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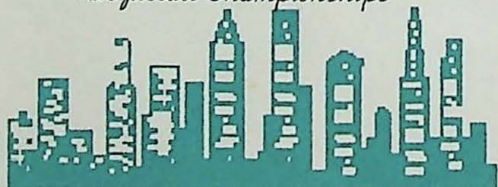
California Represented by Several Top Players

Californians Robin Levine, Jackie Paraiso Gibson, Joy Paraiso Mackenzie, Tony Jelso, John Ellis, and Michael Bronfeld all fared well at the U.S. Olympic Festival held in St. Louis from July 1-10, 1994.

Robin Levine, playing with a severely injured back, was finally forced to forfeit the gold medal round against Cheryl Gudinas of Illinois with a score of 10-10. Levine, injured in practice earlier in the week, had been receiving treatment for pinched nerves in her neck, but continued to win her preliminary matches with the same powerful and determined style she is known for. Levine had already been named to the World Team that traveled to Mexico in August. Michael Bronfeld suffered an unexpected loss and hit to the face by Scott Reiff of Florida, who went on to take a silver medal. "He's a big guy and takes a big swing...I was behind him, but not far enough" said Bronfeld. San Diego twins Jackie Paraiso Gibson and Joy Paraiso Mackenzie won their U.S. team spots by defeating Laura Fenton (Mass.) and Mary Lyons (Fla.). Recent pro national singles winner Sudsy Monchik of Staten Island and partner Tony Jelso of Ventura, Ca., also had team spots in mind when they defeated current world champions Doug Ganim of Ohio and Eric Muller of Kansas in a tiebreaker. After exchanging games one and two, Monchik and Jelso held steady in the deciding third game, keeping Ganim and Muller at six points while they moved into scoring position. Jelso claimed the final point with a forehand reverse pinch to end it at 11-7. John Ellis of Stockton, teamed up with Shane Wood (Mass.) to defeat Michael Bronfeld and Bobby Rodriguez (Colo.) and take home the silver medal.

All gold medal winners were issued a berth on the World Team which traveled to Mexico in August to compete.

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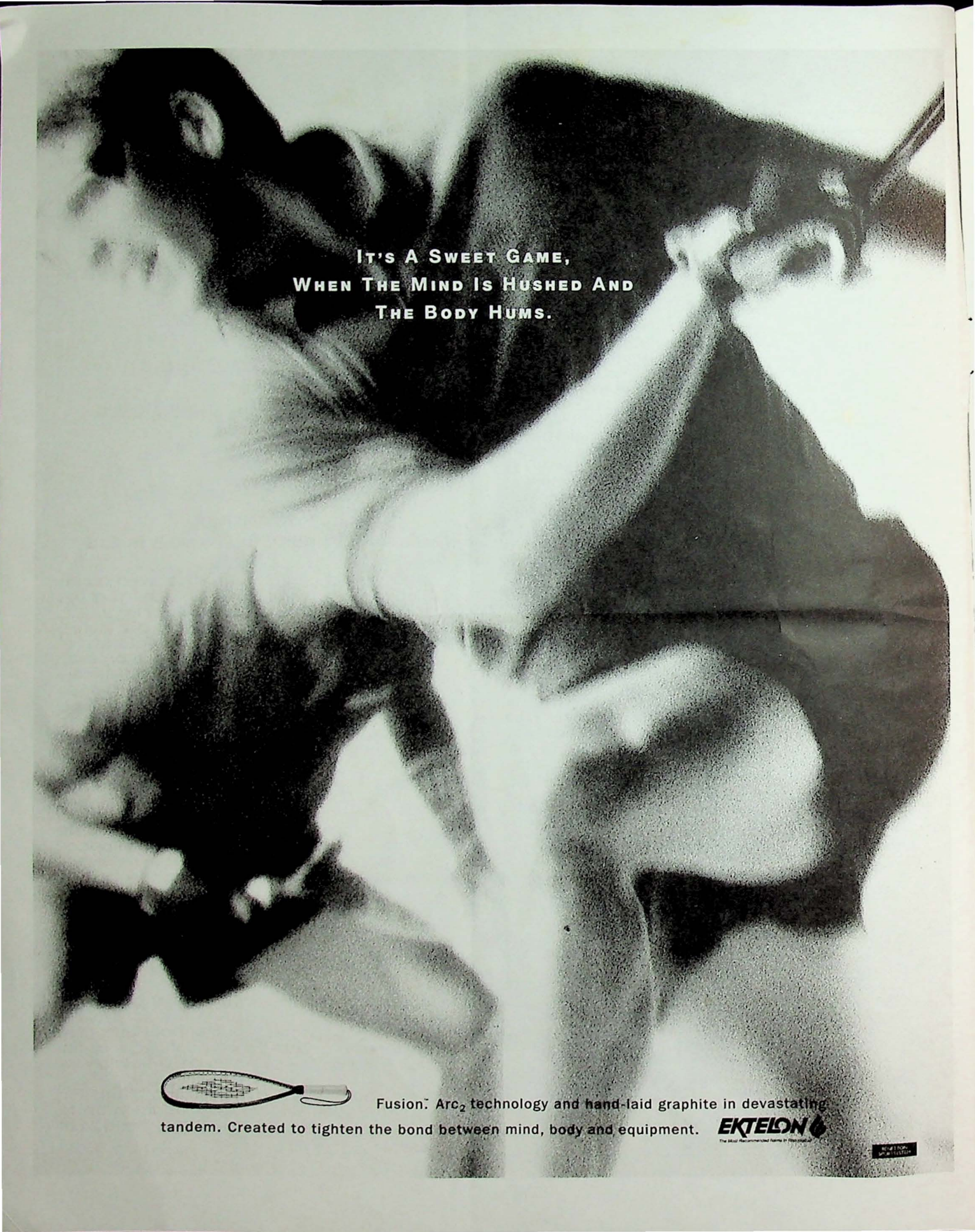
Hawkes Challenged But Prevails In End

Brian Hawkes of Laguna Hills was so relieved during the second game of the singles championship at the Outdoor Racquetball Nationals, he yelled about it. Loudly. "Finally, we've got a game out here," Hawkes screamed to about 400 spectators at Golden West College. For the first time in six or seven years, Hawkes later said, he was challenged. But like past years, Hawkes prevailed, defeating Tony Jelso of Ventura, 15-7, 15-9, to capture his 13th national title in 15 years. "At one point, I was even losing," said Hawkes, 30, who retired from the sport two years ago and now only plays at the nationals.

After cruising in the first game against Jelso, a member of the U.S. National Indoor team, Hawkes trailed 8-4 midway through the second. The defending champion then scored four consecutive points before Jelso called a timeout. Hawkes added one point before yielding service to Jelso. However, Jelso failed to capitalize, surrendering service with the score tied, 9-9. Hawkes jumped on the opportunity and closed out the match by winning the last six points (two on aces).

The stiff competition continued in doubles as Hawkes and partner Craig Lane faced Dan Southern and Greg Freeze. Hawkes and Lane, the three-time defending champions, dropped the first game, 15-10, before storming back to a 15-3 victory in the second. In the final game, Southern of Huntington Beach and Freeze of Lake Forest captured their first title by taking the last five points for an 11-5 victory.

Crew West Sports, Los Caballeros Pro Shop, Pro Kennex, and Golden West College teamed up to produce the event, which was held July 23 and 24 at West College.



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Quality Sunroofs/Courtesy Sports Elite 8 Highlights Kid Phenom Sudsy Monchik Takes No Prisoners

On June 10-12, 1994, Courtesy Sports held the first ever Elite 8 Tournament in Mountain View, CA. The event brought eight of the nations best players to California for a showdown designed to ignite and delight the fans. The Elite field included Michael Bronfeld, Sudsy Monchik, John Ellis, Tim Sweeney, Todd O'Neil, Scott Oliver, Chris Cole and Marty Hogan.

The players were separated into two pools and were seeded according to their finishes at the AARA National Championships. Players in each pool played a round robin format with matches of three games to 11 points each. Each player's total points were used to place the competitors. The top two finishers from each pool advanced to the semi-finals. Once in the semi-finals, normal AARA tournament rules applied.

After the first round, the top finishers were Sudsy Monchik, John Ellis, Marty Hogan and Chris Cole. The singles semi-finals were to be played on Sunday while the doubles semis were held Saturday night. The opening doubles match had Scott Oliver and Marty Hogan face off against Michael Bronfeld and Todd O'Neil (teams were picked out of a hat). Bronfeld/O'Neil won the first game and took a lead in the second game before a real crowd pleaser as Hogan and Oliver lit up the court with great shots and sarcastic commentary. The two battled back and forth from a heavy deficit to bring the second game to a 14-14 tie. The match was decided when O'Neil hit a shot that came off the back wall without a bounce and Oliver was able to follow it all the way to within four feet of the front wall setting up the final side-out of the match. It was perfect, Oliver followed the ball, wound up and missed the ball entirely, giving Bronfeld and O'Neil a ticket to the final!

The second doubles match brought a powerful Monchik/Ellis team to bear against Chris Cole and Tim Sweeney. The match started off badly for the favorites Monchik and Ellis, who had to scramble to keep up with Cole's consistency and Sweeney's complete control as Cole Rolled out shot after shot from 30-39 feet deep. Referee Marty Hogan's stats showed that Cole rolled out 17 straight kills without a miss and 21 of 25 killshots he attempted. When Chris couldn't put the ball down, Sweeney always had a creative and crowd-pleasing shot for a winner. Monchik and Ellis' failure to get anything going earned them the infamous "Twinkie" as they lost the first game 15-1. In the second game, the rout continued and led Sweeney to call for someone to "Stop the bleeding!" before he and Cole won the second game easily. Cole later remarked that his performance was "...probably the best he had ever played in his career."

The doubles final came down to the wire in the second game after Cole and Sweeney won the first game and Bronfeld and O'Neil brought the second game to another 14-14 score. Cole hit what appeared to be another 38-foot rollout for the game but the referee called the shot a skip and sideout. The referee, Hogan, then announced the match would be won by two points. Bronfeld and O'Neil got the first one before they lost the serve and then the match was decided as Cole and Sweeney managed to win the next three points to win the title.

On Sunday, the first singles semi featured Sudsy against Marty Hogan in a battle of talent and crowd-pleasing rhetoric. Sudsy used his phenomenal dives and amazing court coverage to defeat Hogan who demonstrated many of the shots that made him the best the game has ever seen. The second semi resulted in a Chris Cole victory over John Ellis in which Chris managed to hit nearly everything right and where John never seemed to find the groove. This set up a surprise final of Cole vs Monchik for the Elite 8 Title and \$1250 check.

The final was thrilling with Cole jumping right out to a 1-0 lead after a hard fought game. In the second game, things stayed tight but the crowd could see Sudsy become quicker and more focused. As Sudsy drew strength, the crowd responded to every shot, dive and get. Cole would not let up, firing shot after shot with near perfect accuracy. When the game ended the match was tied 1-1. After a break the two resumed the match and this time it was Sudsy's show as he blasted his way to an 11-5 victory to win the Elite 8 crown.

Editor's note--this was also a great amateur event--one of the most exciting and well-run tourney I've been to in years. Congratulations and thanks to Brian Mirich, Mark Spangenberg, and the Courtesy Sports staff for their extraordinary efforts in producing such a fine event!

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WOMENS OPEN

1. Lisa Hjelm	925
2. Mary Tessier	787.5
3. Jody Zogg	462.5
4. Francine Davis	400
5. Tolya Dodson	300
6. Karen Holden	287.5
7. M. Demorest	275
8. Sandra Cabrera	237.5
9. Louise Winter	225
10. Lydia Hammock	212.5

WOMENS AA

1. Janet Parra	125
2. Karen Cardenas	100
3. Elaine Dexter	100
4. Karen Holden	100
5. Kay Keener	100
6. Mary Kucel	100
7. Carolyn Long	100
8. Kari McDonough	100
9. Sharon Rummel	75
10. Sandra Cabrera	50

WOMENS A

1. Nancy Rocks	325
2. Cindy Gilbert	300
3. Chau Phan	300
4. Debi Baker	175
5. Randee Allen	125
6. Kathy Sandusky	125
7. Abbie Serrano	125
8. Susan Briggs	100
9. Rose Cornelius	100
10. Jenny Fawcett	100

WOMENS B

1. Dionna Brown	212.5
2. K. Clark-Bishop	200
3. Esther Lozano	200
4. Beryl Onedera	200
5. Pat Musgrave	175
6. Carol Sardella	175
7. Amanda Collins	150
8. Laura O'Donnell	150
9. Paula Burns	125
10. Donna Walkre	125

WOMENS C

1. Tori Davis	250
2. Phyllis Haslam	200
3. Elizabeth Maher	200
4. Annette Acosta	150
5. Diana Bloomfield	150
6. Lorelee Lyman	125
7. Ruby Braxton	100
8. Jayme Camic	100
9. Amanda Collins	100
10. Charlene Cotreno	100

WOMENS D

1. Natanlie Nobles	225
2. Crystal Proctor	200
3. KaThleen Salvas	200
4. Nancy Baird	100
5. Tammy Beever	100
6. Adela Bishop	100
7. Tracey Costa	100
8. Erica Daneils	100
9. Denise Hunter	100
10. M. Medina	100

WOMENS 25+

1. Debbie Tisinger	300
2. Peggie Calahan	100
3. Jill Crouse	50
4. Sheri Kanecht	50
5. Jennifer Risch	50
6. M. Demorest	25
7. Tisa Myler	25
8. Lupe Rodarte	25
9. Diane Steele	25
10. Diana Torres	25

WOMENS 30+

1. Louise Winter	400
2. Debbie Tisinger	300
3. Mary Beke	250
4. D. Ferreira-Worth	150
5. Mary Tessier	100
6. Jody Zogg	100
7. Leslie Pawka	75
8. Jill Crouse	50
9. M. Demorest	50
10. Angela Garcia	50

WOMENS 35+

1. Debbie Tisinger	300
2. Fran Davis	200
3. Mary Beke	150
4. Vicky Birckman	100
5. Elaine Dexter	100
6. Nidia Funes	100
7. Karen Holden	100
8. Leslie Pawka	100
9. Raymee Roland	100
10. Liz Romo	75

WOMENS 40+

1. Vera George	200
2. Terry Ann Rogers	100
3. Anna Tang	100
4. Carol Sardella	50
5. Pat Musgrave	50

WOMENS 45+

1. Terry Ann Rogers	200
2. Nidia Funes	100

WOMENS 50+

1. Geneva Johnigan	200
2. Mary Walker	100
3. Marquita Molina	100

WOMENS 55+

1. Mary Walker	200
2. Carol Hardiman	100
3. Sue Embry	100

MENS OPEN

1. Michael Bronfeld	875
2. Toby Devore	662.5
3. Adam Karp	625
4. Jeff Mayorga	587.5
5. John Ellis	575
6. Dale Milhollin	462.5
7. Brian Londo	387.5
8. Mark Bustos	350
9. Kelly Gelhaus	350
10. James Mulcock	350
11. Mike Martinez	337.5
12. Gerry Price	300
13. Tony Jelso	275

MENS AA

1. A. Forrestiere	225
2. Gary Guzzell	200
3. Chris Crowther	200
4. Brian Mirich	150
5. Chuck White	150
6. Darryl Warren	125
7. Ricardo Balderas	100
8. Mark Bryant	100
9. Rocky Carson	100
10. Rick Ferin	100

MENS A

1. Oscar Carrasco	450
2. Greg Solis	275
3. Mark Salinas	200
4. Anthony Angulo	162.5
5. Ben Asuncion	150
6. M. Hernandez Sr.	150
7. Jorge Prieto	150
8. Clint Abdalla	137.5
9. Art Cepeda	137.5
10. Craig Abshear	125
11. Leonel Alcazar	125
12. David Gauthier	125

MENS B

1. Gary McAuley	275
2. Ken Mills	275
3. Paul Bryant	250
4. John Lee	250
5. Steve Lane	225
6. Nelson Canandian	200
7. Craig Ryan	200
8. J.C. Tassey	162.5
9. MARIO Coronado	150
10. Chris Devore	150
11. Dan Garcia	150
12. Dave Guzman	150
13. Ben Hawley	150

MENS C

1. Darren Lynch	275
2. Jeremy Mueller	212.5
3. Adrian Valentine	200
4. John Lee	162.5
5. Bruce Becher	150
6. Daryl Case	150
7. Jim Elmore	150
8. Steve Hale	150
9. Anthony Lee	150
10. Gabe Ayala	125
11. Eddie Garcia	125
12. Roy George	125
13. Jeff Phalan	125
14. Robert Richards	125
15. Mike Shintaku	125
16. Bob Thompson	125
17. Alan Waldman	125

MENS D

1. Walter Bennett	200
2. Jake Lerios	200
3. Mike Ryder	200
4. Mel Harris	150
5. Bill Lemos	150
6. Eric Mora	150
7. Joey Sandoval	150
8. Scott Barrett	125
9. Jesse Coleman	125
10. Chris Devore	125
11. John Lopez	125
12. Mike Shintaku	125

MENS 30+

1. Greg Freeze	525
2. Steve Wattz	300
3. Ron Freeman	250
4. Ken Humphrey	250
5. Brad Carter	225
6. Antonio Cortes	225
7. Rick Ferrin	200
8. Chris Hardwick	200
9. Chuck White	200
10. Ben Donlego	175

MENS 35+

1. Steve Wattz	600
2. Dave Azuma	550
3. Micah Brown	425
4. Gary Buzzell	400
5. Jim Schmader	250
6. Darryl Warren	212.5
7. Jerry Hillecher	200
8. Mike Martinez	200
9. Ron Freeman	175
10. Darryl Keene	175
11. Linwood Little	175
12. Rick Ramirez	175

MENS 40+

1. Gary Buzzell	550
2. Dave Holland	525
3. M. Hernandez Sr.	225
4. Steve Lane	225
5. Darryl Warren	225
6. Dave Azuma	200
7. Dave George	200
8. Leo Gurnee	200
9. Thomas Beitsch	150
10. Ron Jones	150
11. Linwood Little	150

MENS 45+

1. Tim Scott	150
2. Dennis Lose	400
3. Mike Palmer	375
4. Skip Deal	350
5. Archie Lee	350
6. M. Mahoutian	350
7. Brad Parra	350
8. Ed Ritner	300
9. Luis Guerrero	225
10. Jim Carson	200

MENS 50+

1. Brad Parra	400
2. Luis Guerrero	312.5
3. Terry Banderas	150
4. Russ Bates	100
5. Mikey Bellah	100
6. Joe Flores	100
7. Jim Foltz	100
8. P. Hiert-Lorenzen	100
9. Curtis Hoffman	100
10. M. Mahoutian	100
11. Price Thomas	100

MENS 55+

1. Ken Moore	712.5
2. Russ Bates	500
3. Ron Adams	300
4. Jack Howard	300
5. James Murphy	275
6. Jay Jayson	250

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MENS 55+

7. Jerry Holly	225
8. V. Caramagno	175
9. Bill Huffman	100
10. Dave Baldwin	75
11. Terry Preister	75

MENS 60+

1. V. Caramagno	200
2. Vance Lerner	200
3. James McBride	100
4. Tony Duarte	100
5. Chris Tholen	50
6. Bob Henley	50
7. Duane Cain	50
8. Len Kaiser	25
9. Ron York	25
10. Fred Pourry	25

MENS 65+

1. Tony Duarte	250
2. Manny Organista	175
3. Nick Sans	100
4. Mike Bugel	100
5. Carlton Appleby	100
6. Charlie Russell	50
7. Ray Picard	50
8. Jerome Singer	25
9. Arnold Pantus	25
10. Larry Rankin	12.5
11. Pete Bonano	12.5
12. C.R. Turner	12.5

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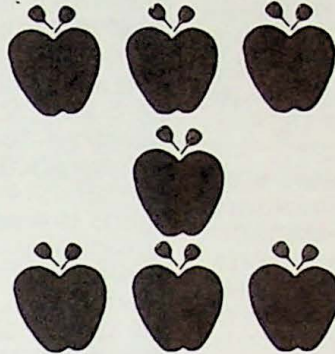
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☐ A	☐ A	☐ A	☐ A	☐ A
☐ B	☐ B	☐ B	☐ B	☐ B
☐ C	☐ C	☐ C	☐ C	☐ C
☐ D	☐ D			
☐ NOVICE	☐ NOVICE			
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☐ 35+	☐ 35+			
☐ 45+	☐ 45+			
☐ 55+	☐ 55+			

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Signature: _____

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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- ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a CARA/AARA member. One-year memberships may be purchased at the check-in desk for \$20.00.
- ENTRY FEE:** \$30. First Event, \$15. Second Event. Junior Divisions: \$15.
- DEADLINE:** Monday, Sept. 19, 1994 8:00 p.m. Entries accompanied with the proper fees must be received, not just postmarked by this date. A maximum of 120 entries will be accepted.
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A Tribute to Craig

Our dear good friend Craig McCoy has suddenly, sadly left us. Our club, The Tournament House in Riverside, California, is left with a giant voice, as is the racquetball community in general.

I first started watching Craig in the early to mid '70's. This was the Charlie Brumfield heyday, but Craig was always there, for many years at the top. And he was a beautiful player to watch. His left-handed stroke was so smooth; and he always moved in an effortless manner, never frantic. Some people back then thought Craig was too smooth and effortless, that he could have been the best of his time had he played a little angrier. But that wasn't Craig's way. Even when he was a star he was always quiet, kind, maybe even a little shy. But most importantly, he was always a nice man.

Craig was one of the first coaches for my son, Steve, and was very influential when Steve was playing at his peak.

One particular high moment in Craig's career was 1980. He had been in a considerable slump for a while. The Tournament House held a big annual tournament back then and Craig entered it. Amazingly, his competitive juices started to flow again and his fluid strokes came back. He blew everyone away and won the tournament. It was just before the 1981 Nationals in Phoenix. His game carried on and he beat the likes of Bret Harnett and Dave Peck before losing to Marty Hogan in the finals. He was supposedly "over the hill" by this tournament but he played magnificently throughout.

Craig stopped playing for some time and became very involved in his family's jewelry business. But his love for racquetball came back and he started playing again, mostly doubles. He started slowly at first, but was soon winning almost every doubles tournament he entered, playing mostly with Mike Lerner, Steve Lerner, and Robin Dixon. His most recent successes were at the 1992 and 1993 National Doubles 35+ division. Craig and Robin waded through the draw before losing in the 1992 finals to Rich Wagner and Dave Peck, and then in 1993 to Peck and Don Thomas.

Craig gave a lot back to our sport as well. He was never too busy to help anyone, beginner or advanced player. He really loved racquetball, it was one of the most important parts of his life. He had been playing only a few hours before he was taken from us.

So, one of our dear, kind good friends is gone. Racquetball has lost a great player and supporter. We have lost a great friend. Craigie, you will be really missed and we will never forget you.

The Tournament House is considering hosting an annual memorial tournament in Craig McCoy's honor. Any of you who knew Craig are welcome to contribute ideas. Please contact Vance Lerner, Robin Dixon, Rich Wagner, or Bart McClintic at the Tournament House at (909) 683-7511.

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Now that Ektelon has merged operations with Prince, a new Ektelon management team is in place in New Jersey. Rob Ahrens Dorf is Director of Marketing, assisted by Scott Winters as the Product Manager. Ektelon Sports Promotions is managed by Dave Peck, previously Western Regional Sales Manager for the racquetball firm. Lynn Adams will continue in her capacity as a critical member of Team Ektelon coordinating clinics and events. Vice President Sales-Ektelon is Bob Fenton, with Andy Hughes continuing as Ektelon Eastern Regional Sales Manager.

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Fundraiser Series Announced

Courts to be Built at the School for Deaf

Jessie Coleman of San Leandro has announced a series of tournaments to be held to help raise money to build racquetball courts at the California School for Deaf in Fremont.

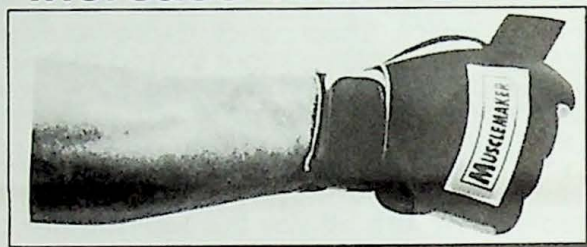
The first site to be announced is **Rancho Arroyo** in Petaluma. The 1st Annual Winter Blast will be held from January 20-22, 1995. The subsequent two sites and dates will be announced at a later date.

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I hereby release myself, heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Tournament House Racquetball & Fitness Club or their respective agents, for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in the 1994 Sixth Annual Campbell's Healthy Request/V-8 Splat Shot Pro-Am Tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____

Partner's Signature _____ Date _____

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Tournament Ball: Penn

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Entry Deadline: Monday, September 26th 1994 (5:00 p.m.)

Starting Times: Wednesday, September 28th, after 5 p.m.

Towel Deposit: \$2.00 or bring your own, bring a lock.

Dates: September 29 - October 2nd 1994.

Pro qualifying on Wednesday, September 28th

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Tony Anderson
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Jul 8-10 Redwood Empire Open
Rancho Arroyo Racquet Club
85 Corona Road
Petaluma, CA 94952
Jude Prokop
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Aug 26-28 1994 Caliente Open
The Racquet Center
10933 Ventura Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91604
Tony Cortes
818.760.2303

Sep 2-5 Stockton Pro-Am
West Lane Racquet Club
1074 East Bianchi
Stockton, CA 95210
Rob Farrens
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9-11 Pro Kennex Grand Prix #1
Fremont Schoebers/Courtesy Sports
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Los Altos, CA 94022
Brian Mirich
415.968.7970

16-18 CARA State Doubles Championships
Los Caballeros Sports Village
17272 Newhope
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Mike Martinez
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23-25 Apple Open
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25 Penny Lane
Watsonville, CA 95076
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7-9 Fall Valley Championships
Merced Sports Club
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Merced, CA 95340
Clarita Parra
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7-9 Octoberfest Open
Auburn Court House & Athletic Club
1158 "F" Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603
Chris Hudson
916.885.1964

14-16 Clayton Valley Open
Clayton Valley Athletic Club
5294 Clayton Valley Road
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Brad Carter
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21-23 Sierra Doubles Shootout II
Auburn Racquet Club
1255 Racquet Club Drive
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Richard Martin
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21-23 Thunderbolt Open
Dan Gamel's Fresno Racquet Time
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Fresno, CA 93727
Darlene Oehlschlaeger
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28-30 Great Pumpkin Open
Midtown Athletic Club
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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28-30 Halloween Monster Bash
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Nov 4-6 World Island Open
Racquetball Plus/Royal Athletic Club
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Burlingame, CA 94010
Jack Hughes/Terry Rogers
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4-5 Intercollegiate - UC DAVIS
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Davis, CA 95616
Larry Rodriguez
916.753.9872

11-13 Cross Court Open
Cross Court Athletic Club
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Woodland, CA 95695
Steve Harris & Tom Wendt
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A.A.R.A. National Events

June 25-29	Ektelon A.A.R.A. Junior Olympics	Chattanooga, TN
July 22-24	A.A.R.A. U.S. Skill Level Nationals	Phoenix, AZ
Aug 31-Sep 4	World Senior Championships	Albuquerque, NM
Oct 19-23	Ektelon A.A.R.A. National Doubles	Jacksonville, FL
Dec 17-21	World Junior Championships	Jacksonville, FL

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