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ANDREWS & BAXTER WIN NATIONALS FLYING CIRCUS

In a spectacular finish, The National Singles Open Champions tamed the field and wowed the crowds.



Singles Open winner Ed Andrews clenches his fist after victory over super-retriever Dan Obremski.
— All photos by Jason Holloman

With 27 divisions of play at the National Singles Championships in Houston on May 22-27, a three-ring circus under the Big Top was small by comparison. And, like any circus, it was hard to focus on just any one thing because everywhere you looked something exciting was happening. A crowd oohed here and a gallery applauded there and it was all very confusing! But, judging from the sizes of the crowds and the quality of entertainment derived from the matches, it was easy to see that the men's and women's Open divisions were definitely the center of attention.

The men's Open final between Ed Andrews and Dan Obremski looked more like a tumbling match between two acrobats than a racquetball battle to the death. Ed emerged victorious in the tie-breaker, but only after a tortuous match against Obremski whose talent as retriever verges on the supernatural.

Cindy Baxter, sly as a fox and quick as a cat, pounced on her third national singles title by defeating Marci Drexler in the women's Open final. Marci is feared by all for her quickness and hard drive serve but fear didn't seem to be in Cindy's vocabulary that Monday as she dispatched Marci in two games.

While Andrews and Baxter were creating the news with each stroke of their racquets, the media was there to report it. Along with local television coverage from Channel 11 in Houston, there were reporters from the Mutual Broadcasting System and various other media. Even the New York Times had unearthed the scent of a good story and came around taking furious notes. There was a lot to discover.

The story started on Wednesday the 21st. Entrants from all over the U.S. came flying in to stay at the magnificent Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston. The tournament, which was held at the Downtown YMCA just blocks from the hotel, began play on Thursday. Each participant had hopes as high as the black glass skyscrapers that jutted up into the perfect blue skies around the YMCA that he or she would be a division winner. Each had earned the chance to be there, but it would take more than chance to earn a title.

By the time the quarter-finals started on Saturday, hundreds of matches had been played! Like some gi-

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WHO IS THIS MAN?

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Memphis Top College Dog But Watch Out For Sacramento!

Collegiate racquetball is bigger and better than last year, but the bottom line — that Memphis State University is the best of the best — remains the same as evidenced by MSU's win at the Memphis Racquet Club, April 10-14.

Over 400 players and 44 universities attended the event, representing an 80 percent jump in participation over last year's event. The addition of California State University of Sacramento as a strong participant brought overall strength to the three day tourney, but their power display wasn't enough. They came in second to MSU, 208 to 135, in team scoring. With that win, the MSU Tigers took their ninth consecutive title!

MSU won the overall cup, but Memphis State sophomore Andy Roberts claimed the No. 1 men's singles crown by defeating Ohio State's Doug Ganim in three tense games, 15-14, 14-15, 11-4.

Roberts also defeated Chris Schall, Texas State, Raul Armendariz, De Ciudad Juarez, Purdue, and Scott Palhat and Sean Maskwa of the American River College before fighting to the tie-breaking win against Ganim. It was the native Tennessean's second straight men's intercollegiate title.

Roberts said he was more mentally tired than physically after his games. He participated in two games before

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ant survival of the fittest course, those who had any weakness at all had been eliminated. It became very difficult to decide who would be the winner in any given match. The audience was very vocal about who were their favorites, though.

Doug Ganim defeated Tim Hansen in the quarters 15-12, 15-9. Ed Andrews had a reverse score victory over Ken Kalhalanen, 15-9, 15-12, while Sergio Gonzales took down Jim Owens 15-8, 15-11.

The major upset of the quarters was in the Andy Roberts/Dan Obremski face-off. The crowd was obviously for Roberts who has won numerous AARA titles, and in past tournaments, Roberts has always come through for his fans. But this time around, playing fellow U.S. Team member Dan Obremski was like trying to catch greased lightning. Dan was all over the court. Time after time Roberts would put away a point only to have Obremski flash across the floor, knee-pad on the ground, racquet out-stretched to fling the ball into the back court. It was a defense that turned into an impressive offense.

At one point, Andy dribbled a backhand into the front left corner. Dan, in a typical dive, ran right into Roberts while the ball died in the front court. The ref called a hinder and Roberts was incensed. "He couldn't have got that!" He yelled back at the ref. Everyone watching knew that no normal opponent could have reached that ball. They also understood that Obremski was no normal opponent. The call stood and Obremski broke Roberts 15-12, 14-15, 11-1.

The quarter-finals for the women saw Marci Drexler squeak one by Malia Kamahoahoa 15-6, 14-15, 11-10. It took Dot Fischl three games to put away Daine Bullard 15-13, 13-15, 11-6 and the Cindy Baxter/Sandy Robson quarter-final also went three games with Baxter winning 11-15, 15-5, 11-10. Mona Mook dispatched Toni Beve-

lock in two games, 15-14, 15-11.

Another division also attracted the media hounds — the wheelchair championships. (See related story in this issue.) For the wheelchair participants, there is a combination of racquetball skills and mobility skills. The wheelchair athletes would like to open up the division to anyone who wants to climb in a chair and give it a shot.

As this year's wheelchair champ, Jim Leatherman, put it this way. "Anyone who gets into a wheelchair forfeits the use of their legs. It becomes a contest of skill and stamina. It's racquetball with the added dimension of wheels and that makes for a very enjoyable experience for everyone."

The quarter-final play ended Saturday night, but the fun was just beginning. Everybody dressed up and sauntered down to the Hyatt Grand Ballroom where an elegant dinner was served, awards given out and sponsors Bud Light, D.P. Industries and Penn. honored. (For details, read the Tournament Notes.) Then, after everyone had stuffed their faces, they began to empty their pockets trying to outwit Lady Luck in the infamous Las Vegas Night.

For those unfamiliar with the rules of Las Vegas Night, they were as follows. Everybody started out with \$5,000 worth of "Crazy Money". You can try your luck at Blackjack, Roulette, Craps or the Wheel of Fortune. You may win or you may lose, but if you lose your stake, a buck will buy you \$1000 more Lucky Bucks. All proceeds taken in were donated to amateur racquetball. There was also a very boisterous auction for prizes donated by D.P. Industries. A select few retired early to get ready for the semis on Sunday. Most decided to try on the nightlife of Houston for size.

Semi-final Sunday threw the top four in each division into a scramble for the final honors. As before, the largest crowds centered around the Open categories. The two match-ups for the women were Dottie Fischl/Marci Drexler and Mona Mook/Cindy Baxter.

In the men's bracket, the Doug Ganim/Ed Andrews match proceeded the Sergio Gonzales/Dan Obremski semi.

The Fischl/Drexler semi was colorful. The ref, Mike Arnolt, wore some outrageous shorts, but he was upstaged by Fischl's racquet which was strung with a rainbow of different colored strings. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow turned out to be in Drexler's court, however, as she consistently killed everything that came into the back court and put Dottie out of the running in two straight games, 15-7, 15-8.

Mona Mook didn't fair much better. Eventhough Mona is one of the strongest southpaws and divers in the game, Cindy made her play by Baxter's Rules which consist of only one rule: If you let her have center court, you lose. Cindy brilliantly kept Mona stretching to reach the back corners of the court and took her out in two games, 15-7, 15-10.

Doug Ganim cranked up his patented three step serve against Ed "The Machine" Andrews in his attempt to take over the semi-final. Doug played smart and his shooting arm produced an amazing amount of roll-outs from all over the court. The problem was that Ed was returning in kind. After a while, it looked like the only thing a ball was supposed to do after it hit the front wall was roll-out. Then Andrews shifted his serving style. High backhands Z's started bombarding Ganim's serve and shoot game plan. He struggled with the perfectly placed lobs and more often than not, left a shot for Ed to — you guessed it — roll-out from the front wall. Ed won, 15-6, 15-7.

Sergio Gonzales and Dan Obremski entered court #10 like it was Sunday in the park. Both had very vocal fans and both had impressive warm-ups. Sergio is a scrapper and makes you tough-out each point. Dan's confidence from beating Roberts the day before made him walk like he was ten feet tall. Unfortunately for Sergio that day, Dan was playing like a giant. Sergio would pass and Dan would dive like the devil to get it. Sergio would serve a blistering crack ace, but Dan would turn it into a point. Sergio would bite and claw up to 13-13 in game two, but Obremski would take back the serve and win the points, game and match, 15-14, 15-13.

That set the stage for Monday's finals. (See the end of the article for detailed scores on all the division winners.) With all of the other finals decided by one o'clock on Monday, that left the last two and biggest finals with packed, standing room only crowds.

Cindy Baxter and Marci Drexler strode onto the exhibition court and limbered up their arms. The spectators were divided about who would win. Some favored Baxter's experience and other's favored Drexler's power and the fact that her left-handed play gave some player's fits. Of course, Cindy had put out lefty Mona Mook the day before without too much trouble.

Game one crept by point by point. Cindy played perfectly placed pin-ball like rallies which she usually ended with a backhand roll-out and Marci glided from one side to the other effortlessly splatting the ball. Then at 11-11 something happened and Baxter shut down Marci's serve to win the game 15-11.

Game two was a replay of game one except that Marci was fighting harder and harder for her points. It wasn't that Cindy was doing anything different, it was what Marci wasn't doing. Over 50% of her first serves didn't pass the short line. As Cindy would say later, "Marci,

Captions for facing page —

1—Women's Singles Champion Cindy Baxter. 2—Channel 11 from Houston kept an interested eye on the Nationals. 3—Dan Obremski coaches Doug Ganim in his quarter-final against Andrews while ref, Jim Hiser looks behind. 4—Andy Roberts couldn't pull out a victory for his vocal fans. 5—Obremski's mother and girlfriend watch the tense final. 6—Obremski readys himself to pounce once again against Andrews. 7—Pretty Terri Land watched her husband in the 25+ finals. 8—Dot Fischl had rainbow strings, but lost sight of the pot-o-gold in the semis. 9—Will Clark, wheelchair quarter-finalist. 10—Marci Drexler had perfect form in the women's Open final. 11—A lucky racquetballer has 21 on the cards at the blackjack table in Las Vegas Night. 12—Sergio Gonzalez during his semi-final battle with Obremski. 13—Ed and Dan receive their medals.

just wasn't on today." Second verse, same as the first, 15-11. Congratulations Cindy Baxter, National Singles Champion!

Sitting in the stands before the Obremski/Andrews final, the fans began to brandy their opinions of the players back and forth. Of Obremski it was overheard: "... quickest guy I ever saw. He can get anything!" "He put out Gregg Peck in Cheyenne." "Oh yeah," said another fan on Andrews side, "well, Andrews beat Hogan twice!"

When the match started, something happened that surprised everyone. Andrews is a big man, six three or so, and he could move! From Obremski's past performances, it was no news that he could dive but to see Ed match him dive for dive was unexpected. The crowd loved it. Andrews was down 6-9 when Dan started to pour on the pressure. At 11-12, a call went against Ed and he yelled to the linesman after his appeal for a get was turned down. "You guys are ripping me off!" Obremski took the first game 15-11.

If game one had been incredible, game two looked impossible. The floor was constantly being towed off and when play resumed, it looked more like an Olympic diving contest than a racquetball game. One particular rally at 4-all must have lasted a minute and the number of dives had to be close to ten. The point went to Obremski. Andrews angrily stomped to the door and yanked it open. "I appeal Obremski's first get." Over-ruled. "I appeal the second get." Over-ruled. "I appeal the third get. Heck," Andrews asked frustratingly, "How many gets were there? I appeal them all!" The point still went to Obremski.

It was then that Andrews showed he had championship stuff in him. He reached down and brought out that smooth machine-like roll-em-out stroke. There wasn't anything Dan could do against roll-outs and try as he might, he couldn't cool Andrews hot hand. Game two, Andrews, 15-7.

The tie-breaker was tense and the crowd could feel the momentum slipping away from Obremski. Dan played tough, but he couldn't crack the diamond hard offense of Andrews who chalked up an 11-6 win and his first National Singles Championship. Dan was beaten but unbowed. After the match Andrews looked back on the match and shook his head. "That match is the toughest I've had all year and it feels great that I won it! London, here I come!" He was referring, of course, to

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the fact that the men's and women's open winners would represent the U.S. at the World Games in London in July.

Many thanks to the personnel at the Downtown YMCA. Gary Clarke, Jim Ferber, Kelly Margan, Dan Wilcox, Dick Bagby, Kirk Robison, Tom Sikorski and CeniKore, we thank you all for a great tournament. See you next year!

1985 National Singles Open Championships

Men's Open: 1st - Ed Andrews d. Dan Obremski, 11-15, 15-7, 11-6. 3rd - Sergio Gonzalez d. Doug Ganim, 15-14, 14-15, 11-5.

Women's Open: 1st - Cindy Baxter d. Marcel Drexler, 15-11, 15-11. 3rd - Dot Fischl d. Mona Mook, 15-2, 14-15, 11-2.

Men's B: Sal Teodora d. George Delaney, 15-9, 7-15, 11-4. 3rd - Todd Kohout d. Kevin Quarantello, forfeit.

Women's B: 1st - Janet Burke d. Sarah Worden, 15-8, 11-15, 11-8. 3rd - Robin Saracenia d. Beth Ann Alot, 15-7, 11-15, 11-7.

Men's 19+: 1st - Joe Cline d. Tim Hansen, 15-9, 11-15, 11-1. 3rd - Jim Jeffers d. Charles Horton, forfeit.

Women's 19+: 1st - Lisa Hjelm d. Cathy Nichols, 15-12, 2-15, 11-5. 3rd - Jan Curtis d. Terri Graham, forfeit.

Men's 25+: Gary Merritt d. Bill Land, 15-11, 15-12. 3rd - Larry Fox d. Jim Young, 15-7, 15-7.

Women's 25+: 1st - Kathy Gluvna d. Mary Pat Sklenka, 15-14, 9-15, 11-7. 3rd - Cathie Frederickson, d. Theresa Nunn, forfeit.

Men's 30+: 1st - Dennis Aceto, d. Bob Driscoll, 12-15, 15-5, 11-1. 3rd - Scott Jensen d. Ken Smith, 15-14, 15-10.

Women's 30+: 1st - Julia Pinnell d. Terry Latham, 15-14, 15-4. 3rd - Connie Peterson d. Eileen Erlich, 15-3, 12-15, 11-6.

Men's 35+: Ed Remen d. Mark Hegg, 15-12, 14-15, 11-8. 3rd - Fielding Redleaf Snow d. Dave Kovanda, 15-5, 15-10.

Women's 35+: 1st - Martha Callahan d. Jean Oeschger, 15-12, 15-13. 3rd - Maite Urza d. Mary Murray, 15-6, 2-15, 11-7.

Men's 40+: Ed Remen d. Robert Riley, 15-5, 15-9. 3rd - Ron Galbreath d. Dennis Lose, 15-9, 7-15, 11-8.

Women's 40+: 1st - Nancy Katz d. Gayann Bloom, 15-11, 15-11. 3rd - Kathy Mueller d. Joan Pearce, forfeit.

Men's 45: 1st - Charles Garfinkel d. Rex Lawler, 15-7, 15-13. 3rd - Bobby Sanders d. Lee Humphrey, 15-7, 15-7.

Women's 45+: 1st - Kathy Mueller d. Marion Crawford, 15-3, 15-14. 3rd - Marion Johnson d. Carolyn Saraceni, 15-1, 11-15, 11-3.

Men's 50+: 1st - Charles Wickham d. Jay Krevsky, 15-13, 12-15, 11-9. 3rd - Hal Lackey d. Al Ferrari, forfeit.

Women's 50+: 1st - Sue Graham, 2nd - Mary Walker, 3rd - Jo Kenyon, 4th - Ruth Zenk.

Men's 55+: 1st - Pat Whitehill d. Bob Folsom, 15-12, 15-14. 3rd - Chuck Lake d. Joe Rizzo, 15-6, 15-5.

Women's 55+: 1st - Rachel Schild.

Men's 60+: 1st - Joe Hero d. M. John Becker, 15-6, 15-5. 3rd - Ed Lowrance d. Donald Goddard, 15-10, 15-8.

Women's 60+: 1st - Claire Gautreau, 2nd - Mary Lou Acuff, 3rd - Rachel Schild, 4th - Eleanor Quackenbush.

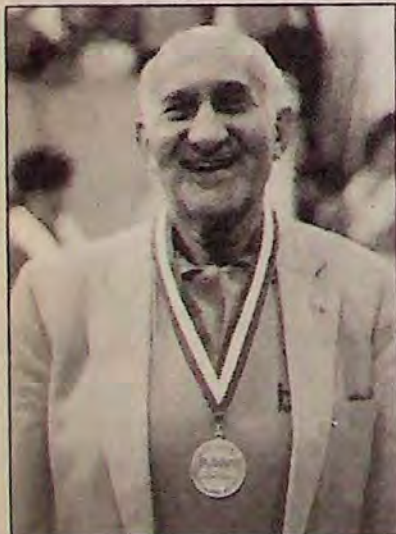
Men's 65+: 1st - Luzell Wilde d. Earl Acuff, 15-14, 10-15, 11-2. 3rd - Ed Lowrance d. John Pearce, forfeit.

Women's 65+: 1st - Eleanor Quackenbush, 2nd - Mary Lou Acuff.

Men's 70+: 1st - I.R. Gumer, 2nd - Allen Shepherd, 3rd - John Pearce, 4th - Eugene Goldstein.

Men's Wheelchair Division: 1st - Jim Leatherman, 2nd - John Foust, 3rd - Jim Gold.

Women's Wheelchair Division: 1st - Stacey Norman.



Men's 70+ winner I.R. Gumer from Kentucky.



Tournament Director Van Dubolsky in his typical stance.

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Where does one start to thank so many who made the 1985 U.S. National Singles the most successful racquetball event ever held.

First, the sponsors. Lite Beer once again was ever present with free refreshments throughout the five-day affair. A special thanks to Doug Wood, Area Manager, and Connie Solper, Young Adult Marketing. Special recognition must go to Bob Bertini, Lite Public Relations, who worked actively to have the media coverage the best ever. We were broadcasted in 23 cities, carried on the Mutual Broadcasting System, reaching 40,000,000 Americans, and had a feature article printed in the New York Times.

Diversified Products was everywhere. Greg Eveland and his staff were displaying products, running hot shot contests for the benefit of the U.S. Team, and supporting Las Vegas Night with manpower and product. Diversified Product's commitment goes much further than just the Nationals, as they are involved in every major amateur event in the U.S.

Ben Ball, of Penn Athletic Products Company, was always present during the event lending a hand. Penn's posters, souvenir balls, and special expertise made a major contribution to the success of the Nationals.

A special thanks to all the manufacturers who made product contributions to the auction during Las Vegas Night. Major high quality product contributions were received from Ektelon, Head, Wilson, Lite, Foot-Joy, and last but not least, Diversified Products with its exercise cycle and array of products.

There is not a better local organizing committee in the United States than from the YMCA: Gary Clark, Executive Director, Jim Ferber, Assistant Executive Director, and Dan Wilcox, Activities Chairman. Their enthusiasm and on-going support has made the Nationals in Houston an everyday word in racquetball circles. The Downtown YMCA volunteer racquetball committee, head by Dick Bagby, did another outstanding job. Special recognition to the Cenikor volunteers who once again lent the manpower that made things happen.

Another outstanding job was done by Pat Gerity, Floor Manager, with assistance from Assistant Floor Manager, Van Dubolsky, and his beautiful bride, Becky.

The media presentation made during the Annual Banquet was absolutely first class. Only one person is responsible for it, Jim Hiser. Not enough can be said about Jim's professionalism, talent, and dedication. Anyone who has not witnessed this visual presentation has missed a major part of the Nationals.

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playing the doubles final. But it's clear he prefers singles play.

"The shots are more difficult in doubles. It's harder to hit winners and it's tough to get the ball by your opponents," he stated.

After the exhausting championship game and two earlier contests that morning, Roberts was given a 20 minute break before he and fellow Memphis State teammate Rick Komistek outlasted Pete and Paul Taunton of St. Cloud, MN, 15-9, 6-15, 11-4. It was the third straight year the Tauntons have traveled to the Intercollegiates and the third year they've returned home with the consolation prize.

But that doubles match had an adverse affect on Canadian Komistek when he couldn't answer the bell for the No. 3 singles championship. His leg cramped up on him and he had to forfeit the division championship to teammate Mike Zwierzchowski.

In other men's play, Scott Reid defeated teammate John Harlan, 15-2, 15-10 in the No. 2 singles division. Reid also teamed with No. 3 singles winner Mike Zwierzchowski for the No. 2 doubles crown. Ross Luxon made it a Tiger sweep in the men's division with a three game win in the No. 4 singles.

Reid, who faced teammates in the finals of both the singles and doubles play, says he would prefer not to play against other team members. "It's hard to play a teammate. It's not as friendly a rivalry as you might think," he said. "The crowds allegiances are split when two teammates square off."

Komistek and Devine had the same chore as Reid. Both ended up playing teammates in the finals and they shared Reid's opinion.

Unlike Roberts, Reid likes doubles action. "I prefer doubles, but I know you make a name for yourself in singles play. In division 2, you're playing more for the team than for yourself as an individual."

The coach of an intercollegiate team usually determines who will play in the No. 1 division through a series of challenge matches. "It's hard being a back-up to the number one player," Reid commented. "But I'm a freshman and I think I can move into the top division at MSU with a little time."

The women's singles featured Sacramento State's Crystal Fried who hails from Canada and Mona Mook of American College. They broke the stranglehold in the No. 1 division that MSU has held for years. Fried beat Mook in the final 15-7, 15-12. Unfortunately, Fried, who is a member of the Canadian Na-

tional Team, can't play on the U.S. team, too. So Mona, along with Andy Roberts ended up as qualifiers for the U.S. National Team.

Kathy Gluvna, the 1983 and 1984 women's division 1 champion, had this to say about Mona after she lost to her in an earlier round. "Mona will make a good representative for the U.S. Team. She has a strong serve and a solid forehand." Oh, and by the way, Mona is a southpaw.

MSU's Lisa DeVine was a double winner as she defeated California State's Trina Rasmussen in the No. 2 division and teamed up with Tony Bevelock to take the No. 2 division double crown against MSU's Teresa Beresford and Kim Cooling.

California Stat's Tracy Eagleson also made a good showing for her school when she out-gunned MSU's Krista Fox for the Division 3 women's title.

Still, the MSU women hung on to a 95-69 first place win over second place California State while their male counterparts outperformed their closest rival, Texas A & M by a whopping 113-36 drubbing.

A special appreciation must be mentioned here for the sponsors Lite Beer, Diversified Products, Penn Athletic Products and host club, the Racquet Club of Memphis. Thanks to them, Intercollegiate Racquetball grows stronger every year.

The 1985 Intercollegiate Championship Tournament Results

Men's #1 Singles

Finals - 1st Place - Andy Roberts, MSU, d. Doug Ganim, Ohio State, 15-14, 14-15, 11-4. 3rd - Sean Maskwa, American River College, d. Lance Gilliam, Texas A & M, 15-4, 15-11.

Men's #2 Singles

Finals - 1st - Scott Reid, MSU d. John Harlan, MSU, 15-2, 15-10. 3rd - Dave Kovak, MSU, d. John Jones, Southwest Mississippi, 15-2, 10-15, 11-10.

Men's #3 Singles

1st - Mike Zwierzchowski, MSU, d. Rick Komister, MSU, forfeit. 3rd - Danny Gualco, Sacramento State, d. Nick Nemeth, N. Texas State, forfeit.

Men's #4 Singles

1st - Ross Luxon, MSU, d. Brad Jerome, MSU, 15-11, 15-5, 11-8. 3rd - Henry Galan, University of Texas, d. Farshid Guilak, RPI, 15-10, 15-11.

Women's #1 Singles

Finals - 1st - Crystal Fried, Sacramento State, D. Mona Mook, American River College, 15-7, 15-12. 3rd - Kathy Gluvna and Toni Bevelock, MSU, did not play.

Women's #2 Singles

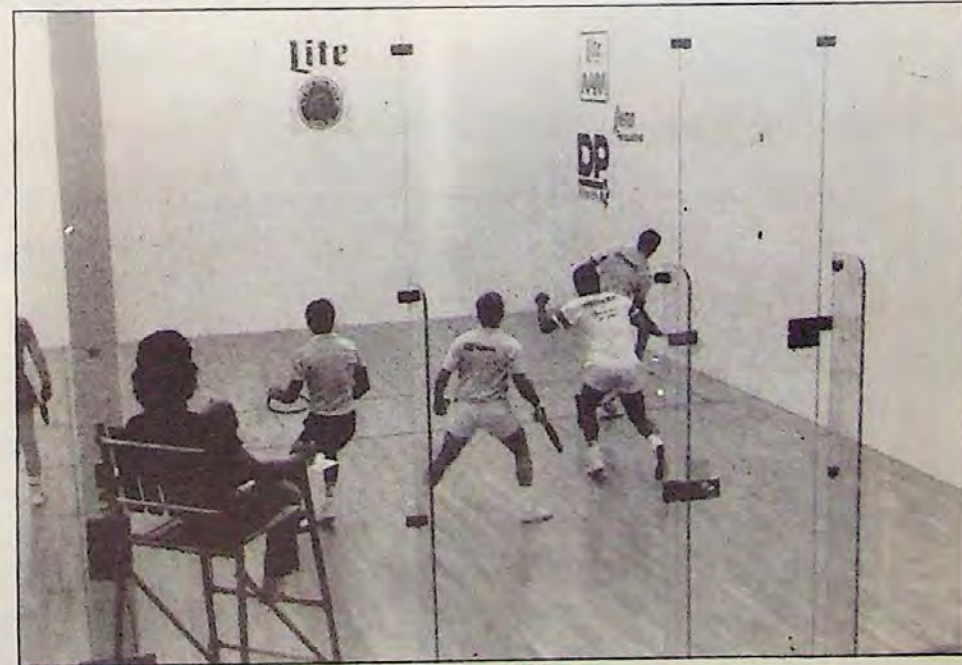
1st - Lisa Devine, MSU, d. Trina Rasmussen, Cal State, 15-11, 15-7. 3rd - Reni Merritt, MSU, d. Robin Preston, Florida, 15-3, 15-2.

Women's #3 Singles

1st - Tracy Eagleson, Sacramento State, d. Krista Fox, MSU, 15-4, 15-4. 3rd - Ann Marie Gavalas, IN-PUL, d. Anita Piskula, Penn State, 15-12, 15-9.

Women's #4 Singles

1st - Teresa Beresford, MSU, d. Kim Cooling, MSU.



Men's Doubles play at the Intercollegiate.

Intercollegiates

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15-8, 14-15, 11-0. 3rd - Merl Bloom, RPI, d. Maria Grove, Penn State, 15-4, 15-7.

Men's #1 Doubles

1st - Roberts/Komister, MSU, d. Taunton/Taunton, St. Cloud, 15-9, 6-15, 11-4, 3rd - Harlan/Luxon, MSU, d. Holmes/Salo, Cal Stat, 15-5, 15-8.

Men's #2 Doubles

1st - Reid/Zwierchowski, MSU, d. Robinson/Wong, MSU, 15-2, 15-5, 3rd - Jerome/Kovack, MSU, d. Fonseca/Smith, Texas A & M, 15-6, 15-8.

Women's #1 Doubles

1st - Fried/Eagleson, Sacramento State, D. Gluvna-Pritchett, MSU, 15-11, 15-5, 3rd - Fox/Merritt, MSU, d. Higgenbotham/Siegert, MSU, 15-11, 15-10.

Women's #2 Doubles

1st - Bevelock/Devine, MSU, d. Beresford/Cooling, MSU, 15-11, 15-5, 3rd - Krehbiel/Mendez, Southwest Missouri State, d. Borden/Galloway, SUNY-B, 10-15, 15-14, 11-1.

Combined Team Championships

	Points
1st — Memphis State	208
2nd — California State at Sacramento	135
3rd — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	38
3rd — Southwest Missouri State	38
5th — Texas A & M	36
5th — University of Texas	36
7th — Purdue	32
8th — N. Texas State	30
8th — Penn State	30
10th — State U. of NY at Binghamton	24
11th — American River College	23
12th — Providence College	22
12th — University of Illinois	22
14th — University of Colorado	16
15th — Michigan State	14
15th — Ferris State	14
15th — College of Dupage	14
18th — University of Florida	12
18th — Indiana U. of Purdue at Indianapolis	12
18th — University of Mississippi	12
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July Jam
Court House Racquet Club
1545 Helton Dr
Florence AL 35630
Judy Willingham 205-764-0034

July 12-14
4th Annual Summer Days Classic
Empire I
Chicopee, MA
Darell Darnell 413-536-8574

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Redwood Empire Open
Rancho Arroyo
85 Corona Rd
Petaluma, CA 94952
Chris Dakes 707-795-5461

July 12-14
Sunshine Games
Tampa Bay Court House
7815 N Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL 33614

July 19-21
State 3 Wall Championships
Rainbo Beach
Chicago, IL
Fred McNeal 312-548-1300

July 21-23
Tournament
Martinsville Athletic club
Martinsville, NC
Jim Smith 703-638-1622

August 1-4
Washington State Doubles
Pacific West Club
200 N.E. Sleater-Kinney Rd
Olympia, WA
Sid Williams

August 2-4
Cystic Fibrosis Classic
Courts Plus
2911 Brunswick Ave
New Bern, NC 28560
Kelly Zaytoun 919-633-2221

August 2-4
Invitational Doubles
Supreme Court
Madison, WI

August 16-18
Sunshine Open
Greensboro R/H Club
300 Pomona Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27410
Blair Holden

August 23-25
4th Annual Tournament of Champions
Paul Henrickson
754-6073

August 30-September 1
WRA Stop
Tyrone Racquetball Club
St. Petersburg, FL

September 6-8
State Warm-up
Racquetball One
Pittsburgh, PA
Ronnie Slain 412-362-4806

September 14-16
State Warm-up
Monroeville Racquet Club
Monroeville, PA 15146
Judi Stadler 412-242-8636

September 20-22
Down East Classic
Greenville Athletic Club
140 Oakmont Drive
Greenville, NC 27834
Wayne Barron 919-756-9175

September 20-22
Region 15 Doubles
Pacific West Club
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- 5 Charlie Nichols, FL
- 6 Doug Ganim, OH
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- 8 Joey Cline, NJ
- 9 Andy Roberts, TN
- 10 Tim Hansen, FL
- 11 Todd O'Neill, VT
- 12 Dave Negrete, IL
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- 19 Mark Hegg, CO
- 20 Cliff Swain, MA

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- 3 Cindy Doyle, CT
- 4 Mary Dee, VT
- 5 Chris Evon, IL
- 6 Nan Higgins, MA
- 7 Kaye Kufeld, IN
- 8 Dot Fischel, PA
- 9 Cathie Fredrickson, MI
- 10 Rubin Levine, NY
- 11 Sheri Anderson, MI
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- 15 Babette Bell, FL
- 16 Claudia McCarthy, FL
- 17 Martha Adams, GA
- 18 Diane Bullard, FL
- 19 Diana Almeida, CO
- 20 Joetta Hastings, MI

Men's A

- 1 Martin Gervais, CD
- 2 Ed Hunter, SD
- 3 Kip Lytle, SD
- 4 Peirre Dubrin, NJ
- 5 Tom Capra, NY
- 6 Skip Corn, AL
- 7 Chris Cartier, FL
- 8 Mike Clark, OH
- 9 Tab Mark, NJ
- 10 Joe Petruzzello, MA
- 11 Jim Barrett, NH
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- 13 George Mollenberg, FL
- 14 Larry Barnes, OH
- 15 George Delancy, MA
- 16 Lance Gilliam, TX
- 17 Nolan Glantz, NY
- 18 Mark Isley, MO
- 19 Bruce Meyer, IA
- 20 Dean Sowards, WA

Women's A

- 1 Corni Gebhart, MN
- 2 Paula Russler, SD
- 3 Pam Alford, CT
- 4 Leigh Anne Coutu, DE
- 5 Robin Whitmire, GA
- 6 Jody Trappe, NJ
- 7 Janet Walts, FL
- 8 Shirley Vanderbroek, MI
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- 17 Margaret Lucas, TX
- 18 Pat Tarzon, IL
- 19 Evelyn Donofrio, NJ
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Men's B

- 1 Barry Koran, FL
- 2 Kevin Howell, FL
- 3 Curt Rozier, MI
- 4 Jeff Decker, IN
- 5 St Mathison, AL
- 6 David Bogenschultz, WI
- 7 John Flammang, SD
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- 15 Tim Ostma, MN
- 16 Dave Larry, MI
- 17 Gary Alexander, CO
- 18 Rick Kline, SD
- 19 Don Kuss, ME
- 20 Rick Szanbel, DE

Women's B

- 1 Amada Gonzalez, TN
- 2 Fran Kenek, IL
- 3 Carol Lueddecke, WA
- 4 Karen Sanfillipo, NJ
- 5 Donna Daly, WY
- 6 Mary Hargrave, NJ
- 7 Sandy Santis, NE
- 8 Melanie Peterson, CO
- 9 Kari Gregg, KS
- 10 Karen San Filippo, FL
- 11 Ginger Barsotti, OK
- 12 Chris Hutsman, IA
- 13 Robin Latrelle, MI
- 14 Sharon Huczek, MI
- 15 Linda Dougherty, NY
- 16 Emma Garrett, TN
- 17 Vicki Vansost, CA
- 18 Suzanne Bridge, MA
- 19 Karen McKunkin, OH
- 20 Joann Sergert, TN

Men's C

- 1 Jason Friedman, MD
- 2 Jim Klienrock, MA
- 3 Thomas Reynolds, WV

Men's 12

- 1 Rick Szanbel, DE
- 2 Mark Frank, ME
- 3 Dan Verbeck, MI
- 4 Acosta, Sal, TX
- 5 Dan Akeley, OH
- 6 Dave Beck, FL
- 7 Bob Francis, PA
- 8 Bob Gidner, WA
- 9 Byron Hobbs, IN
- 10 Chris Jones, OK
- 11 Curt Metz, SD
- 12 John Parson, WY
- 13 Al Rockett, AL
- 14 Stein, NY
- 15 Lawrence Weimer, IL
- 16 Gabe Ayala, CA
- 17 Brian Bristow, VT
- 18 Rebecca Stevens, GA
- 19 Joan Wyckoff, NJ
- 20 Lisa Pletzt, SD

Women's C

- 1 Rebecca Stevens, GA
- 2 Joan Wyckoff, NJ
- 3 Lisa Pletzt, SD
- 4 Belinda Emerson, VT
- 5 Carol Lombardi, VA
- 6 Debra Held, FL
- 7 Tracey Troszak, MI
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- 3 Mike Mahuren, WA
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- 20 Kirk Brenning, KS

Women's D

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- 3 Brian Bove, MI
- 4 Jim Alberti, NY
- 5 Jon Xynidis, FL
- 6 Frank Dean, Jr, AL
- 7 Mike Greenough, NM
- 8 Levi Groomer, NM
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- 15 Jim Dhanesian, MI
- 16 Jim Ashurst, AL
- 17 Jason Collins
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- 19 Josh Fosdick, NM
- 20 Jennifer Froning, NY

Women's E

- 1 Christine Van Hees, CT
- 2 Lia Brooks, NY
- 3 Christine Skinner, MI
- 4 Laura Jelso, NM
- 5 Kim Metzler, NM
- 6 Sunny Beasley, NM
- 7 Christine Van Hees, CT
- 8 Lia Brooks, NY
- 9 Christine Skinner, MI
- 10 Laura Jelso, NM
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- 3 Pete Chardovonne, NY
- 4 Richard Hull, FL
- 5 John Barrett, PA
- 6 Tom Coleman, MA
- 7 Ed Davidson, OH
- 8 Rob French, MN
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- 19 Ray Vanover, MI
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- 15 Mike Gorman, MN
- 16 Larry Hemphill, AL
- 17 Ron Paul, IL
- 18 Powell, PA
- 19 Jack Ross, FL
- 20 Mike Stern, OH

Women's 40+

- 1 Susan Kraft, KS
- 2 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 3 Julia Williams, FL
- 4 Carol Sariceni, NY
- 5 Nancy Katz, PA
- 6 Barb Smith, ID
- 7 Gayann Bloom, MA
- 8 Bev Franks, IL
- 9 Marion Johnson, TX
- 10 Jan Shelton, MT
- 11 Judy Hopkins, PA
- 12 Koz Burnett, NY
- 13 Doris Billings, NJ
- 14 Pat Guth, MT
- 15 Mini Kelly, MA
- 16 Kathy Mueller, MN
- 17 Joan Pearce, IL
- 18 Gretchen Spiegel, FL
- 19 Jo Keignon, FL
- 20 Mary Allaman, MT

Men's 45+

- 1 Charlie Garinkel, NY
- 2 Dario Mas, DE
- 3 Ed Vlock, FL
- 4 Don Costleigh, NY

The Pro Tours News In Brief

JERRY HILECHER WINS BALTIMORE TOYOTA/HEAD OPEN

Jerry Hilecher, the undisputed veteran of men's racquetball at 30, stunned himself and most of the self-proclaimed "experts" of racquetball by sweeping past Dave Peck, Marty Hogan and Gregg Peck — three of the top four seeds in the tournament — to win the 1985 Toyota/Head Pro-Am at the Merritt Security Racquetball Club in Baltimore, Maryland, April 18-21.

The victory was Hilecher's first in a ranking pro stops since 1981 when he chalked up two successive wins over Hogan in Catalina events at Los Angeles and Vancouver, BC.

"It's been a long, dry spell," said Hilecher as he sat numbly outside the exhibition court following his 11-4, 11-3, 10-11, 11-8 win over Gregg Peck in the finals. Total prize money for the tournament was \$17,500 and the first prize was a new Toyota mini-van.

CLIFF SWAIN RIPS THROUGH THE RANKS AT THE EKTOLON NAT'L'S

The household names were all there - Marty Hogan, Mike Yellen, Dave Peck. But on Sunday afternoon, the big guns were mere spectators in the darkened bleachers of The Sports Gallery in Anaheim, California, as the television lights came on and the ESPN camera trained their lenses on the vanguard of a whole new game — Cliff Swain and Gregg Peck.

In what was unanimously hailed as the greatest final in the history of the Ektelon Nationals, 19-year-old Cliff Swain silenced a thousand skeptics by turning back the strong challenge of 21-year-old Gregg Peck 11-1, 5-11, 7-11, 11-3, 11-4, to earn \$10,000 and gain one of the most coveted titles in professional racquetball.

Swain engineered some of the astounding upsets that led up to the final. He took out fifth-seeded Dave Peck in the semi-finals, and absolutely trounced top-ranked Marty Hogan, 11-8, 11-8, 5-11, 11-6, in the quarters. For the record, Cliff Swain is a genuine rookie. Including Ektelon, he has now competed in a total of nine professional tournaments and has won two of them!

The total prize money up for grabs at the Ektelon Nationals was \$22,000.

LYNN ADAMS TAKES EKTOLON NAT'L'S ON HER SIXTH TRY

After five attempts and five failures, the word around the racquetball world was that Lynn Adams simply couldn't win the Ektelon Nationals. Some said it was the pressure of playing in front of the thome town crowd that kept the title from Adams. Others calimed that ESPN's cameras created a mental obstacle too big for her to over come.

Those rumors were laid to rest once and for all this year when Adams drilled opponent Diane Bullard in the finals with three of a kind games, 21-9, 21-9, 21-9, to take home the winners check and the title.

"I'd like to thank all of you who come out here every year to cheer and to console me after I lose," Adams said to the crowd after the match. "I promised you last year that I would throw a party if I ever one this tournament, so there's a tab at the bar, just sign my name and have a beer on me!"

Wheels Within Wheels

Jim Leatherman Reveals What It Takes To Be A Master Racquetballer On Wheels

Editor's Note: I caught Jim right after his successful battle to remain the National Wheelchair Open Champion at the Nationals in Houston. Jim is an extremely likeable guy and his enthusiasm for his sport is contagious. In my opinion, Jim has "The Right Stuff" when it comes to being a champion.

I noticed you were having a little equipment problem during the final today. What was wrong?

The weld on a support strut came undone. It didn't cause too much of a problem, but when you break a wheelchair that costs \$1700, you get real concerned real fast. I think I should mention here that wheelchair athletes use special chairs. If you want to play, then you have to make that investment.

If you want to drive, you have to buy a car.

Yeah. And if you walk, you've got to buy shoes. Me, I've got to buy a good chair.

Where are you from, anyway?

Baltimore, Maryland.

Did you see any new faces this year?

Yeah. There were a couple of new faces this year. John, out of Colorado and a couple of guys from Texas, there were a few people who played last year who couldn't make it this year that would have made the competition a little tougher, but overall, I was real pleased with how it turned out.

A lot of wheelchair athletes probably aren't even aware of the sport and haven't had a chance to try it yet.

Yes, that's the biggest thing. Right now, wheelchair sports are a real diversified topic. You have the National Wheelchair Athletic Association, the National Tennis Foundation and the AARA. Unfortunately, a couple of the major wheelchair sports tend to look after their own and shun the newer sports. What we need is to have the other associations work with us instead of against us to help spread the word about wheelchair racquetball.

Are the clubs pretty good about letting the wheelchair athletes work out on the courts?

The first concern of a court owner is that we're going to scratch the floor or scratch the walls, or whatever. But these chairs are especially built to play sports and they've been modified to prevent those kind of accidents on basketball floors. Basketball floors are the same as racquetball floors. These chairs don't scuff up a floor any more than a pair of Nikes would, or whatever the players are wearing these days.

As for the walls, the chairs have protective roll-bars on the front that would prevent anyone from gouging a wall any worse than what would happen if someone slammed it with a racquet.

It would be great if we could get the club owners to help you promote wheelchair racquetball. But, I suppose, they need to see if there is anything in it for them, right?

There is something in it for the clubs. Wheelchair athletes are willing to pay money to play. If they want to get better at what they're doing, they understand the economics of it. Back in Baltimore, I play at the Merritt Racquetball Club, and the guys there are great! The standard monthly rate includes the run of the club, you know, the



Jim Leatherman in Wheelchair Singles Finals.

"... wheelchair or not, we came to play and we came to win."

weight machines and the saunas and whirlpools and courts. Well, the manager knows that the whole club is not accessible to the guys in chairs. We can't get up the stairs to the weight room. So what they've done is set up a program that allows us to pay a fraction of the amount that other members have to pay according to what we can use in the club. The club is still getting its money and it gives us a chance to come and play the game. I think it's a pretty good deal for both the player and the club.

Do you have a lot of interest in your division when your club holds tournaments?

Sure. We always have ten to fifteen guys enter the tournament locally. In the local tournaments we've also done another thing that I would like to start in the Nationals. We open up the wheelchair division for anyone who would like to play. I don't know if it's because people are afraid or it's just the stigma placed on wheelchairs, but when wheelchair racquetball was set up, it was intended for anyone to play, not just the wheelchair racquetballers. Any able-bodied racquetball player can sit down in a chair and play the game. It's fun. I feel it's an equal game from my point of view in the sense that I don't have my legs and, if they sit in a chair, they don't have their legs, either. It's one on one.

The rules of wheelchair racquetball are the same as regular racquetball. If

you look in the back of your AARA Rule Book, there's a little blurb and that's all there needs to be, because the major difference is that there can be two bounces compared to one.

That second bounce probably adds a whole new dimension to the angles you have to figure out.

That's one of the reason I like this game. If I hadn't lost my legs, I probably would have been a jock. I probably would have been playing some kind of sport professionally. I'm pretty sure of that. This game gives me a chance to be close to that dream. When I'm on top of my game, and I'm rolling out my shots, I've won matches against able-bodied B and C players playing one bounce. I've never won a tournament, but beating an able-bodied player at their own game is a pretty impressive feat for me. I came out of there very proud!

Were you the one who developed wheelchair racquetball?

Yeah. I think so. But, let me not take all the credit. I don't know who has been playing where for how long. I'm sure there have been fellows playing recreational racquetball or even tournaments, but to my knowledge, I'm the one that got it started nationally by forming an association for wheelchair racquetball.

When did you tie in with the AARA?

Back in Buffalo. Back in 1980. That was when the AARA had a national tournament in Buffalo, New York. That was when it was first a sanctioned event. I feel that we should play at the same time and under the same roof as the able-bodied players, because, all of us are dedicated athletes to the game. Whether we are in a wheelchair or not, we came to play and we came to win. It's good for another reason. It's unfortunate to think about it, but everyone has someone that they know who is disabled in one degree or another. A lot of people who came here to watch great racquetball being played are going to walk away having seen wheelchair racquetball for the first time. And, they're going to go home and say, "Wow. How about cousin Fred or Uncle John? Let's tell them about it." Maybe they're not doing anything. Maybe they're just sitting around at the house. If just one person out there in a wheelchair gets the word and goes out to play racquetball in a wheelchair, then I feel that I've done what I set out to do.

(For more information about wheelchair racquetball, call the AARA headquarters at 303-635-5396.)



Dave Anderson



Malia Kamahoahoa



Cathie Frederickson

NEW AARA BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

These are the people that make the AARA such a great organization. When you see them, shake their hands. They put in an unbelievable amount of time and effort to make amateur racquetball fun for everyone.

Three new members were elected to the AARA Board of Directors for three-year terms. Dave Anderson, Sacramento, California; Malia Kamahoahoa, Norfolk, Virginia; and Cathie Frederickson, Wayland, Michigan.

New officers elected to two-year terms are Jim Hiser, Flint, Michigan, Vice President; and Dave Anderson, Sacramento, California, Secretary/Treasurer.

Anyone interested in serving on the AARA Board of Directors for the 1986-89 term, please contact National Headquarters, 815 N. Weber, Suite 203, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, in writing before September 1, 1985. Get involved. You will enjoy it.

New Directions

by Luke St. Onge, Executive Director of the AARA

I have recently returned from two tremendously successful National events. I wish you all could have been there.

The Intercollegiate Championships have truly come of age with 400 participants representing 44 universities. The level of play far exceeded years past as the Intercollegiate have moved into one of the most prestigious events of the year. The Intercollegiate Council will meet at the Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs this June to map out next year's plans for State Regionals and Nations.

The U.S. Nationals have once again proved themselves to be the event of the year in racquetball. You really have to be there to experience it. A major media and press breakthrough was made when the New York Times covered the Nations resulting in a four-column article in the May 28th edition, complete with a picture of Charlie Garfinkel, the Men's 45+ winner. Van Calligan, of Lite Beer, once again reached 40 million listeners on the Mutual Broadcasting System over the weekend and ESPN and Sports Extra had live broadcasts concerning the Nationals. Finally, we seem to be getting the recognition that we've worked so hard for. None of this is possible without the involvement of our National Sponsors, Lite Beer, Diversified Products, and Penn Athletic Products Company.

Covered in this issue are the highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting, new rule changes, and complete coverage of the U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships and the U.S. National Singles Championships presented by Lite Beer. Enjoy!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

Howdy. My name is Jason Holloman and I'm your new Editor for Racquetball in Review. I'm also the Managing Editor for National Racquetball so, all in all, racquetball is keeping me very busy. As it should. There is so much happening in racquetball these days that it's hard to keep up with it all.

Look at it this way. Racquetball is the second largest racquet sport in the world. We play second fiddle only to tennis for the amount of players who participate in racquet sports. That's all well and good. Unfortunately, we are a distant second when it comes to media attention focused on our sport. The people I know and work with daily are trying very hard to rectify that matter.

But we need your help, too. Your responsibility for racquetball is very simple. Talk it up. Let people know about racquetball. And write me some letters.

Yeah. Write me some letters. Let me know how you feel about any area of racquetball. It's difficult to address any problem if we are unaware of the problem. It's also difficult to hand out any praise if the people doing the good work remain unknown. Besides, I get lonely in this office typing into my little computer. I want some mail!

The way to write me is first, set down your racquetball racquet and pick up a pen, grab a piece of paper, scribble something of interest and address it to:

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