treatment of catastrophic childhood illnesses.

PRIZE MONEY over \$45,000

Men's Pro – \$30,000				Women's Pro – \$14,000				Men's & Women's Open Singles			
1st	\$8,000	Qtr's	\$1,000	1st	\$3,500	Qtr's	\$ 750	1st	\$350		
2nd	\$4,000	16's	\$ 600	2nd	\$2,000	16's	\$ 400	2nd	\$175		
Semi's	\$2,000	32's	\$ 325	Semi's	\$1,150			Semi's	\$ 85		

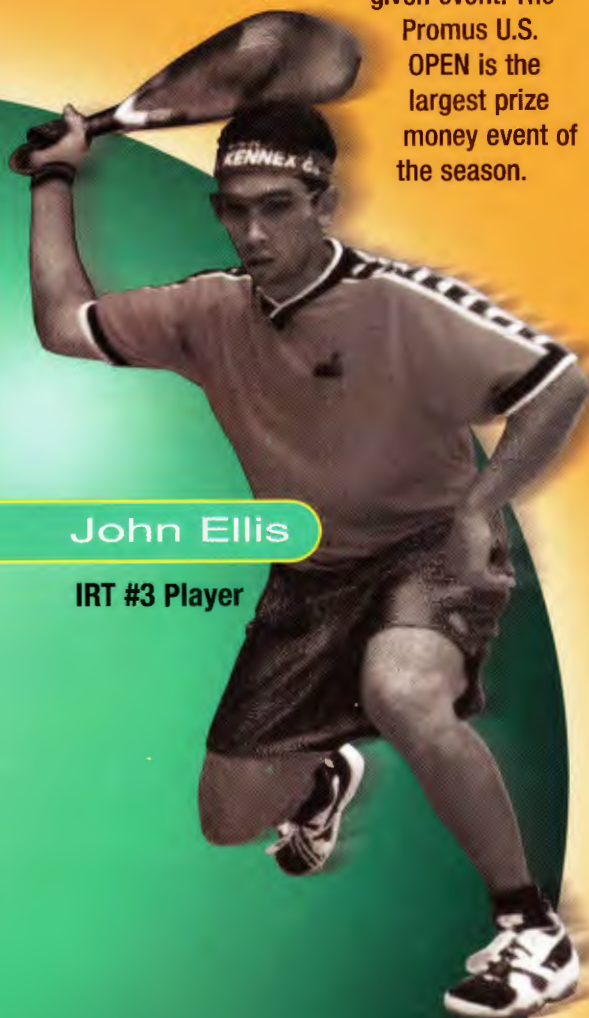
RULES/FORMAT

All amateur divisions will be played according to official USRA rules, including the mandatory use of protective lensed eyewear tested to ASTM F803 or CSA impact standards. Pro divisions will use IRT/WIRT rules. For all age divisions, players must meet the proper age requirement as of the first day of the tournament (Dec. 1st). All divisions (pro and amateur) will use the ProPenn (green) ball. Consolation brackets will be offered in all amateur divisions.

RANKING POINTS

Amateurs: The top 8 finishers in all singles divisions will receive USRA ranking points. This is a Level 5 event.

Professionals: On the IRT/WIRT tours, prize money determines the level of ranking points associated with a given event. The Promus U.S. OPEN is the largest prize money event of the season.



John Ellis

IRT #3 Player

OFFICIATING

All players will receive \$5 for each amateur match they referee. Players losing a match in the pro divisions must referee.

PROMUS HOTEL CORPORATION

We are very pleased to have Promus Hotel Corporation as our Title Sponsor. Promus operates, franchises or owns more than 1,400 hotels with over 200,000 rooms throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Latin America. It is the franchiser and operator of Doubletree Hotels, Suites, Resorts and Clubs, Embassy Suites, Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Red Lion Hotels & Inns, Embassy Vacation Resort and Hampton Vacation Resort. The company also manages non-Promus branded hotels, as well as facilities in its University Hotel & Conference Center division. Promus is headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, traded on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol: PRH), and has approximately 40,000 employees.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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Doug Ganim

Executive Committee:
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Martha Butler, Ed Arias, Marty Austin

Pro Commissioners:
Hank Marcus (IRT), Ed Willis (WIRT)

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Information
Call the Promus
U.S. OPEN
Racquetball Championships
Headquarters at (800) 234-5396.**

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PRO MATCH TICKET APPLICATION

	Price	Quantity	Total(\$)
SESSION #1:	\$9	_____	_____
Men's & Women's Pro Qualifying Wednesday, 10am-3pm			
Men's round of 64 Wednesday, 4pm-11pm			
SESSION #2:	\$9	_____	_____
Men's round of 32 Thursday, 11am-3pm			
Women's round of 32 Thursday, 2pm-6pm			
SESSION #3:	\$9	_____	_____
Men's round of 16 Thursday, 6pm-10pm			
SESSION #4:	\$12	_____	_____
Women's round of 16 Friday, 11am-3pm			
Men's quarters #1,#2 Friday, 4pm-6:30pm			
SESSION #5:	\$12	_____	_____
Men's quarters #3, #4 Friday, 6:30pm-9pm			
SESSION #6:	\$9	_____	_____
Women's quarters(all) Saturday, 10am-noon			
SESSION #7:	\$14	_____	_____
Men's semi #1/Women's semi #1 Saturday, 2pm-4:30pm			
SESSION #8:	\$14	_____	_____
Women's semi #2/Men's semi #2 Saturday, 5pm-7:30pm			
SESSION #9:	\$20	_____	_____
Women's finals/Men's finals Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm			

BEST VALUE (\$33 savings)

TICKET PACKAGE (includes all sessions listed above – *only available in advance*) . . . \$75

Ticket for PARTY WITH THE PROS	\$25	_____	_____
(free for all player participants) Saturday, 8pm-1:00am			
Processing fee (must be paid to process your order)	\$4	_____	\$4

Make check payable or use credit card and mail to:

Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships

1685 West Uintah

Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2906

- OR -

To order your tickets by phone call: (800) 234-5396

or fax this completed form to : (719) 635-0685

TOTAL _____

Visa/MC # _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Street Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

Tickets will not be mailed in advance. They can be picked up at the Promus U.S. OPEN Will Call Desk, located at The Racquet Club (I.D. is required). Seating is limited. Must purchase tickets in advance to be guaranteed a seat. A very limited number of 4 person court-side box seats (with table service) are available starting at \$2,000. Call (614) 890-6073 for availability.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Phone (day) _____ (night) _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____
 Seeding Information (1998 Promus U.S. Open, 1999 States, Regionals, Nationals) _____
 Home Club _____

Players may enter a maximum of two (2) events:

Check one: Men's ☐ or Women's ☐

AMATEUR

Skill Divisions*

Can only enter ONE from this group

A ☐
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐

Skill + Age Divisions*

24 & under A/B ☐ 35+ C/D ☐
 24 & under C/D ☐ 45+ A/B ☐
 25+ A/B ☐ 45+ C/D ☐
 25+ C/D ☐ 55+ A/B ☐
 35+ A/B ☐ 55+ C/D ☐

Open & Age Divisions

OPEN ☐ 40+ ☐ 65+ ☐
 24 & under ☐ 45+ ☐ 70+ ☐
 25+ ☐ 50+ ☐ 75+ ☐
 30+ ☐ 55+ ☐ 80+ ☐
 35+ ☐ 60+ ☐

Doubles & Mixed Doubles Divisions

Open ☐ 29 & under ☐ 40+ ☐ MX Open ☐ MX 19+ ☐
 A ☐ 29 & under B/C ☐ 40+ B/C ☐ MX A ☐ MX 39+ ☐
 B ☐ 30+ ☐ 50+ ☐ MX B ☐ MX 40+ ☐
 C ☐ 30+ B/C ☐ 50+ B/C ☐ MX C ☐ MX 50+ ☐

Partner's Name _____ Division _____

Partner's Name _____ Division _____

Skill Level Verification Form

AMPRO Certified Level _____ Highest division played in last 3 months _____

I hereby certify that the skill level division(s) I have entered in the Promus U.S. OPEN is the level at which I have competed in my state during the 3 months prior to this event. Further, I understand that the division(s) I have entered will be verified by my State Association President and that reclassification may take place if deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

PRO

Men's (IRT)** ☐ Women's (WIRT)** ☐

** The Men's Pro draw will begin in the round of 64 with qualifying rounds scheduled as needed. The Women's Pro draw will begin in the round of 32 with qualifying rounds scheduled as needed. Players wishing to enter the amateur OPEN division must enter it directly as a second event.

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release and all rights and claims that I may have against the USRA, IRT, WIRT, Ganim Enterprises, Promus Hotel Corporation, The Racquet Club of Memphis, Wimbledon Sportsplex, The University of Memphis, all other Promus U.S. OPEN sponsors, or their respective agents for any and all injuries I may suffer as a result of participation in this event. By registering to participate in this event, I release all rights to the use of event photographs in which my image appears.

Participant Signature _____ (parent if under 18) Date _____

* All players entering Skill Divisions and/or Skill + Age Divisions (i.e. A, B, 35 C/D, etc.) must either have their skill level verified by an AMPRO clinician prior to the event (have certification card) or submit their highest division played in the last 3 months on their entry. All information submitted will be subject to verification by the State Association President in your home state. Players must compete in the same skill divisions as they have played in during the 3 month period prior to the Promus U.S. OPEN.

ENTRY FEES

Players may enter a maximum of two events. Consolation will be offered in all amateur divisions. Players in two divisions may play back to back matches. **Returned checks will be assessed a \$20 service charge (\$10 for declined credit cards).** Phone entries will be accepted through the entry deadline with an **\$8 service charge** and a major credit card by calling the Promus U.S. OPEN headquarters at (800) 234-5396. Maximum amateur draw is 550 players. Once filled, all additional entries received will be returned with refund.

	Amount Pd.	Division
First Event (Amateurs) (\$85)	_____	_____
First Event (Pros) (\$100)	_____	_____
Second Event (\$35)	_____	_____
Late Fee/Phone Entry (\$15/\$8)	_____	_____

TOTAL _____

Visa/MC _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name (print) _____

Signature _____

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All entries must be received by **Fri., Nov. 19th** and/or **postmarked by Wed., Nov. 17th**. No refunds will be given after the entry deadline. All entries received after the entry deadline will be assessed a \$15 late fee if space is still available in the tournament.

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

Limited hospitality, free access to Hospitality Village and fan fair activities at The Racquet Club, souvenir Promus U.S. OPEN shirt, Promus U.S. OPEN Souvenir Program, ticket to the Saturday evening "PARTY WITH THE PROS", plus much, much more!

Have you enclosed your Pro Match Ticket Application and payment for tickets? Seating is limited. Must purchase tickets to be guaranteed a seat. One check can be written for entry fees and tickets. Last year's event sold out 6 weeks in advance!



To enter by phone call:
(800) 234-5396

Make check payable and mail to:
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 1685 West Uintah • Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2906
 or FAX this completed form to (719) 635-0685

news industry news

"HEAD just has a lot of things going for it right now," Winters said at this past National Singles Championships. "We (HEAD) had a great year. With the acquisition of Penn, we now have it all from A to Z."

"There's a lot of good energy there and it's just a good company to be with right now. And I think they really care about racquetball, too. It's a very important category for them."

Winters even admits that he lost a piece of himself when he chose to leave the racquetball community.

"I missed it a lot," he said. "I got into electronic games and it was a lot different type of industry. I missed the people in the sport, having been in it for quite a while."

WIRT NAMES NEW COMMISSIONER

This past April, International Racquetball Tour commissioner Hank Marcus announced that Ed Willis II of Arlington, Virginia would replace Molly O'Brien as the Women's International Racquetball Tour commissioner. A player for over 10 years and a tournament director for nearly as long, Willis is excited for the chance to improve the overall WIRT picture.

"It's kind of a fundamental thing for me," Willis said. "As a tournament director, I believe that our greatest immediate gain would be to add more females. I'm a very strong supporter of women's athletics and do believe in the women as professionals. I would like to see them succeed and I believe that it's a necessity for our sport ... I'm just delighted that they've chosen to give me a shot."

The WIRT suffered through a difficult 1998-99 season, as the women only participated in seven events — including the season-ending Tournament of Champions.

"I'm not taking this thing on at the apex, there's no question," Willis said. "But on top of just adding stops, I need to add an outside sponsor — a national sponsor."

Willis also points to increasing personal sponsorship for the players. "If I can help them there (with personal sponsorship), it might make it a little bit easier if we don't have as many stops as the men," he said.

SHADES OF RAD

Advance Corp., the manufacturer of the popular Rad Eyegards, has introduced an entire line of Rad Sunglasses. Ruben Gonzales said "cool...very cool...", Laura Fenton said "awesome" and Adam Karp remarked "radical." Benefits include light weight, durable polycarbonate frames

and lenses, stylish and contoured to your face for added comfort. Attractive display units are also available for store sales. Retail price is around \$30.00. For more information and/or a catalogue, contact Doug Smith at Network Marketing (ph: 800-456-4305, Fax: 770-751-9469, or e-mail: python2mindspring.com)

Website Directory Grows

Court Sports, an Ohio based distribution company which features racquetball products has launched its first Internet site [www.courtsportsusa.com] and been added to the USRA Commercial Links Directory at www.usra.org via "Links" on the main page.

The new Court Sports site offers easy access to product information in all categories of racquetball equipment, plus "stores" for each of the major racquetball full-line product manufacturers; HEAD, Ektelon, E-Force, ProKennex, and Wilson. The site features a special section for Court Sports' VIP customers plus links to major racquetball informational sites like those of the USRA and International Racquetball Tour.

SEEN AT THE FINALS

Industry representatives were on hand in force at "The Finals" in Houston to meet with the largest group of competitors to convene each year for USRA title playoffs. The event's title sponsor, Ektelon, set up an expansive exhibit booth in the Hospitality Village and brought in top players Michelle Gould, Andy Roberts and Mike Guidry, along with corporate executives Sharlene Sones and Kelly McGann to conduct player meetings and offer special programs throughout the week.

Head USA was represented by Doug Ganim (who competed in the open division between meetings), newly-hired Scott Winters and top touring pro Sudsy Monchik. E-Force's Ron Grimes and Tim Doyle were joined by Jeff Schmitz and Mike Martinez from Pro Kennex, Leader's Patricia Santiago and Terri Graham, Chris Evon and pro tour great Cliff Swain, representing Wilson.

Other special guests included Joe Garcia of Wallyball, Enrique Villagran of the Mexican Racquetball Federation, U.S. Team Head Coach Jim Winterton and assistant coach Tom Travers, who took a turn at competing throughout the week and ended up in two finals.

Inside the Hospitality Village, Rex Lawler was the event's official stringer, joined by vendors Ruben Gonzalez, Dan Davis, Jerry Dye and John Boudman.



***Sudsy's Magic Show
Featuring ... The
Power Drive Serve!***

PHOTO: MIKE BOATMAN



In the last two issues we've looked at my backhand and forehand, two weapons which have taken me to the pinnacle of my career and made me the undisputed #1 ranked player in the world. I have accomplished this by being the most fundamentally sound player from both sides -- hands down. Now what I want to do, once again, is break down my power drive serve which is recognized as one of the most devastating and fundamentally sound drive serves in the game today.

Before I get started on the mechanics of the drive serve I want to suggest this notion: The serve is the #1 weapon and the most important part of your game. Why? Three reasons.

1. This is the *only* time in the match where you hit the ball from a stationary position, out of your hand. Any other time, the ball is coming at you with different kinds of angles, speeds and heights. Only in the service box are you in total control — take advantage of it.
2. The serve sets the tone to the match — you've become the pitcher or quarterback. If the pitcher or quarterback happens to be off that day the whole team kinda follows suit and is down and out and not sharp. The reverse is also true. If the pitcher or quarterback is on that day, then the attitude of the team changes and is quite upbeat and ready to rock and roll and take care of business. The same is true in racquetball. If your serve is on you feel like you're playing well and can conquer the world, but if it's off just a little you feel lousy and just try to hang in there. It's the nature of the beast, so take your time.
3. You can apply an enormous amount of pressure on the receiver with a dynamite serve. What do most people do under pressure? Choke and fold.

All right, now I am ready to make you tougher than tough from the service box, with my power drive serve. The word *power* is the key here. The harder one hits the ball using 1) placement, 2) deception and 3) variety, the tougher it will be for someone to not only return it, but return it with accuracy. My drive serve has been clocked at approximately 190 mph.

Think about that. You are about 40 feet from the front wall and 20 feet from me and this small round ball is coming at you at 190 mph. To put that into perspective, a baseball pitch comes toward the hitter at approximately 95 mph from the plate, 60 feet away. The power drive serve, if perfected, could — and should — be your most powerful weapon.

Remember, in the amateur ranks (except the open), you still get two serves. If you go for it on your first serve with a drive and miss, you still have a second chance. In the pro game we only have one serve so I better make it good the first time.

I'll use the same five-step approach I've used in this series, to keep it simple, precise, and easy for you to follow.

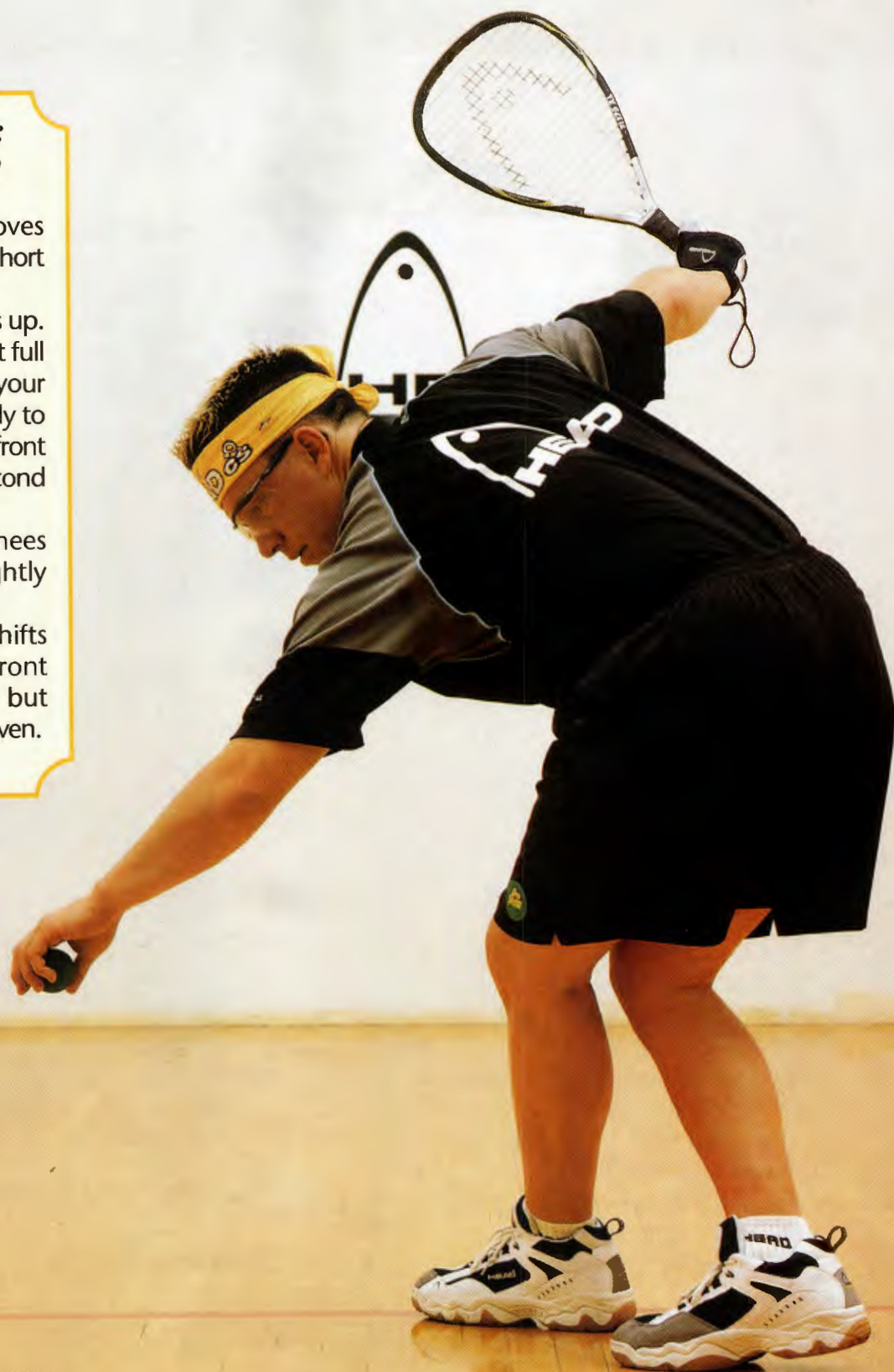
TRICK #1: THE READY POSITION

- Feet on the back line (short line) lined up one behind the other.
- Left foot in front of right foot (for righties) and right foot in front of left foot (for lefties) to create a two-step approach into the ball for more power.
- Start low — knees bent and slightly bent at the waist.
- Weight evenly distributed (50/50).
- Racquet down.
- Concentrate — eyes on ball.



TRICK #2: THE STEP

- Back foot moves first, by taking a short step.
- Racquet comes up.
- Hold the ball at full extension from your body to get ready to drop the ball off front leg after your second step.
- Stay low — knees and waist slightly bent.
- Weight shifts slightly to the front foot (60/40), but remains pretty even.





TRICK #3: The Swing

- Front leg takes second step, straight ahead or at a slight angle.
- Ball dropped off front leg at full extension.
- Racquet begins its downward motion (leading with elbow and wrist cocked back — just like the forehand, no different).
- Hips begin to open (just like the forehand, no different).
- Stay low — knees and waist slightly bent.
- Weight slightly on front foot, but beginning to pull back (55/45).
- Eyes on ball.

TRICK #4: The Contact Point

- Legs are in line with each other, weight back to even (50/50).
- Ball at full extension off front leg.
- Racquet comes through flat and level with tremendous wrist snap.
- Hips continue to open.
- Stay low — knees and waist still slightly bent.
- Contact point is ankle high.
- Shoot the ball flat, no spin.
 - Eyes on ball.





TRICK #5: The Follow Through

- Legs are in line with each other, front toe pointed to right corner and back toe rotated around, completely balanced.
- Racquet completely around, pointing to backwall.
- Hips completely open and rotated through.
- End low — knees still bent, but upper body more erect.
- Eyes on the front wall, tracking the ball, then head will rotate around to follow the ball.

Well you've got the magic now, not only for the forehand and backhand, but for the drive serves as well. Keep your bag of tricks with you at all times so your opponent doesn't know what hit them. In the next issue

I will tackle the magic of my LOB serve -- until then work on the tricks of the trade that I use.

Good luck.



Stringing E-Force's "Omen"

By Kelly Kirk, Certified Racquet Technician

OMEN: a phenomenon believed to portend a future event.

It's not always apparent to the outsider, but — within the small community of individuals who repair squash, badminton, tennis and racquetball frames — it is the racquetball

stringers who struggle for respect. Fairly or not, we are always considered a class below the "real" stringers who pride themselves on servicing the tennis industry. After all, how hard can it be to re-string a short stubby racquet? Well, times are a changing! Thanks to E-Force and its innovative frames — the Omen and its cousin, the Torrent — racquetball stringers have just been issued a challenge that few tennis stringers are expected to deal with in today's market.

Whether you string in a shop or at home, E-Force has discovered a surefire way to remove complacency from your workday. As all of you know, E-Force has established and done well with its LongString technology. The Omen and Torrent retain the LongString but E-Force has surprised many of us with the addition of a unique little twist called "control wrap." The control wrap may surpass any current applied science for racquetball. In short, E-Force has minimized frame distortion by removing a hundred string holes and instead opting to have a "cylinder rail" — which some stringers refer to as an inner fin. Both frames hold promise as we head towards the year 2000, but be forewarned, stringing either is not for the timid or insecure. The good news is that the same string pattern applies to both models.

A few suggestions for those who take up the challenge of stringing the Omen and the Torrent:

- 1.) Your first attempt at stringing either the Omen or the Torrent should not be done on a weekend ... when neither E-Force nor the United States Racquet Stringers Association (USRSA) will be available to help. (That was my first error.)
- 2.) Take your time and schedule a couple of hours for the first time you string one of these frames. It's not going to take you nearly that long, but the first time through you will need the additional time to walk

yourself through the job. If you are a tournament stringer, you will want to have experience with mounting and stringing this frame prior to being asked to attempt a rush job at an event.

- 3.) Open your USRSA Stringers' Digest and read — *really read* — the instructions. Yes, it's true that these are the longest set of instructions anywhere in the stringers' Bible. Ideally, you should have both E-Force's instructions, which come with the frame, and the USRSA's. If you save back issues of "Racquet Tech", the October 1998 issue is very informative with regards to mounting these frames on your machine.
- 4.) It is well worth your time to call for technical assistance from E-Force. The resident authority is willing to share some tricks and techniques involving ball-point pens and clothespins (seriously). String friction during stringing can be problematic and textured string will not be a welcome addition to this frame. By taking the time to talk with an expert in advance, you'll avoid the dismay of having main strings snap halfway through the job. (That was my second error.)
- 5.) If at all possible, have a second frame (strings intact, of course) on hand so you can compare your work as you go along.
- 6.) Order extra grommet sets. You're going to need them. The exterior bumper itself will show no more wear than what is to be expected for racquetball, but the individual grommets, particularly on the Cylinder Rail, will need to be replaced more frequently than on other racquetball frames.
- 7.) If you aren't already buying string by the reel, consider doing so. Forty feet will suffice for these frames, but keep in mind that the tricks of the trade for circumventing a mistake — such as how to preserve the extra inches you might inadvertently wind up with on the short side — will not be available to you due to the Cylinder Rail. Don't get caught short on your final cross string. (My third error.)

In summary, don't shy away from what just might be the forefront of racquetball technology. Maintain your professionalism by doing your homework, executing this job with patience, and consider charging a few more dollars to string an Omen or a Torrent. And remember, the next time some tennis stringer tells you racquetball frames are a cakewalk — hand them an Omen or a Torrent and smile! We've just made the big time.



Game Plan: The Overhead

by Derek Robinson & Lynn Adams

Do you like playing an aggressive game? Do you like to keep your opponent guessing, constantly on the move and caught on their heels? Do you like to apply more and more pressure, never letting your opponent rest or even breathe? Then the overhead is the shot for you!

Contrary to popular myth, you don't have to be tall to hit an effective overhead. You just need to be able to get back behind the ball so you can step in and hit down over the top of the ball.

When would I hit an overhead? Well, I can think of three great reasons to go for this shot. First, if your opponent is tired and sucking air bad, you don't want to let them recover by getting into an extended ceiling ball rally. Instead, an overhead will keep them moving and unable to catch their breath — or catch them completely by surprise and end the rally.

Second, if your opponent is lulling you to sleep with a slow game and a multitude of ceiling balls, an overhead will speed things up and allow you to dictate the pace of the game.

Third, hitting overheads will establish you as the aggressive, go-for-it, type of player.





Visualize a tennis player hitting a serve, or an overhead shot during a rally. The motion of an overhead shot in racquetball is exactly the same as it is in tennis. Follow this series of photos for tips on the do's and don'ts of hitting an overhead. It's a fun shot to work on, and it can set you apart from your opponent!

Do !

#1. Get behind the ball with your feet lined up diagonally facing the side wall. This stance allows you to step into the ball and use your hips and upper body to rotate.

#2. Contact the ball slightly out in front of your head so you can come down on top of the ball.

#3. Drive down through the ball, letting your whole body drive forward.

#4. Complete your follow through, allowing the racquet to finish down by your hips.



Don't !

A. Line up your chest and feet towards the front wall. You won't be able to rotate your hips and upper body properly.

B. Contact the ball back behind your head. If you do, you won't be able to come down on top of the ball, and the result will be one of those awful front-wall-backwall, big setup-type shots for your opponent!

C. Stop your follow through. You'll lose power and possibly run the risk of injuring your arm.



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THREE GENERATIONS

by Lisa Riley

My dad, Andy Trozzi, started playing racquetball in 1975 and is currently ranked 5th in the 80+ Division. He just turned 83 in March. I'm an Open level competitor and have been playing since 1981. My son, Paul Riley, is 10 years old and this picture shows all three of us celebrating his first racquetball tournament. This tournament is held every year in memory of one of Massachusetts' greatest players, who was killed at 24 years old, and all proceeds go to the New England Junior Program. Just as important — the tournament slogan represents what racquetball is all about: "Good Friends Live Forever."

This sport can truly be enjoyed by all ages! Where else can a family, ranging in age from 83, to 40, to a novice 10-year-old play the same sport at the same time? My dad is the one who got me started in racquetball and, at 83, he still gets up and is at the club by 6:00 a.m. every morning. His love for this sport is truly remarkable and he represents everything you want to be as a racquetball player and would want as a dad. He is a great promoter of the sport and is loved by all. He tries his hardest every time he steps on the court and most of all he has fun and just loves to play.



• TOP: PAUL RILEY, MOM LISA RILEY AND GRAND-DAD ANDY TROZZI • MIDDLE: CINDY AND SCOTT LEWIS PRESENT CHECK TO DAN BEUDRY (CENTER) • BOTTOM: NMRA 55+ FINALISTS (L-R): WARREN REUTHER, GLENN ALLEN AND MIKE AUBREY.

BEAUDRY EARNS COLORADO CASH

Pueblo's Dan Beudry was named the 1999 recipient of the Colorado Racquetball Association's Junior Olympic Nationals Scholarship award, which carries a \$350.00 stipend to attend this year's Junior Nationals in Tempe, Arizona. Dan is the current 16 and under State and Regional champion, and an AmPRO certified instructor. Dan is shown with Cindy and Scott Lewis, co-directors of the CRA Junior Program, receiving his check.

NMRA NATIONAL MASTERS SINGLES

by Ron Pudduck

Racquetball and sunshine make a great combination, especially for those 45+ age players from the colder northern climates. Regardless of origin, 140 masters players converged on the Arizona Athletic Club in Tempe, where smiles were of the huge southwestern-style and play was highly competitive over four days of round robin play. The club and staff welcomed us and the entire tournament ran right on schedule, so it was easy to see why there were so many happy (but tired) faces on the last day, along with rave reviews on the tournament.



So in July, how about trying the "NMRA International Masters Championships" (singles, doubles & mixed doubles), in Champaign, IL on the beautiful campus of the University of Illinois? Jumer's Bavarian Lodge hotel will offer great accommodations, and transportation will be via an English red double-decker bus, along with special player hospitality, a great barbecue dinner on Wednesday and a special Friday banquet in The Great Hall.

To enjoy this round robin International Championship, contact John O'Donnell (217-351-9093) or Phil Dziuk (217-896-2058). We guarantee you will really appreciate the effort being put into our NMRA tournaments. They represent the best of round robin play ... where you never get eliminated and play right through the last day of the tournament. Come and enjoy! The great midwest awaits your arrival!

1999 National Masters Singles Championships

Tempe, AZ: February 17-20, 1999 | FINAL RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES — 45+: Tom Weniger (AZ) def. Gary Mazaroff (MN); 50+: Tom Ochoa (AZ) def. Tom McKie (TX); 55+: Mike Aubrey (AZ) def. Glenn Allen (VA); 60+: Jim Wilking (UT) def. Ron Adams (CA); 65+: Paul Banales (AZ) def. Jack Bogasky (VA); 70+: Ray Gordon (ND) def. Joe Lambert (TX); 75+: Nick Sans (CA) def. Ross Filippone (Can. B.C.); 80+: George Spear (FL) def. Charlie Russell (CA). **WOMEN'S SINGLES** — 45+: Karen Key (AZ) def. Vicky Jabines (WY); 50+: Meri Jean Kelley (CA) def. Cece Palaski (CA); 55+: Gail Schaefer (MD) def. Marquita Molina (CA).

SURPRISE HONOREES

In addition to previously recognized award winners, three other racquetball enthusiasts earned recognition for their accomplishments at the USRA's Annual Banquet in Houston over the Memorial Day weekend.

For his outstanding efforts in programming junior racquetball in Oregon, **Gary Kerwood** was awarded the Joe Sobek Outstanding Contributor Award. Given to athletes, coaches, officials and administrators who have demonstrated remarkable commitment to the sport, Kerwood was added to a lengthy list which includes the likes of made-for-TV portable court creator Randy Stafford and clinician Fran Davis.

At match point in a 14-14 game, Mississippi's **Robert Jacobs** reversed the referee's decision on a crucial point and awarded his opponent a hinder call. The point was played over and Jacobs ironically lost the game and entered into a tiebreaker in which he, again, fell to his opponent. For his inspired act of good sportsmanship, Jacobs was given the John Halverson Fair Play Award.

Indiana's **Jeff Wright** was added to an impressive list of Presidential Award winners. The honor is given to the state president who demonstrates exceptional performance in the areas of tournament administration and reporting, special development projects, fundraising, successful administrative ventures, publication projects or other exceptional program achievements.

AMERICORPS

Three racquetball manufacturers joined hands in helping introduce racquetball into 35 San Diego area elementary schools. Wilson Racquetball, Leader and Penn Racquet Sports donated 200 racquets, 200 eye guards and two cases of balls, respectively, to the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. AmeriCorps is a volunteer group of young adults ranging in age from 18-24 years old, who commit to at least 10 months of service and do various projects throughout the country.

In five weeks, corps members including 1998 World Championships silver medalist Kersten Hallander and Leslie Pawka traveled to the local elementary schools and taught the fundamentals of racquetball to approximately 200 10- to 12-year-olds per day. After AmeriCorps taught the kids for one week, enough equipment was left behind at each school for one month and teachers then continued to implement the sport into their physical education programming.

AmeriCorps Volunteers [seated L-R]: Karen Morey, Stephanie Stiles, Ericka Lewis, Matt Sweeney, Chris Bryan, Myron Kraus, Leslie Pawka, Kersten Hallander. Standing L-R: Joe



Schmidt, Heather Mikesell, Kellie Simpson, Chris "Brownie" Brown, Melinda Dennis, Tara Mahoney, Sharon Hilledge ("Exercise the Dream" founder).

Photo: Courtesy Kersten Hallander.

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PHOTO: JOHN

RACQUETBALL magazine caught up with 17-year-old Brandon Burgess at National Singles in Houston where he was competing in the men's B and 24-and-under a/b divisions. He'd just finished up the spring term at his "new" school — Chatfield High in Littleton, Colorado.

Walking through a Chatfield corridor with friend Makai Hall, Brandon Burgess stopped short. *Thud . . . thud . . . thud.*

"Did you hear that? What was that?" whispered Makai. Realizing that the memories of the Columbine tragedy were still painfully fresh in Hall's mind, Brandon calmed his friend. "Yea I did, Makai. I'll go look for you."

Burgess, a senior-to-

be at Columbine, walked down the hall to identify the thumping.

"It was just some guy pounding on the wall," Burgess said after returning. Innocent enough, this time, but among the large, re-located student body of Columbine, Burgess is one of the lucky ones. He knows exactly how narrowly he missed the horror of April 20.

"I went to a marketing banquet because I was getting an award," Burgess said. "We got done about 10:45 a.m. and the place we were at was about 15 minutes from the school. I was going to go to the library to study with some of my friends for a test."

Had he stayed on schedule, Burgess would have entered the library at approximately 11:05 a.m. The first call to 911 reporting gunshots was received at 11:25 a.m.

"I wound up, for some odd reason, just going home," Burgess said. "That's what has troubled me — I went home for some reason and my friends wound up getting shot."

Among the students that would have met up with Brandon in the library before the shooting were Hall and another friend, Pat Ireland. Later, in one of the most horrifying moments captured on video, it was Ireland who threw his limp body to the edge of a second-story window as members of the SWAT team

gathered on top of an armored truck to haul him to safety.

"They (Harris and Klebold) tossed a pipe bomb over to where they were," Burgess said, describing his friends' experience. "It rolled against my friend Dan's leg. Makai grabbed it and tossed it and it exploded 10 feet from where they were or they all would have died." According to Hall, the killers must have figured that everyone in that area had died from the explosion and moved on down the hallway.

"I knew five of them that died," Burgess said. "Two other friends — one got shot 14 times with buckshot in the leg and then he had a shrapnel wound on the jawbone. Another one got shot in the knee."

Like so many others awaiting news in their homes, Brandon's father Bruce was terrified for his son. A familiar pair at most Colorado state events, Bruce and Brandon share a passion for the sport that would later turn into an important part of the healing process. Weeks prior, the two had planned a road trip to Las Vegas to attend the Pro Nationals.

A few days following the brutal shootings, Brandon, his father and friends Jesse and Enrique Carbajal decided to stick with the plan and drive to Las Vegas. The trip provided Brandon with healing time, needed distance and interaction with friends and fellow racquetball players who could help him understand and work through his nightmarish experience.

"Sudsy was really helpful too," Burgess said. "In between games of his match, he called me over and was like, 'Was that your school?' He really showed concern. We probably talked for 20-30 minutes at the tournament. Even when I saw him today (at the National Singles), he asked how everything was going back there."

For "some odd reason," Brandon chose not to return to school until after lunch. After the carnage had already begun.

"I feel guilty, I really do," Brandon said of his choice. "Maybe I could have helped carry Pat out or something like that, instead of having him go out the window. Maybe I could have helped somebody else. But, on the other side of the coin, maybe I wouldn't be here today."

INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL FEDERATION WORLD SENIOR RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS [Established 1989]

Men's 35+	Women's 35+
1998 Dave Watson (Okla.)	Laura Fenton (Neb.)
1997 Gary Sanchez (N.M.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1996 Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1995 Mike Martinez (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1994 Mike Martinez (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1993 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1992 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Gail Woods (La.)
1991 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Terry Latham (N.M.)
1990 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1989 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)

Men's 40+	Women's 40+
1998 Bill Yates (Ohio)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1997 Dave Peck (Texas)	Susan Hendricks (Ariz.)
1996 Gene Couch (Fla.)	Taffy Wood (Canada)
1995 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Joanne Pomodoro (Mass.)
1994 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Susan Hendricks (Ariz.)
1993 Jose Carlos Flores (Mexico)	Gail Woods (La.)
1992 Dave George (Calif.)	Nancy Kronenfeld (Ill.)
1991 Darrell Warren (Calif.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1990 Fielding Snow (Wash.)	Carole Dattisman (Pa.)
1989 Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)

Men's 45+	Women's 45+
1998 Jim Luzar (Wis.)	Karen Key (Ariz.)
1997 Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Judy Sands (N.J.)
1996 Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995 Mike Murphy (Calif.)	Shelley Ogden (Ohio)
1994 Jack Crowther (Calif.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1993 Skip Deal (Calif.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1992 Jack Crowther (Calif.)	Merijeane Kelley (Calif.)
1991 Bill Wolfe (N.Y.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1990 Jeff Leon (Panama)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1989 Ed Remen (Va.)	Linda Siau (Ariz.)

Men's 50+	Women's 50+
1998 Greg Hasty (Ill.)	Mary Lou Furaus (N.M.)
1997 Dennis O'Brien (Idaho)	Merijeane Kelley (Calif.)
1996 Dennis O'Brien (Idaho)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1995 Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1994 Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1993 Jerry Davis (Ohio)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1992 Fred Letter (N.J.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1991 Len Corte (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1990 Jerry Davis (Ohio)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1989 Dario Mas (De.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)

Men's 55+	Women's 55+
1998 Glenn Allen (Va.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1997 Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1996 Fred Letter (N.J.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1995 Gordon Kelly (Mich.)	Marion Johnson (Texas)
1994 Gordon Kelly (Mich.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1993 Art Johnson (Colo.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1992 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1991 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1990 Art Johnson (Colo.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1989 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)

Men's 60+	Women's 60+
1998 Ron Adams (Calif.)	Annabelle Kovar (Neb.)
1997 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1996 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1995 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1994 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1993 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1992 Don Alt (Ohio)	Lola Markus (Ill.)
1991 Harvey Clar (Calif.)	Lola Markus (Ill.)
1990 Harvey Clar (Calif.)	Bridin Vi Mhaolagain (Ireland)
1989 Phillip Dziuk (Ill.)	Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)

Men's 65+	Women's 65+
1998 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Lola Markus (Ill.)
1997 Don Alt (Ohio)	Lola Markus (Ill.)
1996 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Lola Markus (Ill.)
1995 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Reta Harring (Wis.)
1994 John Bogasky (Va.)	Reta Harring (Wis.)
1993 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1992 Fintan Kilbride (Canada)	Joann Jones (Conn.)
1991 Tony Duarte (Calif.)	Dorothy Vezetinski (Wash.)
1990 Art Goss (Colo.)	Betty Mowery (N.M.)
1989 Art Goss (Colo.)	Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)

Men's 70+	Women's 70+
1998 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Reta Harring (Wis.)
1997 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Dorothy Vezetinski (Wash.)
1996 Dick Kincade (Colo.)	no division
1995 Tony Duarte (Calif.)	Marion Russell (Calif.)
1994 Glenn Melvey (N.D.)	Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)
1993 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1992 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1991 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1990 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1989 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	Mary Low Acuff (Va.)

Men's 75+	Women's 75+
1998 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1997 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)
1996 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1995 Charley Russell (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1994 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1993 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	no division
1992 Fred Felton (Texas)	no division
1991 Allen Shepherd (Md.)	no division
1990 Harmon Minor (Colo.)	no division
1989 John Pearce (Texas)	no division

Men's 80+	Women's 80+
1998 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	No division
1997 George Spear (N.Y.)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1996 Harry Steinman (Md.)	no division
1995 John Pearce (Texas)	no division
1994 John Pearce (Texas)	no division
1993 John Pearce (Texas)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1992 Jack Daly (Va.)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1991 no division	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1990 no division	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1989 Howard Cole (N.M.)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)

Men's 85+
1998 Harry Steinman (Md.)

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changing times

by Luke St. Onge

Normally I try to use this column to keep you informed of the latest developments in our sport. But this one is different ... I am going to ask each of you to do

something positive and pro-active. Something that will not cost you a penny. If you accept, our sport, the USRA, and each and every one of you stand to benefit greatly from the results.

Let's not beat around the bush: the USRA and the racquetball industry have embarked on an ambitious challenge to double the USRA membership in the next 12 months. How? Simply by asking each existing member to sign up one new member to the USRA. Easy? You bet. All you need to do is take the tear-out from RACQUETBALL magazine (either the May/June or July/August issue — that's it, right next to this page ...), fill in your name and address, and the name and address of the new member, send in the \$20 yearly dues and our membership begins to experience "leap and bound" growth.

Okay, aside from membership growing, what's in it for you? Each time you sign up a new member, you *and* the new member receive a can of Penn balls, plus you'll

be entered into weekly drawings to win racquets, gloves, eyeguards, and an assortment of other equipment and clothing prizes. In addition, everyone who takes part will be included in the Grand Prize drawing for two round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the continental United States. The Grand Prize drawing will be held at the U.S. OPEN this December. And remember, each member receives an additional chance at all prizes for every member they recruit. The more you sign up, the more you can win ... sign up 10 members and get 10 free cans of balls, plus 10 chances to win racquets, eyeguards, bags and gloves, plus 10 chances at the Grand Prize.

State associations have each committed to increase their memberships by 15% by the end of the year. So do you take the challenge? If we all work together to expand the influence of the USRA through increased membership, racquetball will be able to expand outside its own industry with real impact — much the way tennis and golf do today.

We need your help! Let's be aggressive and make a major push now! If we accept the challenge and all work together, the year 2000 can represent a real milestone to our sport. With a little help from you, it can become that point in our lifetimes that racquetball takes its rightful place in the sports world.



AmPRO Instructor Certification 1999 Clinic Schedule



Date	Host Club	City/State
July 9-11	Colorado Athletic Club/Inverness	Denver, CO
July 9-11	Sunrise Health & Racquet	Long Island, NY
August 6-8	Santa Clarita Athletic Club	Los Angeles, CA
August 13-15	The Alaska Club	Anchorage, AK
August 27-29	Pro Sports Club	Bellevue, WA
September 10-12	98th Street NW Club	Bloomington, MN
September 13-15	Northwest Fitness	Houston, TX
October 1-3	Central Penn Fitness Center	Harrisburg, PA
October 22-24	Gold's Gym	Syracuse, NY
November 14-16	Executive Health & Fitness	Manchester, NH

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Here's what you can win ... racquets, bags, eyewear, clothing, gloves, grips, balls ... any and everything you need for your game! Sign up a friend and you're *both* eligible for prize drawings — every week — through the end of October! Enter today!



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Rosalind Gusinow (Wis.)
Jim Pausch (Ariz.)
Tyler Nelson (Ariz.)
Diomsios H. Koulatsos (Md.)
Art Robinson (Md.)
Paula Sperling (N.M.)
Felicia Duran (N.M.)
Steve Perry (N.C.)
Pat Bernardo (N.Y.)
Rex Mills (Ala.)

1999 Canadian National Racquetball Championships

CITIZEN KANE ... KING OF THE COURTS !

by Susan Blumenschein

Racquetball Canada Media Director

Three years ago, 17 year old Kane Waselenchuk was virtually an unknown in the racquetball community. But "Citizen Kane" is now the king of the Canadian courts, as he rose to the occasion to capture the national singles crown from 10-time national champion and current world title holder Sherman Greenfeld at the 1999 Canadian National Racquetball Championships hosted by Premier Health Club in Oakville, Ontario.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world," Waselenchuk said. "Words can not explain how great it feels. I am very happy to have won." The left-handed powerhouse took his game to a new level, defeating Sherman Greenfeld 10-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-3 in the men's finals.

Waselenchuk, from Spruce Grove, had also been awesome in his semi-final match against Canadian team veteran Mike Ceresia, of Burlington. Waselenchuk put Ceresia out of his misery in three quick games 11-1, 11-1, 11-2. Ceresia later forfeited his next match, passing third place over to Brian Istace of Calgary.

Kane Waselenchuk had also astonished everyone by defeating Mike Green, gold medalist at the '99 Tournament of the Americas in Mexico, in what could only be known as "the match from hell." Waselenchuk and Green fought it out to the bitter end until Waselenchuk finally emerged victorious with scores of 11-9, 4-11, 11-9, 11-10 in quarterfinal play. The pair thoroughly entertained spectators with a total of 74 dives ... none exactly of the swan variety.

Veteran Canadian team member, Josée Grand'Maitre of Quebec, captured the women's '99 national crown, defeating Lucie Guillemette (her own doubles partner) quite handily in the finals with a 11-2, 11-4, 11-2 victory. "I am very pleased with my performance during the past year. It was a very important step to win the Nationals to ensure a spot at the Pan Am Games," said the exuberant Grand'Maitre. Grand'Maitre was '96 Canadian National Racquetball Champion and '98 runner-up.



Prince Albert's Lori-Jane Powell captured third place after her 11-9, 11-5, 11-0 victory over Debbie Ward of Prince George, British Columbia.

1999 CANADIAN NATIONAL RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS | FINAL RESULTS

MENS OPEN SINGLES: 1. Kane Waselenchuk (Alberta), 2. Sherman Greenfeld (Manitoba). **MA:** 1. Randy Pentland (Alberta), 2. Luke Coughy (Newfoundland). **MB:** 1. Cam Bourque (Alberta), 2. Brian Dunbar (British Columbia). **MC:** 1. Michael Carille (Alberta), 2. Robert Suga (Ontario). **MD:** 1. Jason Clunis (Ontario), 2. Scott Johanson (Alberta). **M35A:** 1. Brian Valin (Ontario), 2. Dwayne Kohuch (Manitoba). **M35 B/C:** 1. Marc Caodette (Alberta), 2. Ken Barteski (Saskatchewan). **M40+A:** 1. Cliff Hendrickson (Alberta), 2. Michel Gagnon (Quebec). **M40+B:** 1. Mike Noguera (Quebec), 2. Gord Milner (Quebec). **M45:** 1. Carman Rotondo (Ontario), 2. Bob Kowalski (Alberta). **M45+B:** 1. Andray Monnier (Quebec), 2. Dave Bell (Nova Scotia). **M50+:** 1. Eric Easton (Newfoundland), 2. Al McLaughlin (Alberta). **M55+:** 1. Bruce Stocks (Ontario), 2. Peter Silver (Quebec). **M60+:** 1. Bob Doyle (Quebec), 2. Dave Fisher (Ontario). **M65+:** 1. Ron Stone (Ontario), 2. Eduardo Boyer (Quebec). **WHEELCHAIR:** 1. Mark Cormack (British Columbia), 2. Ken Michaylenko (British Columbia).

WOMENS OPEN SINGLES: 1. Josée Grand'Maitre (Quebec), 2. Lucie Guillemette (Quebec). **WA/B:** 1. Cheryl Irving (Quebec), 2. Sara Jane Schmidt (Alberta). **WC:** 1. Shirley Pearson (Alberta), 2. Sue MacLeod (Nova Scotia). **WD:** 1. Greeba DeSouza (Alberta), 2. Heather Hamelin (Manitoba). **W35+:** 1. Diane Hambley (British Columbia), 2. Karen Hale (Saskatchewan). **W45+:** 1. Penny Pratt (Manitoba), 2. Aline Martel (Quebec).

MENS OPEN DOUBLES: 1. Roger Harripersad/Kelly Kerr (Alberta/British Columbia), 2. Mike Ceresia/Mike Green (Ontario). **MB:** 1. Gavin Kayne/Dino Marchiori (Ontario), 2. Terry Nelson/Tom Mills (Ontario). **MC:** 1. Claude Litchfield/Rob DiMichele (Ontario), 2. Baldwin Philip/Austin Crawford (Ontario). **M35A:** 1. Bill Shepley/Randy Pentland (Alberta), 2. Michel Gagnon/Cliff Henderickson (Quebec/Alberta). **M35C:** 1. M. Caouette/G. Krouse (Alberta), 2. Mario DiMello/Dave Bell (Nova Scotia). **M45+:** 1. C. O'Shea/A. Monnier (Quebec), 2. B. Kowalski/E. Brown (Alberta). **M55:** 1. B. Stocks/P. Silver (Ontario/Quebec), 2. J. Carderelli/P. Pylypiv (Ontario).

WOMENS OPEN DOUBLES: 1. Debbie Ward/Lori-Jane Powell (British Columbia/Saskatchewan), 2. Karina Odegard/Amanda MacDonald (Saskatchewan). **WB/C:** 1. D. Harvey/A. Martel (Quebec), 2. M. Lacroix/S. Pearson (Alberta).

MIXED A DOUBLES: 1. Julie Dechene/Doug Forbes (Ontario), 2. Wendy Lee Naciuk/Brian Dunbar (Ontario/British Columbia). **MX B/C:** 1. M. Caouette/S. Pearson (Alberta), 2. C. Bourque/M. Lacroix (Alberta).

GERMAN OPEN

Submitted by Mike Mesecke

The 18th German Open, one of Europe's biggest racquetball tournaments, was held on April 9-11 in Hamburg and featured Fabian Balmori, No. 1 player from Venezuela and quarterfinalist at the 1998 World Championships as the top seed.

Broadcast and press coverage of over 50 players from seven countries showed everybody that Europe's finest Racquetball players are ready to compete in the upcoming European Championships in Bad Toelz (July 20-25). But it was Fabian Balmori who dominated the Mens Open division. After victories against Germany's top players Dieter Stengl (Round of 16) and Ralf Klinke (Quarterfinals), Fabian won in two straight games against legendary Achim Loof, 3-time European Champion and still one of Europe's dominating racquetball players in the Semis.

On the other side of the draw, it was Trevor Hayter who made his way to the semi-final where he met his former student Martin Klippel, 18-year old German talent. "Martin is getting better and better," Trevor said after a close three-game victory, "it becomes more and more difficult to win against him, but this time I was the lucky one again."

Too bad that Trevor, the player with the best serve in Europe, had no luck in the finals when he lost the game after a 15:9 in the first game with 15:9/1:15/3:11. "Even though I tried to serve as good as I can, Fabian always had a better answer, he put a lot of pressure on me", Trevor said.

The Womens Open division was dominated by Andrea Gordon from Fulda, Germany, but now living in Savannah, GA, by winning against Carmen Carstens from Hamburg. German National champion Yvonne Kortess (Bad Toelz) made third place after a close match against Carmen in the semi finals.

18th GERMAN OPEN FINAL RESULTS

Hamburg: APRIL 9-11, 1999

Mens Open: 1. Fabian Balmori (ESP) def. 2. Trevor Hayter (GER) 9-15, 15-1, 11-3. 3. Martin Klippel (GER). **Mens B:** 1. Joerg Ludwig (GER), 2. Thomas Gennrich (GER), 3. Erik Mcquire (USA). **Mens C:** 1. Arne Schmitz (GER), 2. Tobi Paulsen



(GER), 3. Gun Choi (GER); **Womens Open:** 1. Andrea Gordon (GER), 2. Carmen Carstens (GER), 3. Yvonne Kortess (GER). **Seniors 35+:** 1. Bjoern Jensen (GER), 2. Vincent Arcouette (USA), 3. Antonio Bebia (ESP). **Doubles:** 1. Michiel van der Holst/Pascal Matla (NED) def. 2. Achim Loof/Ralf Lysakowski (GER/AUT) 8-15, 15-10, 11-9; 3. Bernd Droege/Ralf Klinke (GER). **Juniors U11:** 1. Jan Jensen (GER), 2. Tobias Schunke (GER), 3. Maxi Florian (GER). **Juniors U15:** 1. Jan Buchholtz (GER), 2. Gun Choi (GER), 3. Arne Schmitz (GER)



TOP: TREVOR HAYTER PREPARES TO SERVE AGAINST FABIAN BALMORE IN THE MEN'S FINAL. BOTTOM: DOUBLES CHAMPIONS PASCAL MATLA AND MICHEL VAN DER HOLST OF THE NETHERLANDS. PHOTOS: COURTESY RAMONA VONONDARZA.

International Night of Celebration scheduled at Promus U.S. OPEN

Growing numbers of international competitors who make the Promus U.S. OPEN a part of the annual playing schedules has prompted the event to host a special "International Night" at this year's event. A reception will be held on December 1 at the Racquet Club of Memphis to honor all IRF countries, players, coaches and officials in attendance. Over 12 countries competed in the 1998 Promus U.S. OPEN.

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MEN

Men's Elite

1. Brian Pointelin, CO
2. Jim Derks, AK
3. Ben Simons, AZ
4. Bruce Moore, NJ
- 5T. Chris Baker, MS
- 5T. John Boswell, CA
- 5T. Ira Holland, VA
- 5T. Chris Wachtel, OH

Men's 24-A/B

1. Ryan Lindell, OR
2. Brian Williford, TX
3. Stan Shaw IV, MA
4. Nantille Boards, TN
- 5T. Shawn Barrera, TX
- 5T. Dan Beaudry, CO
- 5T. Cory Martin, WI
- 8T. Jamie Edwards, TX
- 8T. Miguel Escobedo, TX
- 8T. Keith Taylor, NC

Men's 24-C/D

1. Jason Hicks, KY
- 2T. Sid Harshavat, IL
- 2T. Kris Robinson, KY
- 4T. Ryan Bush, PA
- 4T. Rex Fisher, OH
- 6T. Amarinder Bedi, TX
- 6T. Jason Ganahl, MO
- 6T. Dustin Kidder, LA
9. Nicholas Cline, MI
10. David Bellow, TX

Men's 25-A/B

1. Dave Bartscher, TX
2. John Schiavi, MD
- 3T. Tony Rosales, AK
- 3T. Darrel Zaleski, WI
5. Troy Stevens, NE
- 6T. Kevin Murphy, NY
- 6T. Sandy Stephens, VA
- 8T. Greg Badger, MO
- 8T. Roy Ballou, OK
- 8T. Rob Cook, VA

Men's 25-C/D

1. Wes McDonald, LA
2. Luis Garcia III, TX
- 3T. Craig Sparks, AR
- 3T. Richard Wells, IL
5. Grant Macuba, IL
6. Greg Benjamin, IL
- 7T. Wm. Allen Ayers, AR
- 7T. Thurman Brooks, MO
- 7T. Emmanuel Drege, TX
- 7T. Twayne Howard, MI

Men's 35-A/B

1. Lynn Johnson, OK
2. Wayne Gonsalves, NY
- 3T. Eduardo Munoz, TX
- 3T. Don Sanderson, UT
5. Patrick Gibson, TX
6. Stephen Rapp, MO
- 7T. Ron Fowler, GA
- 7T. Steve Myers, MD
- 9T. Richard Dargan, MO
- 9T. Mario Jasso, OK

Men's 35-C/D

1. Richard Golden, TX
2. Wayne Skinner, LA
- 3T. Dan Carey, TX
- 3T. Juan Soto, SC
- 5T. Curtis Binz, MO
- 5T. Robert Livell, MO
- 5T. Melvin Todd, TX
- 8T. Brian Sanderford, AR
- 8T. Lynn Stephens, NC
10. David Dominiak, OK

Men's 45-A/B

1. Ron Fowler, GA
- 2T. Keith Butts, TX
- 2T. Steve Terry, MO
- 4T. Steve Conn, LA
- 4T. Walter McDade, TN
6. Gus Sanchez, TX
- 7T. Richard Aitken, TN
- 7T. Leo Klimaitis, IL
- 9T. Terry Albright, MO
- 9T. William Cannon, AL

Men's 45-C/D

1. Donnie Crowe, LA
2. Jerry Williams, TX
3. David Carter, TX
4. Warren Reynolds, MO
5. Jack Morgenroth, OH
- 6T. John Canale, FL
- 6T. Robert Jacobs, MS
- 8T. David Bals, MO
- 8T. Tom Curran, OH
- 8T. Dan Locuss, MO

Men's 55-A/B

1. Paul Lowe, TX
2. Bob Coe, TX
3. Tom Fehsel, IL
4. Graig Shaak, FL
- 5T. Ken Foster, TX
- 5T. Wayne Toyne, VA
7. Don Rains, TX
- 8T. Don Davis, IL
- 8T. Peyton Dorsett, TX
- 8T. Al Miller, OH

Men's 55-C/D

1. Grant Morrill, PA
2. George Scheffel, MI
3. Bill Dunn, TX
- 4T. John Chromy, LA
- 4T. Ralph Temple, GA
6. Skip Kiphart, TX
- 7T. Fred Howlett, NJ
- 7T. Leo Kouremetis, AK
- 7T. Bill Reese, TX
10. Bob Fennell, TX

WOMEN

Women's Elite

1. Denise Mock, TX
2. Jo Shattuck, CO
3. Brenda White, IL
4. Jennifer Dering, NY
- 5T. Shari Coplen, MO
- 5T. Stephanie Munger, AK
- 5T. Ines Queiros, CT
- 5T. Michelle Wiragha, VA

Women's 24-A/B

1. Janel Tisinger, CA
2. Brenna Bilbrough, OR
3. Kelley Fisher, OH
4. Adrienne Fisher, OH
5. Danielle Jameson, TN

Women's 25-A/B

1. Veronica Ramirez, TX
2. Lia Sullins, TX
3. Rhonda Kochis, OK
- 4T. Jill Nelson, IL
- 4T. Kristen Sutek, TX
6. Gina Harwood, TX
- 7T. Vivian Gomez, FL
- 7T. Nathania Stewart, GA
9. Melissa Zantop, CO
10. Ann Doucette, ME

Women's 25-C/D

1. Lynn Hiorns, IL
2. Carla Thompson, CO
3. Rhonda Kochis, OK
4. Kristie Johnson, TX
5. Camille Hatcher, SC
- 6T. Carol Anderson, IA
- 6T. Judy Justice, SC
- 6T. Sonia Vasquez, TX
- 9T. Ashley Darmer, VA
- 9T. Lia Sullins, TX

Women's 35-A/B

1. Gladys Leonard, VA
2. Lori Edmonds, NE
- 3T. Sheri Kinnaman, AR

- 3T. Sheri Zappala, NY
- 5T. Mary Crawford, IL
- 5T. Kelly Goddard, VA
7. Sherry Richardson, TX
8. Bev Austin, CA
- 9T. Debra Hanneman, OK
- 9T. Corinne Karnbach, FL

Women's 35-C/D

1. Janice Kennedy, GA
2. Beth Rist, LA
3. Suzanne DeNeal, OK
4. Alice Avchen, FL
5. Pamela Trent, MD
6. Gail Gabrysh, TX
- 7T. Julia Dial, SC
- 7T. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 7T. Judy Mesecher, TX
- 7T. Joanna Reyes, TX

Women's 45-A/B

1. Carmen Alatorre-Martin, VA
- 2T. Sharon Barrett, TX
- 2T. Donna Cooper, TX
4. Sharon Huczek, MI
- 5T. Dianne Pratt, WA
- 5T. Pattie Schof, LA
- 5T. Karen Weins, FL
8. Lynne Weisbart, IL
- 9T. Cynthia Huge, CT
- 9T. Shirley Parsons, CO

Women's 45-C/D

1. Linda George, KS
2. Jane Bentley, NM
3. JoJo Lindquist, FL
4. Anita Cordero, TX
5. Pat Morrison, OK

Women's 55-A/B

1. Marquita Molina, CA
2. Gail Schaefer, MD
3. Louise Graham, WI
4. LaVonne Kohlhepp, WI
5. Annabelle Kovar, NE

**Rankings Dated: June 10, 1999
(includes National Singles)**

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☐ 45+	☐ 25+ A/B
☐ 50+	☐ 25+ C/D
☐ 55+	☐ 35+ A/B
☐ 60+	☐ 35+ C/D
☐ 65+	☐ 45+ A/B
☐ 70+	☐ 45+ C/D
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Back to Basics

Josee Grand'Maitre has been taking care of Canada's finest athletes for years as the athlete services coordinator at the National Multisport Centre in Montreal. So, when the Canadian Olympic Association extended her a \$5,000 grant under the Athlete Fund as one of the top-eight performers in the world of racquetball, she said "No, thanks." Eh?

The COA gave Grand'Maitre 5,000 bucks and she gave it back with a message that there are developing athletes who need the handout more than she does.

"They (the COA) were amazed an athlete would do that," said Grand'Maitre, a member of the Canadian National Racquetball Team since 1988. "Basically, I'm not a person with big revenue. I'm not in a rich sport and I don't have sponsorships. But I do have a full-time job that I can combine with my training and I do know what a lot of other athletes have to go through trying to make ends meet." Bravo, Josee.



19th Japan Open

by Yasushi Tanaharra

About 400 players competed for three skill level titles at the 19th Japan Open. Matches were played at five venues around the Tokyo area.

The Japan Open has been an event where many foreign players of great skill and power gave influence and inspiration to Japanese racquetball fans. In fact, in the men's division, 11 out of 19 titles were won by players like: Rally Fox, Scott Schafer, Ross Harvey, and brothers Egan and Ensen Inoue.

This year, we welcomed four Germans and three Korean top players and other foreign players living in Japan. Among these, Scott Schafer who won the title in 1985 and in '90, again claimed number one and proved that he can still beat Japan's top players.

In the women's division, current national champion Hiromi Miyamoto won her fourth title, second consecutive.

Final Results — Men's Open: 1. Scott Schafer; 2. Bunya Hasegawa; 3. Yoshihiko Higashi & Hiroshi Shimizu. Men's B: 1. Morio Takahashi; 2. Tero Shimizu; 3. Yoshinori Mantani & Yasuhii Tanahara. Men's C: 1. Yasuo Noguchi; 2. Katuya Kiyono; 3. Takayuki Hirono & Masato Sibuya. Women's Open:

1. Hiromi Miyamoto; 2. Sigemi Yasuda; 3. Toshiko Sakamoto & Naomi Wakimoto. Women's B: 1. Maiko Satoh; 2. Tomie Ootawara; 3. Saho Oohasi & Yoko Nakayama. Women's C: 1. Kanako Ando; 2. Akiko Ashita; 3. Yoko Yamashita & Noriko Ueda.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR APPOINTED

Dave Bell, President of Racquetball Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mark Cormack to the Position of Program Coordinator.

Mark is a multi-year National Wheelchair racquetball champion and former national team member. Mark has previously worked with The Provincial Wheelchair Sports Association in British Columbia. With his experience as an athlete and as an administrator within the sporting community, Mark has the expertise and knowledge of our sport that will enable him to effectively help deliver and implement new and existing programs that will promote and ensure the long term growth of racquetball.

Mark commented: "I am very excited and looking forward to being involved with Racquetball Canada again. As a player I have established many friendships throughout the years and am excited about renewing these relationships as well as developing new ones. I look forward to the challenge of helping to promote and strengthen our sport and its programs as we move into the new millenium."

Mark can be reached as follows: Mark Cormack, #101-4255 Guest Cresent, Prince George, British Columbia, V2N 3G9 250 564-5594 (phone), nrc@netbistro.com (E-mail)

In Memoriam

Canada's Rodney Lee succumbed to his long bout with cancer on the morning of May 10. A member of Racquetball Canada's Board of Directors as a provincial representative for British Columbia since 1989, Lee was elected as a Director-at-Large in '91 and took over the finance portfolio. In charge of the finances until his passing, Lee delivered an annual financial surplus in each year as the Vice President of Finance. This year will mark another year-end surplus moving Racquetball Canada from a \$70,000 deficit in '90 to the present day surplus of and excess of \$50,000. Lee is survived by his wife Audrey, son Jamie and daughter Katie.

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Three persons will be elected to the USRA Board of Directors in May of 2000. Interested candidates can get on the ballot in two ways: by committee nomination (contact a board member) or by petition (with the signatures of 100 licensed USRA members). To obtain petition forms, write the USRA at 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2921. Signatures must be obtained between October 1 and December 15, 1999 — with completed forms submitted to

the national office no later than December 30 for verification. The term of office is three years and includes the commitment to attend two annual meetings (in the spring and fall), serve responsibly and take a leadership role on committees.

In support of the nominating process, interested individuals are invited to serve on the nominating committee which makes preliminary review of candidate qualifications, followed by recommending an approved slate of candidates. If you are interested in serving in this capacity for a two-year term, please contact this year's committee chair Ron Maggard, 64 Anchor Drive, Lake Tapawingo, MO 64015, or email to: RMSales2@aol.com by AUGUST 30.

july ...

July 16-18	Big Brothers/Big Sisters @ Courts Plus of New Bern	New Bern, NC	252-633-2221
	Happy Days & Special Times @ St. Andrews Family Center	Charleston, SC	843-971-0829
July 17	Hot Tamale Shootout @ Racquetball & Fitness	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
	Summer Pick of the Pairs @ Allentown Racquet Club	Allentown, PA	610-821-1300
July 17-18	Virginia Commonwealth Games @ Lancerlot Sports Complex	Vinton, VA	540-981-0205
July 23-25	Bluegrass State Games @ Univ. Of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	606-223-1699
	Harbour Island Athletic Club Open	Tampa, FL	813-881-1088
July 24-Aug. 8	Pan American Games	Winnipeg, Canada	719-635-5396
July 24	Summer Shoot-Out @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
July 30	Ballard Open @ Olympic Athletic Club	Seattle, WA	206-789-5010
July 30-Aug. 1	8th Annual Summerfest @ Glass Court Swim & Fitness	Lombard, IL	630-629-3390
July 31	Doubles Warm-Up @ Quad West Athletic Club	Clearwater, FL	727-535-4901

august ...

August 5-8	Summer Cooler Pro-Am @ Elmwood Fitness Center	Harahan, LA	504-468-2813
August 6-7	Friendly's Restaurant Doubles @ Nautilus Fitness Center	Erie, PA	814-868-0072
	Robious Summer Open @ Robious Sports & Fitness	Richmond, VA	804-330-2222
August 7	One Day Shoot-Out @ Maverick Athletic Club	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
August 13	Summer Splat @ Greenville Racquet & Fitness	Greenville, SC	864-281-1983
	Merritt Open @ Merritt Athletic Club-Security	Baltimore, MD	703-527-7785
August 13-15	Florida State Doubles @ Orlando Fitness & Racquet [3]	Orlando, FL	407-645-3550
August 20-22	Best of Texas @ Racquetball & Fitness	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
August 21	Doubles Shoot-Out @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
Aug. 31-Sept. 4	IRF 11th World Senior Racquetball Championships [5]	Albuquerque, NM	505-266-8960

september ...

September 4	Warren Finn @ JCC	Houston, TX	713-551-7211
September 10	SE Regional Doubles @ RacquetPower	Jacksonville, FL	904-241-6789
September 10-12	Fall Classic @ Maverick Athletic Club	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
September 17-19	American Family Open @ American Family Fitness	Richmond, VA	804-330-3400
	Outback Blast It @ The Sports Center	Fayetteville, NC	910-864-3303
September 24-26	Lifestyle Open @ Lifestyle Fitness & Racquetball Club	St. Petersburg, FL	727-347-7701
	Texas State Doubles @ Northwest Fitness Center [3]	Houston, TX	713-895-8688

october ...

October 1	Lakeland YMCA Open	Lakeland, FL	941-644-3528
October 6-10	Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships [6]	Baltimore, MD	719-635-5396
October 22-24	Paul Gorman Memorial @ Interbay-Glover YMCA	Tampa, FL	813-839-0210

november ...

November 5-7	Froggy Open @ Nautilus Fitness Center	Erie, PA	814-868-0072
	NFC Tournament @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
	Harbour Island Athletic Club Open	Tampa, FL	813-881-1088

calendar...calendar...

November 12-14	High Sierra Shootout @ Snowcreek Athletic Club Mammoth Lakes, CA	760-935-4525
	Winter Classic @ Quad West Athletic Club. Clearwater, FL	727-535-4901
November 14-15	Turkey Shoot @ Player's Athletic Club Warren, MI	810-774-6900
November 19	Holiday Cash Classic @ The Orlando Fitness & Racquet Orlando, FL	407-645-3550
November 19-21	Turkey Shoot @ Sports Club Of Asheville. Asheville, NC	704-252-0222
NEW DATE FOR PROMUS U.S. OPEN! SEE ENTRY [center insert] for details!		
Nov. 30 - Dec. 5	Promus Hotel Corporation 4th U.S. Open [5]. Memphis, TN	719-635-5396

december ...

December 4	One Day Shoot-Out @ Maverick Athletic Club. Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
December 11	Holiday Shoot-Out @ Northwest Fitness Center Houston, TX	713-895-8688
December 11-13	The Whole Enchilada @ Racquetball & Fitness San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
December 17-21	ProKennex 11th IRF World Junior Champs [5]. Fountain Valley, CA	719-635-5396

upcoming 1999 national & international events ...

July 14-17	NMRA International Masters Invitational [5] Champaign, IL	217-351-9093
July 24- Aug. 8	Pan American Games Winnipeg, Canada	719-635-5396
Aug.31- Sept.4	IRF 11th World Senior Racquetball Championships [5] Albuquerque, NM	505-266-8960
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December 17-21	ProKennex 11th IRF World Junior Championships [5] Fountain Valley, CA	719-635-5396

2000 ...

January 13-16	USRA Leadership Conference . . . U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO	719-635-5396
January 21-23	Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Association Championships [5]. . . Baltimore, MD	410-655-7958
February 16-19	NMRA U.S. Masters Singles Invitational [5] Fountain Valley, CA	816-229-1300
March 3-5	Wilson 13th USRA National High School Championships [6]. TBA	719-635-5396
April 5-9	E-Force 28th IRF World Intercollegiate Championships [5] TBA	719-635-5396
April 13-16	Ektelon USRA Regional Championships [4] Nationwide	719-635-5396
April 14-23	PARC Tournament of the Americas Cochabamba, Bolivia	719-635-5396
May 24-29	Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships [6]. Houston, Texas	719-635-5396
June 24-28	Head 27th USRA Junior Olympic Championships [6]. TBA	719-635-5396
July 12-15	NMRA International Masters Invitational Colorado Springs, CO	816-229-1300
August 4-12	IRF 10th World Championships San Luis Potosi, Mexico	719-635-5396

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• **For remaining sanctioned events [brackets] indicate event level (unmarked = Level 2)**

• **Please note: USRA memberships are processed by month, not date ... when expiration is shown as 08/99, you must renew your membership in the month of August in order to play in any sanctioned events held that month.**



**New date! November 30
through December 5 ... in
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ticket ordering information.**



Grace Period! This issue's ranking list includes all currently ranked players — members or not. The "not a member" publication policy will be re-instated for the September-October edition.

MEN

Men's Open

1. Dan Llacera, DE
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Adam Karp, CA
- 4T. Michael Bronfeld, CA
- 4T. Todd O'Neil, TX
6. Matt Gehling, MD
7. Doug Ganim, OH
8. Brian Fredenberg, TX
9. John Davis, LA
10. Mike Johnston, CO

Men's A

1. Barney Revuelta, TX
2. David Ghio, CA
3. Mike Cole, NH
4. Fernando Gambirazio, CA
5. Travis Woodbury, VA
6. Sanjay Laforest, NY
7. Doug Brehm, TN
- 8T. Seth Parker, PA
- 8T. Keith Taylor, NC
10. Brian Mathieu, LA

Men's B

1. Ryan Lindell, OR
2. Eddie Pavloski, TX
3. Angelo Perilli, PA
4. Bill Boada, LA
5. Felix Marrero, LA
6. Tony Garcia, TX
7. Dan Shupsky, FL
8. Joe Bonavita, DE
9. Cary Slade, IL
10. Joe Dörner, FL

Men's C

1. Peter Michael, TX
2. Donnie Crowe, LA
3. Craig Sparks, AR
4. Wes McDonald, LA
- 5T. Matt Clark, IA
- 5T. Eric Fritchley, OH
- 5T. Melvin Todd, TX
8. Roger Dial, SC
9. Andy Silva, FL
10. Todd Christopherson, MN

Men's D

- 1T. Jerry Buchanan, LA
- 1T. Garry Carter, CA
- 3T. Ryan Kinnaman, AR
- 3T. Matt Stroup, NJ
5. Kris Robinson, KY
6. David Eaton, OH
7. Dan Robinson, UT
8. Drew Toland, AR
9. Mike Keddie, NH

10. Brad Vaughn, NC

Men's Novice

1. Bobby Lavelle, OH
2. Chad Chaloux, NH
3. Carlos Guzman, TX
4. Tavares Patton, NY
- 5T. Robert Lee, NM
- 5T. Christopher Nichols, AR
- 7T. Felix Ruiz, NJ
- 7T. Bill Trott, AZ
- 9T. Matt Keddie, NH
- 9T. Craig Mirsky, PA

Men's 24-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Ryan Homa, WI
3. Jack Long, TX
4. Brad Hansen, IA
5. Kyle Veenstra, WI
6. Mike Harmon, FL
- 7T. Josh Tucker, MO
- 7T. Dan Whitley, MO
- 9T. Jeff Bloom, LA
- 9T. Bart Crawford, OR

Men's 25+

1. Mike Locker, MN
2. Rob DeJesus, AZ
3. Sameer Hadid, CA
- 4T. Kevin Graham, ND
- 4T. Barney Revuelta, TX
- 6T. Scott Grunin, NY
- 6T. Al Schof, LA
- 8T. Jeff Arnett, MO
- 8T. Chris Zalegowski, NH
10. Tony Shawver, GA

Men's 30+

1. John Davis, LA
2. Jeff Bell, AZ
- 3T. John Collison, DE
- 3T. Brad McCuniff, IA
- 3T. David Watson, OK
6. Hector Capo, FL
7. Alan Sheppard, NC
8. David Smith, GA
9. Jim Frautschi, MN
10. Ira Holland, VA

Men's 35+

1. Mitch Smith, PA
2. Dave Eagle, OH
3. David Watson, OK
4. Bobby Haab, CT
- 5T. David Lockridge, GA
- 5T. Jimmy Lowe, AK
7. Tom Utterback, IL
8. Bill Serafin, NJ
9. Gary Tanko, WI
10. Scott Cullins, FL

Men's 40+

1. Don Ott, IN
2. Michael Anderson, MI
3. Walter Schramm, NY
4. Steve Wattz, CA

5. Tom Travers, OH
6. Roger Miller, VA
7. Bill Yates, OH
8. Gary Tanko, WI
- 9T. Greg Diaz, FL
- 9T. Dan Hardan, WA

Men's 45+

1. Gary Mazaroff, NM
2. Jim Luzar, WI
3. Dominic Palmieri, OH
4. Steve Silverman, SC
5. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
6. Don Prater, FL
7. Ed Garabedian, PA
8. Tom Travers, OH
- 9T. Richard Bocanegra, KS
- 9T. Russ Palazzo, CT

Men's 50+

1. Greg Hasty, IL
2. Bill Welaj, NJ
3. Ed Remen, NC
4. Tom McKie, TX
5. Jim Bailey, VA
6. Dan Davis, TX
7. Ron Galbreath, PA
8. Don Scales, TX
9. Mark Daigle, NY
10. Doug Douville, UT

Men's 55+

1. Glenn Allen, VA
2. Ray Huss, OH
3. Warren Reuther, LA
4. Jim Trammell, MO
5. Bob Coe, TX
6. Ron Galbreath, PA
7. Mike Aubrey, AZ
8. G. Kyle Smith, TX
9. Len Wilson, PA
10. Peter Silver, FL

Men's 60+

1. Lee Graff, OR
2. Rex Lawler, IN
- 3T. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
- 3T. Jerry Holly, CA
5. Ron Adams, CA
6. Jim Wilking, UT
7. Grant Morrill, PA
- 8T. George Wade, MO
- 8T. Bob Webster, AL
10. Jerry Northwood, AZ

Men's 65+

1. Don Alt, FL
2. Paul Banales, AZ
3. Otis Chapman, OH
4. John O'Donnell, IL
5. Don Maxey, TX
- 6T. Charles Kaiser, MI
- 6T. Skip Kiphart, TX
- 6T. Bob Kleinschmidt, MN
- 6T. Clement McIntosh, GA
- 6T. Ken Moore, CA

Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. Barney Friesth, SD
- 3T. Bill Reese, TX
- 3T. Mal Roberts, FL
- 5T. Philip Dziuk, IL
- 5T. Victor Sacco, NY
- 7T. Chuck Lake, VA
- 7T. Chuck Martarano, IL
9. Stan Fugate, FL
10. Bob Fraser, NV

Men's 75+

1. Nick Sans, CA
2. Earl Acuff, NC
3. Robert McAdam, TX
4. J.W. Studak, TX
5. Bill Matotan, NM
6. Al Romero, NM
7. Cam Snowberger, SC
8. Carlton Appleby, CA
9. Mike Friedman, ME
10. Peter Farina, AZ

Men's 80+

1. George Spear, FL
2. Earl Acuff, NC
3. Charlie Russell, CA
- 4T. Harold Brody, NY
- 4T. Ben Marshall, TX
- 4T. Ben Penchan, TN
- 4T. Harry Steinman, MD
8. George Golsen, NV
9. Bill Sherman, TX
10. Walter Gardner, UT

Men's 85+

1. Harry Steinman, MD
2. Ralph Hoyle, NY

WOMEN

Women's Open

1. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
2. Denise Mock, TX
3. Kerri Stoffregen, IL
- 4T. Sadie Gross, TN
- 4T. Robin Levine, CA
6. Ines Queiros, CT
7. Laura Fenton, OR
8. Lydia Hammock, CA
9. Kersten Hallander, CA
10. Jere Luttner, TX

Women's A

1. Esther McNany, CT
2. Janel Tisinger, CA
3. Sharon Steele, SC
4. Christina Pastore, MA
- 5T. Kelly Goddard, VA
- 5T. Shirley Parsons, CO
- 5T. Sheri Zappala, NY
8. Lori Edmonds, NE
9. Gina Harwood, TX
10. Patrice Calvi, IL

Women's B

1. Michelle Poage, AK
2. Diane Taylor-Whitman, MA
- 3T. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
- 3T. Kathy Welker, TX
5. Renee Kemp, MD
6. Rhonda Kochis, OK
7. Catherine Radloff, IL
8. Charlotte Kochersperger, PA
9. Ashley Schuchmann, OH
10. Pam Grace, IL

Women's C

1. Cheryl Kirk, IL
2. Alice Avchen, FL
3. Janice Kennedy, GA
4. Sharon Curran-Wilks, NC
- 5T. Stephanie Guthrie, GA
- 5T. Beth Rist, LA
- 7T. Ann Debose, TX
- 7T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 9T. Leslie Aulph, MO
- 9T. Angela Cook, PA

Women's D

1. Pamela Trent, MD
- 2T. Ramona Vonondarza, FL
- 2T. Nikki Winfrey, OH
4. Samaria Bennett, TX
5. Gretchen Gobar, NH
6. Sunshine Dryer, OK
7. Carolyn Wilson-Brooks, GA
8. Gennie Salinas, TX
- 9T. Rita Derr, CO
- 9T. Patty Evans, CA

Women's Novice

1. Gretchen Gobar, NH
2. Nancy Bennett, PA
3. Lynette Ross, PA
4. Kelly Parker, ID
5. Gena Reilly, NM
6. Anna Post, VA
- 7T. Theresa Alimena, OH
- 7T. Kim Boehmler, DE
- 7T. Lai Man Cheung, PA
- 7T. Stephanie Garcia, NM

Women's 24-

1. Aimee Roehler, PA
2. Kerri Stoffregen, IL
3. Shannon Feaster, MD
4. Sara Borland, IA
5. Brooke Crawford, OR
- 6T. Megan Bals, NE
- 6T. Kristen Fritz, PA
- 6T. Christina Lewendal, OR
- 6T. Kristen Sutek, TX
10. Kristen Kovar, NE

Women's 25+

1. Heather Dunn, VT
2. Jo Shattuck, CO
- 3T. Jennifer Dering, NY
- 3T. Lori Lepow, FL
5. Jen Yokota, MO
6. Lisa Marie Papp, GA

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7. Kelley Beane, NH
8. Lisa Koolman, PA
9. Holly Remen, NC
10. Kim Herrold, SC

Women's 30+

1. Kim Russell, TN
2. Michelle Wiragh, VA
3. Lorraine Galloway, NY
4. Lori Lepow, FL
5. Kelley Beane, NH
- 6T. Cheryl Conrad, IA
- 6T. B.J. Ehrgott, CT
- 6T. Micky Richer, CO
9. Mindy Hartstein, NY
10. Felicia Mann, MI

Women's 35+

1. Denise Mock, TX
2. Lorraine Galloway, NY
- 3T. B.J. Ehrgott, CT
- 3T. Laura Fenton, OR
5. Holly Remen, NC
6. Debbie Tisinger, CA
7. Kim Machiran, MO
8. Karin Sobotta, WA
9. Paula Saad, MI
10. Jean Trimble, FL

Women's 40+

1. Debbie Tisinger, CA
2. Linda Moore, NE
3. Susan Pfahler, FL
4. Val Shewfelt, UT
5. Janell Marriott, RI
- 6T. Chris Evon, IL
- 6T. Jean Trimble, FL
8. Sherri Feldman, NY
- 9T. Jill Mitchell, AK
- 9T. Peggy Stephens, KY

Women's 45+

1. Brenda White, IL
2. Karen Key, AZ
3. Raymie Roland, CA
4. Jere Luttner, TX
5. Debbie Chaney, IN
6. Janell Marriott, RI
7. Joanne Pomodoro, MA
8. Marsha Berry, KY
9. Deb Mustone, VA
10. Lesley Kishigian, MI

Women's 50+

1. Merijean Kelley, CA
2. Sharon Huczek, MI
3. Donna Ebner, MO
- 4T. Mary Lou Furaus, NM
- 4T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
6. Shelley Ogden, OH
- 7T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
- 7T. Pattie Schof, LA
9. Cathy Stryker, VA
10. CeCe Palaski, CA

Women's 55+

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR

2. Nidia Funes, CA
3. Gail Schaefer, MD
4. Joy DeSantis, CA
5. Mildred Gwinn, NC
6. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
7. Marquita Molina, CA
8. Nancy Kay Butts, WI
9. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
10. Louise Graham, WI

Women's 60+

1. Annabelle Kovar, NE
2. Jo Kenyon, FL
3. Susan Embry, WA
4. LaVonne Kohlhepp, WI
5. Audrey Lenroot, WI
6. Jean Tull, VA
7. B.J. Calloway, GA
8. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
9. Danielle Smith, AK

Women's 65+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Lola Markus, IL
3. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
4. Louise Kiss, NM
5. Marilyn Hoagland, MN
6. Ruth Zenk, FL
7. Paula McNeish, FL

Women's 70+

1. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA
2. Reta Harring, WI
- 3T. Tillie Davies, AZ
- 3T. Mary Lou Kackert, NM

Women's 75+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
2. Christine Stephens, TX
3. Beth Keene, TX
4. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR

BOYS

Boy's 6 & Under

1. Kyle Rynard, IN
2. Joseph Lee, LA
3. Matthew Markert, LA
4. Jake Bredenbeck, MN

B6- Multi-Bounce

1. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
2. Joseph Lee, LA
3. Blake Thompson, OR
4. Matthew Hunter, FL
- 5T. Calvin Godwin, FL
- 5T. Austin Zuck, OR
7. Marco Rojas, CA
8. Taylor Regier, OR
9. James Hardy, OR
10. Brad Falvey, WI

Boy's 8 & Under

1. Ismael Aldana Jr., CA
2. Jordan Faith, CO
3. Trevor Smith, OR

4. Sean Wichers, CO
- 5T. Erick Podwill, OR
- 5T. John Sanderson, UT
7. Jose Rojas, CA
8. Joshua Miller, TX
9. Colin Stock, OR
10. Billy Wainwright, OR

B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Erick Podwill, OR
2. Jordan Faith, CO
3. Joseph Lee, LA
4. Billy Wainwright, OR
5. John Sanderson, UT
6. Calvin Godwin, FL
7. Sean Wichers, CO
8. Colin Stock, OR
9. Miguel Martinez, AK
10. Andrew Peterson, OR

Boy's 10-

1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. Andrew Grissom, CA
3. Mark Beaudry, CO
4. Matt Keddie, NH
5. David Lewis, CO
6. Jonathan Doyle, OH
- 7T. Chris Coy, OK
- 7T. Jamin Godwin, FL
- 7T. Connor Reynolds, GA
10. Allan Crockett, AL

Boy's 12-

1. Chris Coy, OK
2. Drew Toland, AR
3. Dan Sheppick, OR
4. Eddie Mazur, CT
5. David Lewis, CO
6. Joey Lakowske, OR
7. Charlie Pratt, OR
8. David Laforest, NY
9. Mike Keddie, NH
10. Marc Kovalick, FL

Boy's 14-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Ben Croft, IL
3. Bart Crawford, OR
4. Clay Burris, FL
5. Adrian Anulewicz, CT
6. Dan Sheppick, OR
7. Jacob Karmelin, GA
8. Mike Keddie, NH
9. Tim Bjorkman, CO
10. Chris Meyer, OR

Boy's 16-

1. Shane Vanderson, OH
2. Dan Beaudry, CO
3. Joey Delfino, MA
4. Sanjay Laforest, NY
5. Matthew McElhiney, FL
- 6T. Brandon Burgess, CO
- 6T. Rusty Powell, LA
8. Scott Foster, CA
9. Brian Borkowski, DE
10. Justin Meadows, FL

Boy's 18-

1. Rocky Carson, CA
- 2T. Stephen Lewis, WA
- 2T. Stan Shaw IV, MA
4. Josh Tucker, MO
5. Ryan Staten, KS
6. Jeffrey Garner, AL
- 7T. Jack Huczek, MI
- 7T. Shane Vanderson, OH
9. James Marchetti, AK
10. Matt Gehling, MD

GIRLS

G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
2. Amy Willhite, OR
3. Tia Smith, OR
4. Stephanie Rojas, OR
5. Sierra Adam, CO
- 6T. Katie Faith, CO
- 6T. Becca Machiran, MO
- 6T. Tristyn Trelease, OR
- 9T. Ashley Bechard, WI
- 9T. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM

Girl's 8 & Under

1. Shannon Inglesby, OR
2. Wesley Toland, AR
- 3T. Jennifer Fenton, OR
- 3T. Brittany Legget, OR
5. Samantha Pimental, OR
6. Brianna Elder, MD
7. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
- 8T. Sharon Jackson, IN
- 8T. Danielle Key, AZ
10. Stephanie Moyle, OR

G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Sharon Jackson, IN
- 2T. Emily Melgaard, ID
- 2T. Shanae Taylor, IN
4. Cory Laurita, CO
5. Stephanie Moyle, OR
6. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
- 7T. Shannon Inglesby, OR
- 7T. Laura Van Der Veer, OR
9. Amy Willhite, OR
10. Wesley Toland, AR

Girl's 10-

1. Dannielle Pimental, OR
2. Ashley Willhite, OR

3. Kara Mazur, CT
4. Rebeka Kopf, NY
5. Michelle Key, AZ
6. Liz Taylor, OR
7. Katie Wafer, CO
8. Brittany Legget, OR
9. Erin Pratte, NY
10. Jennifer Fenton, OR

Girl's 12-

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH
2. Ashley Legget, OR
3. Derai Darling, OR
4. Kimberly Walsh, UT
5. Brandie Hanson, OR
6. Elise Wilson, CT
- 7T. Jesi Fuller, NM
- 7T. Natalie Starken, WI
9. Kastle Arturo, AK
10. Tiffany Loman, CO

Girl's 14-

1. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
2. Crystal Winfrey, OH
3. Jenny Cary, OR
4. Molly Law, CO
5. Erica Beaudry, CO
6. Adrienne Fisher, OH
7. Kimberly Irons, OH
8. Mary Sweeney, NY
- 9T. Lindsay Deutsch, TX
- 9T. Jesi Fuller, NM

Girl's 16-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
2. Krystal Csuk, IL
3. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
4. Molly Law, CO
5. Nickii Whitney, VT
6. Kristen Kovar, NE
7. Lauren Deutsch, TX
8. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
9. Erica Beaudry, CO
10. Ashley Legget, OR

Girl's 18-

1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Kristen Walsh, UT
3. Sara Borland, IA
4. Michelle Gonzalez, OR
5. Tiffany Sheppick, OR
6. Katie Gould, CA
7. Megan Bals, NE
8. Molly Law, CO
9. Chris Young, AK
10. Meghan Guardiani, MA

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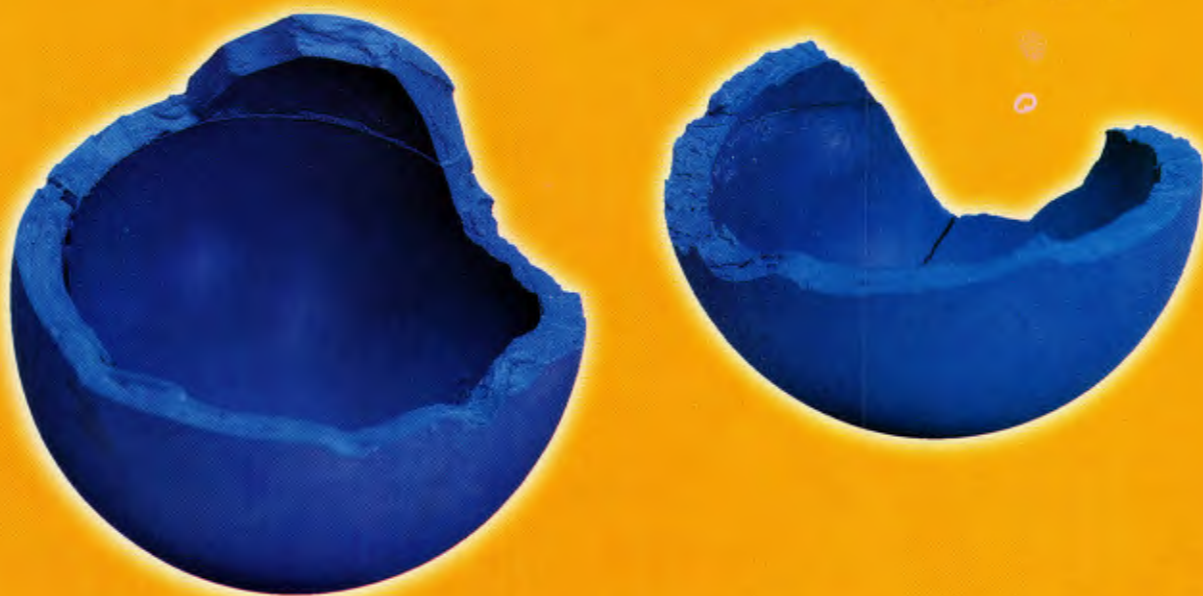
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