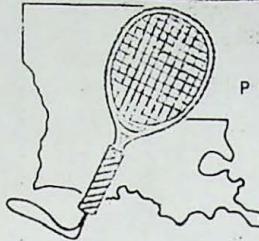


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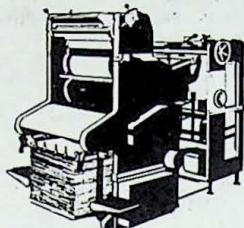
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Well, we did it, folks! No one (including myself, at times) thought that we could ever get a state newspaper published that deals strictly with racquetball.

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We would like to thank Ben Voorhies, Rence Hebert, Fred Guillot and Dr. Paul Azar, Jr., for contributing articles for this first publication. Also, we would like to thank Art Deaton for the photographs that were used in this edition.

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Wallbanger Hosts Baton Rouge Open

by Larry Bobbitt

More than 300 players trekked into Baton Rouge, La. on April 27, 28 & 29 for the third annual Baton Rouge Open Racquetball Championships at Guy Belello's Wallbanger Court Club. This tournament marked the largest racquetball tournament ever held in the State of Louisiana. Competitors from a five-state area were represented at the tournament. We must recognize and give credit to Guy and his staff for pulling off such an extravaganza. Members of his staff are Stephanie Hooper, Don Griffin, Mack Faul, Dwayne Belello, and Marcia Champagne.

Men's Open

This division attracted 24 players and the story of this tournament had to be Mike Almerico. Everyone has heard of the phrase, "Dynamite comes in small packages." Well, this phrase could well have applied to Mike. He played just super!! Mike let it be known that the giants did not frighten him. In the quarterfinals, he beat yours truly, Larry Bobbitt, 21-14, 21-19. Mike met Mark Auerbach (No. 2 seed) from Houston in the semi-finals and they played close until Mike prevailed 21-17, 16-21, 11-9. In the finals, Mike played Bo Champagne (No. 1 seed) from San Antonio, and won the championship 19-21, 21-19, 11-5. The shot that Mike used to demoralize his opponents was a backhand kill off the ceiling ball into the right corner. I counted nine of these shots and he only missed once. Mike used this usually low percentage shot when he needed a point the most. But like all champions, he hit it. Congratulations, Mike, on a fine win. Your win proves conclusively that racquetball in Louisiana is alive and well. Billy Holliday received a forfeit from Mark Auerbach for third place. In the Consolation Championship, Rick McDowell of Baton Rouge, defeated Don Ellerman of Baton Rouge 15-14, 15-10.

Other players who had a good tournament in this division included Bob Soule, Tim Hannon and David Marschall. All of them reached the quarter-final round.



Mike Almerico

Women's Open

Babette Bell from Pensacola, Florida, was the Queen of the tournament, as she upset Gail Woods in the finals 14-21, 21-14, 11-8. On the way to the finals, Babette defeated Becky Roberts, Donna MacDiarmid, and Kit Almerico. As you can see, Babette had to play super to beat the likes of these people. Gail Woods continues to amaze everyone because of her short time of playing racquetball. On the way to the finals, Gail defeated Pam Ratliff in the quarters and Rene Hebert in the semis. Trudie Girard from Lafayette won the Women's Open Consolation by defeating Valerie Sheen of Baton Rouge 31-19.

Men's B

Another Floridian, Jay Schwartz, dominated this division from the start. In the quarters he beat Tommy Coyne 21-7, 21-8. In the semi-finals, Jay defeated Mark Lerille 21-7, 21-8. Joe Savoie of Baton Rouge was his opponent in the finals and Jay dominated 21-10, 21-6. Please tournament directors, the next time Jay crosses the Mississippi River, let's invite him to play in the Open Division. Okay? For third place, Mark Lerille received a forfeit from Eddie Samson. Gordon Stuntz defeated Willie Handy 15-6, 5-15, 11-10, to claim the Consolation Championship.

Women's B

Susanne Storey of Houston defeated our own Candy Zeairs 21-3, 10-21, 11-1. Third place was won by Bonnie Bozant, who had a good tournament. She defeated Donna Sherburne 21-7, 21-5. Pam Ratliff of Lafayette won the Consolation Championship with a victory over Baton Rouge's Kim Moore 15-4, 5-15, 11-3.

Men's C

Finally, Charles Pfister won this division by defeating Gary Tanco of Biloxi 21-18, 21-18. We were all beginning to think that Charles had been losing on purpose in the semis or the finals of other tournaments so that he could continue to play in this division; however, he proved us wrong by going all the way this time. Well, all you "C" players, Charles will no longer be with you. He is moving on to harder times. Hail! Congratulations, Charles.

Inez Martinez from Texas beat David Bozant of New Orleans for third place 17-21, 21-12, 11-0. Bill Versen of Baton Rouge defeated Dan Markin 15-7, 11-15, 11-10 to win the Consolation Championship.

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Open Letter From The Louisiana Racquetball Association

Dear LRA Member:

We have been asked a number of times over the last several months about some of the operating policies of the L.R.A., particularly concerning the benefit of our affiliation with the U.S.R.A.

To give you a little background, the International Racquetball Association (I.R.A.) was formed in 1968 by Bob Kendler, who guided that organization financially and initiated every benefit that racquetball ever enjoyed.



Larry Bobbitt

Mr. Kendler resigned as head of the I.R.A. in April of 1974, because he felt that organized racquetball needed to include professional play for the further growth of racquetball. To accomplish this, he formed the National Racquetball Club (N.R.C.), as an alternative to the strictly amateur I.R.A., not to compete with the I.R.A., but to increase the stature of the sport and aid in the promotion of racquetball through professional play. Despite the N.R.C.'s live and let-live policy, a year and a half later the I.R.A. decided to launch a professional program in direct violation of their National Charter. It was felt there was no reason for a strictly amateur organization to divert membership money to professional racquetball, consequently hurting the funding of amateur racquetball. But what was worse, was an I.R.A. policy which mandated that any player reaching the money round of an N.R.C. tournament, would be ineligible for any I.R.A. event, pro or amateur, and no pro player who signed with the I.R.A. could compete in N.R.C. events. Yet those players were allowed to win money in I.R.A. pro events, and still play in I.R.A. amateur tournaments.

Mr. Kendler felt that this was a grievous abuse of power and therefore formed the United States Racquetball Association. There were five basic reasons for the formation of the U.S.R.A.

1. There was no longer a strictly National Racquetball Organization.
2. With more and more professional players, the amateurs deserved an organization of their own.
3. More emphasis is being placed on junior, intercollegiate, women's and other divisions of play.
4. Racquetball needed the promotion and media coverage that only the resources of the U.S.R.A. could provide.
5. Players who enjoyed racquetball strictly for the competitive and healthful incentives deserved an organization devoted to their needs.

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Larry Bobbitt
Chairman, L.R.A.

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Women's C

I can't believe it. Somebody from Ocean Springs can play racquetball and it's a woman. We all know what the men from Ocean Springs are known for - drinking! Ha!! Just a little joke fellas. In this division Amy Foster defeated Gina Salemi in the finals 21-17, 17-21, 11-7 to claim the championship. For third place Sharon Skimkas received a forfeit from Beverly Bell. In the Consolation Championship, Kathy Thibodeaux beat Gina Gofer 21-17.

Men's D

Ronald Hobbs of Monroe defeated Richard Broadwell in the finals 21-12, 14-21, 11-5. For third place David Jones of Alexandria beat Bret Lofton of Baton Rouge 21-1, 21-7. In the Consolation Championship, Stephen Rogers of Baton Rouge beat Gary Page 15-8, 15-8.

Women's D

In the finals, Cindy Jordan defeated Darlene Duhon of Lake Charles 21-16, 21-14. For third place, Patti Sewell of Lafayette received a forfeit from Gina Salemi. In the Consolation Championship, Marsha Cromwell defeated Brenda Daussin 15-13, 2-15, 11-6.

Men's Seniors

Here comes the judge! Here comes the judge! - as Sammy Davis, Jr. would say. Judge Jerry Winsberg prevailed in this division by defeating Gene Ferris in the quarters 21-19, 21-0; Wallace Hardy in the semis 21-13, 17-21, 11-9; and Fred Guillot in the finals 21-17, 21-13. Wallace Hardy won third place. Art Housman of Ocean Springs beat Henry Manning of Baton Rouge for the Consolation Championship 15-5, 15-4.

Men's Masters

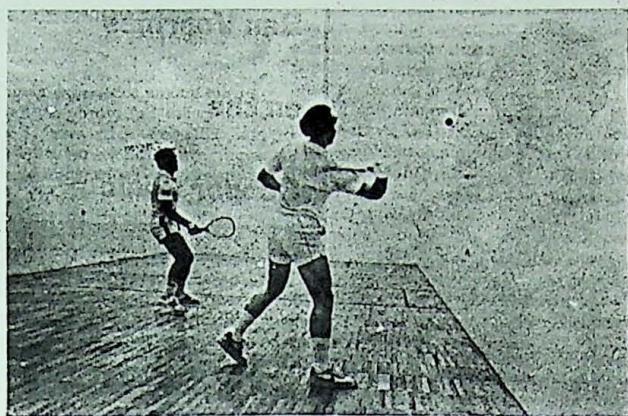
Gene Ferris of New Orleans defeated the ageless wonder from Lafayette, Ben Voorhies, in the finals 21-10, 21-15. They played a super match! Bobby Forrest claimed the Consolation Championship by defeating Bob Baudry 15-14, 7-15, 11-3.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD

National Racquetball's first annual Most Improved Player of the Year contest will be open for entries in June, with June 30 set as the deadline.

One winner will be announced for each state in which a player qualifies for the award. (If 50 states come up with qualified candidates, they'll have 50 winners, but National Racquetball will make the awards only in those states where there is a player whose progress has been outstanding.)

The entry form can be found in the May issue of National Racquetball on page 61. Please enclose all supporting evidence (label each piece with your name) including score cards, draw sheets and letters of recommendation from pros or other instructors. You can mail your entry to Terry-Fancher, U.S.R.A., 4101 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076.



Larry Bobbitt and Wallace Hardy

HEBERT, FERRIS, STEPHENSON & BOBBITT WIN LOUISIANA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hank Stram's Racquetball & Health Club hosted the Louisiana Seniors, Masters, and Golden Masters Championships on March 16, 17 & 18. This tournament proved to be a successful way of acquainting people with the Louisiana Racquetball Association.

Intense, exciting racquetball was demonstrated during the tournament. The Seniors A was won by Larry Bobbitt who defeated Wallace Hardy 21-16, 21-2. In the Seniors B division, upsets were the order of the day. Steve Stephenson from Mandeville, La., playing out of the Northlake Court Club, upset the No. 1 seed, Don Gunther, in the semi-finals 21-14, 16-21, 11-4. In the other semi-final, Leonard Lewis, who was not seeded, upset Charlie Pfister, the No. 4 seed, 21-15, 21-9.

Stephenson defeated Lewis in the finals 21-20, 21-11. Because of the small number of entries in the Golden Masters division, it was combined with the Masters division. The Masters division was won by Gene Ferris, who defeated Milton Aucoin 21-12, 21-13.

In the Women's Seniors division, the first lady of Louisiana racquetball, Renee Hebert, defeated Kathleen Morgan of Lafayette 21-8, 21-11. Connie Tiliakos won third place and Gay Peacock won the Consolation Championship.

We would like to thank Amaretto di Saronno for sponsoring the tournament. Also, thanks go to Vernon "Duke" Besse, Paul Baum, and Renee Hebert for helping to organize and run the tournament.

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My name is Renee Hebert. I'm a native of New Orleans, a housewife and mother of seven children. These last fifteen years I have enjoyed being a homemaker and providing for my family's needs; but I suddenly realized that I needed an outside activity, something that would make me feel better and where I could meet people. I knew about tennis, but not being able to take the sun, I quickly decided against it. One day a close friend of mine talked to me about racquetball and her enthusiasm led me to try it; I was hooked. That was four years ago and I've been enjoying myself ever since.

We had a wonderful time playing the game; and as I thought, I was really out of shape. I began to play more and more; I started to feel and look so much better. I knew I had found what I was looking for in the enjoyment of racquetball.

So much has changed, like my attitude towards my husband and children. Their love and devotion has meant so much to me and was a key ingredient to my becoming the Ladies' State Champion for the last two years. It seems my whole life has become more interesting since I started to play racquetball.

I know that there must be hundreds of women in the same position of needing to fill that gap, that lack of activity can be very nerve racking. If you are looking for the answer, try my solution, racquetball. Try it, you just might like it!

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Ben Voorhies
on the
Cooper Clinic

We asked Ben Voorhies, Jr., a Masters Player from Lafayette, Louisiana for his comments after visiting Dr. Kenneth Cooper's Aerobics Activity Center and The Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas.

Last year I received a medical report of a friend of mine after his physical at the Dr. Kenneth Cooper Clinic. It was so unique and so thorough that I decided to undergo the same examination.

Both the Cooper Clinic and the Aerobic Activity Center are situated on an eight acre tract of land in north Dallas.

The people at the Activity Center were very hospitable and permitted me to use all of the facilities. These facilities include an indoor running track, two outdoor running tracks, two racquetball/handball courts, four tennis courts, a basketball court, a swimming pool, an exercise room, whirlpool, sauna, etc.

I asked the director to set up a racquetball game for me with a Master's player. Well, he sent in a young 38 year old guy who claimed he had not played in 2 months. This fellow had a penchant for rolling out balls from rear court. I ran him off the court in five minutes and repeated my request for Master's player. Well, they rolled in this old guy (51 years old) in a wheel chair. Sure I thought it was a joke until I lost the first game 7-21. I did better in the second game, when I realized that he had trouble with ceiling balls and won that one 21-20. At point-point in the tie breaker, I tripped over the wheel chair and missed the ball. It was only toward the end that I realized that the guy was left handed. And now he won't give me a rematch.

Equally pleasurable was the complete physical in the clinic. The usual lab tests were given plus my first stress test, water immersion to determine body weight, x-rays, chest, eye, and hearing test, etc. Two minutes into the stress test they asked me when was my most recent heart attack. As far as I know, I told them, I've never had one. Anyway, they let me continue and somehow I survived 24 minutes and a 173 per minute heart beat.

They also did a family history and psychological profile on me and gave me a complete evaluation in a consultation with the doctor.

The only thing he told me that I didn't like was the fact that in 10 to 20 years I would probably have to give up racquetball because it is too strenuous. He immediately observed my disappointment, and as a reply to my question as to what I would do then, suggested "start playing handball".

Eye Hazards in Racquet Sports
by Dr. Paul J. Azar, Jr.

Racquet sports (tennis, badminton, squash and racquetball) have enjoyed explosive growth during the past several years, but the general public and many physicians are unaware that these sports present a potential ocular hazard to the player. During 1976 racquet sports were responsible for an estimated 3220 eye injuries to United States players. Injuries range from minor to extremely serious injuries which require hospitalization.

Racquet sports can be divided into two groups, those in which the opponents are separated by a net (tennis and badminton) and those in which the opponents share the same playing zone (squash and racquetball). In the first group, the greatest injury potential is from the projectile (tennis ball or shuttlecock), with some added threat from the partners racquet when doubles are played. In squash and racquetball, however, a major hazard is added by the racquet and the body of the opponent.

Players could reduce the potential injury if they were to wear protective eye devices, develop a strategy to avoid being hit, and have a strategy to avoid hitting the opponent. Effective strategies to avoid injury to the player and to his opponent are beyond the scope of our report. I would certainly recommend the advice of an experienced racquet sport coach plus the good judgment of the players. Several serious eye injuries to the patient were caused by shots fired in anger or frustration after the opponent lost the point. Control of temper on the court, coupled with alertness of the player after the point is over, would have avoided many serious injuries that I've seen. There are also several other injuries that have occurred during warm-up, when more than one ball was in play in the court at the same time.

An eye protector should absorb the energy of the racquet or tennis ball before the eye is struck. The unprotected eye is vulnerable to the total force of the blow. Since contact lens transmit the impact directly to the eye, they are valueless for protective purposes. Requirements for protectors vary with the energy potential in question.

In squash and racquetball the player is vulnerable to break forces both from the ball and the opponent's racquet. Conventional glasses are not sturdy enough to withstand these forces, as is evident in our patients who were seriously injured with their spectacles on. For these sports, we strongly advise that those who wear spectacles wear industrial plastic safety lenses (ANDI 287.1-1968) mounted in a sturdy frame (industrial athletic). Squash and racquetball players who do not wear spectacles, or who wear contact lenses, should wear an eye protector. Preliminary testing has shown that commercially available eye protectors and industrial plastic lenses mounted in a sturdy frame can withstand the impact of the racquet blow from an experienced player. Several players reported that direct blows to the eye protector and safety glasses had no resulting eye injury. Tennis players probably have less serious ocular risk than squash and racquetball players. Although ordinary glasses offer tennis players considerable protection, the injuries in my series resulted in injury after the lens of a spectacle was pushed through the frame of his ordinary glasses. For better protection, we

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suggest that tennis players observe the recommendations made for racquetball and squash. However, for tennis players who have only ordinary glasses, we believe it is safer to wear these glasses than to play without them.

In the studies I have reviewed, it was found that injuries are not necessarily related to the experience of the player. Good court manners and good defensive play, coupled with a device to prevent the projectile or a racquet from hitting the eye, are the difference between serious injury and a blow that is hardly noted before players continued.

The prevention of eye injuries in sports is a goal that can be achieved with relatively little expenditure of funds. The benefit gain both in terms of suffering and disability prevented as well as in the saving of medical cost to society, far outweighs the cost of educational and monitoring programs. This is demonstrated in the sport of hockey, which was responsible for approximately 30,000 facial and 5,000 eye injuries in 1975. Rule changes in facial protective devices were developed by interested physicians, athletes, coaches and manufacturers on a voluntary basis. Adoption of the recommended preventative measures has resulted in a dramatic reduction of the eye and facial injuries to the players in amateur hockey and high school hockey programs who have followed the recommendations.

I'd like to thank Dr. Paul F. Vinger and Daniel W. Tolpin of Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary in Boston, Mass., for the use of their information in this paper about the ocular hazard of racquet sports.

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TOURNAMENT PAIN

by Fred Guillot

It is a common experience among tournament racquetball players to feel muscle pain from the physical overexertion of a match. It is even more common to experience severe cramping during later rounds, which could result in having to forfeit a match or withdraw from the tournament. Believe me, once your opponent discovers that you are afflicted with this condition, he won't be any too anxious to provide you with suggestions for relief. The following data on muscle soreness may be helpful if you ever find yourself in such a situation, or have experienced it before.

Researching the literature on muscle soreness and fatigue, I found that in general, two types of pain are associated with severe muscular efforts: (1) pain during and immediately after exercise, which may persist for several hours, and (2) a localized soreness, which usually does not appear until twenty-four hours later. The first type of pain is probably due to the diffusible end products of metabolism acting upon pain receptors. de Vries (1974) says it is most likely that this pain is caused by either the potassium diffusion outward across the muscle cell membrane into the tissue spaces during contraction, or by the lactic acid formation from localized areas of ischemia. Both processes are known to occur, and each can produce the pain.

The second type of pain can become chronic under certain conditions, and is at least annoying enough to constitute a deterrent to further exercise. This localized and delayed muscle soreness, or lameness is often attributed to microscopic tears in muscle or connective tissues. Petajan and Eagan hypothesized that the delayed localized soreness that occurs after unaccustomed exercise is caused by tonic, localized spasms of motor units. Using this rationale, we can see how a vicious cycle is born; the ischemia associated with active muscles causes the pain associated with the transfer of chemicals across the muscle cell membrane gaining access to pain nerve endings. The pain brings about a reflex tonic muscle contraction, which prolongs the first state and we have the prelude to muscle spasms or cramps.

This is significant to the tournament racquetball player, in that continued exercise in succeeding matches causes more frequent and severe spasms to the point where further participation may be impossible.

However, the vicious cycle described above has a vulnerable aspect that allows application of simple corrective measures for relief. Competitive swimmers know that swimmer's cramp (gastrocnemius) is promptly relieved by gently forcing the cramped muscle into its longest possible state and holding it there for a moment. This simple stretching technique is also effective in providing prevention and relief for any sore muscle that can be put on stretch. A body position is held that locks the joints around the sore muscle in a position of greatest possible muscle length and with as little concomitant muscle activity as possible. Bob Anderson's series of stretches for racquetball and running is very useful, since he uses the same principle. This procedure results in the least possible reflex stimulation to the involved muscle. A bouncing stretch, on the other hand, would invoke stretch reflexes whose end result (contraction of sore, stretched muscle) would be undesirable.

Not all painful muscles are due to muscle spasm; a muscle can be put under such great, sudden strain that some of the tissue exceeds its elastic limits and rupture may occur. In order to prevent this possibility, proper warm-up is essential and workouts should be designed with progressive increases in work load.

When the pain begins to set in during your next racquetball tournament, take a few minutes before entering the court prior to each match and immediately after leaving the court after the match, and apply the techniques aforementioned. You may find yourself in the unfamiliar position of watching your opponent, instead of him watching you, trying desperately to overcome the excruciating pain associated with the onset of muscle cramps during a third or fourth round match.

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12-17	11.7%	(7+ days a month)	
18-35	35.4%	Medium Participation	14.8%
35-54	13.5%	(4-6 days a month)	
55 years +	3.9%	Light Participation	13.2%
		(3 days or less a month)	
Female Participants	34.7%	Number of Participants	
Under 12 years	1.3%	1970	1972
12-17	6.8%	50,000	170,000
18-34	22.9%		750,000
35-54	2.2%		
55 years +	1.5%	1976	1978
		3 Million	8 Million
			14 Million
Marital Status		Number of Commercial Racquetball Facilities	
Married	33.9%	1970	1972
Single	66.1%	0	2
			80
Annual Household Income		1976	1978
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10,000 - 14,999	13.8%		1,700
15,000 - 19,999	23.9%		
20,000 - 24,999	11.6%		
25,000 - 49,999	20.8%		
50,000 or more	9.9%	Number of Racquetballs Sold	
		1970	1972
		228,000	650,000
			2.2 Million
		1976	1978
		10 Million	18 Million
			30 Million
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No College	8.4%		

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Louisiana Championships

1st	10 pts.
2nd	8 pts.
3rd	6 pts.
4th	4 pts.
Quarters	2 pts.
Round of 16	1 pt.

Other Tournaments

1st	6 pts.
2nd	5 pts.
3rd	4 pts.
4th	3 pts.
Quarters	2 pts.
Round of 16	1 pt.

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
2. Billy Holliday
3. Andy Hodges*
4. Tim Hannon
5. Cliff Zeairs
6. Jim Dyer
7. Larry Bobbitt
8. David Marschall
9. Billy Kidd
10. Bob Soule

* Andy Hodges is the current state champion.

Men's B

1. Harry Stelly
2. Frank Gomila
3. Jim McGuirt
4. Joe Savoie
5. Tommy Guarisco
6. Mark Lerille
7. Paul George
8. Tommy Coyne
9. Frank Gibbins
10. Vernon "Duke" Besse

Jack Jones is the current state champion.

Men's C

1. Mark Bregenzer
2. Jes Stewart
3. Charles Pfister
4. David Bozant
5. Rick Cunningham
6. Steve Higgins
7. Jeff Hutchinson

Jack Jones is the current state champion.

Men's Seniors A

8. Dave Smith
9. Darrell Beard
10. O. J. Sanchez

Paul George is the current state champion.

Men's Seniors A

1. Larry Bobbitt*
2. Jerry Winsberg
3. Wallace Hardy
4. Warren Reuther
5. Otto Schoenfeld
6. Fred Guillot
7. Chuck Croft

*Larry Bobbitt is the current state champion.

Men's Senior's B

1. Steve Stephenson*
2. Leonard Lewis
3. Charlie Pfister
4. Don Gunther
5. Steve Stonebreaker
6. Paul Baum
7. A. J. Kral
8. Nick Marino
9. Whipper Baudoin
10. Gerald Broussard

*Steve Stephenson is the current state champion.

Men's Masters & Golden Masters

1. Gene Ferris*
2. Joe Hero
3. Milton Aucoin
4. Fred Hartstein

*Steve Stephenson is the current state champion.

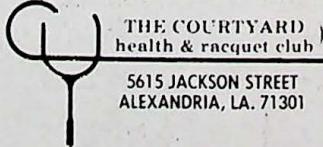
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5. Ben Voorhies	Lafayette
6. Gordon Coker	Natchitoches
7. Al Irwin	Monroe
8. Bobby Forrest	Baton Rouge
9. Bob Baudry	Baton Rouge
10. B. H. Texada	Alexandria

*Gene Ferris is the current state champion.

Women's Open

1. Gail Woods	Metairie
2. Renee Hebert*	Metairie
3. Kathleen Morgan	Lafayette
4. Pat Froeba	Lafayette
5. Becky Roberts	Lafayette
6. Kit Almerico	Norco
7. Trudie Girard	Lafayette
8. Donna MacDiarmid	Lafayette
9. Valerie Sheen	Baton Rouge

*Renee Hebert is the current state champion.

Women's B

1. Candy Zeairs	Chalmette
2. Bonnie Bozant	Metairie
3. Donna Sherburne	Baton Rouge
4. Pam Ratliff	Lafayette
5. Debi Duncan	Baton Rouge
6. Kim Moore	Baton Rouge
7. Gina Gober	Baton Rouge
8. Sue Besse	Baton Rouge
9. Connie Tiliakos	Baton Rouge

Donna MacDiarmid is the current state champion.

Women's C

1. Wanda Bonfanti	Baton Rouge
2. Gina Salemi	Baton Rouge
3. Shirley Craig	Monroe
4. Kirsten Campbell	Baton Rouge
5. Karen Jakila	Ruston
6. Brenda Jacobs	Lake Charles
7. Kathy Shorey	Lafayette
8. Janet Mott	Lake Charles
9. Jan Soule	Baton Rouge
10. Darlene Duhon	Lake Charles

Bonnie Bozant is the current state champion.

Men's Doubles

1. *David Marschall and Doug Moreau	Baton Rouge
2. Larry Bobbitt and Harry Stelly	Lafayette
3. Andy Hodges and Brad Clinkenbeard	Shreveport
4. Wallace Hardy and Jim Dyer	Monroe/Ruston
5. Billy Holliday and Guy Faget	Baton Rouge
6. Rick Chiquelin and Bob Soule	Baton Rouge
7. Mike Almerico and Joey Almerico	Norco
8. Fred Guillot and Paul Bruno	Alexandria/Metairie

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Semis: Larry Bobbitt d. Jerry Winsberg 21-10, 7-21, 11-7; Wallace Hardy d. Warren Reuther 21-13, 21-16.

Finals: Larry Bobbitt d. Wallace Hardy 21-16, 21-2.

3rd Place: Jerry Winsberg d. Warren Reuther 21-16, 21-12.

Consolation: Leonard Lewis d. Don Gunther 21-18, 19-21, 11-3.

Men's Senior B Division

Quarters: Don Gunther d. A. J. Kral 21-10, 21-15; Steve Stephenson d. Steve Stonebreaker 21-15, 21-16; Charlie Pfister d. Nick Marino 21-10, 21-10; Leonard Lewis d. Paul Baum 21-17, 7-21, 11-3.

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