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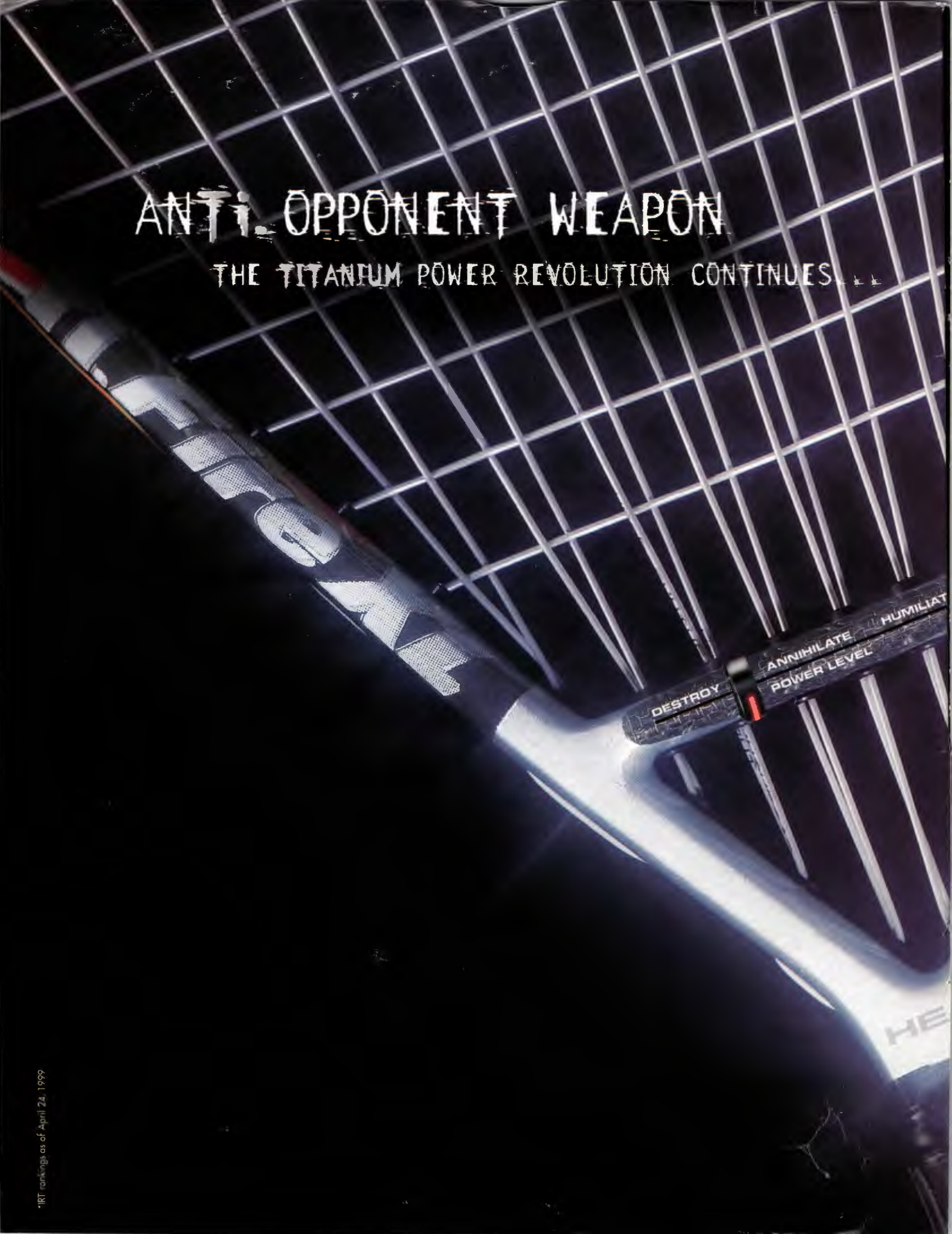
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from the editor

Racquetball is a second-rate sport. There I've said it. And having done so, I've taken a quick inventory of all the personal items I've scattered around my office over the past ten years and decided that — with focus and determination — I could have them all packed up and out the door in ... well ... just under a week, tops.

But that's not my plan. I intend to continue my love/hate relationship with racquetball well into the you-know-what. I still love the sport itself and enjoy the people who take part in it. I hate that it is considered "less sport-worthy" in any way. On the one

hand, it's personal; on the other, it's business. On the court, it's all fun and games; in the office, it's ... well ... less so. Can schizoid behavior be far behind?



So here's the problem as I see it: there's just too much *playing around* — when it should be serious. If we don't take ourselves seriously, could it be that others won't either? Does that make the sport second-rate?

When club owners want to maximize their court usage (and revenue), they need to get serious and hire a *sport-specific* professional to manage the programs that will generate memberships and stimulate interest among current members. Yes, that means salary, but it also carries with it an expectation of return on that investment. If the first hire plays around and doesn't get the job done, hire another.

When tournament directors want to host an event, they need to get serious and promote it as if it were any other big name sport. From flyers and entry forms to press releases and results reporting, it's critical to spread the word about racquetball events *outside the building*. Yes, that means print costs and legwork, but it also promises payoffs in participation, sponsorships and prospective new members. If your press materials are rendered in crayon (or non-existent), stop playing around.

These two items alone neatly address the entire racquetball population, made up of the recreational player and the competitive athlete. Now for the holiday cheer — if you are a club owner seeking an AmPRO certified professional to run your programs in the you-know-what, send me your "help wanted" ad and RACQUETBALL will publish it at no charge [see page 55]. If you are a tournament director, access our website at www.usra.org | "index" | Media/Public Relations for a wealth of free online materials to help you promote your next event. Nothing second-rate about that ...

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Cindy Conine plans some strategy with husband Jeff between points of their Mixed 25+ match [story, page 6]. Photo: John Foust.

... on the cover

Jeff Conine steps up to the plate in the Mixed 25+ division, against opponents Jonathan Dunn and Mae Chin-Varon. Photo: John Foust.

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reader forum

Luck 'o the Irish

I recently attended a great tournament in Arklow, Ireland, organized by Michael Barnes. It was the 15th Annual Tournament and took



place in May, with 70 players from all over Europe and the USA. I won the over-seventy division. Received a beautiful engraved cut crystal vase ... needless to say I was thrilled! What a trophy!!! The people were great, and afterward I stayed in Ireland for several days and toured. I am writing

this, since I'm sure there are players out there that would have fun mixing a tournament and vacation next year. The picture enclosed is me (right) receiving the trophy from Ann Barnes. Anyone interested in more information can email to: mickbarnes@tinet.ie.

Dorothy Vezetinski
Edmonds, Washington

Draw of the Century

I don't know which "old timers" were consulted; I certainly wasn't one of them. But I suspect senility may have set in if you did not include Craig McCoy, Steve Lerner, Gerry Price or Scott Oliver in your fictitious draw. These four players were in the top-eight for longer than some of your 32 people.

Vance Lerner
Riverside, California

At the Tournament House in Riverside, I recently witnessed what racquetball is all about to me. I was walking across the top floor and glancing down at games in

progress, on a Thursday at about 4:30 pm. Thursdays at this time are reserved for a great group of over-40 doubles players. Playing ability normally ranges from C to low A level. To my surprise I noticed Rich Wagner, ranked #9 in the "Draw of the Century" and Steve Lerner, a past pro and still competitive at that level when he wants to be, playing doubles in the league. No way!

What were they doing in the senior doubles league?? They were capable of crushing any of the teams in the league and could still beat most open level doubles teams. As I watched, I noticed they weren't winning. How could this be? I then realized that they were both playing left-handed — da !! I often miss the obvious in my own old age.

As I watched on, it was obvious that everyone on the court was having a great time — laughing and smiling as they played away. A few days later I saw Rich and talked to him about his new league. He stated that having played at the highest levels in the sport and competing to a level where near physical confrontations were not unusual; that just playing and having a good time was truly what racquetball is all about.

Earl Miller
Alta Loma, California

Something for all of us to remember in our next match, when we fight our hardest and don't come out with the win. Just playing with friends and having a great workout and a good time is what really counts ... since 90% of the time, that is exactly what we do.

Get Well Wishes

To Doubles Participants ... Jose Gallegos, Victor Gomez, Janet Grimaldi, Jessica Loew, Linda Loudon, Kathy Matson, Jeff Murphy, Scott Reiser and Marcus Riggins.

In the News...

The U.S. Pan Am Games Racquetball Team stole the show in Winnipeg, and the spotlight, from many of the Canadian players. Although Winnipeg-native Sherman Greenfeld garnered much of the media's attention, it was a shot of Michael Bronfeld celebrating as Greenfeld hung his head that was the dominant art in the Winnipeg Free Press after Bronfeld's semifinal victory over the world champion. Bronfeld was not the only U.S. team member in the spotlight. Men's doubles-player Doug Ganim was featured in the Colorado Springs Gazette in an article by Olympic-writer Kamon Simpson. In the story, which was accompanied by a large photo of Ganim and partner Drew Kachtik's gold-medal win over Canada's Kelly Kerr and Roger Harripersad, Simpson wrote about Ganim's fight to overcome an elbow injury at the Games and his ongoing struggle to help the sport of racquetball grow in popularity. Ganim was also the topic of a feature in the Cleveland Plain Dealer during the Games. All the U.S. team's matches were picked up by USA Today and the Associated Press at the Pan Am Games... Ganim continued to grab the media's attention with a feature article on he and partner Dan Obremski in the July/August issue of The Olympian magazine, the official publication of the U.S. Olympic Committee... U.S. Pan Am Team coach Jim Winterton's retirement from the U.S. National Team at the conclusion of the Pan Am Games was reported on the CNN/SI web site. Winterton is the most successful coach in USRA history... There have been lots of racquetball faces in the crowd in recent months, as Sports Illustrated highlighted Lee Graff and Heather Dunn and Sports Illustrated for Women spotlighted Cheryl Gudinas in their "Faces in the Crowd" sections. Graff, of Portland, Ore., was in the July 12 issue for winning the U.S. National Singles 60+ Championships, his third-straight victory a major tournament. Dunn grabbed the spotlight in the Aug. 16 issue for her title-winning victory in the U.S. National Singles 25+ Championships, while Gudinas became the first-ever racquetball player to be featured in the new Sports Illustrated for Women magazine for capturing her first U.S. National Singles Championships open title... Fran Dudenhoeffer was in an article in the Colorado Springs Gazette, Aug. 19, for capturing gold at the Colorado Senior Games... Tami Evers' work to increase interest in racquetball was the topic of a feature in the Greeley (Colo.) Tribune, July 13. Evers has created a web site, www.meetandplay.com, where racquetball players can find playing partners in their hometowns or while they are on the road.

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Conine Home Runs with Racquetball

Jeff and Cindy Conine returned to their racquetball roots at the Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships in Baltimore in early October with a gold medal finish in the Mixed 25+ division. Both Jeff and Cindy (formerly Cindy Doyle) grew up in the sport of racquetball. Their early wins included a Boys 18 & under singles title for him in 1985 and intercollegiate gold medals for her in 1989 and 1992.

While Jeff did a short stint on the pro racquetball tour, he soon moved on to his other love ... baseball. After pitching for UCLA, Jeff played in the minor leagues until the Florida Marlins took him as a first-round pick in the 1992 expansion draft. From there he went on to be selected for the 1995 All-Star Game — and named its MVP — then helped the Marlins win the 1996 World Series.

Cindy and Jeff met at a professional racquetball tournament in New York City, where both she and her brother Tim Doyle were well-known. Ranked as high as No.7 on the women's pro tour before shoulder surgery, Cindy had opted to focus on a different part of her life after recovering from a second bout with injury. Prior to retiring from the sport, Cindy had earned several appointments to the U.S. National Team for wins which included the 1989 Women's Open doubles title. Wife and mother? Why not?



As newlyweds, Jeff and Cindy played in a few national doubles tournaments together, taking third in the 1993 and '94 mixed open divisions. But as Jeff's baseball career became more demanding, the two found themselves unable to compete in racquetball as often as they'd have liked.

Jeff's trade to the Baltimore Orioles earlier this season changed all that. With his baseball season coming to a close only three days prior to the start of the doubles championships in Baltimore, Jeff and Cindy decided to come out of retirement to compete in their own, most-recent, backyard.

So the Conines paired up in the mixed 25+ division, while Jeff teamed with long-time friend Steve Lerner in the men's 30+. And despite not playing racquetball on a consistent basis for years, both Jeff and Cindy bounced back into championship form immediately.

"It's been a long time since I've played in a tournament," Jeff said. "Your adrenaline gets going and its all comes back pretty quickly though."

Jeff managed to advance to the finals in both divisions, playing as though he had never left the sport. Struggling a bit at first in her opening match, Cindy also quickly returned to top form.



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THE CONINES DEFEATED MAE CHIN-VARON & JONATHAN DUNN IN THE FIRST ROUND OF MIXED 25+. PHOTOS: JOHN FOUST

in Baltimore was to renew lost friendships. "We were mainly playing in this to have a good time and see some friends, and we ended up doing well. We had a good weekend," Jeff remarked. "The best part was getting to see people that we haven't seen in a long time. We haven't been to one of these things in a while, so it was good to get to see everybody. It's nice to catch up on old times."

Jeff also donated Baltimore Orioles sports memorabilia to the U.S. Junior National Team, including autographed bats and balls, which were auctioned as a fundraiser during the tournament. Jeff stressed the importance of racquetball in his childhood, and hopes to help others gain from the sport what he did.

"Discipline is a big thing that racquetball teaches," remarked Jeff, who co-founded with Cindy the Conine All-Star Classic, a celebrity golf tournament to benefit the DiMaggio Children's Hospital. "When I was training for nationals and junior nationals, I was going to the club everyday and working out. It's all on you. If you don't do it, you're not going to play as well. I think it's a good form of discipline. It's helps you in life, too."

"I think racquetball has helped me tremendously in baseball as far as keeping my eyes and hands sharp for seeing a 90 mph fastball."

Jeff became a free agent at the end of October, and has now returned with Cindy and their two children, Sierra and Griffin, to their Florida home to wait and see what Major League Baseball has in store for them. Racquetball fans hope that — whatever the assignment — it will land the Conines near another national doubles tournament, very soon.

"This was fun, but frustrating," Cindy said. "I used to play at an elite level, so I'm frustrated [by] missing all these shots."

Cindy and Jeff captured the mixed 25+ division title with a 15-11, 15-10 win over Sallie Benedict and Dale Valentine. However, Jeff's luck was not as good in the men's 30+, as he and Lerner came in second to John Kleinschmidt and Chris Wright, who had earlier upset defending champions Michael Bronfeld and Drew Kachtik in the semifinals.

Both Jeff and Cindy agree that their main reason for competing





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Top (l-r): Winners Ruben Gonzalez & Mike Guidry, Andy Roberts & Adam Karp. Bottom (l-r): Champions Kim Russell & Robin Levine, Laura Fenton, Jackie Paraiso.

Each of the finalists earned one-year appointments to the U.S. National Team, and the championship teams qualified for the 2000 World Championships next summer in Mexico. Photos: John Foust.

It's becoming more and more common at USRA national events ... someone's going to do something unexpected. There's going to be some exceptional play by people who don't know any better. And there will be upsets. Plenty of upsets. All this was in store at the Ektelon 32nd USRA National Doubles Championships, presented by Penn Racquet Sports, where plenty of surprises greeted over 600 enthusiasts in Baltimore in early October. The weekend's best performances? Open division wins by Ruben Gonzalez & Mike Guidry and Robin Levine & Kim Russell.

As a "season-opener" for racquetball, national doubles is guaranteed to bring out the best — past, present and future. And if need be, it even shakes up retirement plans. The Conines came out of forced retirement to take the Mixed 25+ title, Andy Roberts returned to the amateur circuit after retiring from the pros last year (but ...), 1984 champions Diane Green and Julie Pinnell re-surfaced briefly in the Open, before going on to win their age bracket, and Jackie Paraiso clearly suffered from the recent retirement of her long-time partner and twin sister Joy MacKenzie.

The Gold Watch?

Early retirement came for defending champions Doug Ganim and Dan Obremski, who were handed one of two byes in the round of 32 to skip play on Wednesday, only to have their Thursday ruined by current 18- doubles champions Matt Gehling and Michael Harmon.

From the sidelines, most racquetball fans had already dismissed the junior team and were looking ahead to a semifinal between four-time national champs Ganim & Obremski and challengers Mike Guidry and Ruben Gonzalez — but those fans had jumped the gun.

Gehling and Harmon came to the exhibition court knowing they had their work cut out for them, but they also believed they could become the David to take down Goliath.

"I played (Ganim and Obremski) last year with another partner and we were able to score decent points," 19-year old Gehling said. "Mike and I were a totally better team. I knew we had a chance. I knew we weren't going to get blown out."

And blown out they were not. After falling behind in the first round, the young pair rallied back to tie the score at 14-14, and finally put it away to win the first game 15-14.

"I was trying not to think about us winning the first game very much in the second. I was just acting like it was the first game again instead of getting over-confident," Harmon said.

Pumped up from their first-game win, Harmon and Gehling took a commanding 12-4 lead in the second, but let it slip away as the veterans calmly and steadily regained a foothold to reach 14-13. It seemed likely that the benefit of long experience would work in Ganim and Obremski's favor.

But Ganim and Obremski were unable to clinch the game, and the junior duo regained the serve and tied the score. A sideout gave the top seeds yet another chance to hold on to their hopes of another national title, but it wasn't to be. With the next sideout, the eager young players quickly put away their opponents to capture the remarkable upset.

"I thought we had a chance, but I didn't think that we were going to win," Harmon said. "I just wanted to have a great game, and we did."

In his first real event since a knee injury that kept him out of the Pan American Games, Obremski knew the score, "[the knee] is not repaired, so I have to play with a brace, but I'm not immobile. I can still cover the court. But our game relies on me moving and Doug killing the ball. In the first round we always struggle."

LAST YEAR, GANIM & OBREMSKI HAD BEEN UNSTOPPABLE. THIS YEAR, NEITHER SET OF '98 FINALISTS MADE IT TO THE TITLE ROUND.



JIMMY LOWE HAD HIS HANDS FULL IN BOTH THE MEN'S AND MIXED OPEN DIVISIONS.

Ganim agreed. "We didn't kill the ball today. When that happens, we rely on our teamwork, and they just out-played us. I didn't know they were juniors, so I can't say I overlooked them. But we were anxious to play and ... as it turned out, we could have used a game in the first round."

The remarkable upset advanced the young pair into the quarterfinals where they met Guidry and Gonzalez, a doubles team greatly admired by the junior wonders. "We are playing two guys who made the top 32 players of the century. Mike and I are playing with the greats of the sport. I can't believe it," an overwhelmed Gehling remarked.

More Action in the Sixteens

On the lower half of the draw, the Missouri team of current high school champion Josh Tucker and Chris Wright had also pulled out an unexpected straight-game win over Californians Kelly Gelhaus and Joe Paraíso, who had come into the event on the heels of a major doubles win at a satellite pro event just the week before. The advance by Tucker and Wright placed them squarely against the #2 seeds, Doug Eagle and Drew Kachtik in the quarters.

Elsewhere in the round, the Lewisville, Texas duo of Todd O'Neil and Brian Fredenberg survived a military charge by servicemen Tom Fuhrmann (U.S. Air Force) and Jimmy Lowe (U.S. Army). Fuhrmann and Lowe took control at the start of the match, with a 15-3 first game win, but the frustration level of the Texas duo turned out to be just what they needed to regain their edge. "I knew we could play better than we had in the first game," O'Neil said. "We just had to get going."

The Texans refused to go down without a fight, coming back in the second game to win 15-10 and force the tiebreaker. There, Southpaw O'Neil came to life with repeated line drives down the left side wall that even fellow-leftie Fuhrmann could not return, and the Texas duo survived their first scare of the tournament to win the deciding third, 11-3.

"They took us out of our tempo," Lowe said. "Todd took control of the second and the third game. He was rolling. I just couldn't get to his shots. I don't think I could have hit some of those shots even if I had been standing there."

Against the well-established team of Hart Johnson and Todd Stead (both left-handers), the never-played-together-before pairing of Adam Karp and Andy Roberts pulled out a straight-game win. "On court we don't look quite as good together as it did on paper, as of right now," said Karp, the Pan Am Games gold medalist in singles. "But we will be able to work ourselves in. We are just focused on getting a little better tomorrow."

Turnaround in the Quarters

The quarterfinal held a bit more of a let down for the young doubles team of Gehling and Harmon who, despite taking an early 11-4 lead, let Gonzalez and Guidry sneak back in to take control of the game. "In typical giant-killer fashion, we came back to tie it at 14-14. I started thinking that this was just like when we played Doug and Dan," Gehling said.

But the junior national champions' faith was not enough to pull out the win, as they lost to the long-time pros 15-14, 15-5. Gonzalez and Guidry admitted that "the kids," as Harmon and Gehling were dubbed by tournament veterans, are the future of the sport of racquetball. "They can play and get motivated," Gonzalez said. "It's just going to take a little bit more experience, but I would hate to play them down the road in three years. Even next year those kids are going to be tough."

In a second tiebreaker for the Texas pair, Brian Fredenberg and Todd O'Neil narrowly survived to advance to the semifinals, with their 15-10, 12-15, 11-9 win over Michael Bronfeld and Jason Thoerner, while Karp and Roberts had an easier time of it with their straight-game win over 1990 doubles champion Jim Floyd and partner Mike Johnston. Another two-game victory by Eagle and Kachtik over Tucker and Wright set up the final U.S. Team qualifying round. Each of the semi-final winners would earn a spot on the team.

Down to the Wire

Adam Karp/Andy Roberts vs. Doug Eagle/Drew Kachtik.
Ruben Gonzalez/Mike Guidry vs. Todd O'Neil/Brian

Fredenberg. Earlier in the week, the Texas pairs had all hoped to duplicate the state doubles championship final they had all taken part in just weeks before. Unfortunately for them, that rematch would have to take place in the third place bronze medal round instead.

In advancing over their respective lone-star challengers, Gonzalez/Guidry and Karp/Roberts each kept their opponents at arms-length by maintaining leads of at least four points in each of their straight-game wins. Gonzalez and Guidry took their spot in the final with a 15-9, 15-7 win over Fredenberg/O'Neil.



CLOSE QUARTERS: O'NEIL (FOREGROUND) TRIES TO CLEAR GUIDRY'S SHOT WHILE GONZALEZ (FAR LEFT) AND FREDENBERG LOOK ON. PHOTO: JOHN FOUST.

"I think Mike was hot and we played good ball," said elder statesman Gonzalez. "I felt good, but for some reason the ball kept coming up. I played a strategy game and kept it in play for him and tried to give him the perfect setup."

Guidry agreed "We played well as a team. I don't think we got mixed up on a single shot today. But when you get to the finals, everybody is good. All four of us have a lot of experience, and it's going to be a battle."

The upset victory for Karp and Roberts was a bit narrower, but not by much, as they defeated the second seeded Eagle and Kachtik 15-11, 15-6.



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close play in game one ...

"I don't know that we really hung in there that much in the first," reflected Drew after the match. "We came out with at 7-3 lead and then they started controlling the match. Andy seemed to take over quite a bit. He wasn't leaving us any shots and he was flat rolling everything. Andy just rolled over us pretty much. I don't think we can complain, because they played so well."

"In order to be a good doubles team, you have to have complementary styles, and we are the perfect fit," Roberts said. "I think the strength of our team is our teamwork. I think you'll see a real solid performance on Sunday."

Yes, no, yes ...

Everyone expected it to be a close match. After trailing 12-7 in the first game, Guidry and Gonzalez rallied back to pull within one point at 14-13, before Roberts rocketed the ball down the line along the left glass wall to capture the first game, 15-13. Okay so far.

In the second game, the teams exchanged the lead seven times. With the score finally tied at 14-14, Roberts slammed the ball into the left corner out of Guidry's reach for what appeared to be match point. Fists launched straight overhead, Roberts and Karp began their celebration — but it turned out to be premature. Guidry retrieved the ball from front court and raised it up to show referee Drew Kachtik that it had been broken on the last shot, resulting in a crucial replay.



hold everything ...

With the new ball, Guidry and Gonzalez regained the serve to try to stay in the match. In mid-rally Roberts appeared to intentionally block a shot by Guidry that Kachtik called as an avoidable hinder. Point. Game. Tiebreaker.

It was clear that Karp and Roberts had exhausted their stores of adrenaline at the "first" close of game two. But the turnover had worked wonders for Guidry and Gonzalez, who ran out to a 9-2 lead in the tiebreaker



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and never looked back, winning it 11-3 and capturing the national crown.

"The broken ball was definitely a break. We need a little break, and we got a huge one," Guidry said. "Things like that happen for a reason. It was destiny telling us we were supposed to win that game."



shifting momentum



stock rises in tiebreaker



third game turnaround

This championship marked Guidry's return to the amateur circuit after competing on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) for numerous years. "You play on the tour, and you think things can't get any more exciting, but this is a feeling that I haven't had in a long time," said 29-year-old Guidry, whose last national title was in 1989.

Twenty years his partner's senior, Gonzalez, known as a legend in the sport, was the crowd favorite. "Crowds



want to see the old man dive and say 'how did he do that?'" said 49-year-old Gonzalez, who was recently nominated for the Racquetball Hall of Fame.

After the exciting turnaround in game two, crowd support had definitely shifted toward the eventual winners. "I didn't feel that the calls were going to go our way because they were the sentimental favorites because of the age," said Roberts.

"We had our chances to finish it in two straight." Karp admitted. "There were a couple of questionable calls that could have gone either way. Unfortunately at that time they seemed to *all* go the other way. If we would have gotten one of the calls, the match would have been over and I would be a little happier."

Better Each Year

Robin Levine won her first major national title as an undergraduate, with her 1988 Intercollegiate championship win for Sacramento State. Kim Russell followed suit two years later, taking the 1990 intercollegiate win, representing the University of Kentucky. When the two finally teamed up for doubles in 1996, they began to make regular appearances in the semi-final rounds at nationals, then moved into the finals last year. This year they were rewarded with the top seed position, basically for sticking together.

So who were their first round opponents? Another intercollegiate championship team, made up of 1991 champion Elaine (Mardas) Albrecht and 1994 counterpart Kerri Stoffregen. Earlier, Albrecht and Stoffregen had tutored New Yorkers Shannon Feaster and Lorraine Galloway through a 15-9, 15-0 clinic to advance into the quarterfinal. There the lesson plan changed as they were handed an equally swift 15-7, 15-6 loss by Levine and Russell.

Citing that they'd played their opponents in the first round "for as long as I can remember," Florida's Mary Lyons and long-time partner Susan Pfahler went up

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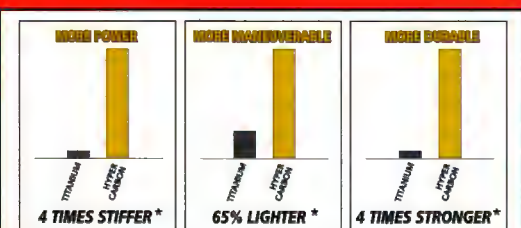
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bailey & gudinas in semi-final



women's final foursome



championship point

against coastal rivals Lisa Hjelm and Kari McDonough of California, who handed the '92 champs a quick 15-5, 15-13 loss. Later, Lyons and Pfahler ended a seven year winning streak in age competition in an all-Florida final against another pair of familiar, long-time rivals.

On the bottom half of the draw, another set of former champions was heading toward a quick exit. Diane Green and Julie Pinnell, 1984 title-holders, were run over by Jackie Paraiso and Laura Fenton in a 15-2, 15-2 collision. "Those girls didn't make any mistakes" mused Green, who also holds the 1982 and 1987 national singles titles, and is currently in the doctoral degree program at the University of Texas/Austin. Pinnell, an Orlando attorney, was also stunned on her return to national competition by Paraiso and Fenton's skills.

Onward & Upward

The new pairing of Malia Bailey and Cheryl Gudinas also made quick work of '97 finalists Yesenia DelBusto and Kersten Hallander before falling to Paraiso and Fenton in the semi-final.

"I don't expect to win every single tournament," said Cheryl, who succumbed to the *RACQUETBALL* magazine cover jinx ... "I was happy with our teamwork; we were just great with court coverage. Malia is good up front and I like to hang back, but today I wasn't very effective — I was stuck in the corner. Jackie is very good at keeping you back there. It's kind of to her credit."

"I thought we had opportunities that we didn't take advantage," Malia added. "Even though the second game was 15-14, there was a lot of opportunities that we let slip by, and we might have won by three or four points."

In fact, at the close of the second game, Malia overturned a hinder call that would have given them the game and extended their chances through a tiebreaker. "I thought it was very obvious. I would hope that in the same situation, they would have overturned the call, too."

"Lefty" Levine and the feisty Russell moved past Hjelm/McDonough to earn their U.S. Team renewals in straight games and face Fenton and Paraiso for the title.

There, another streak came to an end for Paraiso. "I really missed my sister out there today on the court," she said, even though she had captured her fourth-straight mixed open title earlier in the day with her brother Joe Paraiso. "We always had a connection on the court that could make up for an off day. I just didn't have that today."

The straight game win for the title is a first for Levine and Russell, who took second at last year's championships. "This is great," said Robin. "We've both been training very hard to get to this moment. I've been very fortunate that my job has allowed me to take the time off I needed to train and travel."

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• MEN'S DIVISION FINALS

- Open: Ruben Gonzalez (Staten Island, N.Y.)/Mike Guidry (Carrollton, Texas) def. Adam Karp (Stockton, Calif.)/Andy Roberts (Collierville, Tenn.) 13-15, 15-14, 11-3
- A: Gil Cepeda (Palo Alto, Calif.)/Ken Fichthorn (Los Gatos, Calif.) def. David Lockridge (Powder Springs, Ga.)/Mark O'Brien (Woodstock, Ga.) 15-10, 15-6
- B: Ron Calloway (Wilmington, Del.)/Vic Steil (Newark, Del.) def. Scott Meyer (Waterbury, Ct.)/Bill Morrell (New Britain, Ct.) 15-7, 15-14
- C: Chris Connell (Baltimore, Md.)/Charles Levine (Elkridge, Md.) def. John Cotoia/John Odell (Santa Fe, N.M.) 15-13, 15-13
- 24+: David Hamilton (Mansfield, Ohio)/Chris Wachtel (Massillon, Ohio) def. Matt Gehling (Annapolis, Md.)/Michael Harmon (Sarasota, Fla.) 15-12, 15-9
- 25+: Ross Greenberg/Aaron Metcalf (Jacksonville, Fla.) def. Jim Frautschi (Prior Lake, Minn.)/Mike Locker (West St. Paul, Minn.) 7-15, 15-14, 11-9
- 25+ A/B: David Barnes (Warwick, R.I.)/Ben Mendoza (Foster, R.I.) def. James Kressly (Allentown, Pa.)/Mike Schadler (Northampton, Pa.) 15-3, 15-12
- 30+: John Kleinschmidt (Baldwin, Mo.)/Chris Wright (Wildwood, Mo.) def. Jeff Conine (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)/Steve Lerner (Riverside, Calif.) 15-10, 15-7
- 35+: Robin Dixon (Grande Terrace, Calif.)/Steve Lerner (Riverside, Calif.) def. Scott Consoli/Gordon Kirkland (Orlando, Fla.) 15-10, 15-11
- 35+ A/B: Steve Lustig (Rockville, Md.)/Jay Snyder (North Potomac, Md.) def. Ron Calloway (Wilmington, Del.)/Vic Steil (Newark, Del.) 15-6, 13-15, 11-9
- 35+ C/D: Michael Conger (South River, N.J.)/Stanley Kryzminski (Spotswood, N.J.) def. John Cotoia (Santa Fe, N.M.)/John Odell (Santa Fe, N.M.) 15-8, 11-15, 11-2
- 40+: Dave Azuma (Lake Oswego, Ore.)/Stan Wright (Fremont, Calif.) def. Mark Baron (Herndon, Va.)/Darryl Warren (Harbor City, Calif.) 15-11, 15-6
- 45+: Dave Azuma (Lake Oswego, Ore.)/Mark Baron (Herndon, Va.) def. Gary Mazaroff (Albuquerque, N.M.)/Randy Stafford (Memphis, Tenn.) 15-8, 15-2
- 45+ A/B: John Coaker (Rockford, Mich.)/Robert Gravelyn (Rockford, Mich.) def. Russ Palazzo (Norwich, Conn.)/John Patalano (Warwick, R.I.) 15-10, 2-15, 11-10
- 45+ C/D: Donald Bates (Cincinnati Ohio)/Carl Tabar (Loveland, Ohio) def. Dave Eyman (Elkton, Md.)/Paul Weldin (Newark, Del.) 15-3, 15-11
- 50+: Johnny Hennen (Chattanooga, Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Apex, N.C.) def. Jim Bailey (Norfolk, Va.)/Jim Hiser (Colorado Spgs, Colo.) 15-4, 15-6
- 55+: Glenn Allen (Virginia Beach, Va.)/Kevin Dorr (Silver Spring, Md.) def. Craig Shaak (Gainesville, Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Flowery Branch, Ga.) 15-9, 0-15, 11-7
- 55+ C/D: Joseph Caputo (Iselin, N.J.)/Al

Marchese (New York, N.Y.) def. Brian Sullivan (Upper Marlboro, Md.)/Willie Sutton (Clinton, Md.) 15-4, 15-14

60+: Paul Banales (Phoenix, Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Arcadia, Calif.) def. Ron Pudduck (Dexter, Mich.)/Bobby Sanders (Cleveland, Ohio) 15-5, 15-6

65+: Paul Banales (Phoenix, Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Arcadia, Calif.) def. Don Alt (Ft. Myers, Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Cleveland, Ohio) 15-10, 15-9

70+: Joseph Goldman (Framingham, Maine)/Joe Lambert (Dallas, Texas) def. Jack Gushue (Horseheads, N.Y.)/Dick Kincade (Divide, Colo.) 15-9, 15-11

80+: Allen Shepherd (Gaithersburg, Md.)/Cam Snowberger (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) def. Earl Acuff (Asheville, N.C.)/Geroge Spear (Venice, Fla.) 15-5, 15-11

• WOMEN'S DIVISION FINALS

Open: Robin Levine (Sacramento, Fla.)/Kim Russell (Chattanooga, Tenn.) def. Jackie Paraiso (El Cajon, Calif.)/Laura Fenton (Lincoln, Neb.) 15-12, 15-8

A: Patty Powl/Maria Silva (Jacksonville, Fla.) def. Sharon Barrett (Watauga, Texas)/Donna Cooper (Fort Worth, Texas) 15-8, 15-6

B: Michael Hill/Johnnie Hill-Hudgins (Princeton, N.J.) def. Janice Ryan-Arnold (Lanham, Md.)/Veronica Yorksi (Laurel, Md.) 15-10, 15-7

C: Terri Sensenig (Delmar, Md.)/Pamela Trent (Baltimore, Md.) def. Sharon McNeil (Randallstown, Md.)/Paula Pero (College Park, Md.) 15-7, 10-15, 11-8

25+: Mae Chin-Varon (North Hills, Calif.)/Debbie Tisinger (Canoga Park, Calif.) def. Meena Evans (Advance, N.C.)/Holly Remen (Apex, N.C.) 15-5, 15-9

25+ A/B: Esther McNany (Gales Ferry, Ct.)/Kim Skerry (Warwick, R.I.) def. Nancy Davis /Lynette Ross (Pipersville, Pa.) 15-6, 15-13

30+: Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Wheeling, Ill.) def. Doreen Fowler (Woodbine, Md.)/Sandy Kubany (Olney, Md.) 15-5, 15-10

35+: Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Wheeling, Ill.) def. Kersten Hallander (San Diego, Calif.)/Chau Phan (Woodland Hills, Calif.) 7-15, 15-7, 11-4

35+ A/B: Claire Kruse (Rochester Hills, Mich.)/Sandy White (Warren, N.C.) def. Paula McDermott/Claudia Sisti (Harrisburg, Pa.) 10-15, 15-14, 11-4

40+: Diane Green (Austin, Texas)/Julie Pinnell (Sanford, Fla.) def. Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Neptune Beach, Fla.) 15-1, 11-15, 11-10

45+: Janell Marriott (W. Warwick, R.I.)/Janet Myers (Charlotte, N.C.) def. Shelley Ogden /Gerri Stoffregen (Cincinnati, Ohio) 15-3, 1-15, 11-9

45+ A/B: Paula McDermott/Claudia Sisti (Harrisburg, Pa.) def. Yoko Foust (Dickberg, Pa.)/Linda Loudon (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) 15-10, 15-6

50+: Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Cincinnati, Ohio) def. May Barber (Colonial Heights, Va.)/Mary Jane Weldin (Newark, Del.) 15-4, 15-11

55+: Joy DeSantis (Valley Village, Calif.)/Gail

Schaefer (Randallstown, Md.) unchallenged
65+: Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.)/Lola Markus (Park Ridge, Ill.) unchallenged

• MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION FINALS

Mixed Open: Jackie Paraiso/Joe Paraiso (San Diego, Calif.) def. Cheryl Gudinas (Chicago, Ill.)/Jimmy Lowe (Fairbanks, Alaska) 15-5, 15-9

Mixed A: Janel Tisinger (Canoga Park, Calif.)/Jonathan Dunn (Camarillo, Calif.) def. Kathleen Plourd (Fort Drum, N.Y.)/Wayne Gonsalves (Carthage, N.Y.) 15-8, 15-9

Mixed B: Debbie Ulliman (Westerville, Ohio)/Kevin Keenan (West Chester, Ohio) def. Valerie Willis (Raleigh, N.C.)/Ken Joy (Woodbridge, Va.) 12-15, 15-4, 11-6

Mixed C: Sharon Barrett (Watauga, Texas)/Eddie LaCost (Colleyville, Tenn.) def. Jane Worden (Woodbury, Minn.)/Reno Birt (Lakeland, Fla.) 14-15, 15-13, 11-3

Mixed 24+: Yesenia DelBusto (Miami, Fla.)/Matt Gehling (Sarasota, Fla.) def. Rhonda Rajsich (Phoenix, Ariz.)/Jason Bronson (Glendale, Ariz.) 15-10, 9-15, 11-4

Mixed 25+: Cindy Conine (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)/Jeff Conine (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) def. Sallie Benedict (Woodbridge, Va.)/Dale Valentine (Riverside, Calif.) 15-11, 15-10

Mixed 30+: Kim Machiran (St. Louis, Mo.)/Chris Wright (Wildwood, Mo.) def. B.J. Ehrgott (Madison, Conn.)/Walter Schramm (Huntington Beach, N.Y.) 15-13, 15-4

Mixed 35+: Terri Graham (Wheeling, Ill.)/Bill Lyman (Berwin, Ill.) def. Malia Bailey (Norfolk, Va.)/Jimmy Lowe (Fairbanks, Alaska) 15-14, 8-15, 11-9

Mixed 40+: Debra Tisinger (Canoga Park, Calif.)/Jerry Hilecher (Granada Hills, Calif.) def. Susan Pfahler (Neptune Beach, Fla.)/Gordon Kirkland (Orlando, Fla.) 15-11, 15-8

Mixed 45+: Elaine Dexter (Pleasanton, Calif.)/Dave Azuma (Lake Oswego, Ore.) def. Janell Marriott (West Warwick, R.I.)/Russ Palazzo (Norwich, Conn.) 15-6, 15-2

Mixed 50+: Merjean Kelley (Palo Alto, Calif.)/Jim Bailey (Norfolk, Va.) def. Shelley Ogden (Cincinnati, Ohio)/Jim Hiser (Colorado Springs, Colo.) 15-7, 15-12

Mixed 55+: Nidia Funes (Novato, Calif.)/Glenn Allen (Virginia Beach, Va.) def. Joy DeSantis (Valley Village, Calif.)/Rex Lawler (Terre Haute, Ind.) 15-13, 15-10

Mixed 60+: Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.)/Ron Pudduck (Dexter, Mich.) def. Lola Markus (Park Ridge, Ill.)/Paul Banales (Phoenix, Ariz.) 15-8, 14-15, 11-7

Mixed 65+: Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.)/Jay Krevsky (Harrisburg, Pa.) def. Lola Markus (Park Ridge, Ill.)/Mal Roberts (Melbourne, Fla.) 15-6, 15-11

*Mixed 70+: Joanne Russell/Duane Russell (Lansing, Mich.)

Mixed 80+: Mary Low Acuff/Earl Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) unchallenged

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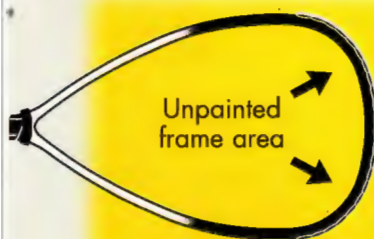
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Top-10 Best!

1. **Acceptance by IOC and inclusion of racquetball in Pan Am Games ...** provided instant credibility to the sport, necessary funding for expansion and greatest potential for mainstream growth.
2. **International Racquetball Federation ...** stimulated growth in South and Central Americas, as well as Europe and Asia, aiding the acceptance of racquetball as true world-wide sport.
3. **Marty Hogan ...** in the sport's heyday, Marty offered charisma, athletic ability, and the type of high profile that attracted outside sponsors, television, and personalities to the sport.
4. **Oversized Racquets ...** brought new excitement to the sport by retaining the interest of players and sponsors, plus allowed more major manufacturers to stimulate sales and remain in the sport.
5. **U.S. OPEN ...** created the 'showcase' needed to attract outside sponsors and broadcast interest, through an upgraded format that presents racquetball as a true professional sport.
6. **AmPRO ...** enabled the sport to get back into the clubs, with a mechanism to provide standardized instruction, programming and promotion ideas.
7. **Racquetball Manufacturers Association and Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association ...** this forum for industry leaders to share ideas and join in promotional efforts, along with underwriting grassroots program development, kept the pro tour going during mid 80s.
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9. **Amateur Nationals ...** the 14-year pinnacle in amateur competition gives all facets of the sport an opportunity to interact, while recognizing the sport's outstanding athletes and contributors.
10. **Portable Court ...** this vehicle for greater exposure to potential sponsors and more sophisticated television coverage professionalized the sport and provided the opportunity for more elaborate events.

Top-10 Worst!

1. **Club failure to promote — and staff — the sport ...** During the sport's heyday, club owners and managers took the sport for granted, disregarding the need for trained program and teaching staff. When racquetball started to struggle there were no 'professionals' in the clubs to halt playing decline.
2. **Marty Hogan ...** his failure to support players' associations and individual promoters caused division within the sport. A more supportive Hogan could have gone a long way to attract new sponsors at a time when racquetball was the 'in' sport.
3. **AARA/USRA marketing ...** Other than Miller Lite in the early 80s, the amateur association has never been able to attract a major sponsor outside the sport. Without such sponsorship, racquetball continues to struggle in its attempts to reach the recreational player.
4. **Industry/Club Void ...** until a couple of years ago, major manufacturers were all but absent at club trade shows and industry seminars. The industry failed to maintain active involvement in club promotions and support. The tide has recently turned, hopefully not too late.
5. **Pro Tour collapse after Catalina Tour in 1984 ...** When Catalina and Leach failed to renew their pro tour sponsorship, the pro tour almost completely died.
6. **Backer pulls Out ...** After three events, Tom Cavallaro (an entrepreneur from New York) withdrew all financial support from a 10-event series due to political in-fighting on the pro tour.
7. **Short-lived TV commitment ...** Prior to 1992 the AARA Board had funded 15 broadcasts, televised nationally on independent cable companies, which maintained the sport's credibility, were avenues to attract new sponsors and reached millions of viewers.
8. **Lost Crossover Marketing Opportunity ...** No one was prepared to approach and convert hundreds of thousands of new club members to racquetball after the latest craze had passed. Many 'fitness oriented' people joined clubs, but few were introduced to racquetball as an alternative.
9. **Lack of Junior Programs ...** where junior programs have been developed, interest and participation has increased, but the sport continues to suffer from the lack of junior programs. The domino effect of a weakened foundation may create problems in the future.
10. **Oversized racquets and 'fast' balls ...** The faster power game has fewer interesting rallies, is difficult to watch on television, and may be responsible for dwindling female participation. Although 'ideal' for recreation (ball bounces more and stays in play) the sacrifice of "viewability" discourages new participants.

head-to-head in the quarterfinals >>>>>>>>

Hogan def. Roberts: Hogan's fitness/athletic ability proves to make the difference - Roberts isn't bothered by Hogan's power, and boasts a 'smarter' all-round game, but Hogan's intensity and go-for-broke style when on, is almost unbeatable. Hogan's, serve and returning ability are deciding factors in games four and five.

Yellen def. Brumfeld: The one player Brumfeld cannot 'psych out.. Brumfeld tries every trick, but nothing seems to work. Although a control player himself, Brumfeld is no match for the master. Brumfeld runs out of gas in the fourth game. Yellen's mistake free game takes its toll and proves he's the master of the 'control' game..

Swain def. Peck: One of the most difficult games to call since most modern day players believe Swain's serve and shot-making ability would make the difference. Few players recall Peck's unmatched intensity and outstanding play in 1981-'82. Before his injury, Peck played even with Yellen and Hogan. The slight edge goes to Swain, only because of the serve.

Monchik def. Harnett: Again, not as easy as everyone might think. At his prime, when he won four events in a row, no one came close - but then the tour folded. Harnett matches Sudsy in athletic ability and quickness. Sudsy's power gives him the advantage, even with a slower ball and small racquets. Sudsy has wider variety of shots and can change pace if needed.

men's draw of the century!

1	Marty Hogan	Hogan
32	Steve Keeley	11-2, 11-5, 11-10
17	Tim Doyle	Bledsoe
16	Dave Bledsoe	11-10, 8-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9
9	Rich Wagner	Wagner
24	Mike Guidry	11-7, 8-11, 11-10, 11-3
25	Bud Muehleisen	Roberts
8	Andy Roberts	11-5, 11-3, 11-5
5	Charlie Brumfield	Brumfield
27	Egan Inoue	2-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7
21	Steve Strandemo	G. Peck
12	Gregg Peck	10-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-10, 11-10
13	Steve Serot	Kachtik
20	Drew Kachtik	5-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-10, 11-10
29	Sherman Greenfeld	Yellen
4	Mike Yellen	11-3, 11-6, 11-3
3	Cliff Swain	Swain
30	Dan Ferris	11-5, 6-11, 11-3, 11-8
19	Ed Andrews	Ray
14	Mike Ray	5-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-9
11	John Ellis	Ellis
22	Dan Obremski	11-9, 5-11, 11-3, 11-5
27	Jack Newman	D. Peck
6	Dave Peck	11-10, 11-8, 11-7
7	Brett Harnett	Harnett
26	Bill Schmitke	11-1, 11-3, 11-1
23	Jason Mannino	Hilecher
10	Jerry Hilecher	5-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6
15	Ruben Gonzalez	Gonzalez
18	Lindsey Myers	11-10, 1-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9
31	V. Neiderhoffer	Monchik
2	Sudsy Monchik	11-2, 6-11, 11-8, 11-7

Hogan

11-5, 5-11, 11-9, 11-8

Hogan

11-8, 9-11, 11-5, 11-5

Roberts

11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-10

Yellen

11-8, 10-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-9

Brumfield

11-10, 11-9, 2-11, 11-2

Yellen

11-9, 11-7, 10-11, 11-2

Yellen

11-5, 11-3, 11-5

Swain

11-3, 11-3, 11-8

Swain

11-9, 10-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-6

D. Peck

11-5, 11-5, 0-11, 11-5

Monchik

11-9, 10-11, 11-5, 11-4

Harnett

5-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9

Monchik

11-9, 10-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-6

Monchik

11-1, 11-7, 11-7

Yellen defeats Hogan: Hogan's normally slow start may have cost him the match. Yellen continues his streak of beating Hogan in the big matches. Mike's consistently error-less game style forces Hogan to work for every point. Although in better physical shape, Hogan forces too many shots upon which Yellen capitalizes. Yellen's footwork may be the best ever — always seems to be in perfect position to hit the 'right' shot.

Monchik defeats Swain: Even with slower ball, Sudsy seems to have Cliff's number. Sudsy is relentless and puts pressure on Cliff with every shot. Sudsy's motto 'no defense is a good defense' results in every imaginable shot from every angle. Even when given opportunities, Cliff is unable to capitalize, and is never able to bring a 'run' together.

We catch up this issue — with the women's version of the "Draw of the Century" — and our contenders have been busy! "Mystery authors" were on the phone for days collaborating on this version (and they've got plenty of first-hand experience with these players), so enjoy their predictions. Look for the champions in January!

round of 32

Adams vs. O'Brien: Quick three games. O'Brien tries, but Adams power and quickness dominates. **Green vs. Gudinas:** Two solid players, both with stronger backhands than forehands. Green's solid play and smooth footwork surprises Gudinas, but Gudinas' newfound toughness carries her through a tight match. **Stupp vs. Williams:** Stupp is all over Williams with speed, power and savvy. **Gardner vs. Panzeri:** Panzeri's unique and tough game style is just too much for Gardner to handle. Gardner tries to do too much with Panzeri's chest high soft shots. Panzeri capitalizes on Gardner's mistakes. **McKinney vs. Baxter:** Baxter plays a solid game, with few mistakes, and proves to be a tough first-round challenge. McKinney is too smart, too strong and has too large an arsenal. **Van Hees vs. Gilreath:** Van Hees is initially stalled by Gilreath's amazing athletic ability, as her power, quickness and dives dominate the first two games. Van Hees recovers her composure to take the third, but Gilreath's game is too complete. **Levine vs. Marriott:** Levine starts slow and lets the first game get away. This motivates her and she starts flinging herself around, gets to a million balls and wins the next three games. **Fischl vs. Wright:** Wright's serves and precise backwall kills are too much for Fischl to combat. Wright leads the whole way. **Gould vs. Coburn:** Gould dominates with her power and precision. Coburn starts to calm down and play tough in the third game, but it's too late. **Bevelock vs. Kuhfeld:** Brutal first round match-up. Very tight match, could have gone either way. Kaye's calm steadiness pulled her through two very close games, as she stayed away from Bevelock's phenomenal backhand and picked at her forehand. **Drexler vs. Harding:** Drexler comes

out strong, hitting amazing shots and getting to everything. After winning the first two games easily Drexler seemed distracted and Harding, with solid shots, wins the third. Drexler wakes up and wins in a tight fourth game. **Fenton vs. Greer:** Another tough first round, but Greer's all around skills, power and quickness proves to be too strong for Fenton. **Steding vs. Hoff:** A match up from the old days, Steding's athleticism and over-heads keep Hoff off balance. Hoff's backhand keeps her in the match, but it's not enough to fend off the determined Steding. **Walton vs. Paraiso:** Paraiso plays smooth and solid, not allowing Walton to get on a roll. Walton's backhand is strong, but Paraiso's is stronger. There are a couple of moments where it seemed the match would be close, but then Paraiso kicked her play up a notch. **Bailey vs. Martino:** The third match up to reach a tiebreaker that could go either way. Both players display solid skills, both mentally and physically. Bailey eeks it out, her pinch shot exploiting Martino's lack of speed moving forward. **Prefontaine vs. McKay:** McKay dominates. Her array of shots and amazing precision won't allow Prefontaine to show any of her skills.

round of 16

Adams def. Gudinas: Despite Gudinas's strong backhand and vastly improved forehand she can't stand up to Adam's all around strength. Adams mixes up her serves and shots to frustrate Gudinas.

Stupp def. Panzeri: Not a great match-up for Panzeri. Stupp is one of the best players that not many people know about. Stupp isn't fazed by Panzeri's off speed shots, and she handles Panzeri's amazing passes with speed and patience. Panzeri gets frustrated by Stupp's calm and joyful attitude, as well as her quickness and powerful shots.

McKinney def. Gilreath: Gilreath gives it all she's got, throwing her body and soul around the court, but in the end McKinney is too tough mentally and too solid with her shots. McKinney makes very few errors, and takes advantage of Gilreath's mistakes.

Wright def. Levine: Levine's inconsistent play allows Wright many set ups and opportunities. Wright, a very consistent shooter, capitalizes and Levine can't dive her way out of trouble.

Gould def. Kuhfeld: The Ice Princess isn't affected by Gould's power but she's

no match for Gould's amazing killshots. Kuhfeld is dispatched in three games.

Greer def. Drexler: What a match! Two similar styles ... lots of diving, amazing shots, great gets and big emotions. Greer eeked out the win, due to more experience in big matches and a more level head during the close points. This match could have gone either way.

Paraiso def. Steding: Steding's unique game style of fly kills and over-heads initially throws Paraiso off, but Paraiso quickly recovers and shows her solid game. Steding can't handle Paraiso's power, speed and precision shots.

McKay def. Bailey: McKay has too many weapons, too much power, and too much consistency for Bailey to handle. Bailey fought hard, but to no avail.

quarterfinals

Adams def. Stupp: A very close, exciting match. Both players executed shots at a high level. Adams had to pull out all the stops to stay alive in the match. There was never a moment when either player could relax and the outcome was unknown until the very end. Adams breathed a sigh of relief that Stupp didn't play the tour regularly.

Wright def. McKinney: McKinney fought the good fight, but Wright was just too strong and tenacious. The shots Wright can make taking the ball off the back wall are breathtaking. Plus Wright can be pretty intimidating when she starts trash-talking and McKinney wasn't used to dealing with that. The third game was exciting and showcased both players phenomenal skills.

Gould def. Greer: Greer's speed put a lot of pressure on Gould, and her splat shots caught Gould flat-footed on more than one occasion, but Gould's precision and power proved to be too much for Greer's loose game. Greer gave Gould too many opportunities, and Gould hammered Greer with photon serves to Greer's forehand. While the fourth game was close, Gould seemed in control.

McKay def. Paraiso: Paraiso was able to put together an awesome third game, using her splats and passes to frustrate McKay, but McKay was just too consistent and strong over the course of the match. McKay had Paraiso running the four corners of the court. Whenever Paraiso made a mistake, McKay ended the rally.

women's draw of the century!

1	Lynn Adams	Adams
32	Molly O'Brien	11-3, 11-3, 11-4
17	Sara Green	Gudinas
16	Cheryl Gudinas	8-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-9
9	Heather Stupp	Stupp
24	Kathy Williams	11-2, 11-2, 11-4
25	Peggy Gardner	Panzeri
8	Vicki Panzeri	11-5, 5-11, 11-9, 11-5
5	Caryn McKinney	McKinney
27	Cindy Baxter	11-5, 11-9, 11-10
21	Christie VanHees	Gilreath
12	Terri Gilreath	11-7, 4-11, 11-9, 11-8
13	Robin Levine	Levine
20	Janell Marriott	9-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-2
29	Dot Fischl	Wright
4	Shannon Wright	11-4, 11-8, 11-8
3	Michelle Gould	Gould
30	Lynne Coburn	11-2, 11-6, 11-2
19	Toni Bevelock	Kuhfeld
14	Kaye Kuhfeld	6-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9
11	Marci Drexler	Drexler
22	Jennifer Harding	11-4, 11-9, 6-11, 11-5
27	Laura Fenton	Greer
6	Marci Greer	11-8, 8-11, 11-7, 6-11, 11-8
7	Peggy Steding	Steding
26	Rita Hoff	11-7, 11-5, 11-5
23	Karin Walton	Paraiso
10	Jackie Paraiso	7-11, 11-90, 11-2, 11-5
15	Malia Bailey	Bailey
18	Laura Martino	11-8, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9
31	Linda Prefontaine	McKay
2	Heather McKay	11-4, 11-5, 11-5

Adams

11-0, 11-8, 11-7

Adams

11-8, 10-12, 7-11, 12-10, 11-8

Stupp

6-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-7

Adams

4-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-6

McKinney

11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5

Wright

11-5, 7-11, 12-10, 11-5

Wright

11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-5

Gould

11-9, 11-9, 11-4

Gould

11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 13-11

Greer

9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 10-12

McKay

8-11, 11-9, 11-13, 11-7, 11-8

Paraiso

7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6

McKay

11-6, 11-8, 5-11, 11-7

McKay

11-7, 11-8, 11-4

Adams defeats Wright: Wright came out fast, hitting with amazing accuracy off the back wall. Adams seemed nervous and was leaving the ball up. Wright took advantage and looked dominant in the first two games. Adams got mad, started talking to herself and paced the court like a caged panther. Adams started playing strong, mixing up her serves and shots and Wright couldn't keep up with the pace. Adams breathes a second sigh of relief.

McKay defeats Gould: The crowd wasn't disappointed as both players performed at their peak. Gould's power kept McKay on her toes, but McKay quickly adjusted. McKay's amazing pinches and wide angle passes moved Gould around more than she was used to. Both players fought hard, were able to end rallies at the first opportunity, but Gould's lack of foot speed proved to be her undoing in the end.

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New Orleans Summer Cooler

Each year when New Orleans Elmwood Fitness Center welcomes the top pros and the south's best amateurs to New Orleans, it is both the official start of the pro tour season, and the unofficial start of racquetball season in general. As this year's event kicked off again in early August, I was reminded just how amazing Elmwood really is, how good the pros really are, and how much fun it is to enter the time of year when more and more players set aside their golf clubs, fishing poles, and softball gloves in favor of their racquets. As tournament director Al Schof and company teamed up with Miller Lite and Coca Cola for this year's "Cooler," the action was anything but "cool."

The event itself saw the introduction of the new IRT schedule format, playing all qualifiers and early rounds on Thursday, the sixteens and quarters on Friday, semis on Saturday, and the final on Sunday. With so much play on Thursday, it was easy to catch some great action most anytime ... especially when former pro national champs Ruben Gonzalez and Drew Kachtik were both playing in the qualifiers! Both reached the opening round easily, but Gonzalez had a bit more trouble with #16 Dan Llacera in the first round, extending to five before a Gonzalez win. Kachtik found even more trouble as #11 seed Rocky Carson closed him out in the fourth game. Familiar faces on the IRT from years past, Todd O'Neil and Scott Reiff came out of the qualifying round to post first round wins against #15 seed Kelly Kerr and #13 seed Mike Locker respectively.

Aside from the surprise of seeing several familiar names in the draw for the qualifiers, another oddity was seeing former national champ Andy Roberts coming in with a #9 seed. Now I'm checking to see when Roberts was last outside the top eight. My guess is that it has been at least ten years, representing one of the most solidly consistent careers in the history of the tour.

After a relatively easy first round, California's Adam Karp sent him packing in what has to be one of only a very few three game, second-round losses of Robert's life. In the next round, Karp enjoyed the distinction of taking the first game from reigning National Champion Sudy Monchik — in five straight events! Smart money says keep an eye on Karp. Still young

but now a seasoned tour veteran, I see a pivotal year coming for the number five ranked pro.

Tim Doyle looks to have regained some of the power of his youth, eliminating #10 seeded Dan Fowler, and taking a game from Cliff Swain in the following round. California's John Ellis and Washington's "Big D" Derek Robinson fought through a tough four-gamer that saw Ellis come out on top of what must have seemed to them like a replay of their practice days as teammates on the Southwest Missouri State collegiate team. Still, the closest and most entertaining match of the event was the five-gamer that saw #4 Jason Mannino and #5 Mike Guidry battle neck-and-neck in the quarters.

The now-so-familiar Monchik vs. Swain final was just what the crowd wanted in New Orleans. However most of the battle for this epic rivalry would be left until later days as Monchik kept the former champ frustrated and closed him out in three quick games. I really thought the top four pros had already gotten about as good as they were going to get, but if New Orleans is any indication, look for them to squeeze even more from one another this year in the heat of battle. Karp and Robinson have the potential to play at that level as well. And now healthy and focused, Guidry and Doyle have both been in the top four and seem ready to return to top of the heap. At any rate, the heat at the New Orleans Cooler showed signs of one of the best ever IRT seasons ahead.

Stockton Coors Light Pro Am

A seventeen-year-old Labor Day tradition, the Stockton event has been a mainstay on the IRT since the dawn of the Yellen vs. Hogan rivalries of the early eighties. While presidents have come and gone, fashion and popular music have changed with each season, and the economy today seeming as different from 1982 as night and day, In-Shape Sports at Westlane's Coors Light Pro-AM has continued to be a showcase for the best athletes in professional sports.

In addition to the familiar pros that return at summer's end each year, Stockton enjoys the added advantage of welcoming California's best young players. The players that emerge from this, the largest and most intense

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competitive region in the world, are the often the toughest and most innovative to enter the tour.

But this year, the newest tough guy on the tour would not hail from California, but from St. Paul, Minnesota. Mike Locker (who raged through the field in Denver last January to a final against Swain) came back from a first game loss in the sixteens against Guidry to win that match by capturing the following three.

One of my picks to stand out this season, Guidry simply could do nothing to counter what Locker himself dubbed "the slowest good serve in racquetball." Even with a loss to Doyle the following round, with the Guidry upset to back up last winter's performance, Locker now stands out as a contender.

Roberts, enjoying new territory once again coming in at number nine, closed out Robinson in three in a battle between two of the physically largest pros on the tour. Hard hitting #14 seed Louis Vogel managed to take a game from Ellis in the same round. Fowler sent Karp packing with a three game victory in a battle of guts and quickness. Once again, Mannino and Carson delivered their crowd favorite three hour marathon battle. If you have the time and the nerves for it, this is one of the best shows going!

While Swain easily handled Mannino this time out, he could not overcome Ellis' home court advantage in the semis. At the top of the draw, Monchik came back from a game two loss to hand Doyle a rare doughnut on his way to a win in four. All in all, Doyle looks more and more like the Doyle of several seasons back — who could be a threat to any player on the tour.



Monchik Signs with New Agency • Sidsy Monchik, the 1999 IRT champion, recently announced his selection of Flynn, Sabatino & Day, of Dayton, Ohio, to represent him in his pursuit of commercial endorsements. Currently, Monchik is the endorsing celebrity for HEAD USA Racquetball, Forten String and Python Grips.

"My recent re-emergence as world pro champion is the ideal time to maximize my position as a product spokesperson," says Monchik. "I chose Flynn, Sabatino & Day (FS&D) because they demonstrate the same aggressive competitiveness in marketing that I do on the racquetball court."

FS&D featured Monchik in an advertising campaign for HEAD USA Racquetball that kicked off in May 1999. "The advertising campaign captured Sidsy's personal intensity for outstanding performance, which is the distinguishing characteristic of HEAD racquetball equipment," Doug Ganim of HEAD USA Racquetball said.

IRT — Coors Light Pro-Am Stockton, California: September 2-5, 1999

	[1] Sidsy Monchik def. [16] Kelly Gelhaus 11-2, 11-3, 11-5 [9] Andy Roberts def. [8] Derek Robinson 11-9, 11-4, 11-9 [5] Tim Doyle def. Fabian Balmori 12-10, 11-2, 11-3 [13] Mike Locker def. [4] Mike Guidry 10-12, 11-4, 11-5, 12-10
	[1] Sidsy Monchik def. [9] Andy Roberts 11-5, 11-6, 13-11, 11-5 [5] Tim Doyle def. [13] Mike Locker 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-4
round of sixteen	[1] Sidsy Monchik def. [5] Tim Doyle 11-9, 5-11, 11-0, 11-4
quarterfinals	[1] Sidsy Monchik def. [3] John Ellis 7-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5
semifinals	[3] John Ellis def. [2] Cliff Swain 11-6, 5-11, 10-13, 6-11, 11-6
final	[3] John Ellis def. [11] Dan Fowler 11-4, 11-4, 11-9 [2] Cliff Swain def. [7] Jason Mannino 13-11, 11-7, 11-8
	[3] John Ellis def. [14] Louis Vogel 7-11, 11-1, 11-1, 11-1 [11] Dan Fowler def. [6] Adam Karp 11-4, 11-4, 11-9 [7] Jason Mannino def. [10] Rocky Carson 11-2, (9), (6), 11-7, 11-3 [2] Cliff Swain def. [15] James Mulcock 13-11, 11-7, 11-8

The final was a battle between the closest of friends off the court — who transform into the most bitter of enemies on the court. With more blasts and dives than any two players should be able to perform, Monchik and Ellis gave Stockton fans four great games to end a Labor Day weekend of great racquetball.

In the area of what's-to-come, it seems to be the point in the season when Swain usually hits his stride. Look for him to fire up, especially as we approach the US Open. Monchik looks to be nearly unbeatable. Ellis and Mannino dig in for the season. Fabian Balmori has looked good in early rounds of two tournaments in a row, and could be ready to make a serious run on the tour. Carson still looks like the best young threat. And Locker, last year's Cinderella story, has proved to be no fluke and could gain a lot of ground this season. More importantly, my observations in New Orleans are reaffirmed, and I look for one of the best seasons ever for the IRT.



IRT Rankings

[Through 09/07/99]

Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Sudsy Monchik	1	2	4,499
2. Cliff Swain	2	1	3,899
3. John Ellis	3	3	3,054
4t. Mike Guidry	4	6	2,205
4t. Jason Mannino	5	5	2,205
6. Derek Robinson	6	8	2,049
7. Tim Doyle	7	10	2,039
8. Adam Karp	8	9	1,825
9. Andy Roberts	8	4	1,586
10. Dan Fowler	11	6	1,325
11. Rocky Carson	10	23	1,280
12. Mike Locker	13	44	1,237
13. Doug Eagle	12	15	1,088
14. Louis Vogel	14	11	979
15. Eric Muller	15	25	955
16. Mike Ray	16	12	945
17. Kelly Kerr	17	20	734
18. Tony Jelso	18	14	540
19. Dan Llacera	19	17	538
20. Luis Bustillos	20	48	455

WIRT Rankings

[Through 1999 Season]

Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Jackie Paraiso	1	2	1,245
2. Cheryl Gudinas	2	4	757
3. Christie Van Hees	3	19t	696
4. Kersten Hallander	4	14t	564
5. Lydia Hammock	5	9	563
6. Robin Levine	8	12	502
7. Molly O'Brien	6	7	456
8. Michelle Wiragh	9	25	423
9. Janet Myers	7	11	387
10. Lori-Jane Powell	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

1999-2000 IRT SCORECARD & CALENDAR

New Orleans.....Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain6, 1, 6
 Stockton.....Sudsy Monchik def. John Ellis(7), 5, 8, 5

October 15-17.....Salem, OR.....Courthouse Athletic Club
 October 21-24.....Albuquerque, NMTom Young's Athletic Club
 October 28-31.....Bloomington, IL.....Athletic Club of Bloomington
 December 1-5.....Memphis, TN.....Racquet Club of Memphis
 December 9-12Lakewood, COLakewood Athletic Club
 January 13-16Denver, COTBA
 January 20-23Boston, MA.....Ridge Athletic Club
 February 10-13Fairfield, NJ.....46th Fitness
 February 17-20Brooklyn Ctr, MNNW Hwy 100 Racquet/Swim
 February 24-27Rochester, NY.....Penfield Racquet & Fitness
 March 9-12.....Birmingham, AL.....TBA
 March 23-26.....Santa Barbara, CA.....Goleta Valley Athletic Club
 April 26-30.....Las Vegas, NV.....Las Vegas Sporting House
 May 11-14Seattle, WA.....TBA
 May 18-21San Diego, CA.....Sorrento Valley Fitness Club
 June 1-4Portland, OR.....Multnomah Athletic Club

1999-2000 WIRT SEASON CALENDAR

October 21-24.....Albuquerque, NMTom Young's Athletic Club
 November 5-7Baltimore, MDMerritt Athletic Club
 December 1-5.....Memphis, TN.....Racquet Club of Memphis
 December 10-12 ...Denver, COLakewood Athletic Club
 January 7-9Chalfont, PAHighpoint Athletic Club
 February 4-6Roanoke, VA.....Roanoke Athletic Club
 MarchNorthern VA.....TBA
 April 26-30.....Las Vegas, NV.....Las Vegas Sporting House
 June 1-4Portland, OR.....Multnomah Athletic Club

WIRT Award Winners

The Women's International Racquetball Tour recently named its annual award winners, for performances and contributions over the 1998-99 season. The winners were:

Rookie of the Year Aimee Roehler
 Sportsmanship Award Janet Myers
 Most Improved Player Christie Van Hees
 Player of the Year Jackie Paraiso
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REVIEW THE "READY POSITIONS" FOR THE POWER DRIVE SERVE (ABOVE) AND THE LOB SERVES (BELOW) IN THE LAST TWO ISSUES.



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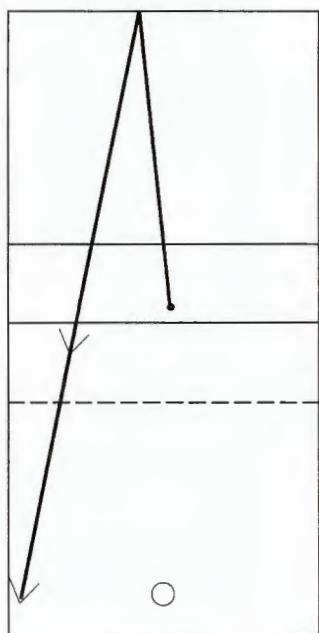
In the last two issues I taught you my magical power drive serve and lob serve. We focused primarily on the mechanics and techniques of the serves ... ball toss, footwork, hip rotation, contact point etc.

The importance of the serve is to set the tone of the match and create either a weak return or an ace (no return at all). The mechanics of the serve helps you create the consistency to accomplish that, but the factors of power, placement, deception and variety also affect the outcome of the serve.

We touched upon these factors briefly before, but I feel they are so important I wanted to really zero in on them and go into more detail on the placement, deception and variations of my power and lob serves. Are you ready to learn more tricks of the trade and see why my magic show separates me from the rest of the pack? I hope so because you are in for a real eye opener ...

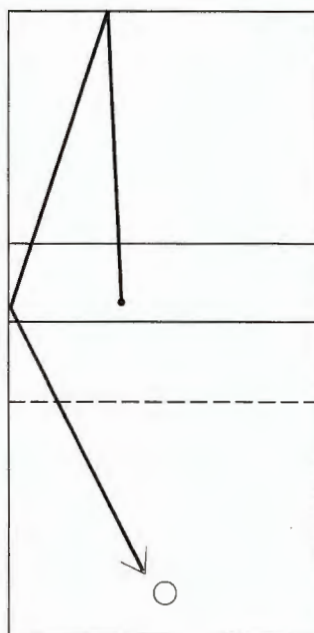
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the drives



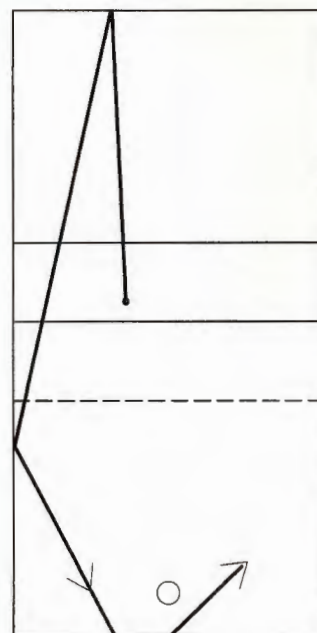
Regular Drive

The ball takes its first bounce between the short line and receiving line, and its second bounce in either corner (it does not hit the side wall).



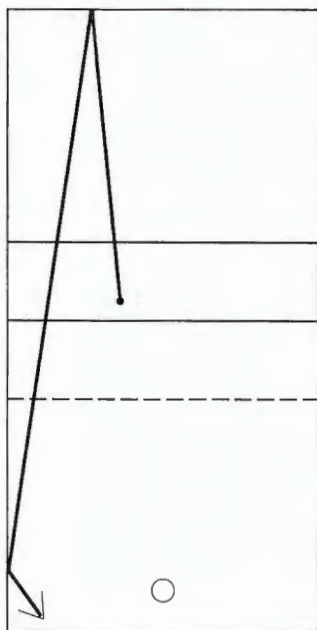
Drive Jam

Ball hits the side wall before the short line on the fly and takes its first bounce right in front of your opponent, jamming them.



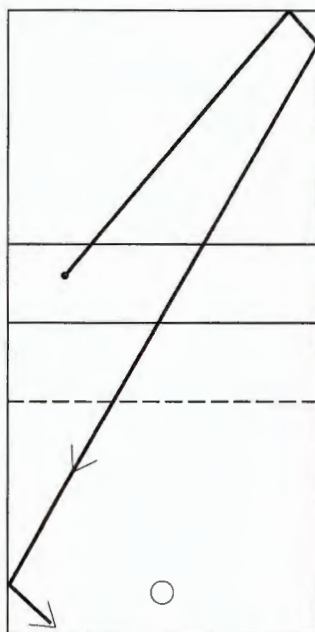
Drive Wrap

Ball hits the side wall on or near the dotted line on the fly, then bounces just behind your opponent, wrapping around them.



Drive Nick

Ball hits the side wall deep (30-32' back) and very, very low (almost looks as if it cracked out).



Hard Drive Z

Ball hits front wall within 6-12" of the first side wall, travels past the short line, then hits the second wall about 30-35' back.

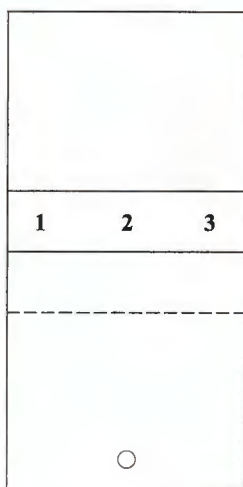
BASIC TRICKS

- **Deception:** The element of surprise is the key to forcing a weak return. If your opponents have no idea where the ball is going or which serve is coming, you've got 'em where you want 'em. This deception is created in two ways ... with your footwork and the ball toss. The two-step motion I taught you earlier should be exactly the same no matter whether you are drive serving to the right or left, z serving or jam serving ... the ball toss is what will change ever so slightly, but only a matter of inches. It will appear in the same spot, off the front foot, but the server will drop it off the big toe for the drive to the right, off the little toe for the drive to the left, off the heel for a z-serve, etc. Keep your opponent guessing.
- **Variety:** You want to be like a baseball pitcher throwing a fastball, knuckle ball, slider or sinker. The batter has no clue what's coming until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand and is in flight. The same is true in racquetball. You want to be able to serve from all three positions, as I do, to create different angles. Look at all the serves I have from all three positions.

Drive Position 1
 Power Drive, right & left
 Off Speed Drive, right & left
 Hard Drive Z, right & left
 Drive Jam, right & left
 Drive Wrap, right & left
 Drive Nick, right & left

Drive Position 2
 Same options as in position 1, with the exception of the Z's, which I don't recommend from the middle.

Drive Position 3
 Same options as position 1, but with only one Z-serve to the right.



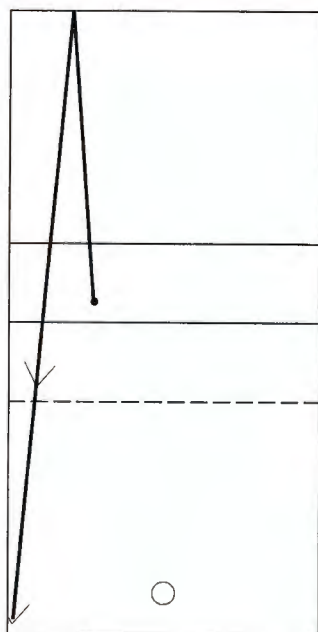
Position 1, 2, & 3

Lob Position 1
 High & Half Lobs, right & left
 Lob Nick, right & left
 High, soft Z, left only with forehand and backhand stroke

Lob Position 2
 Same options as Position 1, but without Z's from the middle.

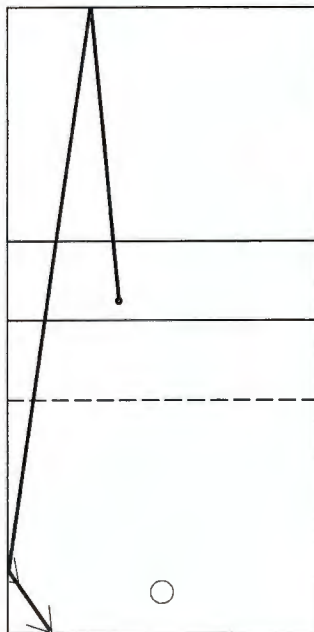
Lob Position 3
 Same options as Position 1, but I only have one high soft Z to the right.

Use the principles of deception & variety in the same way for your lobs



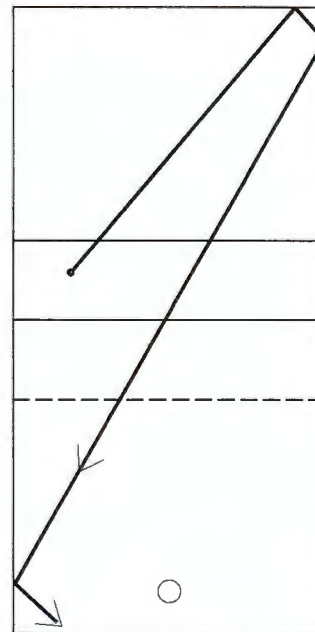
Soft High Lob
 Straight In

Hits 3/4 of the way up the front wall and the first bounce hits 1-2' in front of the dotted line (so your opponent can't attack it) and the second bounce is deep in either corner. It does not hit the side wall.



Lob Nick

Hits 3/4 to 7/8 of the way up the front wall and hits the side wall on the fly 30-35' back, with the first bounce deep in the corner. The ball dies before it hits the back wall.



High Soft Z

Hits 3/4 of the way up the front wall, within 6-12" of the side wall, travels past the short line and then hits the second side wall about 30-35' back. The ball dies before it hits the back wall.

the lobs

Now you have what it takes to fully take advantage of the serve ... mechanics and techniques, power, placement, deception and variety. Remember, the serve is the only time you hit the ball out of your hand so you are in the driver's seat. I recommend two things ... concentrate and take your time ... these are the magic tricks I use each and every time I step into the service zone. I'll see you next time for my magic *Return of Serve*.



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practice tips

By Andy Roberts

In my travels one of the most asked questions is "How can I get better?" The answer sounds simple ... practice! But I have found that many racquetball fanatics just have no idea how to practice. So here are some tips on how to get better, or to eliminate a current slump.

First, let's put a myth to rest: nobody practices racquetball alone for three hours. The only thing that can come out of a three-hour practice session is

therapy. I am a true believer in what I call "focused" practices. Time is not important, goals are important. In every sport, practice is designed to reinforce fundamentals, improve on weakness, and get in better shape for your sport. Second, let's establish that all "well-focused" practice drills are up-tempo, no rests, no visiting, no fooling around. In fact, a solid practice session should be harder than any matches you play.

Drop & Hit

Obviously, always begin with a warm-up of 10 minutes or so. I recommend the stationary bike, some light jogging or jump rope to start, then

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proceed to hitting. I always suggest the classic "drop and hit" drill for openers.

The starting point for this drill is the short line. Face either side-wall, and from about five feet from that side wall, drop the ball to the floor and hit a down-the-line pass. Remember, this drill reinforces good swing thoughts, plus allows you to practice good footwork, body posture and offensive shots. The drill may seem boring, but I will tell you this if you cannot execute this drill at a high level in practice (which means no skips and no balls hitting the side wall) you'll never be effective in matches.

After executing 25 down-the-line pass shots from the short line, move to the five foot line and do a set there. After you complete the drill at the five-foot line, go to the 3/4 court area, then all the way to the back-wall. Set yourself up for back-wall practice by bouncing the ball into the floor, angle it into the back wall, then strike it before it hits the floor a second time.

Remember that this five-foot area along the side-wall is called the power-alley. Over 60% of all setups end up in this region, so you must be proficient with both forehand and backhand shots from this area. At the end of this drill you should see some sweat ... remember you'll be practicing all the shots from each spot; down-the-line, cross court-pinch — all up-tempo! (Tip: take more than one ball on the court with you)

Next proceed directly into a "5-4-3-2-1" — or simply running lines. Starting from the back-wall, run to the five foot line then return to your



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starting position at the back wall; then sprint to the short line and return to the back wall; then dash to the foot fault line and back; then to the front wall and back. That counts as one rep, and you'll do five sets without stopping.

At the end of the five sets take a two-minute rest, then do four without stopping, with two minutes rest; then three with a two minute rest, then two with a one-minute rest, then one rep as fast as you can. (Tip: time each set, and try to improve on your times, this will insure that you're putting out on each rep!)

Set-Up Drill

You will start at the five-foot line and give yourself one of three types of set-ups: a short-ceiling ball; a ball that comes off the back wall; or a ball that falls in mid-court. The reason we start at the five foot line is so you are forced to move your feet.

After giving yourself a set-up, move and execute either a down-the-line, cross court, or a pinch. Remember, you are looking for consistency, no skips, good footwork and balance.

You'll end with five "30-second drills." This is an excellent drill and my favorite. Start at 3/4 court, drop the ball and hit it. Chase the ball and keep hitting it, but don't pick it up. If you cannot strike after the first bounce hit wherever you can but stay in the 3/4 court area. This drill helps with racquet speed, and hitting on the run.



MAINS & CROSSES

By Steve Crandall
Vice President, Sales & Marketing



Derek Robinson: String Maven

As anyone who reads this magazine knows, competition among the world's Top 10-ranked male players is pretty fierce, and they do everything they (ethically) can to gain the smallest advantage over one another. Even so, #6-ranked Derek Robinson isn't concerned if those ranked 1-5, and

7-10, know exactly how he's setting up his racquet. Derek knows he's the only guy in the world with his particular combination of size, strength, speed, agility, strategy, tactics, and racquet sponsor. He'd be only too happy if his opponents were to copy his choices exactly, and end up with setups that aren't so well suited to their personal needs.

What can be copied by other players, however, is not the specifics of Derek's string setup, but the thought process that goes into it. Derek puts a lot of time and energy into getting it right. Here's how he does it.

Derek has his racquets strung by Bruce Bell of Bell Racquet Sports, in Penfield, NY (a suburb of Rochester). Even though Derek lives in Washington state, he can do this because Wilson provides him with four or five *dozen* identical racquets. So even if the stringer has 12 or 18 of his racquets in the shop, and more are in transit, Derek still has plenty of sticks to play with.

"I used to like stringing my own racquets, but that was before I realized the benefits a professional stringer like Bruce can provide," Derek says. "I'd go to Japan if I had to, to find someone to take care of my racquets properly because that's how I make my living."

When Derek gets a new set of racquets, he initially sends several to Bruce, who sets them up with a variety of string types and gauges, at different tensions. Derek tries them all and identifies the setup that's closest to his preferences, then he and Bruce discuss fine-tuning. Even after they've found the right setup through careful trial-and-error testing, Derek confers with Bruce regularly.

"I used to keep the tension as low as possible, to generate as much power as I could, consistent with some minimal level of control," says Derek. "But since Wilson

introduced the Power Hole design, I've changed my approach. (*Power Holes™ are a design feature in some Wilson racquets that increases the effective length of the strings a bit.*) Now I'm able to string up tighter for better control, and I still get all the power I want because of the longer string length." Derek had his "pre-Power Hole" racquets strung at 28-30 lb., compared to the 31-32 lb. he uses now in his Wilson® Hyper Air Hammer™. He's considering bumping it up even further, to 33-34 lb., but this still isn't considered tight; some players go up to about 45 lb.

Derek has been using the same 17-gauge, Ashaway SuperKill® 17 string for almost four years, and remains happy with it. "I like to play with the thinnest gauge possible," he continues. "I'm a big individual, and a lot of players try to hit into me all the time. Thinner strings give me a better feel for the ball — better 'touch' — if I'm blocking the ball.

"I'd play with even thinner strings if I could keep them in the racquet. But I like using a racquet with an open string pattern, and I'd break an 18 gauge string in about five shots. The 17-gauge string gives me good durability, with plenty of power and control.

Derek brings 8-10 racquets to a typical four-day tournament, and as many as 15 to longer events. Every one is set up identically, so that if he breaks a string, or feels that one is losing tension, he can pick up a new racquet and know exactly how it's going to feel. A racquet usually lasts Derek from six to ten games before he feels the string has gotten too soft — assuming that he hasn't broken the string before that.



"I tell everyone that when they buy a new racquet, the first thing to do is get it re-strung," he says. "You need someone to set it up with the right string, gauge, and tension for the way you play. A professional stringer can do a lot to make your racquet play better for you."

As a particularly large player, Derek Robinson has stringing requirements that differ considerably from those of his good buddy Cliff Swain, over whom he towers. Photo: Courtesy Wilson Sporting Goods Co.



TRY THIS!

By Kelly Kirk, Certified Racquet Technician

The new frames are out. Their cosmetics are hot, the manufacturer's power ratings are up, and the marketing chatter promises to elevate your game to a whole new level. Although tennis racquets have just recently reached the 200 gram barrier, racquetball has long been the leader in lightweight frames.

This year's unstrung frames range from just under seven and half ounces to barely over five ounces.

Wow! How did we get down to nearly five ounces? Graphite. In less than a decade, composite materials have allowed manufacturers to go from graphite to high modulus graphite to ultra-high graphite. This year's new vocabulary includes such words as Hyper Carbon and Tri-Carbon. But it's still graphite, a black lustrous carbon, which is the heart of all frames. New combinations of resins and fibers have doubled the number of graphite layers within your frame — and coincidentally allowed companies to put more angles in your frame. In short, more layers combined with more angles have created our lighter, more powerful, frames.

So do you listen to the hype on who has the lightest, the strongest, the most precise weapon out there? Do you buy sight unseen? Or do you visit your local pro shop and pick up a series of demo racquets? In other words, do you have a game plan for selecting your next weapon?

There is only one thing we can agree on: demo, demo, and demo some more. Any instructor or retailer worth their salt will encourage you to try different frames. This year, instead of asking, "Which one is the top of the line?" Or, "Which is the lightest?" Or, "Which has the most power?" Clear your head of all preconceived notions and make a choice that is advantageous to your game. For once, do not concern yourself with weight or expense.

Surround yourself with a number of demo frames and begin by picking them up one at a time. Slow down! Do not run out to the court and immediately start

pounding the ball. Instead get a static feel — just find out what feels natural in your playing hand. The racquets which have a good static feel are the ones you should take to the court.

Don't be a sucker for the first frame pushed into your hand. Chances are your old frame, although it may still be aesthetically sharp, has lost some of its pop. Between hard matches and time on the rack getting re-strung, the carbon fibers of your frame have taken a beating. It's a dirty little secret that under such circumstances, a new frame of any comparable model will feel great.

Grams should not be the single most defining factor. Remember there is a trade off: a light frame will allow you to prep more quickly, but you'll have to increase swing speed to compensate for the lack of mass at impact. A heavy frame may be a bit slower to hoist, but once the swing starts it may feel like the frame propels itself. Ergo, instead of being so concerned about the number of grams and the rumored connection to arm fatigue, check your legs out first. By the time a player is demonstrating visible arm fatigue, chances are the feet are not anywhere near a good set up position. Don't blame the frame for your dysfunctional footwork.

Power ratings are set within each manufacturer's specifications. Every company has its own power rating so you cannot compare a nine at one company with an eleven at another. All things being equal, a frame with a wide beam generates more power — as does a frame with a larger head size or longer strings. If you absolutely insist that power is the single most important facet to your game, bear in mind there is a trade off here too: a stiffer frame associated with more power will also deliver more shock to your arm while a flexible, less powerful frame will deliver less of a shock.

Take a second look at the more flexible frames padded with a few more grams. Is extra mass such a bad thing? That depends on how you view it. In what may seem like a contradiction to the previous paragraph, a heavier frame by virtue of its weight, creates less shock for your arm simply because the ball pushes it around less than a lighter frame. Then again, regardless of which frame you select, hit the sweetspot consistently and you should not feel discomfort from vibration.

Competitive players who drill on a regular basis have an

advantage over players who simply play matches. (Not that there is anything inherently wrong with just wanting to play!) The more familiar you are with your weaknesses and strengths, the easier it should be to select a new frame for the season.

Take the demo racquets which initially felt good into the court. Start by just hitting some easy backhands and forehands. The balance and weight will differ from frame to frame so don't expect rollouts right away. You may also experiment with what you know are your weakest shots. Chances are your best shots will remain with you no matter what frame you select, so you should be more concerned with finding a frame which might strengthen those weak shots.

Then serve. Because our game is often dominated by the serve, the serve should weigh in heavily as a determining factor. Regardless of who is endorsing a product, discard any frame that induces arm pain. One should never underestimate the advantages of a comfortable racquet.

How long do you need to hit with a demo frame before making a decision? That is an individual choice.

Experienced players often determine which frame is meant for them in a matter of minutes, not hours. So where does that leave the rest of us? While some instructors advocate several matches, others will tell you to just drill and get comfortable. It's not unusual for amateurs to lack consistency from one match to the next — so don't penalize a manufacturer's frame for what is really your lack of precision! The cardinal sin, once you have made your selection, is to jump back and forth between your new and old racquets depending on whether you won the game or lost it. Deep down we all want something that will elevate our game. Unfortunately, outstanding results come not from frames, but from speed training, weight lifting, drilling and a bit of raw talent.

In summary, if you demo with an open mind, you might be surprised to discover that the lightest and stiffest frame may not be the most responsive racquet for you. Or it could turn out that the high end frame you first sneered at as "just glitz and advertising" is the perfect fit. No matter which frame you select, all have benefited from space age technology. Be less concerned about how a racquet performs for somebody else, and more concerned about what it delivers to your game.

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changingtimes by Luke St. Onge

I was about to write the obligatory "new millennium column" (that everyone is compelled to do every 1,000 years) when a major breakthrough in our sport occurred to sidetrack me.

Since racquetball's inception in the 60s, it has been clear that — aside from the fanfare and excitement of tournaments — for our sport to continue to develop and

expand, a primary goal was to have a racquetball instructor/programmer in every court club.

Efforts have been made over the past thirty years to make this happen, but after multiple false starts, we really never got beyond first base with the program. Even though this should have been the highest priority of the entire industry, it never really took off and other, glitzy-er promotions took its place. There is no reason to go into why or who did what to whom, but suffice it to say that today it has become the number one priority of the industry.

Patterned after tennis's highly-regarded USPTA instructional program, racquetball's AmPRO is positioned to generate the certified programmers/instructors needed to accomplish this goal.

We had always thought that to make AmPRO successful that the entire industry had to take an active part, not

only in supporting AmPRO financially, but using its vast player program to penetrate the clubs.

We recently held a brainstorming meeting at USRA Headquarters with Tom Odishoo of Wilson, along with USRA staffers Jim Hiser, Gary Mazaroff, Linda Mojer and myself on how to take AmPRO to the next level within the industry. The results of the meeting established ...

- The main goal of AmPRO is to place a qualified AmPRO instructor/programmer in every racquetball club in the United States.
- Four thousand certified AmPRO instructors/programmer will be needed.
- Every major manufacturer should be actively involved and participate in this effort.
- The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association should help the program with a seed grant over four years.
- The industry's Player Program of over 5,000 sponsored players must be involved.
- The initial target population is The International Health and Racquet Sports Association (IHRSA) which has 1,100 clubs with racquetball courts.

I would like to personally and publicly thank Tom Odishoo who put aside his own company's marketing priorities to include the entire industry in this project by stating, "when we grow the market, Wilson will get its share."

I will keep you informed of the manufacturers who come on board and the progress of this exciting grass roots program as it develops. I guess I'll have to wait until 2999 to write the millennium column ...

DOUBLES NOTEBOOK

There were so many people who contributed to the success of this year's national doubles event, including: Ektelon's Jim Flesch, Sharlene Sones, Kelly McGann, and Herb Sweren ... Clarence Bishop of the Washington/Baltimore 2012

Coalition (U.S. Bid City for the Olympic Games), who helped by sponsoring the event hospitality ... Terry Dezzutti, CEO of the Merritt Athletic Clubs, of which the facility at Security is one of, if not the best, racquetball venues in the U.S. ... Doug Ganim of Penn Racquet Sports for the company's continued support of the USRA and its many events ... Laura Ranquist, Gatorade Regional Event Manager, for product support, and Bedding Barn's Larry Crone ... plus all those who participated in the Olympic Dream Auction, and supported the Junior Racquetball team by buying raffle tickets for the autographed Jeff Conine souvenir bat. It was also great to see top-ranked 35+ competitor Mitch Smith, who has been undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways!





11th IRF WORLD SENIORS

by Christie Hyde

The city of Albuquerque, New Mexico celebrated 15 years of international racquetball with the 11th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships, August 31-September 4, where Dave Watson and Karen Key repeated as the men's 35+ and women's 45+ champions, respectively. After losing the first game of the final, Watson came back to knock off Tony Feldstein, 5-15, 15-5, 11-3. Key topped Nan Higgins in round-robin points, 417-401, to capture her second world senior title. Greg Hasty and Glenn Allen also repeated as world senior champions in the men's 50+ and 55+ divisions.

Sharon Hastings-Welty captured her ninth-consecutive world senior title at the championships, with a gold-medal performance in the women's 55+ division, capturing 441 round-robin points, 45 more than silver-medalist Mildred Gwinn. Hastings-Welty has captured five women's 50+ and four women's 55+ titles at the World Senior Racquetball Championships.

Debra Tisinger picked up her seventh-straight world senior title by winning the women's 40+ division at this year's championships. USRA Hall of Fame-member Mary Low Acuff grabbed her 10th world senior title with her uncontested win in the women's 80+ division. Acuff has captured a title at every World Senior Racquetball Championships since the tournament's inception, except 1997 when she did not compete. Her husband and fellow-USRA Hall of Fame member, Earl Acuff, picked up his sixth world senior title at this year's championships by winning the men's 80+ division with 134 round-robin points more than George Spear, who slide into second-place past bronze-medalist Allen Shepherd by only one point.

Paul Banales grabbed his ninth world senior title when he won the men's 65+ division over silver-medalist Don Alt on round-robin points. Joe Lambert and Lola Markus snatched their sixth world senior titles with victories in the men's 70+ and women's 65+ divisions, respectively. Lambert topped Jack Bogasky on points, while Markus' only age-group competitor was Jo Kenyon.

Mike Sole, Hal Price, and Lake Westphal captured their first world senior championships. Sole defeated Japan's Ono Tsuyoshi, 7-15, 15-12, 11-6 in the men's 40+ age group, while Price knocked off 1998 world senior champion Ron Adams, 15-13, 15-14, for the men's 60+ title. Westphal took the men's 75+ title from Nick Sans, who has won the title the previous three years, on round-robin points, 452-438.

Due to the absence of 1999 Pan Am Games bronze-medalist Laura Fenton, the women's 35+ division was up for grabs, and Lorraine Galloway took it in round-robin play, defeating Cyd Evans and Mexico's Rosario Gonzales.

At the event banquet, Agatha Falso was presented with the Al Wetherill award for sportsmanship.



Top to bottom (l-r) — Women's 40+: Jill Mitchell, Cheryl Shaw, Debra Tisinger, Mary Beke. Men's 80+: George Spear, Allen Shepherd, Earl Acuff, Charles Russell. Men's 50+: Dave Arnold, Rick Rios, Greg Hasty, Jack Crowther. Men's 35+: Dave Negrete, Tony Feldstein, Dave Watson, Jim Grant. AND ... Team Japan! Photos: Mike Wolf.

WORLD SENIORS FINAL RESULTS

MEN'S 35+: Dave Watson (Miami, Okla.) def. Tony Feldstein (Colorado Springs, Colo.) 5-15, 15-5, 11-3
MEN'S 40+: Mike Sole (Owasso, Okla.) def. Ono Tsuyoshi (Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan) 7-15, 15-12, 11-6
MEN'S 45+: Jesus Moctezuma (Copperas Cove, Texas) def. Randy Stafford (Memphis, Tenn.) 15-12, 15-5, 11-5
MEN'S 50+: Greg Hasty (Peoria, Ill.) def. Rick Rios (Bozeman, Montana) 15-6, 15-7
MEN'S 55+: Glenn Allen (Virginia Beach, Va.) def. Dennis O'Brien (Boise, Idaho) 15-4, 15-0
MEN'S 60+: Hal Price (Rohnert Park, Calif.) def. Ron Adams (Camarillo, Calif.) 15-13, 15-14
MEN'S 65+: Paul Banales (Phoenix, Ariz.) def. Don Alt (Dublin, Ohio) round robin, 482-444
MEN'S 70+: Joe Lambert (Dallas, Texas) def. Jack Bogasky (McLean, Va.) round robin, 563-514
MEN'S 75+: Lake Westphal (Sun City West, Ariz.) def. Nick Sans (Irvine, Calif.) round robin, 452-438
MEN'S 80+: Earl Acuff (Asheville, NC) def. George Spear (Venice, Fla.) round robin, 490-356
MEN'S 85+: Harry Steinman (Baltimore, Md.) unchallenged

WOMEN'S 35+: Lorraine Galloway (Jamaica Estates, N.Y.) def. Cyd Evans (Albuquerque, N.M.) round robin 2-1
WOMEN'S 40+: Debra Tisinger (Canoga Park, Calif.) def. Cheryl Shaw (Albuquerque, N.M.) round robin 6-5
WOMEN'S 45+: Karen Key (Phoenix, Ariz.) def. Nan Higgins (Atkinson, N.H.) round robin, 417-401
WOMEN'S 50+: Merjean Kelley (Palo Alto, Calif.) def. Mary Lou Fureas (Albuquerque, NM) round robin, 522-503
WOMEN'S 55+: Sharon Hastings-Welty (Corvallis, Ore.) def. Mildred Gwinn (Waxhaw, N.C.) round robin, 441-394
WOMEN'S 60+: Hisako Hayashi (Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan) def. Jeanne Leben (Sun City, Ariz.)
WOMEN'S 65+: Lola Markus (Park Ridge, Ill.) def. Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.)
WOMEN'S 70+: Reta Haring (Madison, Wis.) def. Dorothy Vezetinski (Edmonds, Wash.)
WOMEN'S 75+: Eleanor Quackenbush (Salem, Ore.) def. Christine Stephens (Lumberton, Texas)
WOMEN'S 80+: Mary-Low Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) Unchallenged

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Agatha Falso accepting the Al Wetherill award.

CANADA

Saskatoon's Karina Odegard & Kam Barteski Emerge as Canada's Next Champions • by Susan Blumenschein

Wondering who will make up the next wave of Canadian racquetball champions? You don't need to look any further than Saskatoon, Canada to find them. Karina Odegard and Kam Barteski became the new junior champions, crowned at the 1999 Canadian Junior National Championships, held in Brandon, Manitoba.

Saskatoon's 16-year-old protege, Odegard, trounced Brandi Jacobson Prentice, also of Saskatoon, to capture the junior national crown for girls' 16 and under. Odegard then went on to defeat Veronique Guillemette of Rock Forest, PQ to bring in the Girls' 18-and-under crown. Barteski, also of Saskatoon, was officially crowned the 1999 Canadian Junior National champion in the boys' 18-and-under division after defeating Odegard's older brother Kris.

1999 CANADIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL RESULTS • Boys 8 & under multibounce — 1. Barret Husulak, SK; 2. Dustin Denbow, MB; 3. Devyn Leibel, SK; 4. Mathieu Grand-

Maitre, PQ; Red: Conrad Cole, ON; White: Rod Wyszowski, SK. Boys 10 & under double bounce — 1. Kevin Cole, ON; 2. Tommy Wedgewood, MB 3. Jonathon Pohl, AB; 4. Kurtis Cullen, MB; Red Tyler Hildebrand, MB; White Blair Burgess, MB. Boys 10 & under singles — 1. Keegan Larson, SK; 2. Scott Campbell, MB; 3. Barret Husulak, SK; 4. Tommy Wedgewood, MB; Blue Jason Rathwell, MB; Red Kevin Cole, ON; White Mathieu Grand-Maitre, P Q. Boys 12 & under singles — 1. James Landeryou, SK; 2. Nathaniel Husulak, SK; 3. Ryan Chorney, MB; 4. Keegan Larson, SK; Blue Wade Shadlock, MB; Red Joshua Grehm, SK; White Max Conroy, MB. Boys 14 & under singles — 1. Remi Perras, PQ; 2. Mike Vera, SK; 3. Eric Desrochers, ON; 4. Daniel Hamelin, MB; Blue Tim Landeryou, SK; Red Derek Mortenson, SK; White Michael Dingman, MB. Boys 16 & under singles — 1. Terence Li, SK; 2. Mike Mclean, MB; 3. Eric Youngson, MB; 4. Simon Jobin, PQ; Blue Charles Chouinard, PQ; Red Jeff Buller, AB; White Nathan Peto, MB. Boys 18 & under singles — 1. Kam Barteski, SK; 2. Kris Odegard, SK; 3. Jean-Phillipe Morin, PQ; 4. Vincent Gagnon, PQ; Red Terence Li, SK; White Joel Mihilewicz, SK.

Boys 14 & under doubles — 1. James Landeryou & Tim Landeryou, SK; 2. Derek Mortenson & Nathaniel Husulak, SK; 3. Connell & Exner, SK; 4. Ryan Chorney & Wade Shadlock, MB; Cons Kurt Conroy & Daniel Hamelin, MB. Boys 18 & under doubles — 1. Jean-Phillipe Morin & Vincent

Gagnon, PQ; 2. Kam Barteski & Kris Odegard, SK; 3. Charles Chouinard & Remi Perras, PQ; 4. Serra & Serra, ON; Cons Jeff Buller & Damian Reilly, AB.

Girls 8 & under multibounce; 1. Christine Richardson, SK; 2. Emma Gordon, MB; 3. Miranda Groff, MB; 4. Carly Bosomworth, SK; 5th Brittany Larson, SK. Girls 10 & under double bounce; 1. Chelsea Woodmass, MB; 2. Christine Richardson, SK; 3. Melissa Denbow, MB; 4. Ashley Daciuk, MB; Red Brittany Hoemsen, SK; White Ashley Miller, MB; Blue Kaleigh Rey, MB. Girls 10 & under singles — 1. Alicia Reid, MB; 2. Tanis Montreuil, SK; 3. Kaleigh Rey, MB; 4. Kaitlyn Tucker, MB; Red Chelsea Woodmass, MB; White Melissa Denbow, MB. Girls 12 & under singles — 1. Brandi Jacobsen-Prentice, SK; 2. Megan Daciuk, MB; 3. Kaela Putaro, MB; 4. Lindsay Cullen, MB; Red Katie Rankin, MB; White Alicia Reid, MB. Girls 14 & under singles — 1. Tiara Johnson, SK; 2. Alison Schlichemeyer, SK; 3. Megan Daciuk, MB; 4. Alanna Peto, MB; Red Yvette Carter-Squire, AB; White Amanda Semrock, MB. Girls 16 & under singles — 1. Karina Odegard, SK; 2. Brandi Jacobsen-Prentice, SK. Girls 18 & under singles — 1. Karina Odegard, SK; 2. Veronique Guillemette, PQ; 3. Genevieve Brodeur, PQ; 4. Leah Mortenson, SK; Cons Janine Kelly, SK.

Girls 14 & under doubles — 1. Tiara Johnson & Alison Schlichemeyer, SK; 2. Lindsay Cullen & Kaela Putaro, MB. Girls 18 & under doubles — 1. Veronique Guillemette &



Genevieve Brodeur, PQ; 2. Janine Kelly & Leah Mortenson, SK.

E-Mail Dis • In the Pan American Games quarterfinal, ten-time Canadian national champ and defending World Champion Sherman Greenfeld, defeated his junior teammate, Kane Waselenchuk, 11-8 in the tiebreaker. Earlier in the season, the left-hander had managed an upset win over Greenfeld at the Canadian Nationals, and Sherman had been nagged by the loss. Even worse? Apparently, Waselenchuk had celebrated his upset win by registering the email address: "lbeatSherman@hotmail.com."

EUROPE

10th European Championships/7th European Masters Championships

After a memorable official opening, with school kids and many locals in traditional clothing, the men's team competition at the 10th European Championships commenced in a round-robin format with seven national teams competing.

The German men's team led the field undefeated. The Irish team shocked everyone by scoring one more win than the team from the Netherlands to take second place, while the French team came in fourth. The Belgium, Swiss and Italian teams finished in fifth, sixth and seventh place, respectively. The Swiss team's return to competition marked its first appearance at the European Championships in seven years.

In women's singles competition, Daphne Wannee of the Netherlands and Renate Hoenig of Germany comfortably won their round-robin matches. Only Yvonne Kortjes, the local favorite, was able to produce stiff competition. In the final, the two most experienced women, Wannee and Hoenig, met for the championship title. The Dutch favorite won the first game with fierce shots, mainly from backcourt, and in the second game, cruised past Hoenig to capture her first European Championship.

After the men's team event, the men's singles and doubles competition started,

as well as masters play. Fabian Balmori was granted permission to play in the men's open competition without protest from any of his fellow competitors, then breezed through the tournament to meet Germany's Joachim Loof in the final. Their match was a perfect demonstration of high-standard racquetball, however Balmori was never in danger of losing the match. Due to Balmori's inability to officially compete for Spain until his 18-month suspension is complete, Loof was named the official European champion for the fourth-straight time. The match for third place between Germans Trevor Hayter and Martin Klippel was an exciting one. After being down 9-1 in the tiebreaker, Hayter battled back to win 11-10.

In the masters competition, all represented countries in all categories won awards, however the Germans' earned the largest haul, capturing four first-place and five second-place awards.

10th European Championships 7th European Masters Championships

July 20-24, 1999: Bad Toelz, Germany
Men's Open: Fabian Balmori (ESP) def. Joachim Loof (GER) 15-10/15-11 (*Due to Balmori's ineligibility to play for Spain until his 18-month suspension is completed, Loof is the official winner of the men's open singles, over Trevor Hayter of Germany). Women's Open: Daphne Wannee (NED) def. Renate Hoenig (GER) 15-8/15-7. Men's Doubles: Loof/Hayter (GER) def. Klinke/Droege (GER) 15-6/15-13. European Masters — Men's 30+: Philippe Lecomte (FRA) def. Olaf Gerullis (GER) 15-7/15-7. Men's 35+: Torsten Krieger (GER) def. Bjorn Jensen (GER) 15-12/11-15/11-9. Men's 40+: Frank Fekete (HUN) def. Tobjorn Paulsen (GER) 15-1/15-9. Men's 45+: Willi Wenzel (GER) def. Manfred Kaiser (SWI) 15-4/8-15/11-5. Men's 50+: Karel Matla (NED) d. Bernhard Treutner (GER) Forfeit. Men's Doubles 30+: Krieger/Gerullis (GER) d. Jensen/Ludwig (GER) 15-11/15-9. Men's Doubles 40+: Wenzel/Kortjes (GER) ü Hehemann/Matla (NED) 15-2/15/7. Team Standings (Men): 1. Germany, 2. Ireland, 3. Netherlands, 4. France, 5. Belgium, 6. Switzerland, 7. Italy.

Gemini Open Results

Zoetermeer: June 12-13, 1999

Men's Open: 1. Trevor Hayter (Germany); 2. Martin Klippel (Germany); 3. Pascal Matla (The Netherlands); 4. Patrick Hanley (Ireland);

consolation: Peter de Jong (The Netherlands). Men's B: 1. Daphne Wannee (The Netherlands); 2. Paul Devos (Belgium) 3. Rene Hehemann (The Netherlands); 4. Eric mc Guirre (USA); consolation: Jan Bucholz (Germany). Doubles Open: 1. Klippel/Hanley (Germany/Ireland); 2. Hayter/Scholz (Germany); 3. Wannee/Matla (The Netherlands); 4. Jensen/Bebia (Germany).

16th Hamburg Open 1999

October 8-10: Hamburg, Germany

Men's Open: 1. Achim Loof (GER); 2. Pascal Matla (NED); 3. Mike Mesecke (GER). Women's Open: 1. Yvonne Kortjes (GER); 2. Aldona Piec (GER); 3. Martina Lang (GER). Doubles Open: 1. B. Jensen/P. Matla (GER/NED); 2. A. Loof/J. Sattler (GER); 3. V. Arcouette/J. Ludwig (USA/GER). Men's B: 1. Michelle Veeken (NED); 2. Gisbert Göde (GER); 3. Karel Matla (GER). Men's C: 1. Yvonne Kortjes (GER); 2. Thorbjörn Paulsen (GER); 3. Daniel Seidel (GER). Seniors 35+: 1. Björn Jensen (GER); 2. Vincent Arcouette (USA); 3. Jörg Ludwig (GER).

French Open • The 2000 French Open Racquetball Championships will be held in Paris, January 16-17. For online details, go to: <http://assoc.wanadoo.fr/racquetball.plus/>

SOUTH AMERICA

Team Trades • After months of appeals and negotiations, Fabian Balmori and Ramona Vonondarza have been traded from the Venezuelan Racquetball Team. Earlier this year, the Venezuelan Racquetball Federation had denied Balmori's international transfer request to compete for Spain and an appeal was made to the Executive Committee of the IRF, which convened during the Pan American Games. The IRF committee also denied Balmori's immediate transfer, and imposed an 18-month suspension which will clear Balmori in time for the World Championships in Mexico in 2000. Vonondarza, who represented the Venezuelan team at the 1998 World Championships, was officially released from her duties with the Team when her transfer to Germany was approved by the IRF, effective July 15. Both players expressed gratitude for the support offered them by the Venezuelan national team in recent years, while looking forward to their new "assignments."

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Winterton, Fisher Named Coaches of the Year

The U.S. Racquetball Association recently announced its 1999 Coaches of the Year. The national coach award went to previous-U.S. National Team Head Coach and current-U.S. Junior National Team Head Coach Jim Winterton, and Brigham Young University Head Coach Dennis Fisher, of Provo, Utah, was awarded the development coach award.

Winterton, who has had a long, successful career as coach of the U.S. National Racquetball Team, received the award for the second time (his first was in 1996). During his 10-year tenure, Winterton has become the USRA's most successful coach, capturing every possible title in international competition, including multiple World Cups and Pan American Games sweeps in 1995 and 1999.



Since taking over as head racquetball coach at Brigham Young University, Dennis Fisher has helped his team become one of the top intercollegiate squads in the nation. Since 1995, his teams have won a total of eight team titles at the U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships. At the 1999 championships, BYU captured its fifth-consecutive women's team title, in addition to its second-place finish in the overall-team competition. Fisher has also led his teams to three overall-team titles at the championships in previous years. The women's team at BYU has been extremely successful under Fishers' direction, with 23 singles, 11 doubles and five team titles going to BYU women since 1995.

Former Doubles Partners Meet Up on Military Mission

Stringer Alan Golombek, from Baltimore, Maryland, and WIRT tour player Angela Burth, stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada, were shocked to find out they would both be serving in the Balkans at the same time. Golombek is an Army Reserve officer who was mobilized and sent to the Balkans, while Burth is an Air Force communication officer, also deployed to the same theater of operations.

The two are long-time friends who have played mixed doubles together in tournaments — and although there are no racquetball courts at the Eagle Base in Bosnia and Herzegovina — they both brought their racquets and found a way to hit a ball against an aircraft hanger for practice. Angela should be stateside by press time, and can be e-mailed at CUBUFF1992@aol.com. Alan won't be back until March 00 and can be e-mailed at alangolombek@yahoo.com

Junior Racquetball Camp Held at USOTC

The top junior racquetball players in the United States converged on Colorado Springs in mid-August for the U.S. Junior National Racquetball Team training camp, held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and Lynmar Racquet Club, the USRA's official training site.

Returning for her sixth-consecutive year as a member of the team was Sara Borland, who qualified by placing second in the girls' 18- singles division at the 1999 Junior Olympic Championships held in June. Brooke Crawford made her fourth and final appearance as a junior athlete at the camp after winning the girls' 18- title. Current National High School and Girl's 16- champion Kristen Walsh, was a junior-team camp attendee for a third time.



Above: Winterton (top) and Fisher receive their awards from Charles J. Dillman, Ph.D., Chair of the USOC's Coaching Committee. **Below:** Burth and Golombek in Bosnia.



Jack Huczek, Josh Tucker and Shane Vanderson all made third appearances on the U.S. Junior National Team roster. Huczek qualified for the team by capturing the 1999 Junior Olympic boys' 16- singles title, while Vanderson finished second to Tucker in the boys' 18-singles competition.

Two sets of siblings trained with this year's junior team, including the Oregon brother-and-sister twosome of Brooke and Bart Crawford and sisters Lauren and Lindsay Deutsch from Studio City, California.

The training camp featured coaching by a crew of top-notch racquetball coaches and athletes, including Junior Team Head Coach Jim Winterton, pros Todd O'Neil and Robin Levine, plus '99 Pan American Games gold medalist and U.S. National Singles champion Cheryl Gudinas. New Hampshire's Kelley Beane also assisted the training camp as the team leader.

New Staff Member at USRA

Effective July 1, Christie Hyde joined the USRA as its media and public relations coordinator, after serving six months with the U.S. Olympic Committee's Media and Public Affairs Division where she was the primary liaison with all the USOC's national governing bodies. She was also the author of the USOC's bi-weekly media newsletter Newsbeat, in addition to writing for Olympic Beat and The Olympian magazine. While with the USOC, she created a feature series, Athlete Spotlight,

designed to highlight Olympic and Pan American hopefuls often overlooked by the media.

Hyde is a 1998 graduate of the University of South Carolina Spartanburg, where she received a bachelors of arts in communication journalism. While in school, she performed her cognitive work in sports marketing.



More Doubles Winners! Virginia's Paul Newcomb won the raffle to support the U.S. Junior Team, and took home the Jeff Conine autographed bat (presented by Conine and current U.S. Junior Team member Josh Tucker). Photo: John Foust. Debra Bryant of North Carolina won the Ektelon-sponsored trip to "The Finals" in Houston next May. The grand prize included round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations and free entry to the 2000 event. Congratulations!

Tribute to Larry Adams

by Tom Travers

Larry Adams of Stow, Ohio, producer of the Mastery of Racquetball video instruction series, passed away of cancer this past May, leaving behind his wife, Marty and two children, Ben and Mary.

Larry, without question, loved the game of racquetball. He was an avid fan as well as player, who really wanted to help people learn more about the game. His second instructional videotape, Mastery of Racquetball Doubles, was produced as he was battling this deadly disease last year.

As a player, Larry never questioned calls, always had a smile on his face, was quick to laugh and congratulated his opponent with sincerity after the game, win or lose. Even when he found out that he had cancer, he took a positive approach to try to end the disease throughout his year-long struggle. Not once did I hear he was discouraged by hospital results or doctor's remarks. When I saw him in the hospice only weeks before he died, he said, "We're going to beat this." His smile and his pride were as big as ever.

Unfortunately, Larry did not beat the disease, but he showed courage and never gave up throughout his fight. Larry has shown us all that he loved life and racquetball equally. He gave a lot to the game and will be truly missed.

First Level Two Coaching Clinic Held

The world's top racquetball coaches traveled to the Colorado Springs U.S. Olympic Training Center for the first Level II Coaches Clinic in mid-September. The clinic marked the first time an international group of coaches have met for such a seminar, which included six coaches from this summer's Pan American Games in Winnipeg.

Canada's Ron Brown was on hand, after coaching the Canadian Team to three silver medals at the Pan Ams. Other attendees included touring pro Mike Guidry, who took over the reigns for the Chilean Racquetball Team

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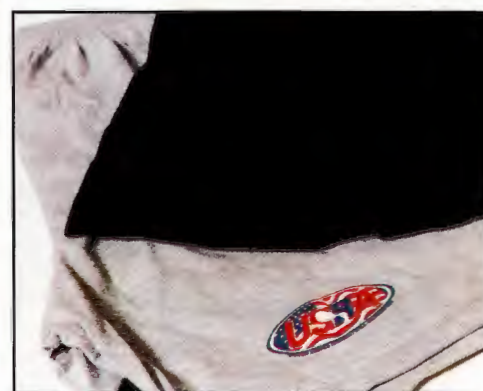
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BACK ROW (L-R): ED ARIAS, TOM TRAVERS, JIM WINTERTON, RON BROWN, KYLE SMITH, DENNIS FISHER. FRONT ROW: OSWALDO MAGGI, SCOTT PHELPS, MANUEL MEDINA, MIKE GUIDRY, PAT BERNARDO. PHOTO: COURTESY ED

this year to lead his team to the country's first-ever Pan Am Games medal in racquetball (a bronze in women's doubles). Argentina's Oswaldo Maggi and Venezuela's Manuel Medina also took part in the three-day clinic, along with the USOC's Developmental Racquetball Coach of the Year, Dennis Fisher, and fellow-collegiate coaches Ed Arias, Pat Bernardo and G. Kyle Smith.

Presenters at the clinic were U.S. National Team Head Coach Tom Travers and U.S. Junior Team Head Coach Jim Winterton, along with speed trainer Scott Phelps, who has worked with various amateur and professional teams including the Dallas Cowboys.

NMRA National Masters Championship

by Ron Pudduck

Masters age players came from all directions to meet at the Greenbriar Athletic Club in Indianapolis for four days of high-level masters' racquetball competition and warm friendship in April. When the dust had settled and the final point had been scored, all the participants went home with something of value — a medal for some, while others took home a big smile, or a few new shots to practice.

Club manager Chad Bird and his great staff made all the players feel very welcome. The facilities at the Greenbriar were excellent, including carpeted bench seats behind the two main viewing courts which were used to watch the contests

being played. They also served as a place where old and new friends could meet and share tales and stories about great matches of the past. (You know "the older we get, the better we was" theory of sports and life). Many soon found out that those same carpeted steps were also a great place to catch a quick nap or short rest between events.

Tournament director Rex Lawler delighted all participants with a beautiful embroidered fleece jacket, which most agreed was the best entry gift that they had ever received at any tournament. Rex topped that by presenting the non-participant guests with an attractive Penn watch. The tournament ran very smoothly and the banquet and auction on Friday evening sent the players to bed with full stomachs and empty wallets.

The National Masters Racquetball Association offers three USRA sanctioned Level Five tournaments each year. For a complete brochure on the NMRA, contact NMRA President, Ron Pudduck @ 7560 Forest; Dexter, MI 48130.

FINAL STANDINGS: MEN'S SINGLES — 45+: 1. Denny Vincent-OH; 2. Dominic Palmieri-OH; 3. Richard Montoya-MO; 4. Kevin Dwyer-IN. 50+: 1. Ron Galbreath-PA; 2. Bill Welaj-NJ; 3. David Warner-MN; 4. John Green-FL. 55+: 1. Gary Roberts-PA; 2. Glenn Allen-VA; 3. Ray Huss-OH; 4. Ron Hutcherson-IN. 60+ 1. Lee Graff-OR; 2. Jerry Holly-CA; 3. Grant Morrill-PA; 4. Jim Emerson-MI. 65+: 1. Otis Chapman-OH; 2. Don Alt-FL; 3. Paul Banales-AZ; 4. Ken Moore-CA. 70+: 1. Victor Sacco-NY; 2. Joe Lambert-TX; 3. Dick Kincade-CO; 4. Phillip Dzuik-IL. 75+: 1. Nick Sans-CA; 2. Carlton Appleby-CA. 80+ 1. Earl Acuff-NC; 2. George Spear Sr.-FL. WOMEN'S SINGLES: 45+ 1. Debbie Chaney-IN. 50+ 1. Merijeane Kelley-CA; 2. Linda Miller-IN. 55+: 1. Gail Schaffer-MD; 2. Sandy McPherson-TX. 65+: 1. Jo Kenyon-FL; 2. Lola Markus-IL. 75+: 1. Mary-Low Acuff-NC. MEN'S DOUBLES: 45+: 1. Denny Vincent/Dominic Palmieri; 2. John Green/Jim Anderson; 3. Kevin Dwyer/Dale Knotts. 50+: 1. Dennis Misel/Ken Weinstein; 2. Tom Curran/Ray Watts; 3. David Warner/Bob Sullivan; 4. Mike Arnold/Gary Garvar. 55+: 1. Ron Galbreath/Gary Roberts; 2. Jerry Monell/Tom Penick; 3. Rex Lawler/Ron Hutcherson; 4. Glenn Allen/Keith Biddlecomb. 60+: 1. Lee Graff/Bob Webster; 2. Paul Banales/Jerry Jolly. 65+: 1. Otis Chapman/Don Alt; 2. Cy Dietrich/Ken Moore; 3. Duane Smith/Joe Lambert. 70+: 1. Victor Sacco/Ivan Bruner; 2. Dick Kincade/Jack Gushue; 3. Amos Rosenbloom/Cap Hiles; 4. Jack McAfee/Bob Miller. MIXED DOUBLES: 45+: 1. Jim McPherson/Sandy McPherson; 2. Steve LaVorgana/Merijeane Kelly; 3. Joel Sicherman/Linda Miller; 4. Jim Emerson/Gail Shaffer. 60+: 1. Royal Slack/Lola Markus; 2. Grant Morrill/Jo Kenyon; 3. Earl Acuff/Mary-Low Acuff.



LEFT: "All Legs" Mixed 60+ winners Lola Markus & Royal Slack. Photo: Courtesy Ron Pudduck.

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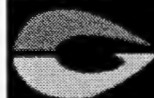
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	Pro Kennex Super Six Stop #5 @ Southview Athletic ClubWest	St. Paul, MN	651-450-1660
	Shapes Open @ Shapes Family Fitness Center	Watertown, NY	315-782-9348
	The Icicle Open @ Allentown Racquet Club	Allentown, PA	610-821-1300
	Valentine Open @ Bristol Hosp. Wellness Center	Bristol, CT	203-248-1869
	Wintergreen Classic @ Laurel Sport Fit-Racquet	Laurel, MD	410-987-0980
	WNY Open @ Bally Total Fitness	Amherst, NY	716-743-1852
	2nd Annual New York City ProAm @ BQE	Woodside, NY	718-429-8489
February 5	Quad West 1-Day Singles Warmup @ Quad West	TBA, FL	
February 8-12	St. Valentine's Day Massacre @ Redwood Multi-Purpose Center	West Valley City, UT	801-887-2949
February 9-13	Valentine Doubles @ The Alaska Club Midtown	Anchorage, AK	907-337-9550

upcoming 1999 national & international events ...

Nov. 30 - Dec. 5	Promus Hotel Corporation 4th U.S. OPEN [5]	Memphis, TN	719-635-5396
December 17-22	ProKennex 11th IRF World Junior Championships [5]	Fountain Valley, CA	719-635-5396

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January 20-23	USRA Leadership Conference . . . U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO	719-635-5396
January 21-23	Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Association Championship [5] . . . Baltimore, MD	410-655-7958
February 16-19	NMRA U.S. Masters Singles Championship [5] . . . Fountain Valley, CA	816-229-1300
March 3-5	Wilson 13th USRA National High School Championships [6] . . . St. Louis, MO	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] . . . Minneapolis, MN	719-635-5396
July 12-15	NMRA International Masters Championship . . . Colorado Springs, CO	816-229-1300
August 4-12	IRF 10th World Championships . . . San Luis Potosi, Mexico	719-635-5396

• **Bolded listings are USRA National Championships or International Racquetball Federation Events**

• **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 11/99, you must renew your membership in the month of November in order to play in any sanctioned events held that month.**

MEN

Men's Open

1. Dan Llacera, DE
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Adam Karp, CA
4. Michael Bronfeld, CA
5. Not a Member, MD
6. Doug Ganim, OH
7. Todd O'Neil, TX
8. John Davis, LA
9. Brian Fredenberg, TX
10. Ruben Gonzalez, NY

Men's A

1. Barney Revuelta, TX
2. David Ghio, CA
3. Mike Cole, NH
4. Fernando Gambirazio, CA
5. Sanjay Laforest, NY
6. Travis Woodbury, VA
7. Doug Brehm, TN
8. Keith Taylor, NC
- 9T. Seth Parker, PA
- 9T. Peter Smith, CO

Men's B

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

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
7. Roger Dial, SC
- 8T. Bruce Schaff, CO
- 8T. Andy Silva, FL
- 8T. Melvin Todd, TX

Men's D

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

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. Not a Member, AZ
- 9T. Matt Keddle, 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. Not a Member, LA
- 9T. Bart Crawford, OR

Men's 25+

1. Sameer Hadid, CA
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Rob DeJesus, AZ
4. Scott Grunin, NY
- 5T. Kevin Graham, ND
- 5T. Barney Revuelta, TX
7. Al Schof, LA
- 8T. Jeff Arnett, MO
- 8T. Fabian Balmori, FL
- 8T. Chris Zalegowski, NH

Men's 30+

1. John Davis, LA
2. Jeff Bell, AZ
3. Hector Capo, FL
- 4T. John Collison, DE
- 4T. Brad McCuniff, IA
- 4T. David Watson, OK
7. Alan Sheppard, NC
8. David Smith, GA
9. Jim Frautschi, MN
10. Steve Lerner, OH

Men's 35+

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

Men's 40+

1. Michael Anderson, MI
2. Walter Schramm, NY
3. Don Ott, IN
4. Tom Travers, OH
5. Roger Miller, VA
6. Steve Wattz, CA
7. Gary Tanko, WI
- 8T. Greg Diaz, FL
- 8T. Patrick Gibson, TX
- 8T. Dan Hardan, WA

Men's 45+

1. Gary Mazaroff, NM
2. Dominic Palmieri, OH
3. Steve Silverman, SC
4. Tom Weniger, CA
- 5T. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
- 5T. Denny Vincent, OH
- 7T. Ed Garabedian, PA
- 7T. Jesus Motezuma, TX
- 7T. Tom Travers, OH
10. Richard Bocanegra, KS

Men's 50+

1. Greg Hasty, IL
2. Bill Welaj, NJ
3. Ed Remen, NC
4. Jim Bailey, VA
5. Tom McKie, TX
6. Ron Galbreath, PA
7. Dan Davis, TX
8. Mark Daigle, NY
- 9T. Dave Arnold, NM
- 9T. Gary Peterson, MN

Men's 55+

1. Glenn Allen, VA
2. Ray Huss, OH
3. Warren Reuther, LA
4. Dennis O'Brien, ID
5. Ron Galbreath, PA
6. Bob Coe, TX
7. Jim Trammell, MO
8. G. Kyle Smith, TX
9. Mickey Bellah, CA
10. Len Wilson, PA

Men's 60+

1. Lee Graff, OR
2. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
3. Jerry Holly, CA
4. M60 Rex Lawler, IN
5. Jim Wilking, UT
6. Ron Adams, CA
- 7T. George Wade, MO
- 7T. Bob Webster, AL
9. Grant Morrill, PA
10. Dario Mas, DE

Men's 65+

1. Don Alt, FL
2. Otis Chapman, OH
3. Paul Banales, AZ
4. John O'Donnell, IL
5. Ken Moore, CA
6. Don Maxey, TX
7. Robert Miller, SC
- 8T. Jim Dunn, CA
- 8T. Skip Kiphart, TX
- 8T. Bob Kleinschmidt, MN

Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. Barney Friesth, SD
- 3T. Philip Dziuk, IL
- 3T. Mal Roberts, FL
5. Bill Reese, TX
6. Bill Gencarella, CA

- 7T. Carl Buschner, MA
- 7T. Chuck Lake, VA
- 7T. Chuck Martarano, IL
10. Stan Fugate, FL

Men's 75+

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

Men's 80+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. George Spear, FL
3. Charlie Russell, CA
- 4T. Ben Marshall, TX
- 4T. Ben Penchan, TN
6. C. Allen Shepherd, MD
7. Harry Steinman, MD
8. Bill Sherman, TX
9. Walter Gardner, UT

Men's 85+

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

WOMEN

Women's Open

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

Women's A

1. Esther McNary, CT
2. Janel Tisinger, CA
3. Sharon Steeley, SC
4. Sheri Zappala, NY
- 5T. Kelly Goddard, VA
- 5T. Shirley Parsons, CO
7. Lori Edmonds, NE
8. Christina Pastore, MA
9. Patrice Calvi, IL
10. Kathy Cornell, MD

Women's B

1. Michelle Poage, AK
2. Diane Taylor-Whitman, MA
3. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
4. 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
- 2T. Alice Avchen, FL
- 2T. Beth Rist, LA
4. Janice Kennedy, GA
5. Sharon Curran-Wilks, NC
6. Stephanie Guthrie, GA
- 7T. Anne Debose, TX
- 7T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 9T. Leslie Aulph, MO
- 9T. Angela Cook, PA

Women's D

1. Pamela Trent, MD
2. Ramona Vonondarza, FL
3. Nikki Winfrey, OH
4. Samaria Bennett, TX
5. Sunshine Dryer, OK
6. Gretchen Gobar, NH
7. Gennie Salinas, TX
8. Lisa Crispin, CA
9. Kelly McCloskey-Romero, NM
10. Rita Derr, CO

Women's Novice

1. Gretchen Gobar, NH
2. Nancy Bennett, PA
3. Lynette Ross, PA
- 4T. Kelly Parker, ID
- 4T. Gena Reilly, NM
- 4T. Elise Wilson, CT
7. Anna Post, VA
- 8T. Theresa Alimena, OH
- 8T. Kim Boehmlier, DE
- 8T. Lai Man Cheung, PA

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

rankings...rankings

Rankings are based on
results processed by the
national office as of:
September 21, 1999

Women's 30+

1. Kim Russell, TN
2. Michelle Wiragh, VA
3. Lorraine Galloway, NY
4. Lori Lepow, FL
5. Kelley Beane, NH
6. Mindy Hartstein, NY
7. Micky Richer, CO
8. Patty Powl, FL
- 9T. Cheryl Conrad, IA
- 9T. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT

Women's 35+

1. Lorraine Galloway, NY
2. Denise Mock, TX
3. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT
4. Holly Remen, NC
5. Phyllis Morris, NC
6. Debbie Tisinger, CA
7. Kim Machiran, WA
8. Karin Sobotta, WA
- 9T. Laura Fenton, OR
- 9T. Paula Saad, MI

Women's 40+

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

Women's 45+

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

Women's 50+

1. Meri Jean Kelley, CA
2. Sharon Huczek, MI
3. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
4. Shelley Ogden, OH
5. Mary Lou Furaus, NM
6. Donna Ebner, MO
- 7T. Agatha Falso, FL
- 7T. Pattie Schof, LA
9. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
10. Mildred Gwinn, NC

Women's 55+

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Mildred Gwinn, NC
3. Gail Schaefer, MD
4. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
5. Nidia Funes, CA
6. Nancy Kay Butts, WI

7. Joy DeSantis, CA
8. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
9. Marquita Molina, CA
10. Louise Graham, WI

Women's 60+

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

Women's 65+

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

Women's 70+

1. Reta Harring, WI
2. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA
- 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

Women's 80+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC

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. Joseph Lee, LA
2. Calvin Godwin, FL
- 3T. Andres Garcia, CA
- 3T. Matthew Hunter, FL
5. Ryan Kutner, TX
6. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
7. Marco Rojas, CA
8. Taylor Regier, OR
9. Not a Member, OR
10. Brad Falvey, WI

Boy's 8 & Under

1. Jose Rojas, CA
2. Erick Podwill, OR
3. John Sanderson, UT
4. Not a Member, CO

5. Jordan Faith, CO
6. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
7. Billy Wainwright, OR
8. Joseph Lee, LA
9. Chris Rynard, IN
10. Not a Member, TX

B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Joseph Lee, LA
2. Billy Wainwright, OR
3. Miguel Martinez, AK
4. Not a Member, CO
5. Jordan Faith, CO
6. Andrew Peterson, OR
7. Calvin Godwin, FL
8. Chris Rynard, IN
9. Isaac Mitchell, AK
10. Matthew Hunter, FL

Boy's 10-

1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. Mark Beaudry, CO
3. Connor Reynolds, GA
4. Jose Rojas, CA
5. Matt Keddie, NH
6. Brandon Callihan, AK
- 7T. Jonathan Doyle, OH
- 7T. Johnny Melgaard, ID
- 7T. Brad Starken, WI
10. William Lee, LA

Boy's 12-

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

Boy's 14-

1. Steven Klaiman, TX
2. Ben Croft, IL
3. Ryan Lindell, OR
4. Brandon Shoemaker, OH
5. Dan Sheppick, OR
6. Clay Burris, FL
7. Jacob Karmelin, GA
- 8T. Adrian Anulewicz, CT
- 8T. Nicholas Rowley, AZ
10. Garrett Olson, ME

Boy's 16-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
- 2T. Dan Beaudry, CO
- 2T. Joey Delfino, MA
4. Rusty Powell, LA
5. Sanjay Laforest, NY
6. Bart Crawford, OR
7. Matthew McElhiney, FL
8. Erik Leetch, AR
9. Brandon Burgess, CO
10. Justin Meadows, FL

Boy's 18-

1. Josh Tucker, MO
2. Shane Vanderson, OH
3. Not a Member, WA
4. Stan Shaw IV, MA
5. Jeffrey Garner, AL
6. Joe Marchetti, AK
- 7T. Jack Huczek, MI
- 7T. Mitch Williams, NC
9. James Marchetti, AK
10. Jason Kerwood, OR

GIRLS

G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
2. Stephanie Rojas, OR
3. Tristyn Trelease, OR
4. Sierra Adam, CO
- 5T. Katie Faith, CO
- 5T. Tia Smith, OR
- 7T. Ashley Bechard, WI
- 7T. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM
- 7T. Amy Willhite, OR
10. Elizabeth Brenner, OR

Girl's 8 & Under

1. Wesley Toland, AR
2. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
3. Stephanie Moyle, OR
4. Samantha Pimental, OR
5. Shannon Inglesby, OR
6. Danielle Key, AZ
7. Brianna Elder, MD
8. Not a Member, OR
9. Ashley Wetherell, NJ
10. Nicole Grundman, MN

G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Stephanie Moyle, OR
2. Wesley Toland, AR
3. Cory Laurita, CO
4. Stephanie Rojas, OR
5. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
- 6T. Nicole Grundman, MN
- 6T. Shannon Inglesby, OR
8. Amy Willhite, OR
- 9T. Sierra Adam, CO
- 9T. Julia Negrete, IL

Girl's 10-

1. Kara Mazur, CT
2. Liz Taylor, OR
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Dannielle Pimental, OR

- 5T. Michelle Key, AZ
- 5T. Rebeka Kopf, NY
7. Erin Pratte, NY
8. Katie Wafer, CO
9. Sharon Jackson, IN
10. Brittany Legget, OR

Girl's 12-

1. Ashley Legget, OR
2. Kynzie Dalton, OR
3. Kastle Arturo, AK
4. Kelley Fisher, OH
5. Elise Wilson, CT
6. Brandie Hanson, OR
- 7T. Natalie Starken, WI
- 7T. Kimberly Walsh, UT
9. Not a Member, OR
10. Tiffany Loman, CO

Girl's 14-

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH
2. Jenny Cary, OR
3. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
4. Lindsay Deutsch, CA
5. Erica Beaudry, CO
6. Jesi Fuller, NM
7. Mary Sweeney, NY
8. Crystal Winfrey, OH
9. Elise Wilson, CT
10. Not a Member, SC

Girl's 16-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
2. Krystal Csuk, IL
3. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
4. Nickii Whitney, VT
5. Kristen Kovar, NE
6. Molly Law, CO
7. Not a Member, CA
8. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
9. Erica Beaudry, CO
10. Ashley Legget, OR

Girl's 18-

1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Michelle Gonzalez, OR
3. Kristen Walsh, UT
4. Sara Borland, IA
5. Megan Bals, NE
6. Tiffany Sheppick, OR
7. Chris Young, AK
8. Not a Member, CA
9. Crystal Winfrey, OH
10. Meghan Guardiani, MA

Event Level & Description	Finish & Point Awards				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
1 = Closed State Tournament	30	20	15	10	5
2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3 = State Championship	150	100	75	50	25
4 = Regional Championship	250	150	100	75	50
5 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
6 = National Championship	600	400	300	200	100*
*In draws of 48 or more at a national championship, the 9-16th place finishers receive 50 points.					

irf world juniors



**International Racquetball Federation
Pro Kennex XI World Junior Championships
Los Caballeros Sports Village
Fountain Valley, California
December 17-22, 1999**

ENTRY FORM – Please Print . . .

Name _____ Gender: M | F

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Country _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

Arrival Date/Time _____

National Championship Division _____ Finish _____

Competition in a third division must be in mixed doubles! Need a doubles partner? ☐ Check here and we'll match you up!

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the IRF, Pro Kennex, Penn, Los Caballeros Sports Village, event sponsors or their respective agents for any and all injuries. I also acknowledge the potential risk of eye injury during competition, and can certify in writing that my protective eyeguards (including prescription frames/lenses) conform with all standards specified in USRA Rule 2.5(a). By registering to compete in this event, I consent to be subject to drug testing as administered according to the IRF/USOC guidelines, and release all rights to the use of event photographs in which my image appears.

Participant Signature & Date _____

LIABILITY: I agree to be liable for all costs for damages for which my child is responsible and to pay for all costs arising from any disciplinary action imposed as stated in the Junior Code of Conduct, as adopted by the IRF.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date _____

Use your USRA MBNA credit card to charge your entry, and receive an additional 10% off your fees. Only USRA MBNA charges receive this discount!

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Signature _____

SINGLES

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| ☐ 18 & under | ☐ 10 & under |
| ☐ 16 & under | ☐ 8 & under |
| ☐ 14 & under | ☐ 8- multi-bounce |
| ☐ 12 & under | ☐ 6- multi-bounce |

DOUBLES

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| ☐ 18 & under | PARTNER _____ |
| ☐ 16 & under | _____ |
| ☐ 14 & under | _____ |
| ☐ 12 & under | _____ |

MIXED DOUBLES

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| ☐ 18 & under | PARTNER _____ |
| ☐ 16 & under | _____ |
| ☐ 14 & under | _____ |
| ☐ 12 & under | _____ |
| ☐ 10 & under | _____ |

Mail completed entry and fees to: IRF World Junior Championships, 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2906.

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 3 (Postmarked by 11/30/99)

ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT

First event. (\$65.00) _____
Second event (\$35.00) _____
Mixed Doubles. (\$15.00) _____
USRA Jr. Membership . . . (\$15.00) _____
Late Fee (\$15.00) _____
Telephone Entry Fee . . . (\$8.00) _____
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

ACCEPTANCE: Entries are not accepted without pre-payment and required signatures. Additional surcharges may include: \$23.00 for returned checks and \$10.00 for declined credit cards. **MORE INFO:** Call the national office [719/635-5396] to receive an expanded entry form, or search online at www.racquetball.org, via "Index" | "Entry Forms"

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