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# from the editor

It's starting all over again! New season. New frames. New goals. I know you're all just dying to leave the links behind to get back on the courts and start hearing that ball noise in your sleep. Itching to move up a skill level. Ready to beat that certain someone who had your number last year. Oh yesss ...

All that playing stuff aside, there's still business to tend to, including the annual "Rules of Play" printing and distribution to all our members, via this particular issue. Over the years, the USRA's full Official Rulebook has evolved into a substantial publication, incorporating more and more policies and procedures that truly don't reach-out-and-touch the majority of players (particularly those who don't play competitively). And as tournaments become more and more sophisticated, we're looking at developing even more "handbook-oriented" content for the Official Rulebook. That —

along with rising costs — led to the decision to provide members with the abbreviated "Rules of Play" piece [see pages 32-34] through the magazine, and make the full Official Rulebook available for purchase separately. We'll continue to supply tournament directors with rulebooks to administer their sanctioned events, and anyone — member or not — can still obtain the full-bore copy by either ordering direct from the office, or online. Of course, the complete rules documentation can be referenced, 24x7, at [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org), indexed under "Rules."



Now a quick, personal, summer re-cap and then I've got to start the November/December. Back in July I'd been coerced into going to Worlds (just who, exactly, was going to get the September/October issue out in my absence, I asked ... ?), when I was approached to play for Team Puerto Rico [long story]. I was reluctant. I hadn't been playing. I was incredibly busy at the time, and expected to be even more so on site. Ummm, compete? Why sure, why not ...? There are times when I am delusional enough to believe that I can do anything and everything. This was one of those times.

The result? I experienced the World Championships from a perspective I had never before enjoyed, or really understood. My teammates were incredibly kind, thoughtful and loads of fun to be around (okaay?). I blew out my knee in a vain and desperate attempt to score a single point against Christie VanHees (go ahead, laugh). And yet — pain and massive workload on my return aside — I wouldn't have traded a moment of it. Not one moment. It seems that I'm just a sucker for this game and the type of people who enjoy it. Or ... I have the shortest memory on the planet.

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... this page ... Mexico (Javier Moreno/Luis Bustillos, in foreground) vs. the U.S. (Mike Guidry & Ruben Gonzalez in the individual gold medal round. Photo: Event staff.



# reader forum

## LIFE LESSONS

On the weekend of June 23-24, I had the pleasure of helping to host the National Kidney Foundation's Transplant Games Racquetball Tournament at the Orlando Fitness and Racquet Club. The club has been running tournaments for years, but from the arrival of the first athlete I knew that this was going to be something different.

Organ recipients, along with several donors and donor families, arrived by the busload from Walt Disney World (which sponsored the transplant games). As many arrived and learned that they were not *all* going to be starting at 9am (as they had been told), not one person complained. Each athlete got their starting time and began to mingle around the crowd as if it were a family reunion, and, as I would learn later, it was a family reunion - of sorts - for most.

Playing without referees, several players came to the tournament desk and asked specific questions about the rules on court hinders or timeouts per game, but no one came to complain or request a referee or line judge — for the entire weekend! There was not one controversy, one instance of a player screaming or yelling at his opponent or himself, or slamming a racquet against the wall or floor. At the end of each game on every court, the audience gave the players a round of applause.

Once I was able to get away from the tournament desk and begin to meet the players, I learned why things were running so smoothly. John Landers from Arizona told me that all of the athletes at the games have a different perspective on life. If not for the generosity of another person (sometimes a perfect stranger), they would not be alive. His quote, which I will never forget, was "We're just happy to be here," and by *here* he didn't mean at the Transplant Games racquetball tournament, he meant here on this earth.

When Chris Green and Roy Gabel from Missouri, were playing in the doubles final against Joel Parker and Rick Clark of

Nevada, Green got a cramp in his leg. Volunteer official Terry Sprosty, who was reffing (only because he didn't have any work to do), asked me about injury timeouts. I told him that a leg cramp was not cause for an injury timeout and they should continue playing. My conversation was overheard by Mr. Landers and he said, "You still don't understand do you? We're all one big family here — the other team will give him as much time to recover as he wants." I stated the rule to him and he told Terry to go ask the other team. Sure enough, they were more concerned about their fellow athlete's condition than continuing the match. After a few minutes, play resumed and Mr. Landers said to me, "I told you so." The match went on to be one of the most exciting of the weekend with Joel Parker and Rick Clark beating Chris Green and Roy Gabel in two games of 15-14, 15-10.

It was refreshing to run a tournament with no controversies, no screaming and yelling, and no complaints. After the weekend was over, I had made several new friends from all over the United States, and walked away with a whole new perspective about what I have. On my schedule for next week is a trip to the driver's license office to sign up as an organ donor. Maybe we can learn something from Mr. Landers and just be "happy to be here."

*Randy Forrest • Orlando, Florida*

## ONE CLASSY LADY

In the recent National Singles, I had the pleasure of playing, one more time, Shelley Ogden in the quarterfinals of the Women's 50+ and one more time we went to a tiebreaker. With Shelley serving at 8-10, midway through a rally she hit the ball back at herself taking away my forehand setup. The referee called hinder, but Shelley handed me the ball and called an avoidable hinder against herself. I went on to win the match, but she was the real winner. My hat is off to Shelley for her exhibition of sportsmanship in a truly competitive match that meant so much to us both!

*Terry Rogers • San Mateo, California*

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## REVIVAL

After 31 years in the sport, I thought my racquetball life was over. I've been suffering from the standard accumulation of maladies: bad Achilles tendons, sore feet, creaky knees, painful pelvis, bad back, ad infinitum, ad nauseum. Frankly, racquetball has not been any fun the past few years. And many of the seniors with whom I play have suffered in the same way.

I had decided that the Colorado Springs tournament would be my "Swan Song" and that I would retire to more mundane activities. The pain was affecting all parts of my life and I did not want to continue paying the price. Enter Dr. William Accomando — a biomechanical podiatrist ... one of only 49 in the world. I visited him in response to an ad he ran in a sports publication. During my first visit, he told me what I was experiencing and why. My feet were about seven degrees out of line, accounting for all of my discomfort in the lower half of my body. He fitted me for custom orthotics and stated that I would be good as new within a week of wearing them.

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## The End of an Era ...

**Team Mexico Sweeps Individual Men's Championships & Team Canada snatches the World Cup? What the heck is going on?**

***Oh, it started off innocently enough ... Team USA, Team Canada, upstart Mexico, the far-and-away Team Japan. Their national rosters all held well-known names, some in surprising positions, but nothing seemed particularly amiss in the global scheme of things. At least not on the surface. Or, at least not at first ...***

For a full ten days, the brand spanking new La Loma training facility in San Luis Potosi, Mexico hosted a sea of both familiar and new – but all smiling – faces in all shapes and colors. From the energy level alone, it was obvious that the growing core group of international athletes who compete in the World Championships take great pleasure and pride at getting together every other year. For the 2000 event, that sheer joy of competition and camaraderie – plus the remarkable end to an era – marked the dawn of an all-new century for the sport.

### ***Focus, People!***

Just to keep things lively, the 10th World Championships fielded two entirely different competitions, for which each athlete had to prepare – and hopefully reach peak performance – separately. The first part challenged deeply-held personal goals and named individual world champions; the second was played for national pride and the good of the team.

Maintaining focus after the first event was clearly a factor in the second, as individual world titlists were repeatedly eliminated later in the team round, shaking up World Cup standings that had held fast for twenty years.



## Hot to Go

After what some had considered a controversial job-switch, recently-retired former U.S. National Team coach Jim Winterton was sending in signals from another bench for the first time in a decade of World Championship competition. And his efforts as Head Coach of the Mexican National Team showed more than a great deal of promise, as his top male athletes made history by securing the first-ever individual world titles for Alvaro Beltran in singles and Luis Bustillos and Javier Moreno in doubles.

"This group has tremendous raw talent," remarked Winterton after the individual title rounds. "They're anxious to learn, and all of them have great potential."

The veteran coach even had his work cut out for him in setting his line up. Beltran had placed third in the Mexican nationals, behind Gilberto Meija and national champ Luis Bustillos. But Bustillos and Moreno had finished second in the last world championships in Bolivia, and were more than willing to step up to the plate again.

Bustillos didn't flinch. "Before the awards ceremonies at [the Mexican] nationals — the first time I had become a national champion — coach comes to me and says that he might want to put me in doubles for worlds. I said 'okay' without any hesitation," recalled Bustillos. "Even though we hadn't played together in two years, I thought, if that's for the good of the team, then I'll do it. [Javier and I] have trust in each other. We went back home and we worked. We did what we had to do. And we came back, we put it together."

## Up a Notch

In putting it together, Bustillos and Moreno took out some of the top teams in the world, with advances past Korea's Kim Dong-Yong/Park Min-Soo, Chile's Pablo Fajre/Andres Vilches, Canada's Mike Ceresia/Mike Green and U.S. national champs Ruben Gonzalez and Mike Guidry — in straight games of 15-13, 15-10 — for the world title.

In that final, the young Mexican team kept a 4-5 point lead against the veterans through most of their two games, after a quick jump to 10-4 in the first. Also

consistently, Gonzalez and Guidry mounted comebacks late in each game, which rattled Moreno into unforced errors that narrowed the gap to 13-15 in the first and even gained the U.S. a brief lead at 9-7 in the second.

But Bustillos and Moreno were definitely the quicker pair, as they recovered the lead, 11-10, and drove for the hoop. Bustillos powered a wide angle pass into back court for point 13, and both Guidry and Gonzales dove for the save, collided, missed, and afterward felt the need to take a time out. After the break it was Gonzalez who skipped a forehand return of serve to take it to match point. In the next rally, Ruben sprang for a pinch out of the left corner and took just a split-second too long to get back on his feet and out of the way. Behind the scrambling Gonzalez, Bustillos was poised for the forehand setup and referee Jim Hiser awarded the avoidable, the match and a first world doubles title to Team Mexico.



MORENO (LEFT) &amp; BUSTILLOS BETWEEN POINTS

## Champs all Around

From his #2 singles spot in the bottom half of the draw, Alvaro Beltran began his title bid with a straight-game win over Korea's Jang Dong-Min, followed by tiebreakers against Spain's Fabian Balmori and Canadian national champ Kane Waselenchuk. Facing the possibility of back-to-back matches against the U.S. in the semis and finals, Beltran took it up a notch against Doug Eagle to take a straight-game win, 15-12, 15-8, and go into the final against U.S. national champion Rocky Carson.

Against a sidewall backdrop made up of hundreds of cheering local fans, Beltran didn't seem overly nervous about his debut in a world singles championship final. "Rocky's really tough and a great player,

## 2000 IRF 10TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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and playing him before helped me a lot in the finals," he stated after the match. "I played him twice this year, and we were one and one. I wasn't nervous, because I knew his game and he knows my game."

Logging only a handful of errors in the first game of their final (among them two short serves), Beltran marched to a 12-6 lead while Carson settled into what would turn out to be a long haul. To end game one, Carson overhit a pass that wrapped around to Beltran's waiting forehand for a roll-out pinch. To start game two, Carson lightened his serving strategy with more half- and z-lobs, then crushed anything that Beltran left up on the return to gain a 10-3 lead. But Carson ended his own streak with a short drive serve for a side out, the proceeded to skip shots repeatedly as Beltran fought his way back to 9-10. Rocky missed the ceiling and drove overheads into the floor, but managed to hold out to 13-12 before the forehand overhead came back to roll out at 14, and a lob-z to the Beltran's backhand ended game two with a skipped return to force the tiebreaker.

In the crucial third, Carson couldn't get back up to speed and Beltran was meticulous in taking advantage of even the slightest error as he went up 6-1 with a full complement of well-placed shots. After a series of side-outs with few points and a new ball – a frustrated Carson ached his first drive of the game to reach 3-6, then served long on the next two attempts. Beltran followed suit with a short serve, and it became clear that both sets of nerves were beginning to fray ... they broke a second ball. Returning to the lobs, Rocky earned three points to Alvaro's one, but couldn't get any further. Holding his opponent at six, Beltran steadied himself to alternate backhands straight in with forehand pinch kills to reach match point, before Carson skipped his last forehand attempt down the right side for a second, record-setting title for Mexico.

Afterwards, Beltran was rightfully thrilled, "I feel fantastic. I knew this moment was going to happen, because I trained so hard. I practiced. It was in Mexico. I wanted



this tournament so bad, that I don't think anyone could have taken it away from me."

### **Old and New**

Still riding high off back-to-back winning seasons, Cheryl Gudinas' bid for her first world title was moving along nicely, right up to the semi- and final rounds against rival Canadians. Early on, she'd advanced in low-scoring straight games wins over Laos' Bouaphet Phanvonqsa, Korea's Yuni Cobb and Mexico's Susana Acosta before being put to the test by Canada's #2 Lori-Jane Powell in their semi.

Powell stretched their match to a tiebreaker after taking the first game 15-11, and losing the second 15-13. In the deciding third, Powell even held a multi-point lead before Gudinas pulled out the win.

Racquetball Canada Executive Director Usher Barnoff, observed that Powell was playing her career best. "Since she moved [to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan] she's been training against a better field, and the biggest change in her game has been that she's become so much more aggressive."

Gudinas agreed. "She stuck with her game plan, and I've never seen her step up so quickly to short hop a splat, and then roll it out."

In the next round, another chapter closed in the long-time rivalry between Gudinas and then-defending world champion and top-ranked Canadian, Christie Van Hees. After losing the first 15-7, Gudinas raced out to an 8-1 lead in the second before a long set of ten side outs ended with Van Hees gaining her second point and some much-needed momentum. A string of forehand winners brought the two even at 8, and several more earned Christie a slight lead at 11-9. Both players continued to favor the right side wall glass, as the lion's share of shots stayed to the forehand side and Cheryl evened the score at 11 all. Van Hees rallied with a drive ace to the left, and a shift to backhand winners to keep the pressure on right up to 14-14, before she faltered with a swing-and-a-miss at a lob-z into the glass to go to the tiebreaker.

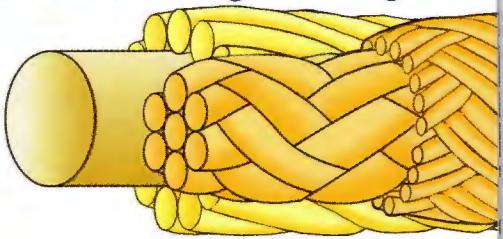
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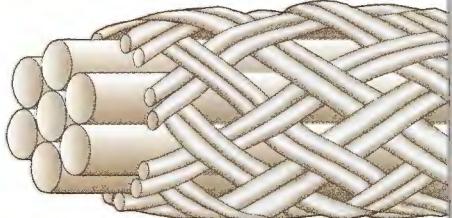
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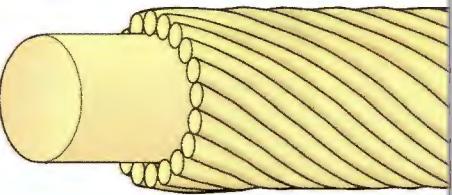
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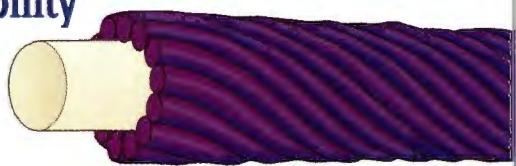
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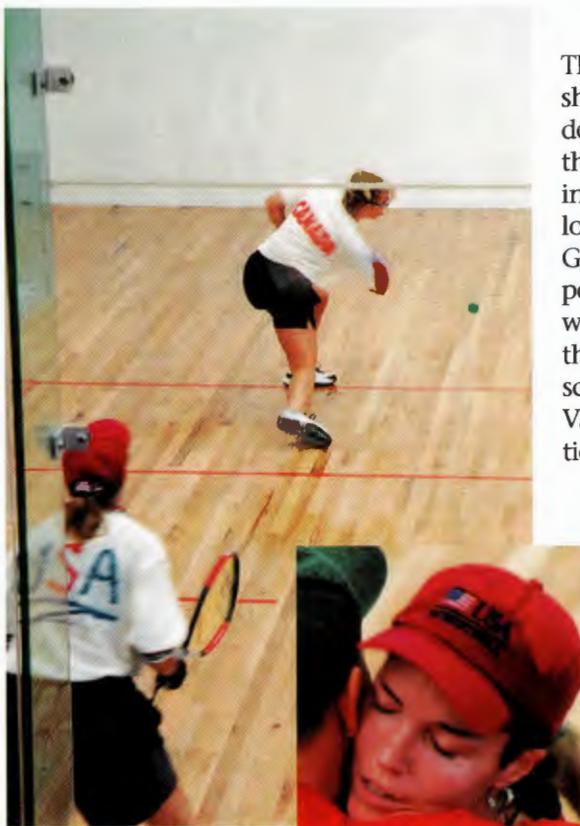
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Top: Van Hees serves to Gudinas in their final. Middle: a tearful Gudinas leaves the court with a new world crown. Bottom: Van Hees after the first match up, with the team playoff yet to come.

There, it seemed as though Van Hees held a death-grip on her title, as she went out to 9-3 with a string of backhand saves, lucky drop-ins, dead-on rollouts and an ace drive to the left. But Gudinas stepped up to the challenge of working the backhand side and chipped her way back into contention with her own mix of shots and a return to straight in lobs along the glass. Between long periods of non-scoring exchanges, Gudinas was able to bring herself to 8 before Van Hees went to match point with a backhand down the line that caught just too much of the wall for Gudinas to get a handle on it. A gutsy forehand rollout reply to the match-point serve brought Cheryl back into the box, where she scored a point with a straight-in backhand for 9-10. On the next rally, Van Hees skipped an attempted overhead backhand to the left corner to tie it up for the match.

In the middle of the final rally, much as she had done in their last international meeting at the Pan Ams, Cheryl caught her opponent leaning to the right and went with the change-up forehand cross-court to end the match and earn her first world singles crown.

"Winning this finally is weird. I feel like something is watching over me, because that's twice, down 10-8 to Christie, that I've come back. Especially the way it happened. At 9-3, I said to myself, 'this will be one of the greatest comebacks ever'."

### **Experience Wins Out**

Everyone else had been there and done that ... but the hastily-paired U.S. team of Kersten Hallander and Kim Russell hadn't played doubles together in years. Plus Kersten had been appointed to the team in singles, while Kim's qualifying national doubles win last year had been with southpaw Robin Levine, who had since resigned from the team. But Kersten's strong backhand, along with Kim's first-rate right-side game convinced the coaching staff that the pairing had potential.

"I realize that it takes a lot to pick up a partner and have to go from the start. Not having played together in a couple of years, communicating was the big key," admitted Russell. "We had to communicate with each other. To start it was kind of so-so, but as the games and matches went on, it began to flow."

"During the course of the week, it's hard to develop a team strategy," added Hallander. "I think you just have to count on being able to learn which shots your partner wants to take, and getting comfortable with them."

Nonetheless, the pair drew the top seed, and proceeded to shut-out their first-round challengers from Vietnam, Lan Hyunh and Bessie Le, for a warm-up. Korea's Kwon Mal-Hee and Kim Min-Ju fared a bit better in their two low-scoring games in the next round, but it was Bolivia's Maria Fernanda and Paola Nunez who logged the first game win over the U.S. pair in their semifinal. Hallendar and Russell dashed any hopes of an upset with a 11-0 third game win to advance, but went a bit further down to the wire in the final against strong up-and-comers from Canada.

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So with all that over and done on Tuesday, who could possibly need more than 24 hours to re-group and do it all over again for king-and-country? The World Cup team round opened on Thursday, in a head-to-head format that placed entire teams against their counterpart squad members. The #1 and #2 singles players faced off, as did each doubles pair, and those teams that won two out of three of each lineup advanced to face the next national squad. If the first two matches were won outright, the third scheduled match was not played, so the order became critical for those players who had over-extended themselves in the earlier individual competition.

Even more critical were the final playoffs of the men's and women's teams. As it happened, Team Mexico was unable to duplicate its earlier success against the #2 seeded Canadian squad in the men's playoff and was kept out of the final round (but it still went down to a tiebreaker finish in doubles), while the Chilean women's team did make its first break into the top four. Following the semifinals, the men's team title would come down to either USA or Canada. For the women's team title it would be either USA or Canada. For the combined, overall World Cup – which has been held by the USA for twenty years – it squarely came down to either the USA or Canada.

composure, grit and ability beyond their years. Quick and athletic, with a precise and dependable backhand, Macdonald gave Hallander all she could handle in rally after rally along the left side wall. And almost impossible to pass on the right, the over-six-foot Odegard has a remarkably quick forehand game that she used to advantage with a mix of pinches and cross-court passes whenever Hallander was trapped in backcourt.

In their final, Hallander and Russell started slow with a first game loss of 11, followed by some quick work in ending the second, 15-5, to force the tiebreak. There, the foursome played conservatively to stay within a point or two of one another, up to an 8-7 lead by the U.S. Macdonald made a great save in back court, after the ball had been missed by Odegard and wrapped off the backwall, then rolled out her forehand get to claim the serve. But it was short-lived. Hallander took control by calling practically every shot and proceeding to end both service rallies. Back in the box, it was Hallander again who drove the win home with a pair of pinches – one forehand, one backhand – to reach match point. On the final rally, Odegard wrapped a wide angle pass into back court, which nicked her partner for the match-ending point – which was appealed to referee Jen Saunders as a hinder, and lost.

## Round Two

### Down to the Wire

Once the long-standing north American rivalry had been re-established, the number-crunching could be heard all the way to Mexico City. In 1986 the U.S. and Canada had tied for the World Cup, and a tiebreaking procedure had, immediately, been drafted. It would not happen again. Of the six playoffs scheduled for the day, each match win would be tallied, each game win counted, and each and every point might make or break a total that could go either way when all was said and done.

**MATCH #1: Jackie Paraiso def. Lori-Jane Powell, 15-7, 10-15, 11-1** — [Matches: USA-1, CAN-0; Games: USA-2, CAN-1] • From the first match of the day, players knew exactly what was on the line. Quick, low-scoring, straight-game wins were Plan A. Plan B was simply to do your level best to win and keep the scores low. Jackie Paraiso had beaten both world champions (Gudinas and Van Hees) on the pro tour, but admit-

## ***Muchos Gracias!***

Many thanks to Carlos Medina Lopez, owner of the La Loma sports complex, and Jesus Labastida Aguirre who worked so diligently to have the new facility ready for the Worlds. Once complete, the La Loma Sports Complex promises to be among the finest racquetball facilities, not only in this hemisphere but worldwide.

Plans are underway to build a portable court that can be positioned in the main gymnasium for major events (as well as be moved throughout Latin America for promotion and development). Plus, La Loma is currently planning to host a pro stop next year and will bid to have the World Senior Doubles held there in 2002.

A special thanks to tournament director Enrique Villagran, President of the Mexican Federation, who had the vision and the energy to make it all happen. Few can know or appreciate the personal sacrifices and amount of time he devoted to making the Worlds a success. He also ran the 1994 Worlds, so a lot of credit goes to him for taking on this monumental project a second time.

We were also very grateful to Annie Muniz and Heather Fender, who spent vacation time to volunteer their services to assist Jim Hiser at the tournament desk. Annie's translation skills made her an invaluable member of the team, and Heather's administration of the many tournament details (including the online draws) kept things running smoothly.

And finally, we are indebted to the Local Organizing Committee who, under the direction of both Carlos Medina Lopez and Enrique Villagran, worked so hard to make the Worlds such a success under trying conditions. From transportation to media services, this crew did an exceptional job — and kept a great outlook. Everyone appreciated all their fine work, all week long!

tedly seemed a bit less focused of late. Her drawn-out win over Lori-Jane Powell set the tone for a string of tiebreakers that roller-coastered all day.

Canadian Head Coach Ron Brown didn't flinch. "L-J, to me, was the biggest surprise of this tournament. I know she's been working really hard, and it paid off. She believed in herself. She worked hard. And it probably is beginning to pay off right here."

**MATCH #2: Brian Istace def. Doug Eagle, 15-8, 11-15, 11-3 — [Matches: USA-1, CAN-1, Games: USA-3, CAN-3]** • Istace had fallen to Rocky Carson in straight games earlier in the week, but bounced back to defeat Eagle for the bronze medal in the individual round. Confident from that prior win, he was definitely primed and ready for their rematch in the team playoff. Struggling with a full-body tension that recurred throughout the match, Doug relaxed enough to pull out the second game, but wasn't able to rally against a motivated Istace in the third.

"We have had some great racquetball players who have finished second to the U.S. their entire careers," Brown added. "Today is the day that everyone on this team can say that they were the best in the world. And I think it's going to happen to them again."

**MATCH #3: Christie Van Hees def. Cheryl Gudinas, 15-13, 15-13 — [Matches: USA-1, CAN-2, Games: USA-3, CAN-5]** • In the only match of the round to be taken in straight games, Van Hees came into this fresh rematch with her game face on. But both players showed signs of fatigue; Cheryl with a taped right knee, Christie lunging for shots so far and often that she had to take a timeout to ice a pulled groin muscle at the start of game two. Still, Cheryl couldn't manage the immediate repeat and felt it keenly for the rest of the day.

"It was a real high-pressure day" stated Coach Travers later. "Cheryl, of course, won the world championship earlier in the week, and it's awfully tough to win twice in one week, playing the same person. She played as hard as she could, but she came up just a couple of points short."

**MATCH #4: Rocky Carson def. Kane Waselenchuk, 15-13, 14-15, 11-6 — [Matches: USA-2, CAN-2, Games: USA-5, CAN-6]** • Against the strong Canadian lefty, Carson had started out using the exhibition court glass side wall to his advantage until — after a full week of play — the mercury vapor lights began to fail. After two lengthy interruptions of play, the match was moved to a side court and Carson had to re-think his strategy to pull out the second game. In the third, he was able to pressure Kane into a series of errors that ended with a skipped forehand off a backwall setup for the match.

"These are some great young players," said newly-elected IRF President Keith Calkins. "To be representing their countries as national champions ... the pressure here is enormous, and they're still having a great time."

**MATCH #5: Hallander/Russell def. Macdonald/Odegard, 9-15, 15-7, 11-6 — [Matches: USA-3, CAN-2, Games: USA-7, CAN-7]** • With the delay caused by the lights, the women's doubles match was started on a side court while the Carson/Waselenchuk match was still underway, splitting the coaching staffs onto two courts. Despite continued interruptions, Canada's Macdonald and Odegard maintained their focus and came out strong in this re-match to take the first game.



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And as they'd done earlier, Hallander and Russell recovered to take the second, and the deciding third. But this time it was Russell's turn to dominate the final points, with crisp forehands down the line that died without any chance of being returned.

"I think the talent we've had on trips before this was just a little more experienced," observed U.S. Head Coach Travers. "Putting together a doubles team like this taught me was that these players really put forth an effort ... it was a struggle to get them through, but they came through as world champions."

**MATCH #6: Ceresia/Green def. Gonzalez/Guidry, 15-8, 14-15, 11-6 — [Matches: USA-3, CAN-3, Games: USA-8, CAN-9]** • In the deciding match of the round, the exhibition court was bursting at the seams with experience, among players with long-term stints on their respective national teams to those boasting current top-rankings on the pro tour. Still stinging from being omitted from last year's Pan Am Games roster, Ceresia and Green had something to prove. All too aware of what was on the line, Gonzalez and Guidry dug deep to keep the match alive by coming back from an 11-14 deficit in the second, to win and force the tiebreaker. But this was Canada's day, after twenty years, to pull out all the stops for the elusive World Cup. Receiving, but holding a 10-8 lead, Mike Green snapped in the last three winners to reclaim the serve and take the match with a backhand straight in, a forehand reverse pinch, and a matching backhand reverse, without looking back.

"Rubes is probably the greatest player ever. And Guidry has been a fantastic player for 15 years. We knew we'd have to play a great match to win. We knew they weren't going to give it to us," said Ceresia. "Our plan was basically the same as it was last night. To move the ball around. We felt that they were kind of the same match-up. To play our game and play with some heart."

Canadian Head Coach Ron Brown certainly had no regrets "I think that in the beginning, since these guys are a veteran team, they had worked out good strategies for themselves. But Michel [Assistant Coach Gagnon] is a great tactician and gave them some really good strategy."

"It was the same strategy they used against the Mexican team. We had to compensate for left handed players with a lot more play in the middle. Better serves. Much better execution. They executed in the last two days. They got us past Mexico and finished it off against the United States."

"For me, it's kind of neat. I was coach in 1984, which was the first time that we competed as a country in the world championships. To see the difference between '84 and 2000, was kind of special for me. I have a real sense of history, and I know that we made history today. But I don't know that it will sink in for a while."

For this observer, it sunk in as I boarded the very bright-and-early return flight the following day. It dawned on me that I'd been dusting that huge World Cup for the past ten years after it came to rest in my outer office. So

when I recognized it in Mike Ceresia's arms as he struggled to carry it onto the plane along with his luggage, my first thought was "Hey! Where's he going with my trophy ...?!" And though they've never had to clean it, I suspect that the U.S. Team feels the same way. If the USA can win it back in 2002, I'll be happy to resume the dusting chores ... • LM



*The Full Shot ...*

*Standing two (L-R): Brian Istace & Amanda Macdonald.*

*Center five: Asst. Coach Michel Gagnon, Christie Van Hees, Karina Odegard, Lori-Jane Powell, Head Coach Ron Brown.*

*Bottom three: Mike Green, Kane Waselenchuk, [World Cup], Mike Ceresia. Photo: Luke St. Onge.*

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## 2000 International Racquetball Federation 10th World Championships San Luis Potosi, Mexico: August 4-12, 2000 **FINAL RESULTS - Individual World Champions & Team Titles**

### INDIVIDUAL WORLD TITLE MATCHES

Mens Singles:	Alvaro Beltran, Tijuana (Mexico) d. Rocky Carson, Santa Maria, CA (USA) 15-10, 12-15, 11-6
Womens Singles:	Cheryl Gudinas, Lisle, IL (Canada) d. Christie Van Hees, British Columbia (Canada) 7-15, 15-14, 11-10
Men's Doubles:	Luis Bustillos, Chihuahua/Javier Moreno, Chihuahua (Mexico) d. Ruben Gonzalez, Staten Island, NY/Mike Guidry, Carrollton, TX (USA) 15-13, 15-10
Women's Doubles:	Kersten Hallander, San Diego, CA/Kim Russell, Austin, TX (USA) d. Amanda Macdonald, Saskatchewan/Karina Odegard, Saskatchewan (Canada) 11-15, 15-5, 11-7

### WORLD CUP TEAM PLAYOFFS

Men's Team Playoff [Canada-2 vs. USA-1]	Rocky Carson, Santa Maria, CA (USA) def. Kane Waselenchuk, Alberta (Canada), 15-13, 14-15, 11-6
Men's #1:	Brian Istace, Alberta (Canada) def. Doug Eagle, Dallas, TX (USA), 15-8, 11-15, 11-3
Men's #2:	Mike Ceresia, Ontario/Mike Green, Ontario (Canada) def. Ruben Gonzalez, Staten Island, NY/Mike Guidry, Carrollton, TX (USA), 15-8, 14-15, 11-6
Men's Doubles:	
Women's Team Playoff [USA-2 vs. Canada-1]	Christie Van Hees, British Columbia (Canada) def. Cheryl Gudinas, Lisle, IL (USA), 15-13, 15-13
Women's #1:	Jackie Paraiso, San Diego, CA (USA) def. Lori-Jane Powell, Saskatchewan (Canada), 15-7, 10-15, 11-1
Women's #2:	
Women's Doubles:	Kersten Hallander, San Diego, CA/Kim Russell, Austin, TX (USA) def. Amanda Macdonald, Saskatchewan/Karina Odegard, Saskatchewan (Canada), 9-15, 15-7, 11-6

## World Cup Team Results

### Men's Team

1. Canada
2. United States
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Bolivia
6. Argentina
7. Puerto Rico
8. Venezuela
9. Chile
10. Guatemala
11. Costa Rica
12. Germany
13. Honduras
14. Korea
15. Netherlands
16. Australia
17. Dominican Republic
18. Vietnam
19. Ireland
20. Cuba
21. India
22. Belgium

23. Guam
24. Jamaica
25. Spain
26. Belize
27. Nigeria
- 28t. China
- 28t. Great Britain
- 28t. Greece
31. South Africa
32. Lebanon

### Women's Team

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Chile
4. Mexico
5. Japan
6. Bolivia
7. Korea
8. Argentina
9. India
10. Australia
11. Cuba
12. Vietnam
13. Ireland
14. Guam

15. Germany
16. Guatemala
17. Jamaica
18. Honduras
19. Dominican Republic
20. Puerto Rico
21. Laos
22. Belgium

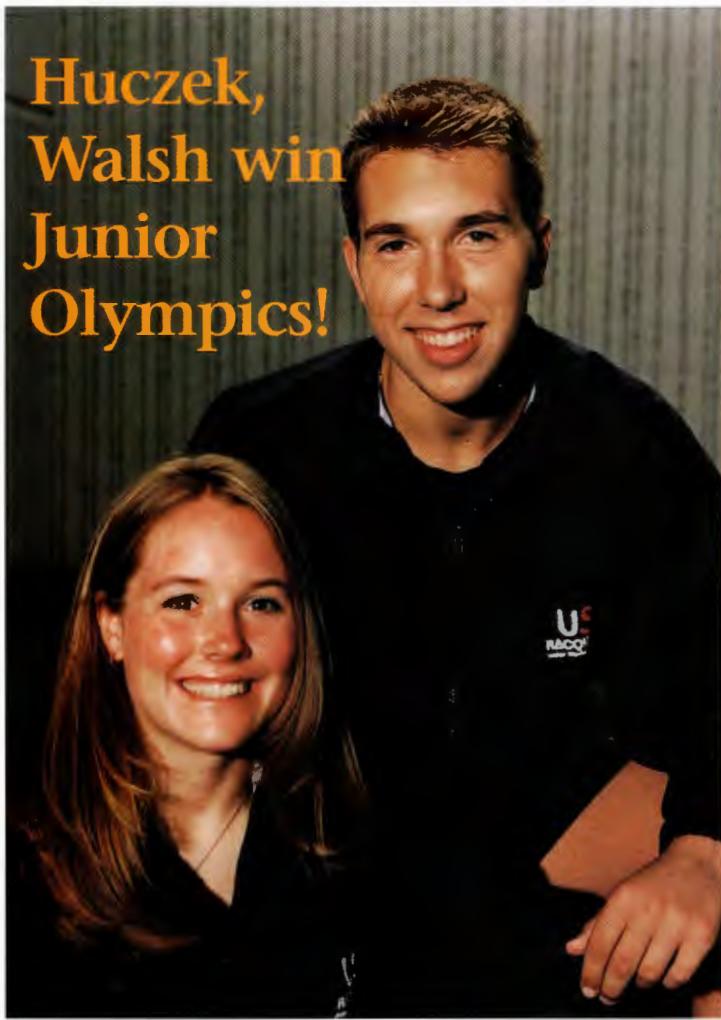
### Combined World Cup

1. Canada
2. United States
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Bolivia
6. Chile
7. Argentina
8. Korea
- 9t. Guatemala
- 9t. Australia
- 11t. Germany
- 11t. Puerto Rico
- 13t. Vietnam
- 13t. India
- 15t. Cuba
- 15t. Honduras

17. Ireland
18. Dominican Republic
19. Guam
20. Jamaica
21. Belgium
22. Venezuela
23. Costa Rica
24. Netherlands
25. Spain
26. Belize
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- 28t. Great Britain
- 28t. Greece
31. South Africa
32. Lebanon
33. Laos

*In the USA vs. Canada World Cup playoff for first place, the total match tally — between both men's and women's teams — was: USA-3, Canada-3; and the tiebreaking total game tally was: Canada-9, USA-8.*

For daily site reports and online drawsheets from this event — plus complete rosters for each national team and expanded results — go to [www.racqmag.com](http://www.racqmag.com) | "newsline" | "event coverage"



## Huczek, Walsh win Junior Olympics!

Nearly 250 of the nation's top junior racquetball players converged on the Northwest Athletic Club outside of Minneapolis, Minn., for the Head 27th U.S. Junior Olympic Championships in late June. Although many of the junior athletes were thrilled by the rides and attractions at the nearby Mall of America, those amusements couldn't compare with the action that kept them riveted not only on the two main exhibition courts, but to several exciting side court match-ups as well.

### **Exciting Boys' 18s**

The boys' 18-and-under singles division offered excitement from day one, beginning with the early exit of third-seed Mitch Williams at the hands of virtual-unknown John Goth, of South Dakota. Williams, who was a finalist

**SINGLES CHAMPIONS IN THE 18 AND UNDER DIVISIONS, JACK HUCZEK AND KRISTEN WALSH, WERE ALSO NAMED AS THE 1999-2000 JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR. PHOTO: JOHN FOUST**

at the national high schools earlier this year, managed to keep the first game close, but was blown away in the second, losing 15-13, 15-4 to everyone's surprise.

Several of the lower-seeded players suffered opening-day defeats, with North Dakota's Jason Jansen ousting No. 13 Brad Bodai, while Michael Rojas surprised No. 14 Nick Giunta, and Adam Taylor handed No. 15 Daniel Bratt an early loss.

National Junior Team-member and seventh-seeded Matthew McElhiney failed to re-qualify for the Team when he was knocked off by No. 10 Jason Kerwood, of Oregon, in the round of 16. Although McElhiney dominated the first game 15-2, he dropped the second game 15-13 and could not pull out the tiebreaker, losing 11-4. Sixth-seed Andy Hawthorne was also toppled in the 16s by No. 11 Michael Harmon, 15-13, 15-10.

The higher seeds cruised through the quarterfinals, pitting top-seed Shane Vanderson against No. 4 Stephen Lewis and No. 2 Jack Huczek against No. 11 Harmon in the semis. Vanderson, who had faced little competition in early rounds, crumbled against Lewis, who completely dominated the first game. Lewis led 14-0 before Vanderson managed to get on the board to avoid a shutout. Vanderson jumped out early in the second game with a 12-6 lead, but once again began making errors that allowed Lewis back in to tie the game at 12. Vanderson pulled to game point at 14-12, but could not put the game away to force a tiebreaker. Lewis rallied back for the 15-14 victory and a spot in the finals.

Huczek, who had not allowed an opponent more than five points in a game, faced his first true challenge against Harmon in their semifinal. Harmon sprinted to a 5-0 lead, and although the two tied three times, at 11-11 Harmon pulled away for the 15-11 first-game win to hand Huczek his first loss of the event. The second game was a bit more physical for Huczek, who was hit by the ball twice. But the contact only seemed to fuel his competitive fire, as he broke away to 15-2. His momentum held, as he easily picked up the third, 11-2.

Lewis and Huczek faced off for the gold medal in a less-than-stellar match in which Huczek dominated the first game, 15-3. Although Lewis put up a bit more of a fight in the second, Huczek showed complete control

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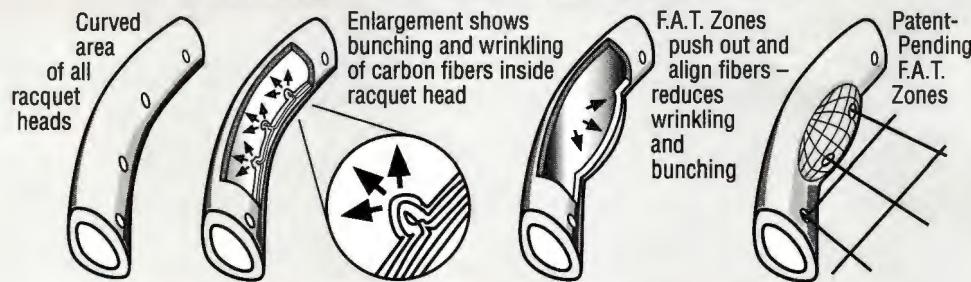
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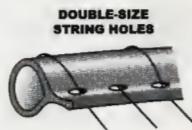


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Lauren Deutsch (Studio City, Calif.)  
Adrienne Fisher (Dayton, Ohio)  
Kelley Fisher (Dayton, Ohio)  
Jesi Fuller (Albuquerque, N.M.)  
Ashley Leggett (Klamath Falls, Ore.)  
Janel Tisinger (Simi, Calif.)  
Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah)  
Crystal Winfrey (Powell, Ohio)

### Boys' Team

Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.)  
Michael Harmon (Sarasota, Fla.)  
Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich.)  
Steven Klaiman (Houston, Texas)  
Joey Lakowske (Corvallis, Ore.)  
Stephen Lewis (Kennewick, Wash.)  
Charles Pratt (Portland, Ore.)  
Dan Sheppick (Milwaukie, Ore.)  
Shane Vanderson (Dublin, Ohio)

Junior Team appointments were earned by the top three finishers in the 18-, 16- and 14- divisions — and where players qualified in two divisions, spots were offered to the next highest finisher. High school national champions had already qualified for the team for their wins. Congratulations!

throughout the match, taking the 15-12 victory and the boys' 18-and-under gold medal.

### Tiebreaking Boys' 16s

The road to the boys' 16 finals was paved with tiebreakers. Patric Mascorro upset sixth-seeded Chris Meyer in three games in the round-of-16, before pushing third-seed, Erik Leetch, to an 11-8 tiebreaker in the quarters. Leetch then advanced to the semifinals, where he and Bart Crawford battled to 11-10 for the right to compete for the gold medal.

Huczek once again cruised into the finals, knocking off eventual-bronze medalist Steven Klaiman, 15-6, 15-4, in the semifinals. The gold medal face-off between Huczek and Crawford was a repeat of last year's Junior Olympic and World Junior finals. Unfortunately for Crawford, the outcome was also similar, as Huczek continued to reign victori-

### Qualified In

#2 18 and under  
#5 18-  
#1 14-, #3 16-, HS  
#4 16-  
#2 14-  
#3 14-  
#2 16-, [#4 18-]  
#1 18-  
#1 16-, #3 18-

### Qualified In

#2 16 and under  
#4 18-  
#1 18-, #1 16-, HS  
#3 16-  
#2 14-  
#2 18-  
#3 14-  
#1 14-  
#3 18-

ous, picking up the 15-12, 15-3 win.

### Early Exits in Boys' 14

The boys' 14- singles division also saw the early exit of several seeded players, as ninth-seed Matthew Hammond was ousted by Jesus Jasso Aguilera, of Texas, on opening day. No. 13 Brady Prince, No. 10 J.D. Brown and No. 14 Garrett Stone were also upset early.

Aguilera continued to surprise opponents, first topping eighth-seed Bradly Rogers, 15-6, 15-4, then pushing top-seed Dan Sheppick to a close 15-14, 15-14 quarterfinal. Third-seed Ben Croft was

toppled by sixth-seed Charles Pratt in a tiebreaker, while fifth-seed Shane Karmelin slipped past No. 4. Matt Johnson in three.

Top-seeded Sheppick and Joey Lakowske faced off in the finals for the gold medal, with Sheppick pulling out the 15-14, 15-7 win for the gold medal.

### Boys' Preview

In the boys' 12-and-under preview of things to come, Chris Coy picked up a momentous semifinal win over Alaska's Nick Arturo, but fell short of his goal of a national championship, losing to Andrew Grissom in the final, 15-7, 15-6.

The boy's 10- division continued to be dominated by Stockton's Jose Rojas, who did meet fierce semifinal competition from John Sanderson, in a tiebreaker. The division finals pitted Stockton-natives and doubles

partners against each other, as Rojas topped Ismael Aldana, 15-12, 15-14.

Minnesota's Jake Bredenbeck cruised to the boy's 8- gold medal in front of the hometown crowd, while Brad Falvey earned the multi-bounce title. Sam Reid brought home the six-and-under multi-bounce crown.

### Girls' Re-visit

Several familiar faces re-appeared in the semifinals of the girls' 14-, 16- and 18-and-under singles. In 18s, top-seed Kristen Walsh cruised into the finals without allowing any of her opponents to score more than four points in a game. But it was a bit tougher for second-seeded Krystal Csuk, who met a fierce semi-final challenge from Janel Tisinger, before managing a 15-7, 12-15, 11-5 win to advance.

After dominant performances throughout the tournament, Walsh appeared to completely lose her focus in the first game of the finals, as she dropped it to Csuk 15-4. But the world junior champion quickly regained her composure in the second game, and the tiebreaker, winning 15-7, 11-1, to capture her second-straight national title.

The 18- bronze medal match pitted Tisinger and Crystal Winfrey, who came away with the 15-6, 15-11 win. But that would not be the only meeting for the two. Only hours later they faced off yet again, this time in the 16- finals. Earlier, top-seeded Tisinger had defeated Kelley Fisher in the semis, while Winfrey had upset second-seed Adrienne Fisher, 15-14, 15-9, to advance to the gold medal re-match.

Although Winfrey repeated her earlier win, Tisinger put up a far tougher battle in the second go around. Winfrey won the first game, but Tisinger replied with a game two win, before the two battled to

an 11-8 tiebreaker, from which Winfrey walked away with the gold.

The division's bronze medal match set the Fisher sisters against each other, and the elder Adrienne, toppled her younger sibling, 15-8, 15-5. It appeared as if the two might meet again in the 14- finals, as both Fishers advanced to the semifinals. Although top-seeded Adrienne was able to win her semifinal tiebreaker

over Ashley Legget, younger sister Kelley was not as lucky in her tiebreaker against Jesi Fuller.

Adrienne went on to top Fuller, 15-8, 15-4, for her second-straight 14-and-under singles gold medal, while Kelley dropped her bronze medal match to Legget, 15-8, 15-3.

Girls' 12- top-seeds Ashley Willhite and Sarah Moyle breezed into their

division finals, where top-seeded Willhite was victorious, 15-1, 15-2. Of the top-two seeds facing off in the 10- gold medal match, it was second-seeded Brittany Legget who triumphed over Shannon Inglesby, 6-15, 15-14, 11-1.

The girls' eight-and-under title went to Kaitlin Inglesby, while Tristyn Trelease won the multi-bounce division.

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#### BOYS' SINGLES

Boys' 18-: Jack Huczak, Rochester Hills, Mich. def. Stephen Lewis, Kennewick, Wash. 15-3, 15-12  
 Boys' 16-: Jack Huczak, Rochester Hills, Mich. def. Bart Crawford, Klamath Falls, Ore. 15-12, 15-3  
 Boys' 14-: Dan Sheppick, Milwaukee, Ore. def. Joey Lakowske, Corvallis, Ore. 15-14, 15-7  
 Boys' 12-: Andrew Grissom, San Jose, Calif. def. Chris Coy, Elk City, Okla. 15-7, 15-6  
 Boys' 10-: Jose Rojas, Stockton, Calif. def. Ismael Aldana, Stockton, Calif. 15-12, 15-14  
 Boys' 8-: Jake Bredenbeck, Scandia, Minn. def. Joseph Lee, Baton Rouge, La. 15-11, 15-7  
 Boys' 8- Multi-bounce: Brad Falvey, Madison, Wis. def. Taylor Regier, Gladstone, Ore. 11-9, 7-11, 11-6  
 Boys' 6- Multi-bounce: Sam Reid, Portland, Ore. def. Marco Rojas, Stockton, Calif. 11-8, 11-8

#### BOYS' DOUBLES

Boys' 18-: Stephen Lewis, Kennewick, Wash./Shane Vanderson, Dublin, Ohio def. Brent Walters, Greenville, N.C./Mitch Williams, Washington, N.C. 12-15, 15-7, 11-5  
 Boys' 16-: Bart Crawford, Klamath Falls, Ore./Steven Klaiman, Houston, Texas def. Evan Hollingsfield, Irving, Texas/Patric Mascorro, Houston, Texas 15-6, 15-12  
 Boys' 14-: David Key, Baton Rouge, La./Dan Sheppick, Milwaukee, Ore. def. Shane Karmelin, Dacula, Ga./Brad Slocum, Sarasota, Fla. 15-5, 14-15, 11-8  
 Boys' 12-: Nick Arturo, Anchorage, Alaska/Brad Starken, Muskego, Wis. def. Chris Coy, Elk City, Okla./David Lewis, Aurora, Colo. 15-11, 15-11  
 Boys' 10-: Ismael Aldana, Stockton, Calif./Jose Rojas, Stockton, Calif. def. Jonathan Doyle, Cincinnati, Ohio/Sean McGrath, Indianapolis, Ind. 15-1, 15-2

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

Girls' 18-: Kristen Walsh, Salt Lake City, Utah def. Krystal Csuk, Naperville, Ill. 4-15, 15-7, 11-1  
 Girls' 16-: Crystal Winfrey, Powell, Ohio def. Janel Tisinger, Simi, Calif. 15-13, 14-15, 11-8  
 Girls' 14-: Adrienne Fisher, Dayton, Ohio def. Jesi Fuller, Albuquerque, N.M. 15-8, 15-4  
 Girls' 12-: Ashley Willhite, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Sarah Moyle, Beaverton, Ore. 15-1, 15-2  
 Girls' 10-: Brittany Legget, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Shannon Inglesby, Portland, Ore. 6-15, 15-14, 11-1

Girls' 8-: Kaitlin Inglesby, Portland, Ore. def. Nicole Grundman, St. Cloud, Minn. 15-11, 15-13

Girls' 8- Multi-Bounce: Tristyn Trelease, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Kali Gottsleben, Watertown, S.D. 11-8, 11-9

#### GIRLS DOUBLES

Girls' 18-: Kristen Walsh, Salt Lake City, Utah/Krystal Csuk, Naperville, Ill. def. Lauren Deutsch, Studio City, Calif./Michelle Gonzalez, Portland, Ore. 15-7, 15-0  
 Girls' 14-: Ashley Legget, Klamath Falls, Ore./Ashley Willhite, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Elise Wilson, Bristol, Conn./Katie Ferguson, Portland, Ore. 15-6, 15-4  
 Girls' 12-: Sarah Moyle, Beaverton, Ore./Dannielle Pimental, Corvallis, Ore. def. Stacey Northrop, Klamath Falls, Ore./Liz Taylor, Portland, Ore. 15-8, 15-11  
 Girls' 10-: Shannon Inglesby, Portland, Ore./Brittany Legget, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Sharon Jackson, Shelbyville, Ind./Shanae Taylor, Shelbyville, Ind. 15-6, 15-4

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Mixed 18-: Stephen Lewis, Kennewick, Wash./Kristen Walsh, Salt Lake City, Utah def. Janel Tisinger, Simi, Calif./Brent Walters, Greenville, N.C. 15-2, 15-12  
 Mixed 16-: Adrienne Fisher, Dayton, Ohio/Chris Meyer, McMinnville, Ore. def. Da'monique Davis, San Antonio, Texas/Cory Martin, Kenosha, Wis. 15-9, 15-13  
 Mixed 14-: Jesi Fuller, Albuquerque, N.M./Dan Sheppick, Milwaukee, Ore. def. Joey Lakowske, Corvallis, Ore./Ashley Legget, Klamath Falls, Ore. 15-11, 15-3  
 Mixed 12-: Andrew Grissom, San Jose, Calif./Ashley Willhite, Klamath Falls, Ore. def. Sarah Hettesheimer, Cincinnati, Ohio/Tripp Isley, Arden, N.C. 15-0, 15-4  
 Mixed 10-: Brittany Legget, Klamath Falls, Ore./Trevor Smith, Pendleton, Ore. def. Shannon Inglesby, Portland, Ore./Erick Podwill, Portland, Ore. 15-13, 9-15, 11-9

**Hat Tricks** • Four athletes performed a racquetball hat trick by winning three gold medals apiece. Kristen Walsh not only grabbed the top girls' gold medal, but also won the doubles gold with Krystal Csuk and mixed doubles with Stephen Lewis. Brittany Legget also captured all the gold medals for the girls' 10-and-under division, with her mixed doubles partner Trevor Smith and girls' doubles partner Shannon Inglesby. Dan Sheppick was the only male athlete to walk away with three gold medals around his neck, sweeping the top honors in the 14-and-under division with assistance from doubles partners Jesi Fuller and David Key. Ashley Willhite was the only athlete to win three gold medals in two different age divisions. She won the 12-and-under girls' singles title, as well as the mixed doubles crown with Andrew Grissom. Her girls' doubles gold came in the 14-and-under division with partner Ashley Legget.

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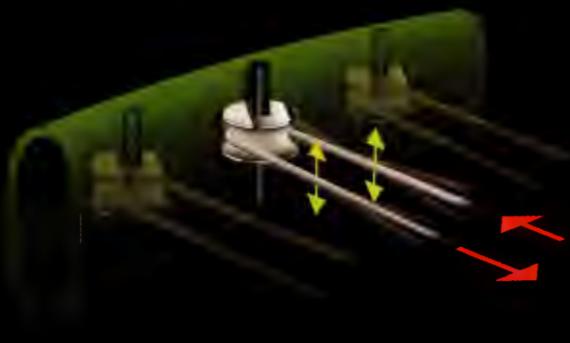
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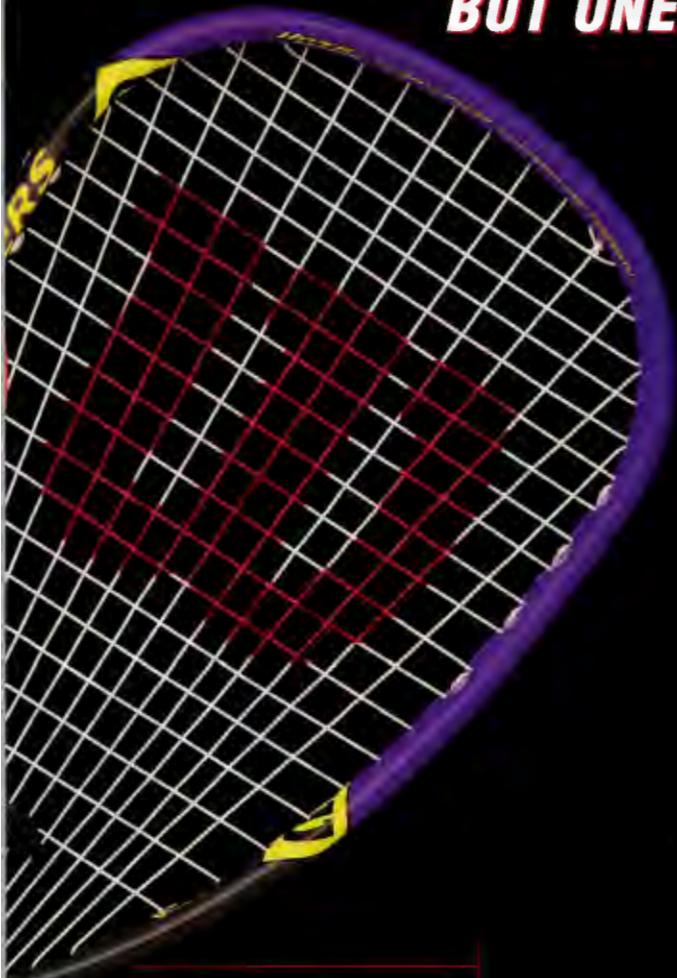
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# ProFILE Tour News



## Tournament of Champions

By Jonathan Burton

WIRT and IRT Pros ended the season at Portland, Oregon's Tournament of Champions June 2-3 with a few surprises and great racquetball action just one week after the amateur nationals in Houston.

### Shake-up among the Women

The four top WIRT players, Jackie Paraiso, Cheryl Gudinas, Christie VanHees and Kersten Hallander emerged from the early rounds joined by Linda Morgan, Rhonda Rajsich, Michelle Gonzalez and Nicole Schultz to meet in the quarterfinal. From there, the top four seeded players again advanced easily, with the exception of Hallander, who struggled against Rajsich to the end. Hallander took it in five games, never giving up less than seven points in each of her three game wins in the extended match.

All advancing in straight games, Paraiso gave up only one point in defeating Morgan, while VanHees gave up only two points to Gonzalez and Gudinas allowed a total of nine points to be scored by Schultz.

The first match of the semis pitted Gudinas against VanHees. In the first game VanHees came out of the

blocks with a 4-1 lead before Gudinas turned the tables to jump ahead to a 10-4 lead. VanHees rallied back earning three points to trail 7-10 before Gudinas put the game away 11-8. Unwilling to give up, VanHees came back to win 11-4 in the third game. In game four Gudinas and VanHees traded spots in the service box five times before Gudinas inched to a 7-3 lead. VanHees made two unforced errors to trail 10-3, but refused to go down without a fight. She earned another chance to serve after a beautiful pass, but couldn't capitalize on the position. Gudinas won the game and match with an 11-3 fourth game win.

"I played horrible," VanHees said after the match, but Gudinas was already making mental preparations for what the final would hold. "This tournament is tough," Gudinas said. "It comes close after Nationals. I always struggle here because of nationals. I'm on a mental letdown."

After defeating Paraiso at the amateur nationals, Gudinas had begun psyching herself up for a rematch final against the number one seeded player. "Jackie will be fired up," Gudinas said. "She always seems to play well here."

But fate had a different opponent lined up for the final as Hallander and Paraiso took the court. The second semifinal match put the crowd on its feet. Paraiso came out with a strong 11-4 first game win, but it was a motivated Hallander who came back in game two to take her own 10-5 lead. Paraiso postponed the game loss with a spectacular dive shot, and the two traded serves six times before Paraiso skipped a forehand to give up game two 11-9 to Hallander.

In game three, Hallander jumped ahead 7-2 despite giving up two short serves, and scored several points with a pinch shot that consistently died in front court. Paraiso fought back to within a point trailing 7-6, but never regained control of the game. Hallander won game three 11-6 to lead two games to one.



gudinas vs. hallander



Paraiso took game four, 11-7, to force the tiebreaker, where tough play tied it up at 4-4 before Paraiso took a slim one-point lead. Hallander took to the air, diving on several shots to pull ahead to 9-7. Paraiso again tied the game at 9 and, after trading serves five times with neither player scoring, Hallander closed the deal, winning the game 11-9 and the match three games to two.

"I have only beaten her once and I think that was five years ago," Hallander said with obvious elation. "... right after she had her baby."

Hallander's identified the pinch shot as her most effective weapon in the rare upset of Paraiso. "I hit pinches, that's the only way I was going to beat her," she observed.

"I needed to go for it a little sooner in the match," Paraiso said, obviously shocked by the loss. "She did play well though. She played her game ... pinch, pinch, pinch. And her drive serves were pretty good."

Hallander's upset of Paraiso set up the final against Gudinas. "I've gone to five games plenty of times with Cheryl," Hallander said, obviously hoping to carry her momentum through another win.

Hallander came out strong in the final, battling to a 10-10 tie in game one, before hitting herself with the ball on what could have been the game winning shot.

Gudinas slipped by on that one to win the first, 13-11, and Kersten never recovered.

Gudinas easily took game two, giving up only three points to Hallander, then followed up with another 11-3 victory in the third and last game. "I would have been very disappointed if I hadn't won," Gudinas said confidently after winning the tournament. "It's nice to have two tournaments in a row."

Cheryl attributed her easy win in the finals to the huge career win Hallander had logged over Paraiso. "I wasn't spectacular. I just think she was flat from her win over Jackie," Gudinas said. "Kersten did the hard part of the tournament for me."

### Stirring up the Men

Suds Monchik's absence at the Tournament of Champions may have opened the field to some surprise finishes, but few surfaced. The round of 16 produced a well-known field of eight for the quarterfinal round, including Cliff Swain, Derek Robinson, Mike Guidry, Tim Doyle, Jason Mannino, Rocky Carson, Adam Karp and John Ellis.

Swain advanced to the semifinals with a four game match win over Robinson, after losing the third game 11-7, then coming back strong to finish up the match, 11-1 in the fourth. Guidry passed by Doyle in four,



swain vs. ellis

losing the second game 11-6 and struggling in the last game of the set after giving up 10 points before stretching out the win. Ellis also needed an extra game to defeat former-roommate Karp, after losing the second game 11-9, but ending with a decisive 11-3 win in game four. Mannino moved up with a straight game win over Carson, ending with a definitive 11-1 final game score.

If dives alone scored points, Mannino would have earned enough to win against Ellis in the first game of their semifinal, much less the entire match. Mannino drew first blood in the match opener and inched to a 6-5 lead. At one point Mannino leapt to save four consecutive shots before Ellis missed an easy setup to end the rally. But Ellis held tight to win game one 11-8.



Mannino earned just two points in game two to a determined Ellis, who entered the court for game three saying, "One more game."

After scoring the first point and giving up serve to Ellis, Mannino jazzed up the crowd with another three-dive rally to take the service box again. When Mannino failed to score, Ellis came out with a surprise forehand serve which aided in a seven point run. After trading multiple service exchanges, Mannino posted three points to Ellis' seven, then another diving rally let Mannino inch closer to trail 7-4. Ellis posted a single point before Mannino earned another chance at serve with a spectacular between-the-legs pinch shot. But Mannino was only able to log another two points before Ellis' hot serving put him over the top with an 11-6 third-game match win.

"I expected to do better since the Open," Mannino said. "It's hard to win with (Ellis) serving so good."

Swain and Guidry took the court to determine who would go up against Ellis in the final. The two lefties traded serves numerous times in the first game, but Guidry failed to capitalize on all but two opportunities and Swain took the first game 11-2.

In the second, Swain marched to a 6-4 lead aided by at least one ace, but Guidry forced Swain to earn each point of his 11-6 game win. Guidry kept it a little closer in the third game, holding his own and managing to stay alive and close the gap to 8-10 late in the game. Swain brought the semi's to a close with a third game 11-8 win over Guidry.

Not your everyday challengers ...They're not routinely in the finals of tour stops, but expect to see Kersten Hallander and John Ellis there more often in the coming season! All photos this story: Jonathan Burton.

"From the very first point of the match I saw that he wasn't into it," Swain said after the match.

Swain's victory set up a tournament final against Ellis, who came out strong with a quick 11-4 first game win over Swain. After again trailing early, Swain rebounded in game two to win it 11-6. In game three Swain toyed with a lead, but Ellis kept the scores close at 3-3, 4-3, 5-3, 5-4 before Swain jumped ahead to 8-5 on a ball that died in the back corner. After another point scored in rally to take him to 9-5, Swain ended the game with two consecutive aces.

In game four Swain again opened with an ace before hitting his next attempt short, and Ellis replied with a roll out and pulled ahead 2-1 on a low, cross-court pass. Ellis pushed the lead to 5-2 before Swain regained serve and the limelight with another ace. Then play went sloppy through the middle of the final game as both players drove the ball into the floor or hit short serves. Ahead only slightly at 8-7 Swain leapt to hit a passed ball into the back wall to temporarily save the point, but Ellis caught him off-balance with a well-placed pass. Ellis again knotted the game at 8 with a roll-out. After Swain went ahead 9-8, Ellis broke serve and repeated the roll-out for another tie at 9. But it wasn't enough to shake the seasoned veteran, who re-took the serve and aced another one. Then — although Ellis postponed match point on a tremendous rally — Swain took the fourth game 11-9 to win the match and the tournament.

"I saw him play earlier and I knew he was playing great," Swain said.

Although he played well, Ellis knew that his play just wasn't enough to beat the seasoned Swain. "I just didn't execute as well as I needed to to beat a guy like him. I could have beat most guys today, but not him." Staring at the court he had just left, Ellis reflected "I had a chance to win the fourth game, but I didn't serve well. I could have still been playing right now ..."

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New Orleans.....Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik .....10, (9), 4, 7

Aug.31-Sept. 3.....Stockton, CA .....In Shape Fitness Club/Westlane  
September 21-23 ..Las Vegas, NV .....Las Vegas Athletic Club  
October 19-22.....Albuquerque, NM .....Tom Young's Athletic Club  
October 26-29 .....Chicago, IL .....Athletic Club of Bloomingdale  
November 15-19...Memphis, TN .....Racquet Club of Memphis  
December 7-10 .....Denver, CO .....Lakewood Athletic Club

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of the season schedule ...

January 18-21 .....Dallas, TX  
February 1-4 .....Boston, MA  
February 8-12 .....Fairfield, NJ  
February 15-19 .....Minneapolis, MN  
March 15-18 .....Greensboro, NC  
May 2-6 .....Las Vegas, NV .....Pro Nationals  
June 1-3 .....Portland, OR .....Tournament of Champions



### 2000-2001 WIRT SCORECARD & SCHEDULE

October 19-22.....Albuquerque, NM ..... Tom Young's Athletic Club  
November 2-5 .....Colorado Springs, CO .....Lynmar Racquet Club  
November 15-19...Memphis, TN .....Racquet Club of Memphis  
December 7-10 .....Denver, CO ..... Lakewood Athletic Club

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tive changes to the women's pro tour  
in the coming months!

January 18-20 .....TBA  
February 15-18 .....TBA  
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Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Cliff Swain	2	2	3,750
2. Sudsy Monchik	1	1	3,506
3. John Ellis	3	3	3,078
4. Jason Mannino	4	5	2,804
5. Tim Doyle	5	7	2,263
6. Mike Guidry	6	4	1,805
7. Rocky Carson	7	10	1,734
8. Adam Karp	8	8	1,719
9. Derek Robinson	9	6	1,523
10. Dan Fowler	10	11	1,324
11. Mike Locker	11	13	1,320
12. Louis Vogel	12	14	1,053
13. Luis Bustillos	13	20	815
14. Ruben Gonzalez	14	25	646
15. Andy Roberts	15	9	608
16. Erin Brannigan	19	34	582
17. James Mulcock	18	20	551
18. Doug Eagle	16	12	514
19. Mike Johnston	20	44	491
20. Alvaro Maldonado	21	27	470

#### WIRT Rankings

[Through 08/06/00]

Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Jackie Paraiso	1	1	897
2. Cheryl Gudinas	2	2	634
3. Christie Van Hees	3	3	572
4. Kersten Hallander	4	4	487
5. Susana Acosta	5	13	436
6. Lisa Hjelm	6	26	369
7. Kim Machiran	7	25	284
8. Phyllis Morris	8	14	270
9. Doreen Fowler	9	12	240
10. Michelle Lucas	10	8	223
11. Lori Jane Powell	11	10	207
12. Jennifer Dering	12	32	205
13. Lourdes Sanders	13	NA	186
14. Jane Meyers	14	9	181
15. Angela Burth	15	23	155
16. Jo Shattuck	16	35	138
17. Josee Gaud'Maitre	17	26	129
18. Rachel Gellman	18	42	106
19. Angela Grisar	19	NA	104
20. Loreta Barriga	20t	NA	86
Denise Mock	20t	33	86
Kerri Stoffregen	20t	21	86

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The player or team winning the coin toss has the option to either serve or receive at the start of the first game. The second game will begin in reverse order of the first game. The player or team scoring the highest total of points in games 1 and 2 will have the option to serve or receive first at the start of the tiebreaker. In the event that both players or teams score an equal number of points in the first two games, another coin toss will take place and the winner of the toss will have the option to serve or receive.

### Rule 3.2 START

The server may not start the service motion until the referee has called the score or "second serve." The serve is started from any place within the service zone. (Certain drive serves are an exception. See Rule 3.6.) Neither the ball nor any part of either foot may extend beyond either line of the service zone when initiating the service motion. Stepping on, but not beyond, the lines is permitted. However, when completing the service motion, the server may step beyond the service (front) line provided that some part of both feet remain on or inside the line until the served ball passes the short line. The server may not step beyond the short line until the ball passes the short line. See Rule 3.9(a) and 3.10(i) for penalties for violations.

### Rule 3.3 MANNER

After taking a set position inside the service zone, a player may begin the service motion—any continuous movement which results in the ball being served. Once the service motion begins, the ball must be bounced on the floor in the zone and be struck by the racquet before it bounces a second time. After being struck, the ball must hit the front wall first and on the rebound hit the floor beyond the back edge of the short line, either with or without touching one of the side walls.

### Rule 3.4 READINESS

The service motion shall not begin until the referee has called the score or the second serve and the server has visually checked the receiver. The referee shall call the score as both server and receiver prepare to return to their respective positions, shortly after the previous rally has ended.

### Rule 3.5 DELAYS

Except as noted in Rule 3.5 (b), the referee may call a technical foul for delays exceeding 10 seconds.

- (a) The 10 second rule applies to the server and receiver simultaneously. Collectively, they are allowed up to 10 seconds after the score is called to serve or be ready to receive. It is the server's responsibility to look and be certain the receiver is ready. If a receiver is not ready, they must signal by raising the racquet above the head or completely turning the back to the server. (These are the only two acceptable signals.)
- (b) Serving while the receiving player/team is signaling "not ready" is a fault serve.
- (c) After the score is called, if the server looks at the receiver and the receiver is not signaling "not ready", the server may then serve. If the receiver attempts to signal "not ready" after that point, the signal shall not be acknowledged and the serve becomes legal.

### Rule 3.6 DRIVE SERVICE ZONES

The drive serve lines will be 3 feet from each side wall in the service zone. Viewed one at a time, the drive serve line divides the service area into a 3-foot and a 17-foot section that apply only to drive serves. The player may drive serve between the body and the side wall nearest to where the service motion began only if the player starts and remains outside of the 3-foot drive service zone. In the event that the service motion begins in one 3-foot drive service zone and continues into the other 3-foot drive serve zone, the player may not hit a drive serve at all. (a) The drive serve zones are not observed for cross-court drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half-lob serves.

- (a) The drive serve zones are not observed for cross-court drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half-lob serves.
- (b) The racquet may not break the plane of the 17-foot zone while making contact with the ball.
- (c) The drive serve line is not part of the 17-foot zone. Dropping the ball on the line or standing on the line while serving to the same side is an infraction.

### Rule 3.7 DEFECTIVE SERVES

Defective serves are of three types resulting in penalties as follows:

- (a) Dead-Ball Serve. A dead-ball serve results in no penalty and the server is given another serve (without canceling a prior fault serve).

- (b) Fault Serve. Two fault serves result in an out (either a sideout or a hand-out).

- (c) Out Serve. An out serve results in an out (either a sideout or a hand-out).

### Rule 3.8 DEAD-BALL SERVES

Dead-ball serves do not cancel any previous fault serve. The following are dead-ball serves:

- (a) Court Hinders. A serve that takes an irregular bounce because it hit a wet spot or an irregular surface on the court is a dead-ball serve. Also, any serve that hits any surface designated by local rules as an obstruction rather than being out-of-play.
- (b) Broken Ball. If the ball is determined to have broken on the serve, a new ball shall be substituted and the serve shall be replayed, not canceling any prior fault serve.

### Rule 3.9 FAULT SERVES

The following serves are faults and any two in succession result in an out:

- (a) Foot Faults. A foot fault results when:
  - 1. The server does not begin the service motion with both feet in the service zone.
  - 2. The server steps completely over the service line (no part of the foot on or inside the service zone) before the served ball crosses the short line.
- (b) Short Service. A short serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and, on the rebound, hits the floor on or in front of the short line either with or without touching a side wall.
- (c) Three Wall Serve. A three-wall serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and, on the rebound, strikes both side walls before touching the floor.
- (d) Ceiling Serve. A ceiling serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and then touches the ceiling (with or without touching a side wall).
- (e) Long Serve. A long serve is a served ball that first hits the front wall and rebounds to the back wall before touching the floor (with or without touching a side wall).
- (f) Bouncing Ball Outside Service Zone. Bouncing the ball outside the service zone as a part of the service motion is a fault serve.
- (g) Illegal Drive Serve. A drive serve in which the player fails to observe the 17-foot drive service zone outlined in Rule 3.6.
- (h) Screen Serve. A served ball that first hits the front wall and on the rebound passes so closely to the server, or server's partner in doubles, that it prevents the receiver from having a clear view of the ball. (The receiver is obligated to take up good court position, near center court, to obtain that view.)
- (i) Serving before the Receiver is Ready. A serve is made while the receiver is not ready as described in Rule 3.5(b).

### Rule 3.10 OUT SERVES

Any of the following results in an out:

- (a) Two Consecutive Fault Serves [see Rule 3.9], or a single fault serve in open division play.
- (b) Missed Serve Attempt. Any attempt to strike the ball that results in a total miss or in the ball touching any part of the server's body. Also, allowing the ball to bounce more than once during the service motion.
- (c) Touched Serve. Any served ball that on the rebound from the front wall touches the server or server's racquet before touching the floor, or any ball intentionally stopped or caught by the server or server's partner.
- (d) Fake or Balk Serve. Any movement of the racquet toward the ball during the serve which is non-continuous and done for the purpose of deceiving the receiver. If a balk serve occurs, but the referee believes that no deceit was involved, the option of declaring "no serve" and having the serve replayed without penalty can be exercised.
- (e) Illegal Hit. An illegal hit includes contacting the ball twice, carrying the ball, or hitting the ball with the handle of the racquet or part of the body or uniform.
- (f) Non-Front Wall Serve. Any served ball that does not strike the front wall first.
- (g) Crotch Serve. Any served ball that hits the crotch of the front wall and floor, front wall and side wall, or front wall and ceiling is an out serve (because it did not hit the front wall first). A serve into the crotch of the back wall and floor is a good serve and in play. A served ball that hits the crotch of the side wall and floor beyond the short line is in play.
- (h) Out-of-Court Serve. An out-of-court serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and, before striking the floor, either goes out of the court or hits a surface above the normal playing area of the court that has been declared as out-of-play for a valid reason [See Rule 2.1(a)].
- (i) Safety Zone Violation. If the server, or doubles partner, enters into the safety zone before the served ball passes the short line, it shall result in the loss of serve.



### Rule 3.11 RETURN OF SERVE

#### (a) Receiving Position

1. The receiver may not enter the safety zone until the ball bounces or crosses the receiving line.
2. On the fly return attempt, the receiver may not strike the ball until the ball breaks the plane of the receiving line. However, the receiver's follow-through may carry the receiver or the racquet past the receiving line.
3. Neither the receiver nor the racquet may break the plane of the short line, except if the ball is struck after rebounding off the back wall.
4. Any violation by the receiver results in a point for the server.

(b) Defective Serve. A player on the receiving side may not intentionally catch or touch a served ball (such as an apparently long or short serve) until the referee has made a call or the ball has touched the floor for a second time. Violation results in a point.

(c) Legal Return. After a legal serve, a player receiving the serve must strike the ball on the fly or after the first bounce, and before the ball touches the floor the second time; and return the ball to the front wall, either directly or after touching one or both side walls, the back wall or the ceiling, or any combination of those surfaces. A returned ball must touch the front wall before touching the floor.

(d) Failure to Return. The failure to return a serve results in a point for the server.

(e) Other Provisions. Except as noted in this rule (3.11), the return of serve is subject to all provisions of Rules 3.13 through 3.15.

### Rule 3.12 CHANGES OF SERVE

#### (a) Outs. A server is entitled to continue serving until one of the following occurs:

1. Out Serve. See Rule 3.10.
2. Two Consecutive Fault Serves [see Rule 3.9], or a single fault serve in open division play.
3. Failure to Return Ball. Player or team fails to keep the ball in play as required by Rule 3.11 (c).
4. Avoidable Hinder. Player or team commits an avoidable hinder which results in an out. See Rule 3.15.

(b) Sideout. Retiring the server in singles is called a sideout.

(c) Effect of Sideout. When the server (or serving team) receives a sideout, the server becomes the receiver and the receiver becomes the server.

### Rule 3.13 RALLIES

All of the play which occurs after the successful return of serve is called the rally. Play shall be conducted according to the following rules:

(a) Legal Hits. Only the head of the racquet may be used at any time to return the ball. The racquet may be held in one or both hands. Switching hands to hit a ball, touching the ball with any part of the body or uniform, or removing the wrist safety cord during a rally results in a loss of the rally.

(b) One Touch. The player or team trying to return the ball may touch or strike the ball only once or else the rally is lost. The ball may not be carried. (A carried ball is one which rests on the racquet long enough that the effect is more of a sling or throw than a hit.)

(c) Failure to Return. Any of the following constitutes a failure to make a legal return during a rally:

1. The ball bounces on the floor more than once before being hit.
2. The ball does not reach the front wall on the fly.
3. The ball is hit such that it goes into the gallery or wall opening or else hits a surface above the normal playing area of the court that has been declared as out-of-play. See Rule 2.1(a).
4. A ball which obviously does not have the velocity or direction to hit the front wall strikes another player.
5. A ball struck by one player on a team hits that player or that player's partner.
6. Committing an avoidable hinder. See Rule 3.15.
7. Switching hands during a rally.
8. Failure to use a racquet wrist safety cord.
9. Touching the ball with the body or uniform.
10. Carrying or slinging the ball with the racquet.

(d) Effect of Failure to Return. Violations of Rules 3.13 (a) through (c) result in a loss of rally. If the serving player or team loses the rally, it is an out. If the receiver loses the rally, it results in a point for the server.

(e) Return Attempts. The ball remains in play until it touches the floor a second time, regardless of how many walls it makes contact with — includ-

ing the front wall. If a player swings at the ball and misses it, the player may continue to attempt to return the ball until it touches the floor for the second time.

(f) Broken Ball. If there is any suspicion that a ball has broken during a rally, play shall continue until the end of the rally. The referee or any player may request the ball be examined. If the referee decides the ball is broken the ball will be replaced and the rally replayed. The server resumes play at first serve. (The only proper way to check for a broken ball is to squeeze it by hand. (Checking the ball by striking it with a racquet will not be considered a valid check and shall work to the disadvantage of the player or team which struck the ball after the rally.)

#### (g) Play Stoppage

1. If a foreign object enters the court, or any other outside interference occurs, the referee shall stop the play immediately and declare a dead-ball hinder.
2. If a player loses any apparel, equipment, or other article, the referee shall stop play immediately and declare an avoidable hinder or dead-ball hinder as described in Rule 3.15 (i).

(h) Replays. Whenever a rally is replayed for any reason, the server resumes play at first serve. A previous fault serve is not considered.

### Rule 3.14 DEAD-BALL HINDERS

A rally is replayed without penalty and the server resumes play at first serve whenever a dead-ball hinder occurs. Also, see Rule 3.15 which describes conditions under which a hinder might be declared avoidable and result in loss of the rally.

#### (a) Situations

1. Court Hinders. The referee should stop play immediately whenever the ball hits any part of the court that was designated in advance as a court hinder (such as a vent grate). The referee should also stop play (i) when the ball takes an irregular bounce as a result of contacting a rough surface (such as court light or vent) or after striking a wet spot on the floor or wall and (ii) when, in the referee's opinion, the irregular bounce affected the rally.
2. Ball Hits Opponent. When an opponent is hit by a return shot in flight, it is a dead-ball hinder. If the opponent is struck by a ball which obviously did not have the velocity or direction to reach the front wall, it is not a hinder, and the player who hit the ball will lose the rally. A player who has been hit by the ball can stop play and make the call though the call must be made immediately and acknowledged by the referee. Note this interference may, under certain conditions, be declared an avoidable hinder. See Rule 3.15.
3. Body Contact. If body contact occurs which the referee believes was sufficient to stop the rally, either for the purpose of preventing injury by further contact or because the contact prevented a player from being able to make a reasonable return, the referee shall call a hinder. Incidental body contact in which the offensive player clearly will have the advantage should not be called a hinder, unless the offensive player obviously stops play. Contact with the racquet on the follow-through normally is not considered a hinder.
4. Screen Ball. Any ball rebounding from the front wall so close to the body of the defensive player that it prevents the offensive player from having a clear view of the ball. (The referee should be careful not to make the screen call so quickly that it takes away a good offensive opportunity.) A ball that passes between the legs of a player who has just returned the ball is not automatically a screen. It depends on whether the other player is impaired as a result. Generally, the call should work to the advantage of the offensive player.
5. Backswing Hinder. Any body or racquet contact, on the backswing or on the way to or just prior to returning the ball, which impairs the hitter's ability to take a reasonable swing. This call can be made by the player attempting the return, though the call must be made immediately and is subject to the referee's approval. Note the interference may be considered an avoidable hinder. See Rule 3.15.
6. Safety Holdup. Any player about to execute a return who believes that striking the opponent with the ball or racquet is likely, may immediately stop play and request a dead-ball hinder. This call must be made immediately and is subject to acceptance and approval of the referee. (The referee will grant a dead-ball hinder if it is believed the holdup was reasonable and the player would have been able to return the shot. The referee may also call an avoidable hinder if warranted.)
7. Other Interference. Any other unintentional interference which prevents an opponent from having a fair chance to see or return the ball.

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## Rule 2.1 COURT SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications for the standard four-wall racquetball court are:

(a) Dimensions. The dimensions shall be 20 feet wide, 40 feet long and 20 feet high, with a back wall at least 12 feet high. All surfaces shall be in play, with the exception of any gallery opening, surfaces designated as out-of-play for a valid reason (such as being of a very different material or not in alignment with the backwall), and designated court hinders.

(b) Markings. Racquetball courts shall be marked with lines 1 1/2 inches wide as follows:

1. **Short Line.** The back edge of the short line is midway between, and is parallel with, the front and back walls.

2. **Service Line.** The front edge of the service line is parallel with, and five feet in front of, the back edge of the short line.

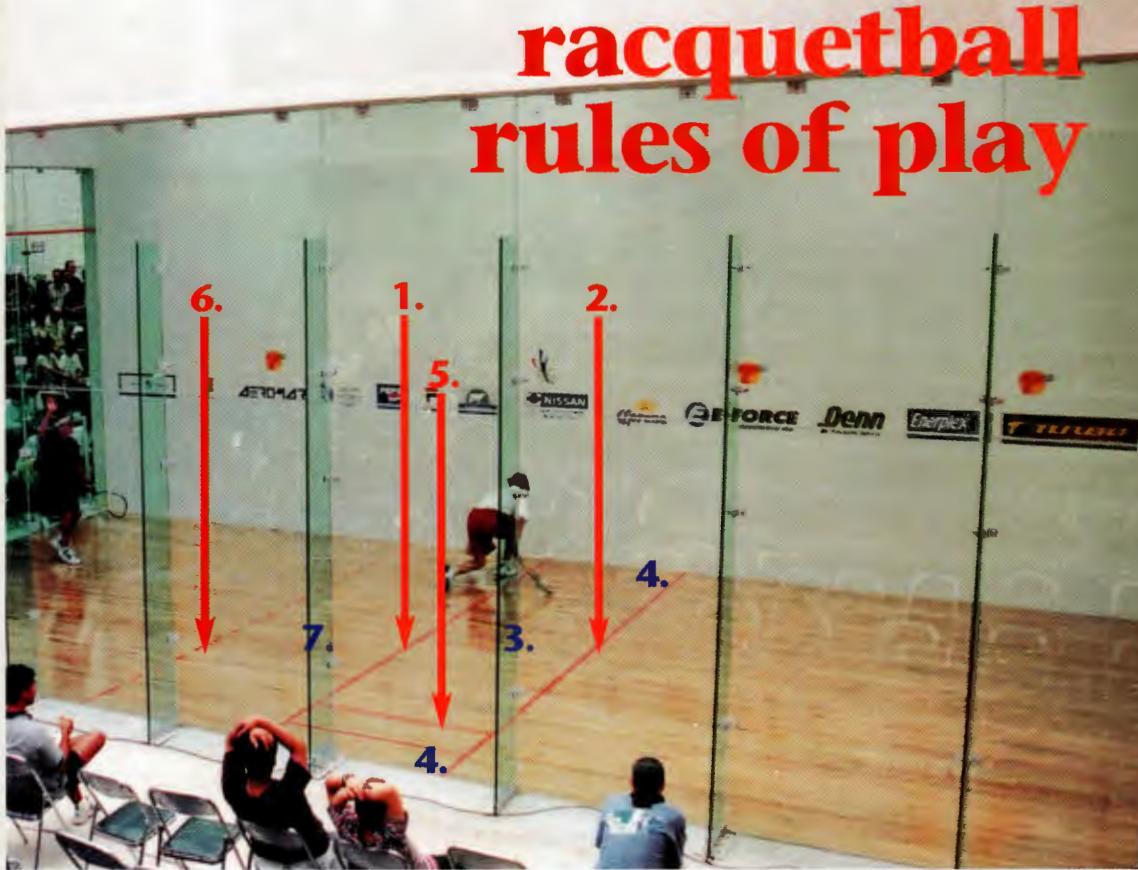
3. **Service Zone.** The service zone is the 5' x 20' area bounded by the bottom edges of the side walls and by the outer edges of the short line and the service line.

4. **Service Boxes.** The service boxes are located at each end of the service zone and are designated by lines parallel with the side walls [see 4.2(b)]. The edge of the line nearest to the center of the court shall be 18 inches from the nearest side wall.

5. **Drive Serve Lines.** The drive serve lines, which form the drive serve zone, are parallel with the side wall and are within the service zone. The edge of the line nearest to the center of the court shall be three feet from the nearest side wall.

6. **Receiving Line.** The receiving line is a broken line parallel to the short line. The back edge of the receiving line is five feet from the back edge of the short line. The receiving line begins with a line 21 inches long that extends from each side wall. These lines are connected by an alternate series of six-inch spaces and six-inch lines. This will result in a line composed of 17 six-inch spaces, 16 six-inch lines, and two 21-inch lines.

7. **Safety Zone.** The safety zone is the 5' x 20' area bounded by the bottom edges of the side walls and by the back edges of the short line and the receiving line. The zone is observed only during the serve. See Rules 3.10(i) and 3.11(a).



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Example: When a ball from another court enters the court during a rally or when a referee's call on an adjacent court obviously distracts a player.

(b) **Effect of Hinders.** The referee's call of hinder stops play and voids any situation which follows, such as the ball hitting the player. The only hinders that may be called by a player are described in rules (2), (5), and (6) above, and all of these are subject to the approval of the referee. A dead-ball hinder stops play and the rally is replayed. The server receives two serves.

(c) **Responsibility.** While making an attempt to return the ball, a player is entitled to a fair chance to see and return the ball. It is the responsibility of the side that has just hit the ball to move so the receiving side may go straight to the ball and have an unobstructed view of and swing at the ball. However, the receiver is responsible for making a reasonable effort to move towards the ball and must have a reasonable chance to return the ball for any type of hinder to be called.

### Rule 3.15 AVOIDABLE HINDERS

An avoidable hinder results in the loss of the rally. An avoidable hinder does not necessarily have to be an intentional act. Dead-ball hinders are described in Rule 3.14. Any of the following results in an avoidable hinder:

(a) **Failure to Move.** A player does not move sufficiently to allow an opponent a shot straight to the front wall as well as a cross-court shot which is a shot directly to the front wall at an angle that would cause the ball to rebound directly to the rear corner farthest from the player hitting the ball. Also when a player moves in such a direction that it prevents an opponent from taking either of these shots.

(b) **Stroke Interference.** This occurs when a player moves, or fails to move, so that the opponent returning the ball

does not have a free, unimpeded swing. This includes unintentionally moving in a direction which prevents the opponent from making an open, offensive shot.

(c) **Blocking.** Moves into a position which blocks the opponent from getting to, or returning, the ball; or in doubles, a player moves in front of an opponent as the player's partner is returning the ball.

(d) **Moving into the Ball.** Moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by the opponent.

(e) **Pushing.** Deliberately pushes or shoves opponent during a rally.

(f) **Intentional Distractions.** Deliberate shouting, stamping of feet, waving of racquet, or any other manner of disrupting one's opponent.

(g) **View Obstruction.** A player moves across an opponent's line of vision just before the opponent strikes the ball.

(h) **Wetting the Ball.** The players, particularly the server, should insure that the ball is dry prior to the serve. Any wet ball that is not corrected prior to the serve shall result in an avoidable hinder against the server.

(i) **Apparel or Equipment Loss.** If a player loses any apparel, equipment, or other article, play shall be immediately stopped and that player shall be called for an avoidable hinder, unless the player has just hit a shot that could not be retrieved. If the loss of equipment is caused by a player's opponent, then a dead-ball hinder should be called. If the opponent's action is judged to have been avoidable, then the opponent should be called for an avoidable hinder.

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### Rule 3.16 TIMEOUTS

### Rule 3.17 TECHNICAL FOULS AND WARNINGS



Last issue we unraveled my magical off the backwall shot, one of the most offensive shots (scores points and/or ends rallies) in the game. Today I want to switch to defense, and talk with you about my Magical Z Shot.

Like the ceiling shot we learned in the May-June issue, remember the main purpose of a defensive shot ... it draws your opponent deep into backcourt (beyond 35') where it becomes far more difficult for them to score. It is used when you are off-balance, out of position, or you want/need to buy yourself some time.

The "Z shot" is just a more advanced shot than the ceiling ball, but it accomplishes exactly the same thing. Too many players just want to keep shooting even though they are off-balance and reaching for the ball (see Trick #3). Usually they skip the ball completely or float it back for a setup instead of using the "Z shot" to keep the ball in play and move their opponent back ... which is what I am suggesting.

As a top professional, if I use the "Z" in my game, it must be a very powerful tool that works. I don't want to give away easy points by skipping or leaving the ball up, either. So trust me... it works... it's awesome.

Let the magic begin... How do I hit it?

## ***Sudsy's Magic Show ... The "Z-Shot"!***

Photos by Kurt Silvershield

### **TRICK #1: Ready Position**

- Down and ready • Legs spread wider than shoulder width apart • Knees bent • Bent slightly at the waist • Racquet up and in the middle of your stance • On the balls of your feet ready to push off • Eyes on ball

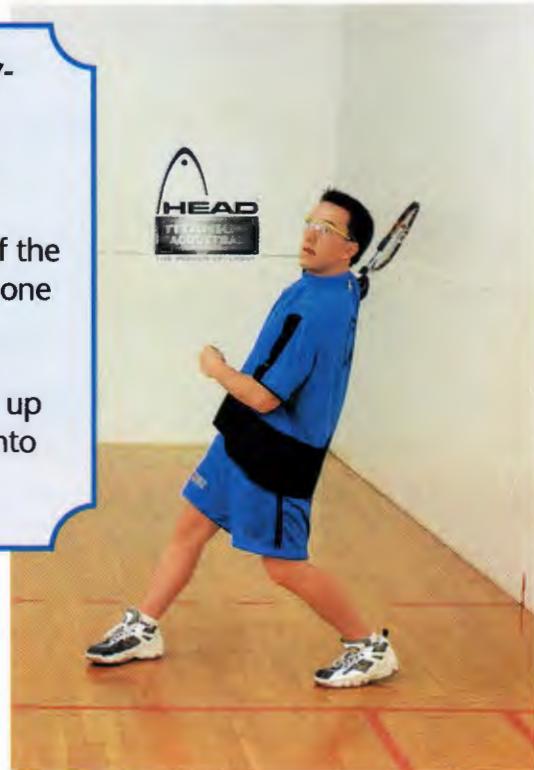
### **TRICK #2: The Step**

- Cross over step • Racquet back and up
- Non-hitting arm down, fingers on floor for balance and support (you will not always be so off balance and need your non-hitting arm down on the floor) • Bent over reaching



### **TRICK #5: Follow-Through**

- Racquet is completely around
- You begin to push up off the floor and you are now on one leg and your other knee, getting ready to stand
- You are now completely up and ready to move back into position • Eyes on ball



### TRICK #3: *The Swing*

- Racquet starts to come through
- Non-hitting arm down and palm on floor for complete balance and support
- Body stretched out and hitting arm begins to reach out • Eyes on ball

### TRICK #4: *Contact Point*

- Racquet is way out in front of you where contact is made
- Racquet head pointing to corner
- Non-hitting arm down and fully supporting your body as you hit



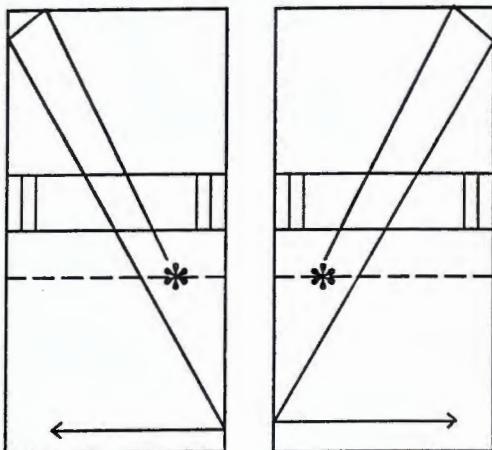
As you can see from not only the diagrams, but also from the pictures, this shot should be attempted from on, or in front of, the 25-foot-line and hit three walls consecutively. It travels to the front wall first (tight to the corner, a must), then the sidewall, and then the other sidewall on a fly and comes out parallel to the back wall. Contact is made out in front of you, as shown in Trick #4. The shot should be hit hard. The spin created from the pace as well as the trajectory of the ball makes it more difficult to return than just a regular ceiling ball. The higher the ball is hit the deeper it travels, thus hanging close to the backwall. The closer to the backwall it goes the more you handcuff your opponent.

Well there you have it... My Magical Z shot!!! If you are thinking that the pros are more aggressive and shoot more... you are absolutely right, but I know for a fact if I didn't have a great "Z shot" I wouldn't be as good a

player as I am (you need a healthy combination of offense and defense to be the best ... remember that). I want and need to have a shot I can rely on when I'm in a tight spot – one that keeps my opponent off balance, gets them out of center court, and buys me time.

The ceiling shot accomplishes this very well, but what makes the "Z shot" so effective is the angle at which it comes off the wall, plus the path of this shot dizzies your opponent as they spin around to follow the ball. If you are an advanced player who already uses the ceiling ball effectively, I encourage you to start using the "Z shot" as well — since it's guaranteed to frustrate your opponent and give them a headache at the same time... Good Luck.

See you next time to look at my magical and infamous splat shot.





## **Game Plan: I Want More Power!**

**by Lynn Adams & Cliff Swain**

One of the most-often asked questions I answer in every camp, clinic or exhibition is ... "How can I get more power in my game?"

Everyone wants to hit the ball harder so they can hear that huge, wonderful sound a racquetball can make. So, we're going to look at the five components of power, and the five most common mistakes that prevent us from becoming the "big hitters" we want to be.

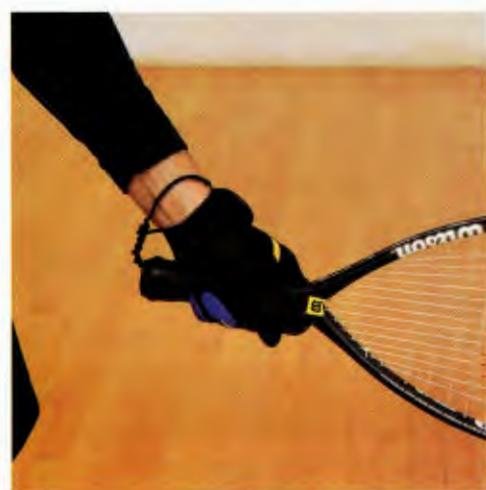
And once you've looked at all the examples, there is one final component to power that we can't photograph, so we'll use just a few words to inspire you ... swing really fast! The faster you can pull your arm and racquet head through the stroke, the harder you will hit the ball.

Good luck to all you power-mongers out there!



**POWER GRIP — DO!** For optimum power, hold the racquet down at the end of the handle. This allows for unhindered wrist snap and leverage.

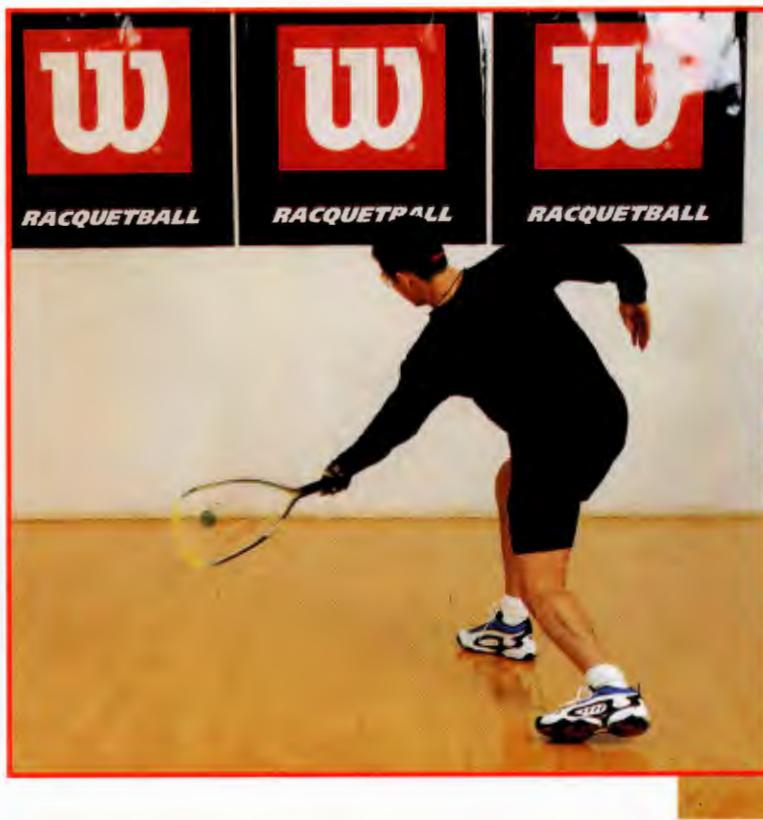
**DON'T**  
Don't hold the racquet far up on the handle. This grip style promotes pushing and poking at the ball, instead of swinging through the ball.



## POWER BACKSWING

**DO!** If you want power, you've got to have a big backswing. If you watch any

of the pros get ready for a shot, you'll see them get their arm up so that their elbow reaches – at least – shoulder height. This gives them time to generate racquet speed, which is a crucial component of power.



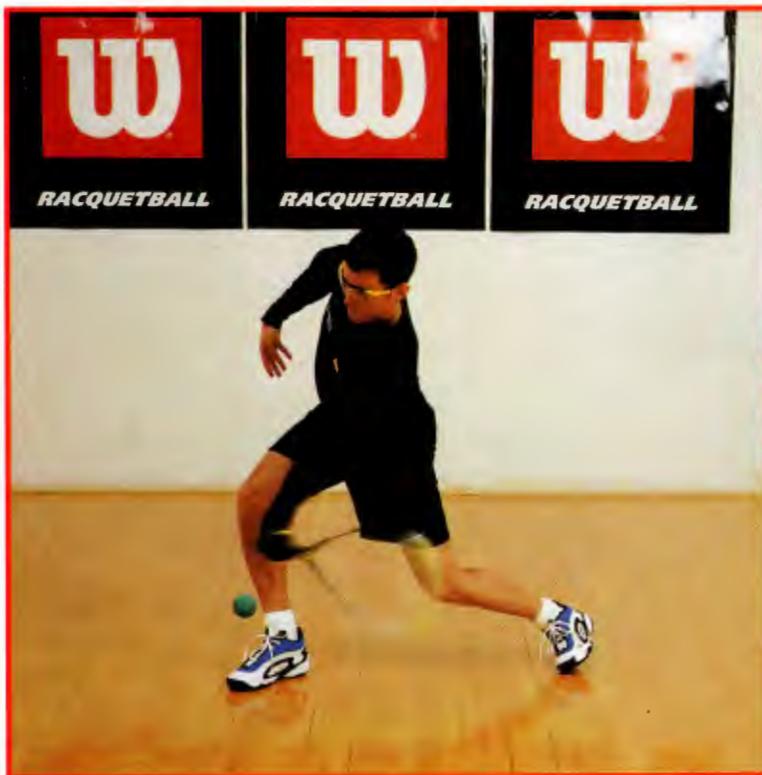
## POWER EXTENSION

**DO!** Keep the ball away from your body so you can use the force of leverage to generate power.



### DON'T

If the ball is too close to your body, you can't take a full swing. You'll end up pushing the ball around and lose the precious power you desire.



**POWER POINT OF CONTACT**  
**DO!** Your point of contact should be around your front foot. Your body's momentum will be totally behind your shot for lots of power.



**DON'T**  
If your point of contact is off your back foot, not only will you lose power, but you'll tend to skip the ball more often.



**POWER FOLLOW-THROUGH**  
**DO!** To optimize your power, it's vital to complete your swing. Let the momentum of your big swing carry the racquet head all the way around behind you.



**DON'T**  
If you stop your follow-through, two things will happen: 1) you'll lose power and 2) you'll eventually trash your elbow. Ouch!



## MAINS & CROSSES

**By Steve Crandall**  
Vice President, Sales & Marketing

### POP QUIZ: Measure your String IQ

Since it's the start of a new season, I thought it might be interesting to turn this

month's column into a "String Quiz." Test your knowledge about racquet stringing by completing the answers to the following twenty questions about different aspects of racquetball string or stringing.

If you want to "turn in" your quiz to Ashaway and receive a "grade," please complete the quiz online at Ashaway's website (ashawayusa.com), and either e-mail or snail mail the quiz to Ashaway. If you include your name and address, you will receive the answers to each question with your grade (5 points per question), along with a complimentary set of Ashaway SuperKill® 17 racquetball string.

1. The larger the gauge number, the thicker the string.  True  False
2. Which of the following materials is *not* used in racquetball string?  
 Kevlar  Zyex  
 Vectran  Rayon
3. The standard length for racquetball string sets is ...  
 36 feet  40 feet  45 feet
4. If you want the ball to explode off your racquet with greater power, you should string your racquet at higher tension.  True  False
5. Which of the following best describes hybrid stringing?  
 Stringing with two different types

of string.

6. Which of the following is the acronym for the only national Racquet Stringing Association?  
 USRSA  USSRA  USRA
7. Multifilament string construction is the most common for racquetball string.  True  False
8. Which of the following is the most commonly accepted range in millimeters for a 17-gauge string?  
 1.10 - 1.15  
 1.20 - 1.25  
 1.30 - 1.35
9. A device to measure string gauge is called a ...  
 Thermometer  
 Dymometer  
 Micrometer
10. Which of the following countries is *not* home to a racquet string manufacturer?  
 USA  Canada  
 Japan  France
11. What was the first synthetic material used for manufacturing racquet strings?  
 Polyester  Nylon  Rayon
12. Which of the following raw materials used in racquet string has the *least* elasticity or stretch?  
 Polyester  Nylon  Kevlar
13. Which of the following is *not* a type of stringing machine?  
 Electronic  
 Drop weight

Chemical combustion

14. Which of the following elements is *not* used in racquet strings?  
 Titanium  Copper  Carbon

15. The normal tension range for stringing racquetball racquets is 55-65 lbs.  
 True  False

16. What material used in racquetball strings is *not* used in body armor?  
 Vectran  Zyex  Kevlar

17. Which of the following fiber properties does *not* affect racquetball string performance?  
 Elongation  
 Creep  
 Denier  
 Moisture absorption

18. At a lower tension, a string is more apt to add control to your game.  
 True  False

19. The first synthetic Ashaway string was produced in ...  
 1945  1949  1952

20. Steve Crandall's first "Mains & Crosses" column first appeared in what year?  
 1990  1993  
 1995  1997

I am looking forward to receiving your quiz. If you score well, it will mean you have been reading these columns or at least doing your homework, either of which will boost my spirits.

In the next issue we will review the answers to some of the trickiest questions. We will also post the average of all scores, which will be my grade. So please do well!



## **Head Rules** by Fran Davis

### **Drilling Alternatives**

# **Q:&A...Q&A**

## *I hate to drill; it's boring! How can I improve my game without drilling?*

Believe it or not, that same question is asked to me no matter where I am – on either coast, or anywhere in between. I am still a firm believer in drilling for consistency because repetition creates muscle memory (see January–February 2000 issue), but I do have a solution that could help you tremendously, if you are one of those players who “hate” to drill or don’t have “time” to drill ... play games with an objective in mind. Like ...

- Serve an entire game, score on every rally (works on your serving game). Do an entire game with the same serve and then eventually mix up your serves.
- Receive serve an entire game, score on every rally (works on your receiving game).
- Receive a bonus point for making the specific shot you are working on. For example if you are working on a pinch shot then do as follows:
  - If you end the rally on a pinch shot and you are serving you receive 1 point for ending the rally and 1 bonus point, so a total of 2 points are scored for you.
  - If you end the rally on a pinch shot and you are not serving, it's side out plus 1 bonus point, so you add a total of 1 point to your score.
- Start the game out with a specific shot you are working on, like a ceiling shot or off the backwall (as if it was the serve) and then play out the rally.
- Play games with no score, just an allotted period of time, therefore there is no pressure to win.
- Play games with winning in mind when you are getting close to a tournament so you can begin to assimilate a tournament situation. If you need to add an incentive, then play for a soda, or lunch, or dinner, do whatever it takes to motivate yourself to play like you are in a tournament.

As you can see practice does not have to be one dimensional or boring, but it can be rather diverse, challenging, thought provoking, competitive and quite a lot of fun while having improvement as an end result, not winning.

Just remember there is a time and place for everything... Practice has its place.... Winning has its place.... And you need both to succeed. The more you believe in this concept the more often you will reach your goals. Good luck!

## New Teaching Device

By Susan Angland

AmPRO Certified Instructor

My idea for the "RB Trainer" came from the golf ball/string device made by Tee Off which allows golfers to practice their swing in the privacy of their own backyards, saving time and money at the driving range. However, the RB Trainer is not meant as a self-practice, home device since it requires assistance from a qualified instructor (plus, it's too bulky for home use).

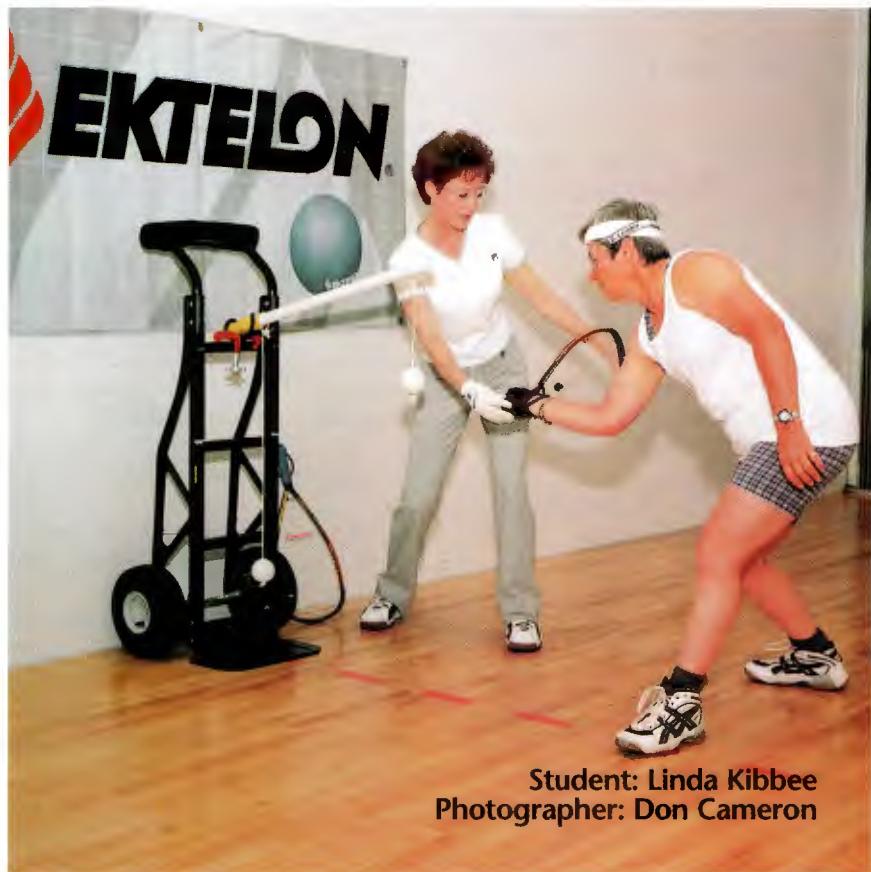
In my experience, racquetball players tend to judge their success by what the ball does at the front wall, and they will spend hours trying to duplicate a good shot without first learning proper technique. Even students taking instruction tend to judge their efforts by whether or not they can execute a killshot.

The RB Trainer effectively eliminates these distractions and removes a major obstacle that beginners face when learning the racquetball swing: contacting a moving target. Further, it allows the instructor to take a safe, front-on view of the stroke, and offers the time-saving bonus of not having to chase down balls.

The RB Trainer doesn't take the place of standard court practice – and never will – but it's a great instructional tool. I typically set it up inside the court with the plastic baseball resting above the receiving line. This gives the student a guide to where to place his or her front foot when striking the ball, and the stationary target enables the student to be immediately successful in making contact.

While using the RB Trainer, the focus remains on executing proper form and developing correct stroke technique and muscle memory. Since the stroke can then be done in slow motion, each stroke position, from back swing to follow-through, can be closely examined, making errors more easily recognized and corrected. When the different elements of proper stroke mechanics are learned in this fashion, the student is better able to make his or her own error adjustments during regular practice or play.

Once a beginner understands correct form, I introduce the racquetball. First, using a "tee" made out of an empty, reinforced paper towel center placed on the receiving line. Then using only the up-and-down motion of the ball, I'll drop it on the receiving line. Once this is mastered, the ball can be



Student: Linda Kibbee  
Photographer: Don Cameron



gently tossed against a sidewall and later, the front wall at various speeds so the student learns how to contact a ball which is coming at them. Students with limited experience in racquet sports, or in any sport, greatly appreciate the gradual progression in training.

Not only beginners can benefit from the RB Trainer. Correcting an improper stroke (often developed and practiced over many months, or even years) is difficult but not impossible. The RB Trainer proves to be useful in such cases, when emphasis is taken away from what happens at the front wall and is correctly placed on proper stroke mechanics.

*Susan Angland teaches racquetball at LA Fitness Sports Clubs in Chino Hills, Norco, and Anaheim Hills, California.*

## AmPRO Instructor Certification Clinic Schedule

DATE .....	HOST CLUB .....	CITY/STATE .....	CLINICIAN .....	CONTACT .....
September 20-21 .....	Orem Recreation Center .....	Orem, UT	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960
September 22-24 .....	Players Athletic Club .....	Warren, MI	David Watson .....	918-540-3503
Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 .....	Merritt Athletic Club .....	Baltimore, MD	David Watson .....	918-540-3503
October 2-3 .....	Midtown Family Fitness & Racquetball .....	Milford, MA	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960
October 13-15 .....	Rivercenter/Hilton .....	New Orleans, LA	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960
October 13-15 .....	Gold's Gym .....	DeWitt, NY	Jim Winterton .....	315-426-9204
October 25-26 .....	Las Vegas Sporting House .....	Las Vegas, NV	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960
October 27-29 .....	Peachtree Athletic Club .....	Atlanta, GA	Ed Remen .....	919-363-4439
November 10-12 .....	Quadrangle Athletic Club .....	Clearwater, FL	Ed Remen .....	919-363-4439
November 17-19 .....	Highpoint Sports & Wellness .....	Albuquerque, NM	Joe Wittenbrink .....	505-890-0096
December 1-3 .....	YMCA .....	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960

*For more information about conducting an AmPRO Instructor Certification clinic, or about becoming certified, please contact Gary Mazaroff [Director of AmPRO Instructor Certification] at 505/266-8960, email [GMazaroff@usra.org](mailto:GMazaroff@usra.org).*

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Dan Davis .....	Texas   Southwest .....	713-895-8688
Lorraine Galloway .....	New York   New England .....	718-739-4629
Dave George .....	California   Northern California, Nevada .....	650-589-6904
Michelle Gould .....	Idaho   Pacific Northwest .....	208-362-3844
Karen Key .....	Arizona   Arizona, Southern California .....	480-545-1363
Gary Mazaroff, Director/Instruction .....	New Mexico   Nationwide .....	For AmPRO info, call 505-266-8960
Carol Pellowski .....	Wisconsin   Midwest .....	262-514-3497
Ed Remen .....	North Carolina   Southeast, Mid-Atlantic .....	919-363-4439
Paul Reynolds .....	Washington   Washington, Oregon .....	425-861-6285
Jo Shattuck .....	Colorado   Rocky Mountain .....	318-512-6040
Fielding Snow .....	Washington   Pacific Northwest .....	206-363-0308
David Watson .....	Oklahoma   Central States .....	918-540-3503
Jim Winterton .....	New York   Northeast .....	315-426-9204
Joe Wittenbrink .....	New Mexico .....	505-890-0096
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## *new*directions by Luke St. Onge

I recently attended the International Masters Championships held at the Air Force Academy here in Colorado Springs. This event — along with the World Senior Championships held each week heading into Labor Day in Albuquerque — deserve special mention. No, they're not the Open, Worlds or the Nationals with draws of over 700 players, but they are something special.

Playing round-robin in age groups from 35 to 85 — over four to five days, with social events every night — truly becomes a whirlwind of racquetball fun and frolic. And even more than a party, it's a way of life that we "grown-ups" have all chosen ... one that allows us to have a greatly improved quality of life and to look forward to each and every day that we can compete in this arena.

Youngsters out there won't relate to what I am saying, for you most certainly feel invincible and immortal in that youth (enjoy it!). Players at the senior and master level, however, have begun to experience their limitations and have still chosen to live life to its fullest. It's a cultural phenomenon as the population ages. How many people do we all know — people we've grown up with that are in their 40s and 50s and have already given up on life? You know ... the ones who constantly say "I remember the good old days." Or how many of us have attended a high school or college reunion and seen many of our former friends in a state of physical dis-repair and living in the past?

But somehow you never see or hear these types of complaints at these senior/master racquetball events. And while most participants are vibrant and healthy, an occasional tragedy strikes and someone passes away during an event. Even then, it's amazing to note that the overall reaction is that they went out doing what they loved best. This is the foundation of a special fraternity that can only be experienced first-hand by participating in one of these events.

It's become un-fashionable to be sentimental in our society, but not in our sport. Where else can you — up to age 85 — play a highly active sport and then spend quality time with your opponent? At these "adult" tourneys, we live for the moment, while building for the future through fundraising for student athletic scholarships and the Olympic Dream. Now AmPRO is involved at the senior/master level, and the possibilities are endless. At least for those of us who believe in that fraternity. That sorority. That party! Come join us!

### WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

In its bi-annual World Congress, held at the 10th World Championships, the International Racquetball Federation and the Pan American Racquetball Confederations each elected new slates of officers for terms to begin immediately.

Long-time USRA board member and friend to the sport Keith Calkins of Mission Viejo, California, was tapped for the IRF presidency, replacing Han Van der Heijden. The Netherlands Van der Heijden was appointed "honorary president" in recognition of his service to the international administrative body.

The remaining elected IRF positions were filled by: Erik Meyer (Belgium) — Executive Vice President Young-Sang Hong (Korea) — Vice President/Asia Philippe Lecompte (France) — Vice President/Europe Manuel Medina (Venezuela) — VP/South America Enrique Villagran (Mexico) — VP/Cen.America-Caribbean Usher Barnoff (Canada) — VP/North American Rosy Torres (Mexico) — VP/Women's Development Angela Grisar (Chile) — VP/Women's Development Oswaldo Maggi (Argentina) — Treasurer Luke St. Onge (USA) — Secretary General Han Van der Heijden (Netherlands) — Honorary President

Two new IRF and PARC vice-presidential slots were created for the purpose of advancing women's development in the sport, and were filled by Rosy Torres of Mexico, and Angela Grisar of Chile.

The Pan American Racquetball Confederation [PARC] officers include:

Oswaldo Maggi (Argentina) — President  
Manuel Medina (Venezuela) — Executive Vice President  
Pablo Fajre (Chile) — VP/South America  
Pending appointment — VP/Central America-Caribbean  
Usher Barnoff (Canada) — VP/North American  
Rosy Torres (Mexico) — VP/Women's Development  
Angela Grisar (Chile) — VP/Women's Development  
Pending appointment — Treasurer  
Luke St. Onge (USA) — Secretary General  
Keith Calkins (USA) — Honorary President

### Event Venues Named

The IRF also named the host countries for the coming 2002 and 2004 World Championships. In the year 2002, the event will be held in Paris, France, and in 2004 it will be hosted by Korea.

The PARC also named the host countries for its annual Tournament of the Americas, which — in 2002 — will also serve as a qualifier for the 2004 Pan American Games. The events will be held in Honduras in 2001; Bolivia in 2002; and in the Dominican Republic in 2003.



TOP: LECOMTE FAMILY. MIDDLE: NEWLYWED HOLLYS. BOTTOM: KATHY TRITSMANS GETS SOME SIDELINE ADVICE FROM PHILIPPE LECOMTE. FACING PAGE (TOP): SAL & DEE PERCONTI.

## 2000 World Senior Doubles

*Forest Hills Club: Paris, France*

*Submitted by Dee Perconti*

If you weren't in Paris for the World Senior Doubles 2000 this past June 1-4, then you missed the event of the year! People flew in to Paris from all over the world to play doubles and to enjoy the best camaraderie, the best food, the best wine and most romantic sightseeing.

Maybe it was because it was the inaugural World Senior Doubles tournament held in Paris, or maybe it was because our French hosts, Philippe and Veronique Lecomte, along with European Federation President Erik Meyer, were so warm and accommodating. Or, maybe it was because Gary Mazaroff and his wife Jennifer make all tournaments fun, or maybe it is just that Paris is intoxicating and it's impossible to have anything less than the most wonderful time there! Whatever it was, this was a fabulous tournament where everyone got along, strong friendships were forged, and good sportsmanship was the rule.

We all stayed on the outskirts of Paris in a quaint hotel called Les Amandiers, near the Forest Hills Club. Sal and I had come in four days earlier and stayed in town near the Champs Elysees. We loved seeing all the famous sights and amazing museums but when we went to Nanterre (where the tournament was held) we really got a taste of what it is like to be Parisian. We rode the Metro and the RER Train, ate in little cafes and walked in the rain like the natives.

Now we all know that Paris is the City of Love! One of the entrants, Jerry Holly, brought his lovely fiancee to be with him to Paris and they got married at the event banquet. Jean Pierre Boudart, winner of one of the divisions, owns a wonderful restaurant in the country and he generously reseved it for us and the wedding party. So Margaret and Jerry were married by the Reverend Gary Mazaroff and we all celebrated until the wee morning hours. You cannot imagine a more charming evening.

Oh, and did I forget to mention that the racquetball was great also? Ruben Gonzalez made this first annual tournament in Paris memorable with his dives and incredible shots. People from Ireland, Guam, Canada, France, Netherlands, Belgium, and the USA also showed off their skills. It was very exciting to watch and a bit surreal to see the same courts, same equipment, same shots, but everybody's speaking a different language. And down the road, the Eiffel Tower! What an experience.

We are meeting again in Paris during the last week of April, 2001. All you need is a passport and a racquet (or, in my case, a husband with a racquet). If you want to see pictures of the Paris 2000, go to [www.racquetball-fr.net](http://www.racquetball-fr.net). Then go to Sunday, July 9th to see the links to three photo albums.

**RESULTS** — Mens 35+: 1) Philippe Lecomte & Bruno Bouillac (France); 2) Andrew Weisz & Gabe Astalos (USA); 3) Steve Fuentes (USA) & Bob Mohl (France). Mens 45+: 1) Sal Perconti & Ruben Gonzalez (USA); 2) Paul Wehmeyer & Gary Mazaroff (USA); 3) Michael Murphy & Oliver Gibney (Ireland); 4) Yan Lepenven & Serge Chojnowski (France). Mens 50+: Frank Rios (Guam) & Leo Klimaitis (USA). Mens 55+: Jean Pierre Boudart & Guy Beaumont (France). Mens 60+: 1) Grant Morrill & Jerry Holly (USA); 2) Tevie Smith (Canada) & Bob Fennell (USA). Mens 70+: 1) Al Adiram & Dave Roddan (Canada); 2) Mal Roberts & Mannie Organista (USA). Mens 75+: Ross Fillipone (Canada) & Al Romero (USA). Womens 35+: 1) Cindy Tilbury & Judy Shaeffer (USA). Womens 55+: Gail Schaefer & Joy DeSantis (USA). Open Mixed: Kathy Tritsmans (Holland) & Tevie Smith (Canada). 35+ Mixed: 1) Gabe Astalos & Joy DeSantis (USA); 2) Andrew Weisz & Judy Schaefer (USA); 3) Kathy Tritsmans (Holland) & Erik Meyer (Belgium). 40+ Mixed: 1) Manny Organista & Cindy Tilbury (USA). 50+ Mixed: Mal Roberts & Jennifer Mazaroff (USA). 55+ Mixed: Grant Morrill & Gail Schaefer.



Team Argentina



Team Guam



Team Korea

## world team album



Team USA



Team Vietnam



Team Mexico



Team Bolivia



Team Guatemala



Team Puerto Rico (where's Waldo?)

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Still doubtful (having tried store bought orthotics on several different occasions with no improvement) and ever skeptical about the medical profession, I anxiously awaited the delivery of my special inserts. I picked them up on a Tuesday at 1:00 pm and was on the court at 3:30 pm. I had only 10 or 15 minutes of acclimation before all discomfort disappeared. And — miraculously — when I was done playing my standard two hours, I had not one iota of pain in my feet, ankles, hips or back.

Not wanting to buy into Dr. Bill's solution just yet, I played every day for the next five days to further test the result. Incredibly, all pain is gone. I have not felt this good in 10 years. Not only has Dr. Bill given me back my racquetball, he has given me back my life. I'm now able to do things I stopped doing years ago. And I've gotten rid of my walking cane that I would use after particularly strenuous games or tournaments.

The reason for my writing is to share my experience for the benefit of other players suffering unnecessarily. They have hope of repairing the damage done to them by years of tearing down their bodies. I would not be giving back to the sport that has given me so much for so long, if I could not share this experience with the rest of the racquetball community.

*Barry Hendricks • Phoenix, Arizona*

### QUESTIONABLE

This is in regard to Anita Maldonado's letter where she was disturbed by a spectator warning her opponent that she was about to fault serve on second serve. She stated that she spoke to a tournament director who stated there was no rule governing spectators and that they can do whatever they want.

Rule B.5(f) states "The referee shall have jurisdiction over the spectators, as well as the players, while the match is in progress." The referee in this case could have warned the spectator against further outbursts and could have removed them from the gallery had any more occurred. I would always warn

them first because it may not have been intentional.

Learning the rules and your rights as a player are good reasons to attend the next referee clinic you see offered at your state tournaments. We offer referee clinics and certification at every sanctioned tournament in North Carolina.

*Lynn Stephens • President - NCRA  
Carthage, North Carolina*

*[As our sport continues to grow – as large as 1500+ spectators at the U.S. OPEN – it will become increasingly difficult to enforce rules that were drafted to govern a much smaller gallery. Identifying one over-enthusiastic supporter among 10-12 people leaning over a backwall is much easier than trying to determine who might have called out from a set of bleachers holding up to 100 fans at National Singles. In such a case, the referee might have issued a general warning to the crowd, but found it difficult to enforce with any authority over the course of the match. – Editor]*

### INEXCUSABLE

At the Pro Stop in Fairfield, New Jersey back in February, racquetball history was made. Also a monumental upset occurred in the round of 32. Hank Marcus referred to this as "the upset of the tournament."

Mitch Posner, better known in the racquetball world as "Team Charisma", upset #43 ranked Rob Simmons of Maine 11-9, 11-7, 0-11, 11-0 for his first pro win in only his third pro match. In the process the 42 year-old, also considered to be "New Jersey's Franchise Player" by his peers, became the first New Jersey resident since the 1980's, when Jersey Joe Cline won a pro match, to win a match at the pro level and also the first New Jersey resident to win a pro match in the new millennium. Yet there was no mention of any of this in either the March-April or the May-June issues of the magazine. This is not just a mere oversight this is a blatantly obvious snub.

How often does a player get his or her first win at the pro level in only his or her third pro match or sooner? You can

count on the fingers of one hand. Put yourself in this person's place. How would you like it if you got your first win at the pro level in only your third pro match and it was left out, ignored, made light of, considered a fluke, or just simply not taken serious? Wouldn't you feel slighted, underrated, snubbed, etc.? Also, how often does a 40 something beat a 20 something? Not very. Again, put yourself in this person's place!!!

For the record in the round of 16 Cliff Swain beat Posner in three games 11-4, 11-2, 11-3. But it was closer than the scores indicate. Just ask anyone who saw the match. And who's to say that if they played again that maybe another upset might not happen? This same person came within an eyelash of upsetting Scott Reiff in only his second pro match in Braintree, Massachusetts two weeks before the N.J. pro stop.

It's about time that players were judged on their accomplishments instead of what they say or what they wear. Or how politically correct or incorrect they are. Let's start calling it down the middle instead of doing for some and not for others. Also, let's give New Jersey more exposure as well. There's no excuse for leaving out things like this that could potentially inspire others.

*Mitch Posner • Livingston, New Jersey*

*[Appreciating the author's sentiments, it's important to note that no one (other than the player himself) could possibly have been privy to the in-depth, private accomplishments noted here without the type of prior notice that would come from a press agent responsible for keeping track of any given player's personal career records. RACQUETBALL does not have access to this type of data on each and every player who enters a pro stop, so rather than being any type of intentional snub, the "omission" was a natural one. — Editor]*

**CORRECTION:** On page 20 of the May/June issue, the gentleman in the center of the photo was mis-identified as Clinton Robinson when, in fact, it was KAHS Coach Robert Bagley. We apologize for the mix-up.



**International Racquetball Federation  
Pro Kennex XII World Junior Championships  
Los Caballeros Sports Village  
Fountain Valley, California  
December 17-21, 2000**

**entry form – please print . . .**

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Arrival Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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      \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 & 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 1 (Postmarked by 11/29/00)  
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Current membership # & exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
USRA Jr. Membership ..... (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ***"The Line"***

***By Lefty O'Neil***

Even after a year's worth of great events like Pro Nationals in Vegas, Pan Ams in Winnipeg, Worlds in Mexico, Nationals in Houston ... nothing compares to the Hilton U.S. Open in Memphis. The '99 U.S. Open offered up the best racquetball I've witnessed in my 26 years, and the buzz – once again – is the ability of all the pros to play all-out and give the fans a great show.

Last year's best bet was Jason Mannino at 9-1 odds. Not only did he win the title, but he covered the over on the dive prediction (58) in both the semi's and finals by diving an incredible 154 times in two matches. The other great win was Ruben Gonzalez beating Mike Guidry. Facing match point in game three at 10-5, Rubes came back to win it in five. Every pro except Sudsy and Jason thought it would be Guidry in game 3 or 4, including me! We love ya, Rubes!!

This year promises the deepest talent pool in the history of pro racquetball. In addition to all the IRT regulars, it's really interesting to see all the new up-and-comers who play the tour sporadically, then pop in out of nowhere. So make sure you catch the early rounds on the backcourts, too.

Following are my odds to win, plus this year I'll be adding a special line for the long shots during the tournament, and I'll have a daily line on site. But, once the action begins remember: 1) all published odds are subject to change 2) don't ever bet against Ruben 3) any and all wagering is illegal in the state of Tennessee. Good Luck!

• Sudsy Monchik "The kid" [1-5] – The US Open has been bittersweet for this three-time IRT tour champ, but even-numbered years are good for him. In 1996 he won the inaugural event by playing flawless racquetball against Andy Roberts in the final. In 1997, Cliff really did a number on him. In 1998, he did a number on Cliff. Last year, Mannino could do no wrong, as he eliminated a distracted and off-peak Monchik in the semi-final. I think, in Suds' mind, he figured he would just make Jason dive himself out. But when push came to shove, somehow, Jason was still standing. The simple fact remains that if Suds plays his very best he is extremely difficult to beat. I just want to see him flatten out a couple of those signature backhands, return some balls that look impossible to reach and show some of that flashy athleticism that

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we've all grown to love. Suds worked through some nagging injuries that caused him to miss the Pro Nationals and the Tournament of Champions at the end of last season. Look for Suds to come back strong in this event, to make a statement after being off for a while, plus becoming a dad for the first time earlier this summer.

• **Cliff Swain [1-1]** — This #1 all-time record-holder in pro wins, Cliff has been a regular on tour since 1985. Aside from some binge-drinking in the off-season with former pro Jerry Price (?), Cliff is a true athlete who keeps himself fit and focused for every event. Cliffy, Cliffy, Cliffy had a hard time sitting down after last year's loss. He usually beats Jason Mannino like a rental car with full coverage, and after cruising into the finals without losing a game, it looked like he had this one in the bag. But at match point, Jason dove for a ball that looked to have been two (or maybe three) bounces. Moving to the service box for what Cliff thought was a sideout and preparing to serve at 8-10, he heard referee Dan Llacer announce "game and match" to the new U.S. Open champ, Jason Mannino. Cliff looked like a guy who just learned that his house had burnt to the ground. This alone should be more than enough motivation for a guy who doesn't need any. Since then, Cliff the chameleon has once again reinvented himself, winning three of the last four tour events up to New Orleans.

• **Jason Mannino "Jay" [6-1]** — *Defending U.S. Open Champion* — For those who witnessed Jay win first-hand at last year's tournament, wouldn't you agree that his win was the greatest underdog victory in the history of pro racquetball? It wasn't that Cliff owns him. It wasn't that Sudsy usually toys with him by making him dive all over the place. It was the fact that, at the biggest event of the year, Jay took down two of the great ones, back to back. His relentless pursuit of the ball will forever be branded in my mind. The incredible racquet control, back wall play and rally-ending, diving re-kills were mind-boggling. He even out-dueled Sudsy in banter with "I don't know who you think came out to play today." Jay dove 81 times in his match with Monchik, which took a little over 1 hour and 20 minutes. The next day he dove 73 times to take out Swain in a closely contested four games. His legend may be greater than reality. Back in Dallas I overheard a guy say "Monchik would hit the ball 200+ miles an hour along the floor and Jason would get it and re-kill it every time." It may sound ridiculous, but it wasn't far from the truth. One thing I know for sure — if we keep telling Jay how great he is, maybe ... just maybe ... he'll quit telling us.

• **John Ellis "Ellie" [7-1]** — Winner of this season's Pro Nationals ... way to go Ellie! John is my favorite guy to joke with on tour because he doesn't take himself too seriously (a great quality). And he just got married ... so congratulations to you and your lovely bride! Jennifer's pretty lovely, so if you get a chance, sit next to her when John's playing and keep her company. Just tell Cliff to move over. John will have to step it up a notch to win in Memphis. He's been a consistent semi-finalist but almost went down in the quarters to Adam Karp last year. He has a complete game and his shot-making ability is uncanny

when he is on. From the sidelines, Dave Ellis will play father, coach, shrink, dance instructor, Spanish-speaking tour-guide and bodyguard ... and can often be seen trash-talking opposing players and yelling at the ref. Dave is a true asset to the Ellie entourage. Always working on his game, look for Ellie to play big at this event.

• **Tim Doyle "TD" [9-1]** — Tim has, at last, fully adjusted to his move to beautiful San Diego. He convinced his paranoid landlord to chill out on the surprise visits, and roommate Dave Johnson has helped with physical therapy and the healing power of alfalfa sprouts. Tim has also rekindled his old rivalry with Cliff by claiming two victories over him last season. If Tim plays his "A" game he will give everyone fits.

### **Ladies Line — by "Doc" Hiser**

• **Cheryl Gudinas [1-1]** — Has just completed her best year as a player with a recent win at the World Championships. She has matured and now has confidence that she can beat anyone. Probably the best on the tour at developing effective game plans and then capitalizing when she finds an opponent's weakness. She has a great variety of serves and is consistent on both sides. Backhand pinch may be her 'bread and butter' shot when in a jam.

• **Jackie Paraiso [2-1]** — *Defending U.S. Open Champion*. Has relinquished some of her 'invincible' aura by losing both at "The Finals" in Houston and the Pro Tournament of Champions in Portland. Losses to Cheryl Gudinas and Kersten Hallander may raise a question as to her supremacy on the tour. Played very defensive and tentative in Houston; did not shoot the ball. Although it is obvious she still has the talent, does she still have the desire and motivation?

• **Christie Van Hees [2-1]** — This top-ranked Canadian athlete is continually improving, but has not been able to break through the #3 slot. She moves and serve well, but seems to lose tenacity and concentration at critical times. Needs more consistency in forehand service returns. She plays well in Memphis and could make the finals again if she 'gets mean.'

• **Kersten Hallander [5-1]** — A big win over Paraiso and hanging tough against Gudinas may have given her the confidence she has needed for the past few years. As athletic as anyone, she has the ability to make great shots, but her inconsistency and lack of confidence has hurt her in the big matches. Her service game has improved and brought her close to a semi-final victory in Houston. Needs to play the 'big' points better and make fewer unforced errors.

• **Laura Fenton [6-1]** — This has been a rough full year for Fenton, beginning with a debilitating back injury sustained at last year's OPEN. She has yet to fully recover and was taken out in the quarterfinals by Rhonda Rajsich at "The Finals." No one really knows just how much she's been able to rehab, but a large draw and tough first rounds could take its toll. As she had to decide last year, she has to make up her mind, and go for it. What does she have to lose?

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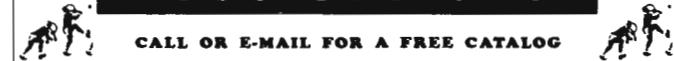
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## september ...

September 22-24	Aspen Hill Tournament @ Aspen Hill Club .....	Silver Spring, MD	301-598-5200
	Season Kickoff @ Classic Athletic Club .....	Fairfield, NJ	973-742-8806
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Texas State Doubles @ Northwest Fitness Center [3] .....	Houston, TX	713-432-0881
	Alpha Fall Kickoff @ Alpha Club .....	Mechanicsburg, PA	717-540-5111
	Baylor Fall Classic @ Baylor University .....	Waco, TX	254-710-3315
	Thunderbolt Open @ Dan Gamel's Health & Racquet Club .....	Fresno, CA	559-227-8405

## october ...

October 4-8	Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships [6] .....	Baltimore, MD	719-635-5396
October 6-8	Fall Classic @ Cedardale .....	Haverhill, MA	978-373-1596
	Lifestyles Tournament @ Lifestyles .....	St. Petersburg, FL	727-347-7701
	Ragnars Open Tournament @ Ragnars Racquet Fitness Center .....	Williamsport, PA	570-322-6877
	Virginia State Doubles @ Robious Sports & Fitness [3] .....	Richmond, VA	804-330-2222
	The 15th Annual Solano Open @ Solano Athletic Club .....	Fairfield, CA	707-429-4363
October 7	Texas Women's Challenge @ Northwest Fitness Center .....	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
October 11-15	Crack, Splat & Roll @ The Alaska Club East .....	Anchorage, AK	907-258-3211
October 13-14	Noblesville Fall Classic @ Noblesville Athletic Club .....	Noblesville, IN	317-255-3321
October 13-15	4-Wall Outdoor Event @ Sanlando Park .....	Altamonte Springs, FL	407-290-9887
	Fall Premier Classic @ Fayetteville Athletic Club .....	Fayetteville, AR	501-587-0500
October 18-21	Huntsman Senior Games @ Desert Palms .....	St. George, UT	435-652-0201
October 20-22	Cocoa Halloween Open @ Cocoa Court Club .....	Hershey, PA	717-540-5111
	Great Pumpkin Open @ Midtown Athletic Club .....	Sacramento, CA	916-441-2977
	Rio Invitational @ Rio Sport & Health .....	Gaithersburg, MD	301-258-5100
	Summit City Open @ Summit City Fitness .....	Ft. Wayne, IN	219-485-1671
	Texas State Seniors @ Maverick Athletic Club [3] .....	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
	Tournament Of Terrors @ The Spectrum Club .....	Canoga Park, CA	818-884-5034
	TV Open IV @ King George Racquet Club .....	Greenbrook, NJ	732-356-6900
	West Michigan Open @ Michigan Athletic Club .....	Grand Rapids, MI	616-956-0944
	4th Steve Chapman Memorial @ Quadrangle Athletic Club .....	Coral Springs, FL	954-753-8900
October 27-29	Arkansas State Doubles @ Ozark Sports Club [3] .....	Ft. Smith, AR	501-646-4022
	Arkansas State Juniors @ Ozark Sports Club [3] .....	Ft. Smith, AR	501-646-4022
	Interbay Fall Classic @ Tampa Interbay YMCA .....	Tampa, FL	813-839-0210
	2nd Ghostly Gateway Open @ Crystal Gateway Sport & Health .....	Arlington, VA	703-527-7785
October 28	Spookfest 2000 @ Racquetball & Fitness Of San Antonio .....	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596

## november ...

November 3-5	Bay Area Sales Open @ Royal Athletic Club .....	Burlingame, CA	650-349-9533
	Big Brother/Big Sister @ Courts Plus Of Jacksonville .....	Jacksonville, NC	910-346-3446
	Creative Imprint Open @ Nautilus Fitness Center .....	Erie, PA	814-868-0072
	Lakeland YMCA Tournament @ Lakeland YMCA .....	Lakeland, FL	941-644-3528
	Mid-West Seniors Masters Open @ Michigan Athletic Club .....	East Lansing, MI	517-887-0459
	Omni 41 Classic @ Omni 41 .....	Schererville, IN	219-865-6969
	Splat Sports Tournament @ Merritt Athletic - Security .....	Baltimore, MD	410-298-8700
November 8-12	Four Wall Turkey Brawl @ The Alaska Club Midtown .....	Anchorage, AK	907-258-3211
November 10-12	Cross Court Open @ Cross Court Athletic Club .....	Woodland, CA	530-666-1319
	Holiday Classic @ Cedardale .....	Haverhill, MA	978-373-1596
	Killshot Classic @ Summerhill .....	Rogers, AR	501-524-3672
	Maryland/DC State Doubles @ Laurel Sport Fit [3] .....	Laurel, MD	410-987-0980
	2000 Holiday Classic @ Southern Athletic Club .....	Lilburn, GA	770-923-5400
November 11-12	The Lehigh Valley Open @ Allentown Racquet Club .....	Allentown, PA	610-821-1300
	The High Sierra Shootout 2000 .....	Mammoth Lakes, CA	760-934-8511
November 15-19	5th Hilton U.S. Open Racquetball Championships [5] .....	Memphis, TN	719-635-5396
November 17-19	All Valley Open Championships @ Mid Valley Athletic Club .....	Reseda, CA	818-705-6500
	Alpha Turkey Gobbler @ Alpha Club .....	Mechanicsburg, PA	717-540-5111
	Holiday Cash Classic @ Orlando Fitness & Racquet .....	Orlando, FL	407-645-3550

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Texas Turkey Shoot @ Racquetball & Fitness Of San Antonio . . . . . San Antonio, TX 210-344-8596  
 Turkey Shoot @ Sports Club Of Asheville . . . . . Asheville, NC 828-252-0222

**december ...**

December 1-3	Indiana State Doubles @ Greenbriar Athletic Club [3] . . . . .	Indianapolis, IN 317-897-5481
	Pennsylvania State Doubles @ Oxford Athletic Club [3] . . . . .	Monroeville, PA 412-466-7325
	Quad West Winter Classic @ Quad West . . . . .	Clearwater, FL 727-535-4901
	Santa Claus Tournament @ Merritt Athletic - Security . . . . .	Baltimore, MD 410-298-8700
December 6-10	Rippin' Around The Christmas Tree @ The Alaska Club East . . . . .	Anchorage, AK 907-258-3211
December 8-10	Back To The Bay @ What-A-Racquet Club . . . . .	Daly City, CA 650-994-9080
	Holiday Cash Classic @ Orlando Fitness & Racquet . . . . .	Orlando, FL 407-645-3550
	Holiday Classic @ Classic Athletic Club . . . . .	Fairfield, NJ 973-742-8806
December 15-17	9th Annual Christmas Classic @ Tyson's Sport & Health . . . . .	McLean, VA 703-527-7785
December 17-21	ProKennex 12th IRF World Junior Championships [5] . . . . .	Fountain Valley, CA 719-635-5396

**upcoming 2000 national & international events ...**

October 4-8	Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships [6] . . . . .	Baltimore, Maryland 719-635-5396
November 15-19	5th Hilton U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships [5] . . . . .	Memphis, Tennessee 719-635-5396
December 17-21	ProKennex 12th IRF World Junior Championships [5] . . . . .	Fountain Valley, California 719-635-5396

**... and 2001...**

January 11-14	USRA Annual Leadership Conference . . . . .	Colorado Springs, Colorado 719-635-5396
January 19-21	WSMA U.S. Women's Senior/Master Championships [5] . . . . .	Canoga Park, California 818-999-5944
March 1-4	Wilson 14th USRA National High School Championships [6] . . . . .	TBA 719-635-5396
Mar.28 - Apr.1	E-Force 29th USRA National Intercollegiate Championships [6] . . . . .	Las Vegas, Nevada 719-635-5396
April 6-15	PARC Tournament of the Americas . . . . .	San Pedro Sula, Honduras 719-635-5396
April 19-22	Ektelon USRA Regional Championships [4] . . . . .	Nationwide 719-635-5396

- For all sanctioned events [brackets] indicate event level (unmarked = Level 2)
- Please note: USRA memberships are processed by month, not date ... when expiration is shown as 10/00, you must renew your membership in the month of October in order to play in any sanctioned events held that month.

**... Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles PLANNER ...**

WHERE: Merritt Athletic Club/Security  
 Baltimore, Maryland  
 WHEN: October 4 – 8, 2000  
 DEADLINE: Wednesday – September 20  
 POSTMARKED BY: Monday – September 18  
 STARTING TIMES: Monday – October 2 @ 5:00 pm  
 Call: 410-298-8700  
 CHECK-IN: Tuesday – Oct. 3 @ 6:00 pm  
 PLAY BEGINS: Wednesday – Oct. 4 @ 8:00 am  
 MEMBERSHIP: USRA Membership Required

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• **EXPANDED ENTRY FORM:** Download a .pdf entry form at usra.org (indexed under "forms"), or request a faxed or mailed entry by calling 719-635-5396. You can also enter online through the USRA.org and Active.com websites.

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## MEN

### **Men's Open**

1. Jack Huczak, MI
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Rocky Carson, CA
4. Jimmy Lowe, WA
5. Dan Llacer, DE
- 6T. Doug Eagle, TX
- 6T. Dan Fowler, MD
8. Todd O'Neil, TX
9. Not a Member, NY
10. Not a Member, GA

### **Men's A**

1. Cary Slade, IL
2. Steve Tillotson, CA
- 3T. Kipp Atwell, LA
- 3T. James Davis, TX
5. Clay Burris, FL
6. Brian Stone, GA
7. Sunny Osagie, AR
8. Joe Clinton, TX
9. Felix Marrero, LA
10. Eric Rieman, IL

### **Men's B**

1. Michael Wang, TX
2. James Russell, FL
3. Brandon Cortese, MI
4. Larry Weene, MA
5. Jason Hicks, KY
6. Filip Vesely, NV
7. Craig Sparks, AZ
8. Peter Michaely, TX
- 9T. John Dill, TX
- 9T. Martin Gonzalez, IL

### **Men's C**

1. Chris Coy, OK
2. Srikanth Chennareddy, TX
3. Cam Grundman, MN
4. Reinaldo Rodriguez, FL
5. Harish Chopra, MI
6. Mike Gaffney, PA
7. Jim Zimmerer, OH
- 8T. Tony Roselli, IL
- 8T. Mike Williamson, TN
10. Grant Macuba, IL

### **Men's D**

1. Ken Newberry, TX
2. Jeff Bell, CT
3. Muhammad Jawad, TX
4. Christopher Nichols, AR
- 5T. Not a Member, IL
- 5T. Bryan Shaw, MO
7. Mike Dolitsky, FL
- 8T. Sid Harshavat, IL
- 8T. Robert Villanueva, FL
10. Joe Snyders, MD

### **Men's Novice**

1. Dan LaRochelle, NH
2. Garrett Jordan, TX
3. Matt LaRochelle, NH
- 4T. Francis Aguilera, CA
- 4T. Joedy Pack, OH

6. Not a Member, TX
7. Chris Herrera, NM
8. Chris Bryan, AR
9. Jeff Schrieber, NY
10. Dan Odierno, NH

### **Men's 24+**

1. Richard Ross, PA
2. Kyle Veenstra, WI
3. Mitch Williams, NC
- 4T. Jack Huczak, MI
- 4T. Not a Member, TN
- 6T. Jason Bledsoe, FL
- 6T. Not a Member, AL
- 6T. Brad Hansen, IA
- 6T. Mike Patalano, RI
10. Paul Strike, OH

### **Men's 25+**

1. Brian Pointelin, UT
2. Mike Dennison, OH
3. Tim Hardison, SC
4. Mike Locker, MN
- 5T. Tom Fuhrmann, TX
- 5T. Raymond Maestas, NM
7. Russ Bruns, VA
- 8T. Jamal Harris, MD
- 8T. Aaron Metcalf, FL
- 8T. Chris Zalegowski, NH

### **Men's 30+**

1. Kevin Graham, WI
2. Jim Minkel, TX
- 3T. Don Costleigh, NY
- 3T. John Davis, LA
- 3T. Brad McCunniff, IA
6. Jim Frautschi, MN
7. Eugene Coyle, IL
8. Ira Holland, VA
9. Jody Morris, TX
10. Rich Baer, NY

### **Men's 35+**

1. David Watson, OK
2. Dave Negrete, IL
3. Armando Alonso, FL
4. Rick Ferrin, CA
5. Jimmy Lowe, WA
6. John Scargle, FL
7. Jim Grant, MA
- 8T. Salvador Acosta, TX
- 8T. David Barnes, RI
- 8T. Scot Consoli, FL

### **Men's 40+**

- 1T. Terry Fluharty, FL
- 1T. Tim Hansen, FL
3. Bill Lyman, IL
4. Joe Thomas, MA
5. Patrick Gibson, TX
6. Ruben Desimone, TX
- 7T. Greg Hodges, MI
- 7T. Gary Tanko, WI
9. Glenn Leib, PA
10. Ron Argenbright, ME

### **Men's 45+**

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1. Russ Palazzo, CT
2. Jim Luzar, WI
3. Gary Mazaroff, NM
4. Not a Member, NY
5. Randy Stafford, TN
6. Joe Clinton, TX
7. Darryl Warren, CA
- 8T. Mitt Layton, FL
- 8T. Tom Travers, OH
- 8T. Tom Weniger, CA

### **Men's 50+**

1. Mitt Layton, FL
2. Don Scales, TX
3. Bill Welaj, NJ
- 4T. Ed Remen, NC
- 4T. Joe Silius, IL
6. Horace Miller, IL
7. Dan Davis, TX
8. Dave Warner, MN
- 9T. Greg Hasty, IL
- 9T. Terry Michnya, MD

### **Men's 55+**

1. Ray Huss, OH
2. Tom McKie, TX
3. Warren Reuther, LA
- 4T. Glenn Allen, VA
- 4T. Ron Yankee, IL
- 6T. Ron Galbreath, PA
- 6T. Leland Rients, MN
8. Dennis O'Brien, ID
9. Len Wilson, PA
10. Mike Winslow, FL

### **Men's 60+**

1. Jim Wilking, UT
2. Rex Lawler, IN
3. Ron Hutcherson, IN
4. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
5. Grant Morrill, PA
6. Ron Adams, CA
7. Bobby Sanders, OH
- 8T. Jim McPherson, TX
- 8T. Bob Webster, AL
10. Carl Smith, KS

### **Men's 65+**

1. Jerry Holly, CA
2. Don Alt, OH
3. Otis Chapman, OH
4. Kenneth Moore, CA
5. Don Maxey, TX
6. Paul Banales, AZ
- 7T. Ron McElwee, AL
- 7T. Ed Olah, IL
- 7T. Frank Trask, ME
10. Norbert Lecompte, NH

### **Men's 70+**

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. John O'Donnell, IL
3. Barney Fresteth, SD
- 4T. Len Kaiser, CA
- 4T. Robert Miller, SC
6. Not a Member, TX
7. Carl Buschner, MA

8. Mal Roberts, FL
9. Stan Fugate, FL
10. Philip Dziuk, IL

### **Men's 75+**

1. Earl Acuff, NC
- 2T. Robert McAdam, TX
- 2T. Nick Sans, CA
4. J.W. Studak, TX
5. Bernard Sand, IA
6. Bill Gencarella, CA
7. Al Romero, NM
- 8T. Bill Matotan, NM
- 8T. Not a Member, NC
10. Robert L. Thompson, FL

### **Men's 80+**

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. George Spear, FL
3. Cam Snowberger, SC
4. Ben Marshall, TX
5. Not a Member, NC
6. Harry Steinman, MD
- 7T. Harvey Greenfield, CA
- 7T. C. Allen Shepherd, MD
9. Charlie Russell, CA
10. Bill Sherman, TX

### **Men's 85+**

1. Harry Steinman, MD

## WOMEN

### **Women's Open**

1. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
2. Lisa Hjelm, CA
3. Denise Mock, TX
4. Aimee Roehler, NJ
5. Kersten Hallander, CA
6. Terri Thornton, MN
7. Lourdes Sanders, CO
8. Kristen Walsh, UT
9. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
10. Sara Borland, IA

### **Women's A**

1. Isabel Nagelin, VA
2. Melissa Young, TX
3. T.J. Baumbaugh, MD
4. Sandra Adams, TX
- 5T. Christa Davis, TX
- 5T. Pontee Dodds, IL
- 7T. Jean Gordon, MN
- 7T. Karen Roykouff, ME
9. Catherine Land, NC
10. Vivian Gomez, FL

### **Women's B**

1. Cathy Radloff, IL
2. Valerie Willis, NC
3. Angela Deltito-Cook, PA
4. Rhonda Kochis, OK
- 5T. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 5T. Fanny Scargle, FL
7. Janice Kennedy, GA
8. Donna Spano, MA
9. Melanie Bianucci, NC
10. Antoinette Bell, CO

### **Women's C**

1. Rosie Gonzalez, TX
2. Joanna Reyes, TX
3. Bridget Kundrot, MI
4. Pamela Trent, MD
5. Heather Westphal, VA
6. Kelly McCloskey-Romero, NM
7. Not a Member, PA
8. Gennie Salinas, TX
9. Ann Matto, FL
10. Charla Thomas, TN

### **Women's D**

1. Ramona Vononderza, FL
2. Chieko Mineo, TX
3. Katie Brewer, OK
4. Samaria Bennett, TX
5. Bonnie Koehne, LA
6. Melody Hoagland, MN
7. Jennifer Herr, CA
- 8T. Lauren Barrett, MO
- 8T. Laura Edgar, GA
- 8T. Jamie Johnson, OH

### **Women's Novice**

1. Sarah Parrish, FL
- 2T. Marcy Ruiz, TX
- 2T. Alyson Webb, OH
4. Burtle Zimermer, OH
- 5T. Holly Hettesheimer, OH
- 5T. Wesley Toland, AR
7. Monica Haynes, TX
- 8T. Kimberly Adamonis, PA
- 8T. Dina Alwan, DE
- 8T. Connie Coile, FL

### **Women's 24+**

1. Rhonda Rajisch, AZ
- 2T. Kristen Fritz, PA
- 2T. Kristen Walsh, UT
4. Shannon Feaster, MD
5. Brooke Crawford, OR
6. Vallana Perrault, MN
- 7T. Aimee Roehler, NJ
- 7T. Janell Tisinger, CA
- 9T. Megan Bals, NE
- 9T. Adrienne Fisher, OH

### **Women's 25+**

1. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
2. Cara Polkowsky, WI
3. Tina Hagen, CO
- 4T. Kim Herold, SC
- 4T. Jo Shattuck, CO
- 4T. Jen Yokota, MO
- 7T. Kelley Beane, NH
- 7T. Aimee Roehler, NJ
9. Debra Bryant, NC
10. Lisa Marie Papp, GA

### **Women's 30+**

1. Michelle Lucas, VA
2. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT
- 3T. Doreen Fowler, MD
- 3T. Micky Richer, CO
5. Kelley Beane, NH
6. Lorraine Galloway, NY

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7T. Jennifer Dering, NY  
 7T. Lori Lepow, FL  
 9. Michelle Shewchuk, MN  
 10. Laura Brandt, FL

**Women's 35+**

1. Lorraine Galloway, NY  
 2. B.J. Ehrigg, CT  
 3. Lori Lepow, FL  
 4. Kersten Hallander, CA  
 5. Denise Mock, TX  
 6T. Anita Maldonado, NY  
 6T. Debra Tisinger, CA  
 8. Solanna Taragan, CA  
 9T. Pontee Dodds, IL  
 9T. Terri Thornton, MN

**Women's 40+**

1. Debra Tisinger, CA  
 2. Malia Bailey, VA  
 3. Val Shewfelt, UT  
 4. Linda Moore, NE  
 5. Roz Petronelli, MA  
 6. Deb Stefandel, IN  
 7. Sallie Benedict, VA  
 8. Peggy Stephens, KY  
 9. Jodi Paul, PA  
 10. Cari Kresa, FL

**Women's 45+**

1. Susan Pfahler, FL  
 2. Karen Key, AZ  
 3. Meena Evans, NC  
 4. Linda Bentzel, PA  
 5. Nan Higgins, NH  
 6. Lesley Kishigian, MI  
 7. Joanne Pomodoro, MA  
 8. Debbie Chaney, IN  
 9T. Jere Luttner, TX  
 9T. Brenda White, IL

**Women's 50+**

1. Terry Ann Rogers, CA  
 2. Merijean Kelley, CA  
 3T. Agatha Falso, FL  
 3T. Shelley Ogden, OH  
 5. Mary Jane Weldin, DE  
 6. Sharon Huczak, MI  
 7T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR  
 7T. Pattie Schof, LA  
 7T. Cathy Stryker, VA  
 10. Ly Abbott, AK

**Women's 55+**

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR  
 2T. Nidia Funes, CA  
 2T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH  
 4. CeCe Palaski, CA  
 5. Mary Lou Furaus, NM  
 6. Mildred Gwinn, NC  
 7. Agatha Falso, FL  
 8. Marquita Molina, CA  
 9. Margaret Hoff, IL  
 10. Cookie Wachtel, OH

**Women's 60+**

1. Jo Kenyon, FL  
 2. Sylvia Sawyer, UT

3. Gloria Piscoran, OR  
 4. Jeanne Leben, AZ  
 5T. Lola Markus, IL  
 5T. Jean Tull, VA  
 7. Marion Crawford, NY

**Women's 65+**

1. Jo Kenyon, FL  
 2. Lola Markus, IL  
 3T. Grace Brickner, CO  
 3T. Ruth Zenk, FL  
 5. Louise Kiss, NM

**Women's 70+**

1T. Mary-Low Acuff, NC  
 1T. Reta Harring, WI  
 3. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA  
 4. Tillie Davies, AZ  
 5. Mary Lou Kackert, NM

**Women's 75+**

1. Christine Stephens, TX  
 2. Helen Deysher, PA  
 3T. Mary-Low Acuff, NC  
 3T. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR  
 5. Beth Keene, TX

**Women's 80+**

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC

**BOYS**

**Boy's 6 & Under**

1. Brandon Waldon, LA  
 2T. Not a Member, ID  
 2T. Keith McElhany, SD  
 2T. Not a Member, WI  
 2T. Marco Rojas, CA  
 2T. Kyle Walsh, UT  
 7. Tyler Forbus, LA  
 8. Zachary Wertz, LA  
 9T. Not a Member, CA  
 9T. Not a Member, UT

**B6- Multi-Bounce**

1. Sam Reid, OR  
 2. Marco Rojas, CA  
 3T. Joseph Lee, LA  
 3T. Timothy Lerow, CT  
 5. Colin Kush, CT  
 6. Ryan Kutner, TX  
 7T. Alec Gonzales, CA  
 7T. Steven Kochis, OK  
 7T. Jackson Rogers, NM  
 10. Keith McElhany, SD

**Boy's 8 & Under**

1. Joseph Lee, LA  
 2. Jake Bredenbeck, MN  
 3T. Brad Falvey, WI  
 3T. Charlie Locke, OR  
 5. Not a Member, OR  
 6. Jose Rojas, CA  
 7T. Jordan Faith, CO  
 7T. Erick Podwill, OR  
 9. John Sanderson, UT  
 10. Taylor Regier, OR

**B8- Multi-Bounce**

1. Brad Falvey, WI  
 2. Miguel Martinez, AK  
 3. Taylor Regier, OR  
 4. Not a Member, OR  
 5. Joseph Lee, LA  
 6. Sam Reid, OR  
 7. Erick Podwill, OR  
 8. Ryan Kutner, TX  
 9. Matthew Hunter, FL  
 10. Daniel Lerow, CT

**Boy's 10-**

1. Jose Rojas, CA  
 2. Jonathan Doyle, OH  
 3. William Lee, LA  
 4. John Sanderson, UT  
 5. Sean McGrath, IN  
 6. Ismael Aldana, CA  
 7. Erick Podwill, OR  
 8. Korey Walsh, UT  
 9T. Jansen Allen, TX  
 9T. Matt Sauter, NH

**Boy's 12-**

1. Chris Coy, OK  
 2. Andrew Grissom, CA  
 3. Nick Arturo, AK  
 4. Allan Crockett, AL  
 5. David Lewis, CO  
 6. Tripp Isley, NC  
 7. Brady Prince, MN  
 8. Drew Toland, AR  
 9. William Lee, LA  
 10. John Edwards, WA

**Boy's 14-**

1. Dan Sheppick, OR  
 2. Shane Karmelin, GA  
 3. Joey Lakowske, OR  
 4. Drew Toland, AR  
 5. Steven Klaiman, TX  
 6T. Charles Pratt, OR  
 6T. Brad Slocum, FL  
 8. David Key, LA  
 9. Chris Coy, OK  
 10. Chris Crockett, AL

**Boy's 16-**

1. Jack Huczak, MI  
 2. Bart Crawford, OR  
 3. Not a Member, AL  
 4. Clay Burris, FL  
 5. Erik Leetch, AR  
 6. Cory Martin, WI  
 7T. Steven Klaiman, TX

7T. Craig Klein, FL  
 7T. Rusty Powell, LA  
 10. Colin Owens, CO

**Boy's 18-**

1. Jack Huczak, MI  
 2. Shane Vanderson, OH  
 3. Zack Miller, CA  
 4. Stephen Lewis, WA  
 5. Mitch Williams, NC  
 6. Dan Beaudry, CO  
 7. Jason Kerwood, OR  
 8. Robby Gunther, AK  
 9T. Bart Crawford, OR  
 9T. Mike Harmon, FL

3. Sharon Jackson, IN  
 4. Wesley Toland, AR  
 5. Holly Hettesheimer, OH

6. Emily Melgaard, ID  
 7. Shanae Taylor, IN

8. Taylor Miley, NM  
 9. Not a Member, VA

10. Courtney Hill, NM

**Girl's 12-**

1. Ashley Willhite, OR  
 2. Sarah Hettesheimer, OH  
 3. Sarah Moyle, OR  
 4. Kara Mazur, CT  
 5. Dannielle Pimental, OR  
 6. Rebeka Kopf, NY  
 7T. Jenny Epstein, NY  
 7T. Kelley Fisher, OH  
 9. Liz Taylor, OR  
 10. Not a Member, VA

**Girl's 14-**

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
 2. Jesi Fuller, NM  
 3. Ashley Legget, OR  
 4. Kelley Fisher, OH  
 5. Cari Miltitsky, NY  
 6T. Kastle Arturo, AK  
 6T. Lindsay Deutsch, CA  
 8. Alyson Webb, OH  
 9. Elise Wilson, CT  
 10. Natalie Starken, WI

**Girl's 16-**

1. Crystal Winfrey, OH  
 2. Janell Tisinger, CA  
 3. Kristen Walsh, UT  
 4. Cari Miltitsky, NY  
 5T. Erica Beaudry, CO  
 5T. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
 7. Jenny Cary, OR  
 8. Katie Brewer, OK  
 9. Kelley Fisher, OH  
 10. Da'Monique Davis, TX

**Girl's 18-**

1. Kristen Walsh, UT  
 2T. Jenny Cary, OR  
 2T. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
 4. Krystal Csuk, IL  
 5. Lauren Deutsch, CA  
 6T. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA  
 6T. Brooke Crawford, OR  
 6T. Jane Rombach, MO  
 6T. Nickii Whitney, VT  
 6T. Crystal Winfrey, OH

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