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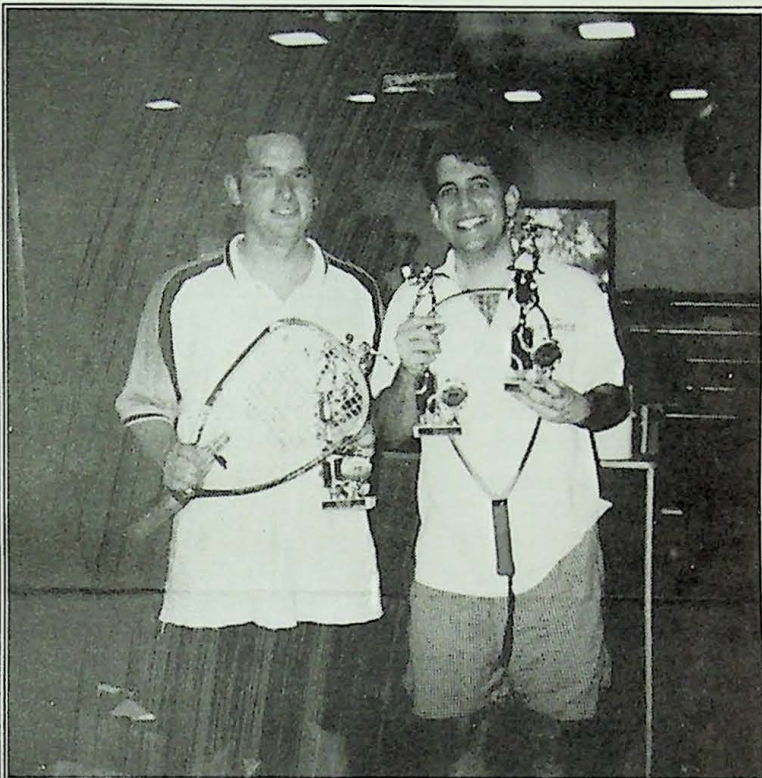
Susan Pfahler- *Women's Open*
Jean Trimble- *Women's Age Group*
Vivian Gomez- *Women's Skill Group*

Aaron Metcalf- *Mens Open*
John Scargle- *Mens Age Group*
Andy Silva- *Men's Skill Group*

Sarah Parrish- *Female Junior*
Matt McElhiney- *Male Junior*

Lori Lepow- *Most Improved*
Sal Perconti- *Sportsmanship*
Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks
to all those who sent in nominations.

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Aaron Metcalf and Ross Greenberg Complete the "sweep"
with State, Regional and National 25+ Championships

State Singles date change...
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TEAM FLORIDA Strikes Gold
in Baltimore... details on page 11

Check it out...

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OFFICIAL BALL OF THE IRT/WIRT.

Time Out, I want a ruling...

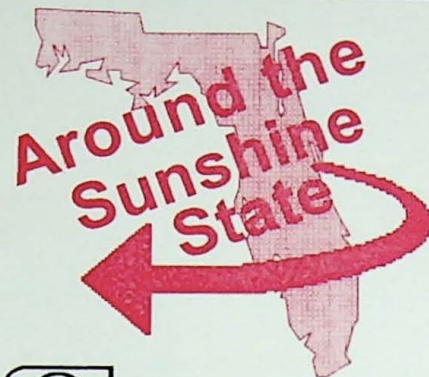
It was a busy weekend, over 180 players. One of the best matches of the weekend was between Matt Fontana and Fabian Balmori. In the heat of the contest, Matt called a timeout. He indicated to the Ref that he needed an injury timeout. So that should not be a problem, a player gets three 30 second timeouts a game. For an injury, a player can have up to 15 minutes until a forfeit is called. That could be two 7 ½ minutes injury timeouts or 15 one minute injury timeouts. Well, with those combinations Matt may be able to maintain his lead through his pulled muscle. Uh oh, here come the rules. Each injury timeout must be as a result of contact during a rally. That is contact with the floor, wall, racquet, ball or player. Matt, the bad news is that cramps and pulled muscles do not qualify as an injury (unless due to contact). While we are talking about timeouts, equipment timeouts are at the Ref's discretion, and are used only after the player has used all his regular timeouts.

Rule 3.16 TIMEOUTS

(a) Rest Periods. Each player or team is entitled to three 30-second timeouts in games to 15 and two 30-second timeouts in games to 11. Timeouts may not be called by either side after service motion has begun. Calling for a timeout when none remain or after service motion has begun, or taking more than 30 seconds in a timeout, will result in the assessment of a technical foul for delay of game.

(b) Injury. If a player is injured during the course of a match as a result of contact, such as with the ball, racquet, wall or floor, an injury timeout will be awarded. While a player may call more than one timeout for the same injury or for additional injuries which occur during the match, a player is not allowed more than a total of 15 minutes of rest for injury during the entire match. If the injured player is not able to resume play after total rest of 15 minutes, the match shall be awarded to the opponent.

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Racquetpower Closes!

Racquetpower's days of "glory" as the premier tournament club in the southeast are over! Following 7 years of steadily declining membership and programs, the owner has finally closed the doors. Hundreds of Jacksonville racquetball players will soon be in search of a friendly facility. According to the owner, there are no current prospects for purchase of the facility. Yet another example of poorly managed, budget reduced - program eliminated court club failure... a sad day for us all.

Womens Weekend Out Ladies grab a friend and mark your calendar! The FRA and Quadrangle East will sponsor a Women's Weekend on March 24-25th, 2000. The event will be held in Coral Springs at the Quadrangle East and will include round robin play, instruction, video analysis, give-aways, and social events for everyone! For more information contact Laura Brandt at 954-252-5173. Plan early - a limited number of rooms have been reserved at Homestead Village (954-796-0011) at a discounted rate of \$69 for a Queen and \$79 for a King bed and a fold out couch. Join us for the fun!

Penn. Racquetball - recently purchased by Head Racquet Sports - has renewed its commitment to support the Florida Racquetball Association's State Championship Series for 2000.

RB is Fun! By Kathy Geels

Do you ever sit and laugh at people that take it so seriously? You've got to wonder - don't they have a life? Don't they realize people are coping with poverty, divorce, nuclear destruction? You know the type... on challenge court, every point counts for them - diving, lunging, contesting points. During a tournament their skin is a light green color, and if you listen closely you can hear the sound of teeth grinding. When they ref, they - get this - carry a stop-watch...! Anyway, sometimes I just want to go up to these poor guys and say - RELAX! It's only a game... But instead, usually I just sit and laugh at them for a minute before grabbing another beer and heading out for dinner with the family. So - really, RB is fun - why complicate things? Just show up and play, and the rest kind of works itself out, right? OK. That's it. Enough of the middle of the road, easy-going commentary. The last time I wrote an article to motivate and inspire - it was about dwindling female participation, about 1 year and a half ago - well, that was the last time I saw a tournament with a complete female draw in any division. I don't know if it was karmic revenge or what, but since then I haven't been in a tournament with over 7 female participants TOTAL. You may be wondering at this point - what is she rambling about? Well, it's tough to say. As a writer, you have options. Amuse and entertain. Inform and educate. Or persuade. So my options are limited here. Although I admit I have seen spectators rolled away on stretchers from laughter-induced cramps while watching me play. I must admit my powers of entertainment are somewhat limited. As far as informing is concerned, I've never actually LEARNED anything, so passing it along, while an admirable goal, is at best a fantasy. So I've got that going for me. That leaves persuasion. Despite the abysmal failure of my last effort to motivate and inspire, I'm going to keep at it. Truly, I think since writing the article on women's participation, it has DWINDLED by over 80%... but I was called, and so I shall serve. Believe it or not, they are so desperate they asked ME for an article. Sorry gang. So. What vast area of racquetball enjoyment can I destroy this time? Well - how about community support?! Yeah - that's it. The only thing that actually sustains the shallow breath of this amateur sport! Why don't I try and pander my truly remarkable skills of destruction there! I suppose I will know if I've "still got it" if the 5 or 6 remaining tournament facilities are boarded up and closed within the next year... Here goes...

Racquetball may be fun, but racquetball needs YOU. Why else would the state newsletter, the voice of the governing agency,

be asking ME for an article? It's because they're short-handed. Duh. The new courts down in tropical Miami are a gift. But they will need to see a profit from using that space in that way, our way, the racquetball-court way. Ay yi yi. "What is she TALKING about" you must be wondering, if you have in fact clung to the fragile thread of this article this long. I'm talking about you - Joe Racquetball Citizen. You ARE the community. Whether you are aware of it or not, YOU are the backbone of the racquetball community. The government - the FRA and the USRA - exists only because of you. YOUR gnawing little racquetball wants, your simple little racquetball needs, your humble little racquetball goals, your tasty little racquetball accomplishments, your tiny little racquetball dreams, and your crazy little racquetball visions. If you're like me, all you ever wanted was to play Opens... or maybe you're like Harry, and all you ever wanted to do was pound the crap out of the ball. Or maybe like Leonardo, and all you ever wanted was to get away from it all for a few hours. Or like Natasha, who just wants to burn a few calories and laugh for a while. Whoever you are, however unassuming your goals, YOU are the FRA and the USRA. And if you act deaf dumb and blind to your own destiny, your own destiny is going to roll over you like a mack-truck. Ahhh... Finally the gloom and doom. What COULD that destiny be? Tournaments of 5. \$1,000.00 per year court memberships. No public facilities. Limit facilities at all. You know those tournaments with 500 people? They aren't actually a courtesy of the Easter Bunny. And those courts? Well, sadly, they are not a gift from Santa.

OK, ok, you must be saying by now - just shut up and make a point. This is actually why I'm so successful at this art of persuasion stuff... many compare a conversation with me to listening to the Emergency Broadcast test signal on the radio. Soon I'll have you eating from the palm of my hand. My point is: racquetball needs you. It doesn't need a lot, and you've given a lot already. But if you could give just a little more, I would not be asked to submit articles like this in the future. The FRA and the USRA need:

Certified refs - part of a TEAM

Certified AmPRO instructors - part of a TEAM

Dedicated professional programmers - part of a TEAM

Dedicated league coordinators - part of a TEAM

Dedicated public relations staff - part of a TEAM

Dedicated sales staff - part of a TEAM

These are all the ingredients that it takes to keep the sport drawing breath. Not thriving. Not kicking Olympic ass against ballroom dancing and Extreme sports like snow-boarding. Just to exist. And three people on the board just cannot do it all. But, with just a few hours per month, you can collectively make a HUGE difference. Share your skills, share your contributions. Direct your own racquetball destiny and the destiny of your fellow players. Except for Lilly's. Don't direct Lilly's destiny. I never beat her. Just let her destiny kind of wander aimlessly, would you? Anyway, there really is strength in numbers, and Florida really is a team. And everybody on the team has a part to play. Start thinking now about what your strengths may be. If you, like me are merely an inspiration as a motivational speaker (look at those women's numbers eh?), think about simply donating time to lead a meeting and prevent others from choking each other... What would really allow the sport to breathe deeply would be an extensive support at the local level. A team in every city dedicated to supporting the local organized and recreational play. People willing to put up articles and rankings at an orphaned club. People willing to contact newspapers and periodicals about local events. Not one person doing it ALL. Lots of people invisibly doing their part. Think about it. If you personally went to a single new club, posted state rankings, the tournament schedule, and 1 or 2 articles to draw the interest of other players. Once every 2 weeks. An hour, tops, think of the ripple you would make in the racquetball community at large. Drawing in people that have no idea that organized racquetball exists. If you think you can do this, we are ready now. The state has been cultivating a web-site to keep the information constant and current and changing and interesting, and it is ready for you to help share it with the rest of the world. We need PEOPLE to work as a part of a team, in the smallest yet most meaningful of ways. Collecting and sharing information so that these wonderful gifts you have to give, so seemingly minor, can be shared and appreciated by the entire community. Helping Florida Racquetball to thrive and kick butt. So when you see a sign out at the next tournament asking for your opinion, your thoughts, your energy, or your time, PLEASE consider signing up. You WON'T have to work with me. I promise.

There. Is that strident and overbearing enough? Have I effectively squashed the tiny bit of community interest and involvement that remained? Oh well. That's what happens when the community gets desperate for volunteers. See you at the next tournament.



RACQUETBALL AND SPORTS GLOVES

***Official Ball (Pro Penn), String
and Glove of the IRT**

***Official Ball of the USRA & FRA**

Sportsmanship *by Frank Dispenza*

Sportsmanship: In the Websters dictionary it is defined as, "one who plays fair and can lose without complaint or win without gloating." In the racquetball dictionary it should also include, being able to play a match without taunting, pushing, spitting, screaming profanities, intimidating, and even throwing a racquet. I have gone to a lot of tournaments in my life and I have seen all these things at almost every tournament.

At what cost does a person have to win a match. This is a game and most treat it as such but, the few I've observed over the years take it as life or death. In my view, if you can't take the defeats as well as your wins then this might not be the game for you. When a person throws a racquet because of a loss I think... "why is he playing if he feels so incredibly mad after losing?"

But, with the bad... there is the good, i.e., I was watching a pro ruled match in Orlando, it was in the fifth game of the match. At match point in the deciding

game the referee called a point for the winner, Fabian Balmori. This was a close call and the audience was mixed whether it was the right call. After a small discussion with his opponent, Matt Fontana, Fabian decided to play the point over, knowing that he could lose the match. As it turned out, Mr. Balmori did win the following point and the match was decided - fairly.

I'm sure this happens more than I'm aware of, but... the bad always seems to overshadow the good and the good often gets overlooked. This has not been the best year for sportsmanship in Florida racquetball but, it's not too late to start off the new year with a new look. I hope I have not offended anyone but if I have, you may be someone who needs to read and understand the definition of sportsmanship again. **EKTELON.**



Andy Silva - Male Skill Group

FRA **Players** **of the Year**



Lori Lepow- Most Improved



Matt McElhiney - Male Junior Player



Sal Perconti - Sportsmanship



Jean Trimble - Womens Age Group

**Congratulations
to all of
our winners!**

* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS * FRA SINGLES RANKINGS * FRA SINGLES RANKINGS * FRA RANKINGS *			
Womens Open-Cont.			
9 95 Cox, Sue	2 325 Jones, Jackie	7 50 Kent, Becky	2 250 Vonondarza, Ramona
10 80 Geels, Kathy	3 250 Fish, Renee	8 50 Fenton, Christine	3 225 Nisbett, Judy
11 50 Delgado, Isabel	4 150 Chang, Angela	9 30 Crabb, Patricia	4 95 Matto, Ann
12 50 Tyler, Janet	5 150 Glansberg, Andee	10 30 Sullivan, Patty	5 65 Kaiser, Amanda
13 50 Sargeant, Pat	6 130 Weins, Karen	11 30 Matto, Ann	6 50 Bradshaw, Debbie
14 50 Marsco, Helen	7 100 Rogers, Barbara	12 30 Andola, Claudine	7 50 Lindquist, Jojo
15 47 Hann, Sue	8 75 Nisbett, Judy	13 27 Stein, Marcy	8 40 Rubin, Blanche
	9 75 Smith, Jan	14 20 Fine, Sonja	9 30 Pratt, Kris
			10 30 Songer, Kristan
			11 25 McNeish, Paula
			12 20 Serridge, Eilene
			13 15 Godwin, Bernadette
WOMENS-25+			
1 200 Cox, Sue	WOMENS-50+		
2 100 Delgado, Isabel	1 30 Stein, Marcy	WOMENS-C	
3 100 Powl, Patty	2 10 Rubin, Blanche	700 Avchen, Alice	
4 100 Lepow, Lori		1 275 Hunter, Tracy	
5 50 Scargle, Fanny			
WOMENS-30+			
1 350 Lepow, Lori	WOMENS-60+		
2 100 Powl, Patty	1 600 Kenyon, Jo	WOMENS-65+	
3 15 Pratt, Kris	1 1050 Kenyon, Jo	1 1050 Kenyon, Jo	
4 15 Reischmann, Sue	2 100 Zenk, Ruth	2 100 Zenk, Ruth	
	3 75 McNeish, Paula	3 75 McNeish, Paula	
WOMENS-35+			
1 400 Marseco, Helen	WOMENS-A		
2 175 Trimble, Jean	1 265 Fasano, Nancy	1 265 Fasano, Nancy	
3 120 Brandt, Laura	2 250 Jones, Jackie	2 250 Jones, Jackie	
4 100 Karnback, Corinne	3 200 Adams, Sue	3 200 Adams, Sue	
5 75 Avchen, Alice	4 200 Karnback, Corinne	4 200 Karnback, Corinne	
6 50 Villareal, Ileana	5 195 Herr, Kassi	5 195 Herr, Kassi	
7 30 Kresa, Cari	6 180 Butler, Melody	6 180 Butler, Melody	
8 30 Lepow, Lori	7 165 Reischmann, Sue	7 165 Reischmann, Sue	
9 17 Hann, Sue	8 150 Chang, Angela	8 150 Chang, Angela	
10 17 Watson, Jan	9 110 Martin, Darcey	9 110 Martin, Darcey	
	10 100 Chikalla, Patti	10 100 Chikalla, Patti	
	11 100 Glansberg, Andee	11 100 Glansberg, Andee	
	12 100 Kenyon, Jo	12 100 Kenyon, Jo	
	13 80 Davis, Connie	13 80 Davis, Connie	
	14 80 Weins, Karen	14 80 Weins, Karen	
	15 80 Kent, Becky	15 80 Kent, Becky	
WOMENS-40+			
1 900 Pfahler, Susan	WOMENS-B		
2 500 Trimble, Jean	1 200 Chikalla, Patti	1 200 Chikalla, Patti	
3 75 Bouchard, Karen	2 100 Rogers, Barbara	2 100 Rogers, Barbara	
4 50 Adams, Sue	3 62 Jolliff, Laurie	3 62 Jolliff, Laurie	
5 50 Silva, Maria	4 54 Vonondarza, Ramona	4 54 Vonondarza, Ramona	
6 25 Chang, Angela	5 50 Martin, Darcey	5 50 Martin, Darcey	
	6 50 Scargle, Fanny	6 50 Scargle, Fanny	
WOMENS-45+			
1 330 Adams, Sue			

Florida Racquetball Association Tournament Ranking System

Tournament Level						
	1-local	2-open	3-state	4-regional	5-invite	6-national
1st Place	30	50	150	250	300	600
2nd Place	20	30	100	150	200	400
3rd Place	15	20	75	100	150	300
4th Place	10	15	50	75	100	200
5th Place	5	10	25	50	75	100

*The FRA Currently provides all state rankings, using results provided by tournaments.

*FRA rankings reflect only points accumulated in indoor 4 wall events.

*Once a player reaches the "cut off" limit in a skill division, that player is no longer eligible to compete in that division and MUST move up to the next higher skill level. Players may NOT drop back down to a lower skill level once their ranking points drop below the cut-off limit.

Skill Division Cut Off Limits					
Division	Men	Women	Division	Men	Women
A	250	400	C	150	250
B	200	350	D	100	200

*Players ranked in the top 10 in any skill level may NOT compete in a lower skill level and will NOT be listed in the rankings.

*Cut off limits apply to skill level and age+skill level divisions.

*Once a player has won a skill division in a Level 3 event, he/she may NOT compete in that skill division in future Level 1-2-3 events. He/she may compete in the Level 4 event that year but must move up following that event. This rule applies to doubles and also applies even if the player has not reached the designated cut-off limit.

**If you have any questions regarding the ranking system or your status, please put your question in writing and mail it to the FRA

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- ☐ 1 Year Junior membership with magazine \$15
- ☐ 1 Year Junior membership without magazine \$10
- ☐ 1 Year subscription to Racquetball Magazine \$15

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TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

Results from the Quad West Winter Classic November 12-14, 1999/Quad West, Clearwater

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	John Scargle	Dana Levy	Ron Burris	John Brandvik
A	Andrew Goldman	Joe Dorner	Moshin Khalil	Joe Ansel
B	Dennis Reaves	Rick Millian	Robert Cole	Richard Graves
C	Craig Coderre	Ronnie Johnson	Terry Sprosty	Patrick McBride
25/30+	Cedric Bell	Adam Kemp	Matt Bishop	Todd Nguyen
35+	John Scargle	Dana Levy	Cedric Bell	B Middleton
30/40B	Dennis Reaves	Tom Frank	Bob Ford	Allen Adkinson
40/45+	Ron Burris	Peter Scondras	Sal Perconti	Bob Ford
50+	Ron Burdo	Dick Martin	Joe Kovalick	Russ Deegan
55+	Ron Burdo	Bob Kozyra	Jim Vineyard	Tom Davis
60/65+	Dan Day	William Fugerer	Ron Puleo	Mike Weins
A Doub	Goldman	Dorner	Blackmer	Vineyard
	Middleton	Millian	Burris	Martin
B Doub	Stallworth	Furco	Carta	Fillmore
	Davis	Celentano	Ford	Salvidio
W Skill	Kathy Geels	Corine Kornbach	Vivian Gomez	R Vonondarza
W Age	Fanny Scargle	Vivian Gomez	Karen Weins	
WO Doub	Tyler	Karnbach	Weins	
	Bouchard	Fish	Butler	
Mix Open	Bevelock	Levy	Scargle	Vineyard
	Bouchard	Fish	Scargle	Butler

Results from the Steve Chapman Memorial October 1-3, 1999/Quadrangle East, Coral Springs

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Fabian Balmori	Mike Craft	Herve Bony	Jose Sanchez
A	Randy Ellman	Greg Delgado	Carlos Lopez	Joel Cuellar
B	Thomas Ale	David Rodriguez	Warren Elninger	Hugo Castro
C	Rivera Yelandedi	Luis Pachelo	Jesus Hernandez	Craig Klein
D	Mike Dolitskey	Justin Morales	Steve Bogusky	R Vonondarza
M25/30+	Randy Ellman	Frank Dispenza	Jose Sanchez	Chris Johnson
M30B	Warren Elninger	Fabian Kopetman	Hugo Castro	Jim Armstrong
M40/50B	Dean Kachel	Mark Hillman	Allister Dredge	Robt Villanueva
M35/45+	Bob Ford	Randy Forrest	Joe Alonso	Carlos Medina
M50/55+	Steve Kantrowitz	Steve Feldman	Jay Aimis	Pete Silver
B10/12-	Mike Marasco	Kevin Flink	David Rosenman	Jared Mendel
A Doub	Herve Bony	Mike Craft	Steve Kantrowitz	Randy Forrest
	Jerry Kellenher	Jay Aimis	Steve Greenberg	Sand Tucker
B Doub	Thomas Ale	Dick Martin	Steve Feldman	Roger Rogue
	Rivera Yelandedi	Chris Johnson	Neil Scher	Jesus Hernandez
C Doub	H Delatorrente	Tim Mayer	Jim Armstrong	Mike Gonzalez
	Parlo Carbo	Tony Viera	Phillis Zeidner	Miguel Torres
Women O	Helen Marasco	Kathy Ceels		
Women A	Deb Darnell	Phillis Zeidner		

Results from the Lifestyles Fall Brawl October 15-17, 1999/Lifestyles Family Fitness

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Orlando Cabana	John Scargle	Ron Burris	Judd Martin
A	Andrew Goldman	Neil Andrews	Clay Burris	Dan McCollough
B	Trent Taylor	Don Gattasso	Alan Adkinson	Jeremy Lynch
C	Steve Naiman	Chris Milne	Nick Valente	Bill Davison
M25/30+	Adam Kemp	Pete Soltren	Jim Hundley	Neil Andrews
M35+	John Scargle	Derek Kazakos	Joe Dorner	
M40+	Sal Perconti	Ron Burris	Derek Kazakos	
M45+	Sal Perconti	Ken Hooley	Joe Kovalick	Tim Scott
M55+	Tim Scott	Jim Vineyard	Ron Puleo	
M60/65+	Dan Day	Mike Puleo	Mike Weins	Steve Naimen
A Doub	Goldman	Vineyard	Burris	
	Middleton	Adkinson	Slocum	
B Doub	Gattasso	Tatro	Lynch	
	Wilson	Ahem	Milne	
B14-	Clay Burris	Brad Slocum	Bill Davison	
Women A	Melody Butler	Karen Weins	Darcey Martin	
Women B	Fanny Scargle	Claudine Andola	Sonya Fire?	
W25/45+	Fanny Scargle	Karen Weins		

Results from the Paul Gorman Memorial October 22-24, 1999/ Interbay-Glover YMCA, Tampa

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist
Open	Mike Harmon	Ken Arrowsmith	Ron Burris
A	Clay Burris	Todd Nguyen	Len Knudsen
B	Dennis Reaves	Reno Birt	Roger Ortman
C	Bill Davison	Patrick McBride	Nick Knudsen
30/35+	John Scargle	Cedric Bell	Blaine Mitchell
40/45+	Ken Arrowsmith	Ron Burris	Sal Perconti
50/55+	Ken Foster(TX)	Robert Kozyra	Russ Deegan
60/65+	Michael Barnes	Eugene Verwiebe	Stephan Naiman
Open	Orlando Cabana	Cedric Bell	Ron Burris
Doub	Mike Harmon	Blaine Mitchell	Sal Perconti
A Doub	Clay Burris	Trent Taylor	Don Carter
	Brad Slocum	Greg Jones	Todd Nguyen
B Doub	Richard Devine	Tom Davis	Michael Barnes
	Craig Holm	Fred Stallworth	Ken Foster
B12-	David Zahner	Nick Knudsen	Kevin Flink
B14-	Clay Burris	Brad Slocum	Bill Davison
Women A	Nancy Fasano	Darcey Martin	Fanny Scargle
Women D	Alma Kee	Kay Hornbuckle	



Results from the Gator Cash Classic November 11-12, 1999/ Univ. of Florida, Gainesville

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Tim Hansen	Scot Consoli	Julio Junkie	Hector Capo
A	Mike Mondello	Don Petrella	Daniel DiazdeArce	Derek Lillquist
B	Dan Hanes	Brad Litchfield	Dave Schilling	John Yonkusky
C	David Gardner	Tony Payne	Devin Miliffe	Federico Fiallos
19+	Norm McNutt	Scott Erker	Mike Mondello	Derrick Victor
35+	Scot Consoli	Greg Neimeyer	Don Petrella	Dan Hanes
50+	Wayne Tinny	Terry Jewell	Mark Healy	Ken McGurn

Results from the Orlando Winter Classic November 19-21, 1999/Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Rubin Gonzalez	Fabian Balmori	Matt Fontana	Tim Hansen
A	Carlos Ramirez	Jason Bledsoe	Jose Lopez	Michael Bach
B	Wayne Smiley (VA)	Thomas Ale	Brian Stephens	Robt. O'Sullivan
C	Craig Klein	Henry Cabrera	Terry Sprosty	Stephen Learn
Novice	Harlan Faircloth	Justin Morales	Vince Practico	Robert Ivey Jr
Jr 8-	Calvin Godwin	Ben Forrest	Tyler Kirkland	Chris Greaney
Jr 12-	Michael Marasco	Timmy Parrish	Jamin Godwin	David Zahner
Jr 14-	Jamin Godwin	David Zahner	Robert Ivey Jr.	
Jr 16-	Che Lopez	Justin Meadows	Craig Klein	Brandon Elmore
30+	Phil Murray	Craig Farrand	Joe Canuel	Blaine Mitchell
M35+	Scot Consoli	Craig Farrand	Blaine Mitchell	Randy Forrest
M40+	Bill Greaney	Jacky Grayson	Ron Marasco	Neil Long
M45+	Neil Long	Randy Godwin	Joe Kovalick	Ron Marasco
M50/55+	Mike Winslow	Joe Kovalick	Ed Cantelli	
M60/65+	Anthony Lacoparra	Mark Healy	Mal Roberts	
35 Doub	Larry Cashion	Craig Farrand	Paul Metlin	Don Burt
	Paul Owens	Jacky Grayson	Douglas Thomas	Harvey Sussman
50 Doub	Bruce Hodgson	Lee Handley	Frank Borgon	David Houser
	Harvey Miller	Jack Ross	Jim Adler	Harvey Sussman
Open Doub	Mike Harmon	Scot Consoli	Chris Smith	Jeremy Best
	Matt McElhiney	Gordon Kirkland	Armando Alonso	John Ledig
A Doub	Mark Murray	Steve Depianta	Carlos Lopez	Jose Lopez
	Jerry Salsano	Brian Stephens	Greg Stoner	David Rodriguez
B Doub	Yelandi Rivero	David Bishop	Chip Wolfe	Leonard Salvidio
	Thomas Ale	Jim Bissell	John Yonkosky	Thomas Fillmore

Womens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Holly Gray	Helen Marasco	Lori Lepow	Jean Trimble
A	Rani Oldenburg	Nancy Fasano	Carla Alford	Lindy Kirkland
B	Darcey Martin	Laurie Jolliff	Marcy Stein	
C	Ann Matto	Kristan Songer	Bernadette Godwin	Ellene Serridge
Novice	Jodie O'Driscoll			
W35+	Helen Marasco	Lori Lepow	Sue Hann	Ellene Serridge
A Doub	Barbara Alonso	Lindy Kirkland	Carla Alford	Mindy Meadows
	Nancy Fasano	Glenda Lopez	Bonnie Sanderson	Darcey Martin
B Doub	Laurie Jolliff	Carolyn Salsano		
	Marcy Stein	Debbie Bradshaw		
Mixed	Jerry Salsano	Steve Depianta	Frank Dispenza	Bill Herr
Open	Kim Devlen	Cari Kresa	Ramona Vonondarza	Jean Trimble

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TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD *continued...*

Results from the 1999

Florida State Doubles Championship

August 13-15, 1999/ Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Fabian Balmori Scott Reiff	Armando Alonso Tim Hansen	Aaron Metcalf Ross Greenberg	Gordon Kirkland Scot Consoli
A	Ed Storey Bruce Hodgson	Joe Tumminelli Michael Bach	Fabrizio Avelar Paul Sotolongo	Dan Shupsky Brian Stephens
B	John Lee Bruce W Davis	Robert Shaw Neil Scher	Ken Blitz Mark Berwick	Bob Christ Steve Depianta
C	Calvin Wolfock Tom Trainter	Rick Bradshaw Frank Kerwick	Carson Green Kenya Baca	Corey Kovalick Bill Davison
M24-	Clay Burris Justin Meadows	Chris Burrell Brad Litchfield	Mark Kovalick David Zahner	Corey Kovalick Bill Davison
M25+	Aaron Metcalf Ross Greenberg	Alan Engel Mike Hodgkinson	Dana Levy Tom Bevelock	John Ledig Pete Soltren
M30+	John Scargle Tom Bevelock	Randy Pfahler Brent Huber	Charlie Nichols John Schneider	Scot Consoli Chris Smith
M35+	Armando Alonso Chris Smith	Tim Hansen Teddy Koukoulis	Vinnie Ganley Brent Huber	John Scargle Dana Levy
M40+	Paul Owens Dan McKinley	Randy Pfahler Oscar Corsaut	Vinnie Ganley Gordon Kirkland	Terry Fluaharty Pat Fanning
M45+	John Green Nick Hondras	Randy Hines Neil Long	Van Dubolsky Leo Marsocci	Ken Hooley Mark Stauderman
M50+	Van Dubolsky Leo Marsocci	Ed Storey Harvey Miller	Lee Handley John Green	Fred White Jay Aims
M55+	Jack Ross Jim Adler	Jack Sussman David Houser	Jerry Rand Bob Bolton	Fred White Jay Aims
M60+	Don Woodington Earl Black	Mike Mojer Don Fox	Jim Furco Mike Weins	George Wilson Herb Nathan
M65+	Mike Mojer Don Fox	Mal Roberts Herb Nathan		
M70+	Mal Roberts Mike Landy			
Womens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Michelle Dodson Melanie Britton	Susan Pfahler Karen Bouchard	Jean Trimble Kim Devlen	Cari Kresa Bonnie Sanderson
A	Barbara Alonso Nancy Fasano	Carla Alford Belinda Dettman	Kasssi Herr Alina Polak	Lindy Kirkland Glenda Lopez
B	Judy Nisbet Debbie Halula	Raju Shaulis Mindy Meadows	Marcy Stein Laurie Joliff	Glenda Lopez Carolyn Salsano
C	Joan Kinder Ann Matto	Debbie Bradshaw Gina Hodgson	Blanche Rubin Ramona Vonondarza	Kim Richards
W25+	Belinda Dettman Ileana Villareal	Fanny Scargle Karen Weins	Debbie Bradshaw Gina Hodgson	
W30+	Barbara Alonso Lori Lepow	Jennifer Christiansen Michelle Dodson	Judy Nisbet Debbie Halula	Chris Collins
W35+	Sue Hann Corrine Karnbach	Lindy Kirkland Glenda Lopez	Maria Silva Jennifer Christiansen	Sherry Porter
W40+	Susan Pfahler Gail Wambold	Jean Trimble Carl Kresa	Renee Fish Karen Bouchard	Melody Price
Mixed	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Susan Pfahler Gordon Kirkland	Ileana Villareal Alain Pujolar	Michelle Dodson Mike Harmon	Lori Lepow Randy Forrest
Mix A	Bonnie Sanderson Larry Kinder	Jeanne Cotton Tim Corlew	Alina Polak Steve Barnhouse	Jackie Jones Jeff Jones
Mix B	Debbie Bradshaw James Russell	Judy Nisbet Buddy Nisbet	Carolyn Salsano Rey James	Raju Shaulis Wayne Ivey
Mix C	Blanche Rubin Frank Kerwick	Kim Richards Gary Clickman	Ramona Vonondarza Rick Bradshaw	
Mix 25+	Lori Lepow Dana Cornelius	Fanny Scargle John Scargle	Kim Devlen Jerry Salsano	Laura Brandt Scott Rubin
Mix 35+	Nancy Fasano Blaine Mitchell	Chris Collins Cedric Bell	Jean Trimble Scot Consoli	Maria Silva David Petterson
Mix 45+	Angela Chang Joe Burton	Rene Fish Reuben Triplett	Karen Weins Joe Kovalick	Judy Nisbet Buddy Nisbet

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State & Regional Doubles Championships

Results from the 1999

Regional Doubles Championship

September 24-26, 1999/ Racquetpower, Jacksonville

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Aaron Metcalf Ross Greenberg	Curtis Winter Glenn Warren	Gordon Kirkland Scot Consoli	Nick Xynidis Jon Xynidis
A	Robert Morgan Sal Perconti	Mark Farias John Perry	Marc Burns Frank Dispenza	Bruce Devane Lilliquist
B	James Russell Steve Depianta	Wayne Ivey Hornbuckle	Tom Burello Frank Dispenza	Dee Parrish Robert Perry
C	Henderson Thompson	Hernandez Roque	Chris Griffin Joey Crick	
M24-/25+	Aaron Metcalf Ross Greenberg	Norm McNutt Brad Orr	Joddy Stahl Dave Cato	Fabrizio Avelar Paul Sotolongo
M30+	Curtis Winter Glenn Warren	Chris Smith Brent Huber	Gary Holland Robert Morgan	
M35+	Scot Consoli Gordon Kirkland	John Scargle Tom Bevelock	Bruce Davis David Petterson	Terry Fluaharty Chris Smith
M40+	Randy Pfahler Oscar Corsaut	Paul Owens Dan McKinley	Bruce Davis David Petterson	Randy Hines Neil Long
M45+	Randy Hines Neil Long	John Green Nick Hondras	Van Dubolsky Leo Marsocci	Mark Burns Fred White
M50+	Bob Branley John Green	Jeff Leon Larry Crone	Steve Xynidis Roger Wherle	Jay Aims Steve Xynidis
M55+	Jeff Leon Larry Crone	Fred White Jay Aims	Tom Rowe David Houser	Roger Wherle
M60/65+	Don Woodington Mike Mojer	Mal Roberts Herb Nathan		
M70+	Mal Roberts John Landy			
Womens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Susan Pfahler Mary Lyons	Patty Powl Gail Wambold	Karen "P" Bouchard Janet Tyler	Jean Trimble Kim Devlen
A	Melody Butler Fanny Scargle	Sheri Davis Stacey Droboty	Jennifer Christiansen Liz Harden	
B/C	Raju Shaulis Mindy Meadows	Vicki Burke Sheri Hancock	Theresa Bell Susan Griffin	Debbie Bradshaw Darnell
W25-35+	Carl Kresa Kim Devlen	Janet Tyler Rene Fish	Patty Powl Bonnie Sanderson	Maria Silva Jennifer Christiansen
W40/45+	Susan Pfahler Mary Lyons	Jean Trimble Cari Kresa	Renee Fish Karen Bouchard	
Mixed	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Mixed Open	Susan Pfahler Gordon Kirkland	Julie Pinnell Chris Smith	Patty Powl Randy Pfahler	Karen "P" Bouchard Tom Bevelock
Mix A	Bonnie Sanderson Larry Kinder	Sheri Davis Llamonte Fuqua	Kasssi Herr Bill Herr	
Mix B	Debbie Bradshaw James Russell	Judy Nisbet Buddy Nisbet	Mindy Meadows Guy Meadows	Theresa Bell Burke
Mix 35+	Jennifer Christiansen Bruce Davis	Cari Kresa Steve Depiante	Kim Devlen Brian Sanderson	Debbie Bradshaw Robert Morgan
Mix 45+	Rene Fish Reuben Triplett	Gail Wambold Joe Burton	Judy Nisbet Buddy Nisbet	



* *Special Thanks to The Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club and Racquetpower Health & Fitness Club in Jacksonville for hosting these two prestigious events. Both events drew large numbers of participants and were well run. Thanks to all the hard work by the club staff as well as FRA Board members and tournament staff. Thanks to Penn Racquetball for sponsoring the FRA Championship Series and we look forward to working again with Penn as we begin the new century.*

Orlando's Holiday Cash Classic

The annual Holiday Cash Classic was held at the Orlando Fitness and Racquet Club November 19 - 22. More than 180 players entered the event. The first place prize of \$500 in the open division attracted a large draw of Floridians, as well as the legendary Ruben Gonzalez.

The most exciting match of the weekend featured Matt Fontana against Fabian Balmori in the semi-final round. Matt was recovering from a close 5 game win in the quarter finals over Armando Alonso (pro scoring was used). Leading Balmori 2 games to 1, Fontana pulled a muscle during game 4. Balmori was awarded the match at the 11-7 in the 5th game on a call contested by Fontana. In a sportsmanlike gesture, Balmori replayed the point and won the match on the next point.

Balmori went on to face Ruben Gonzalez in the final, and was overpowered 11-6, 11-5, 11-4. The ageless Gonzalez entertained onlookers with his amazing agility and cleverness. He moved through the draw easily, losing only one game in his semi-final match against Tim Hansen.

The cash prize also attracted an unusually strong draw in the women's open division. Recent Florida sensation Holly Gray overpowered her competition throughout the draw. The closest match of the weekend was a semi-final between Helen Marseco and Lori Lepow, the 1998 FRA Most Improved Player. Helen won 15-14, 15-13, then went on to face Holly in the final. Holly won that match 15-6, 15-8, and took home the first place prize.



Ruben Gonzalez congratulates Fabian Balmori



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Junior players pose with their Pokemon gift cards

It was also nice to see an unusual large 23 entries in junior divisions. All 6 entrants in the 8- multi-bounce were awarded a pack of Pokemon cards. Calvin Godwin and Ben Forrest took 1st and 2nd place in this division. Michael Marseco and Timmy Parrish placed 1st and 2nd in the 12- division, which also drew 6 entries. The 14-division was won by Jamin Godwin, with David Zahner taking 2nd place. In the 16-division, Che Lopez took 1st place and Justin Meadows took 2nd place.

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1999 REGIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Bouchard & Pfahler joke with Dodson & Britton following the Open final.

Time Out, I want a ruling...

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1. Should any external bleeding occur, the referee must halt play as soon as the rally is over, charge an injury timeout to the person who is bleeding, and not allow the match to continue until the bleeding has stopped.

2. Muscle cramps and pulls, fatigue, and other ailments that are not caused by direct contact on the court will not be considered an injury. Injury time is also not allowed for pre-existing conditions.

(c) Equipment Timeouts. Players are expected to keep all clothing and equipment in good, playable condition and are expected to use regular timeouts and time between games for adjustment and replacement of equipment. If a player or team is out of timeouts and the referee determines that an equipment change or adjustment is necessary for fair and safe continuation of the match, the referee may grant an equipment timeout not to exceed 2 minutes. The referee may allow additional time under unusual circumstances.

(d) Between Games. The rest period between the first two games of a match is 2 minutes. If a tiebreaker is necessary, the rest period between the second and third game is 5 minutes.

(e) Postponed Games. Any games postponed by referees shall be resumed with the same score as when postponed.

** Know the rules.....it's all part of the game!*

TEAM FLORIDA

**US National Doubles Championship
Baltimore, Maryland**

Armando Alonso
Don Alt
Reno Birt
Melanie Britton
Don Burt
Jeff Conine
Cindy Doyle-Conine
Scot Consoli
Larry Crone
Yessenia Delbusto
Michelle Dodson
Agatha Falso
Renee Fish
Andrew Goldman
John Green
Ross Greenberg
Michael Harmon
Randy Hines
Nick Hondras
David Houser
Jo Kenyon
Gordon Kirkland
Cari Kresa

Jeff Leon
Neil Long
Mary Lyons
Aaron Metcalf
Robert Morgan
Herb Nathan
Sal Perconti
Randy Pfahler
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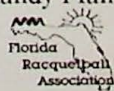
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Gold medals were plentiful for Team Florida players as they faced the nation's best. Leading the list of gold medal winners were Ross Greenberg & Aaron Metcalf who won 3 straight tiebreakers - 11-9 in the final to take the 25+ National Title. Mike Harmon, teamed with Matt Gehling (MD) for the upset of the year. The young team defeated top seeded Doug Ganim and Dan Obremski in the 16's in an exciting 15-14, 15-14 match. Mike & Matt were defeated in the quarterfinals by the eventual winners, Ruben Gonzalez & Mike Guidry. Scot Consoli & Gordon Kirkland finished 2nd in the 35+, and Gordon teamed with Randy Pfahler to take 3rd place in the 40+. Graig Shaak & Roger Wehrle lost a disappointing 11-7 tiebreaker in the 55+ final. Don Alt & Otis Chapman finished 2nd in the 65+ and 3rd in the 60+. Herb Nathan & Mal Roberts lost in the semi's to eventual winners Goldman/Lambert and George Spear teamed with Earl Acuff to finish 2nd in the 80+.

On the ladies side of the draw Jacksonville's Patty Powl & Maria Silva captured the Womens A title. Three Teams -Lyons/Pfahler, Delbusto/Hallander and Green Pinnell competed in the Open division but all 3 were knocked out in the quarterfinals. The long-time rivalry of Diane Green/ Julie Pinnell and Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler was renewed in the Womens 40+ final - and in typical fashion, the title came down to one point -just like "the old days". Green & Pinnell were victorious with the 11-10 tiebreaker win. Agatha Falso & Eileen Tuckman made a return to the game and finished 3rd in the 45+.

In Mixed doubles action Team Florida shined with 4 Gold medal wins. Yessenia Delbusto & Matt Gehling- 24 & under, Jeff & Cindy Conine- Mix 25+, Jo Kenyon won two-- 60+ with Ron Pudduck and 65+ with Jay Krevsky. Reno Birt & Jane Worden finished 2nd in Mix C, Gordon Kirkland & Susan Pfahler also finished a disappointing 2nd in the Mixed 40+ division. Renee Fish & Andrew Goldman finished 3rd in Mixed A, Randy Pfahler & Patty Powl finished 4th in the Mixed 30+.

Congratulations to our winners and all the
Team Florida players who competed.



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Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director	Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director
January 14-16	2	Coral Springs, Quadrangle East Athletic Club 3rd Annual Goodwin Inst. for Cancer Tourn. Tourn. Director: Fred White 954-753-8900	March 31-April 2	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701
January 21-23	5	Baltimore, Maryland/ Merritt Athletic Club US Womens Senior/Master Championship For Info: Gall Schaefer 410-887-1244	April 5-8		Site To Be Announced USRA Senior Masters Championships/45+ For Info: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789
January 28-30	2	Ormond Beach, Omega 40 Annual Hog Classic Tourn. Director: Nick Xynidis 904-672-4044	May 4-7	4	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club Regional Singles Championship Tourn. Dir: Bill Herr 407-880-7790 x552
February 18-20	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Spring Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901	May 24-29	6	Houston, Texas/ Downtown YMCA US National Singles Championship For Info: USRA 719-635-5356
February 4-6	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club Annual Players Tournament Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550	July 7-9	3	Gainesville, University of Florida Rec. Center 2000 Sunshine State Games For Info.: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789
February 4-6	2	Pembroke Pines, LA Fitness Y2K Racquetball Rollout Tourn. Director: Andy Saunders 305-279-2188	July 14-16	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club The Orlando Doubles Tournament Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
March 9-12	3	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club FRA State Singles Championship Tourn. Directors: Mike Mojer at OFRC and Bill Herr:407-880-7790x552	July 28-30	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
March 24 & 25		Coral Springs, Quadrangle East Athletic Club Womens Weekend Out 2000 For Info.: Laura Brandt 954-252-5173	August 11-13	3	FRA State Doubles Championship -Tentative
			September 8-10	4	Regional Doubles Champlonshp - Tentative
			October 6-8	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701

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