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1987 Nationals — Bigger Than Ever

by Linda Mojer



Above: (L to R) Kay Kuhfeld, Diane Green, Dot Fischel and Cindy Baxter.

Above: Allen Shepard winner of the 70+ division.

Below: Winners of the wheelchair division, L to R, Gary Baker (4th), Joe Gold (2nd), Chip Parmelly (1st) and John Foust (3rd).

Egan Inoue accepting Male Athlete Award from Van Dubolsky.

In the largest national singles tournament held to date, the Downtown YMCA in Houston, TX played host to just under 1,000 racquetball enthusiasts over the Memorial Day Weekend. Celebrating a fifth straight year at the 23-court facility, players and spectators alike enjoyed racquetball competition at its best, concentrated into a brief, but spectacular, five day period. Sponsored by Penn and DP, the annual AARA event surpassed itself in entries, outstanding competition and just plain good times.

Wednesday arrivals gathered at the Hyatt Regency to check in to their homes-away-from-home, and to check out the competition. A hospitality suite on the second floor of the hotel was wallpapered with draw sheets and filled with industry representatives, equipment samples and displays of related products. National office staffers Cheryl Bassett and John Mooney (with help from his charming wife Rose) handled the crowd at the check-in desk with ease, distributing information, ballots and souvenirs to a standing-room only crowd. Only two blocks away, eager participants were already on the courts, releasing nervous energy and noting the play of unfamiliar walls and ceilings.

From early morning Thursday to late afternoon the following Monday, twenty-seven full divisions of single-elimination play were reduced to single matches in open, age, skill and wheelchair brackets. Men's and women's B divisions kicked off the event with 8:00 a.m. play on Thursday followed by non-stop action long into the night. Tournament control experts Pat Gerrity and Paul Hennrickson assigned match after match without a hint of slowdown, keeping within 45 minutes of their schedule for the entire five days.

The Men's Open division saw first round play at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, with 103 hopefuls beginning a long journey toward the championship and a spot on the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Seeds #1 Andy Roberts (TN), #2 Egan Inoue (HI), #3 Tom Montalbano (NY) and #4 Jack Nolan (AZ) received byes in their first rounds, but began in earnest later in the day, each advancing to the round of sixteen on Saturday with seeming ease.

There, however, two of the top seeds were eliminated by opponents who continued to the semifinals. Montalbano was defeated in two games (15-6, 15-9) by Lance Gilliam (TX), and Nolan suffered a similar two-game defeat against Bill Sell (CA) (15-6, 15-4). Gilliam (#19 seed) and Sell (#20) each continued their winning ways in the quarter final round against Kenny Kaihlanen (TX) and Doug Ganim (OH), respectively. The two Texans met in one of the tournaments' longest (and loudest) matches, while Sell and Ganim played consistently excellent racquetball to an appreciative gallery.

It was in the quarter final round that Egan Inoue met someone who could return his incredible serve, #7 seed Jim Cascio of

Pennsylvania. In a lengthy and exciting three-game match, the crowd favored Inoue but a determined Cascio remained point-for-point, until a final get appeal against Egan was overturned by linesman for the win. As close as it gets, Cascio took the tiebreaker 11-10 to advance to the semifinals.

With their national team invitations already secured by reaching the semifinals, Roberts, Sell, Gilliam and Cascio relaxed only slightly as they prepared to meet each other the next day. The four were conspicuously absent from the festivities following the Saturday night banquet, appearing clear-eyed on the courts Sunday afternoon where wins for Roberts and Cascio were fated.

On a Memorial Day that neither will soon forget, Andy Roberts and Jim Cascio played two games, Roberts service game and consistent shot-making was no match for the concentration and accuracy of Cascio, who defeated the top-seed 15-7, 15-11. A former national team member and "winner everywhere" in his region, Jim Cascio took home a hard-fought and well-earned victory, becoming unquestionably the country's best amateur racquetball player in 1987.

Equal in excitement, upset and excellence, the Women's Open competition set 47 ranked players against each other for the 1987 title. The top seeded women, #1 Cindy Baxter (PA), #2 Trina Rasmussen (CA), #3 Mary Dee (NH) and #4 Mirjam Wieheessen (CO), all advanced to the round of sixteen before meeting opposition that would place two of them out of the running.

Mary Dee lost to #14 seed Linda Wright (NE) in this round while Mirjam Wieheessen was dealt defeat at the hands of Diane Green (#13/FL). Wright advanced no further however, and was defeated in the following quarter final round by Dottie Fischl (#6/PA). A determined Green defied her unlucky seeding and continued to work her way through the draw, defeating Toni Bevelock (#5/TN) in two games to reach the semifinals.

Almost too coincidentally, #2 seed Trina Rasmussen joined her male counterpart in defeat, also losing in the quarter finals to an eventual finalist. Kaye Kuhfeld (#10/IN) employed intelligence, confidence and considerable court savvy to win against the younger Rasmussen in two games of 15-9 and 15-14. Kuhfeld joined Baxter, Green and Fischl in the semifinals, and on the 1987 U.S. National Team.

On Sunday, top seeded Cindy Baxter was unable to defend herself against an onslaught of rally-ending pinch shots by Diane Green, who took the match in straight games of 15-8, 15-9. Kuhfeld also advanced to meet Green in the final, defeating Dottie Fischl in a tie-breaker of 11-5.

The Memorial Day match between Diane Green and Kaye Kuhfeld became a graceful exhibit of two completely different styles of racquetball. The thoughtful and ac-

curate game of Kuhfeld was no match for the continued aggression of Green, who concluded rally after rally with unerring roll-outs from all over the court. The two-game match was won by the Orlando native with scores of 15-7, 15-10.

The contests in 21 men's and women's age divisions were no less impressive, with notable differences due to various endurance and experience levels. In the Men's 19+ division, #2 seed Mike Bronfeld (CA) defeated Bobby Rodriguez (CO) for the win, while Kersten Hollander (FL) edged out Sheri Anderson (MI) for the Women's 19+ title. In the 25's it was Florida again with #1 Tim Hansen taking the final match from Brian Sheldon of Tennessee. After a quadriceps injury sustained in her open match, Diane Green was unable to defend herself against the determination of Chris Evon (IL), who won the Women's 25+ division.

Competitors between thirty and forty were a joy to watch, playing with youthful abandon tempered with common sense. In the Men's 30+ bracket, #2 Bill Land (LA) switching the seeding order for next year, winning against #1 Bobby Corcoran (AZ). The same reversal occurred in the women's bracket with Susan Morgan (#2/FL) defeating Gail Woods (#1/LA). In the 35s, Craig Kunkel (CA) defeated Dave Kovanda (OH) in a classic match-up between the two top seeds. The women's 35+ winner, Eileen Tuckman, added to Florida wins with a triumph over Irene Chmura (#6/MI).

Players in their forties advanced through draws which reflected quality rather than quantity. The smaller brackets were no indication of ease, however, as #7 seed John Hennon (TN) conquered 35+ winner and #1 seed Craig Kunkel in the Men's 40+ final. In a hometown Florida match, #6 Judi Schmidt took the win from her doubles partner, #1 seed Agatha Falso, then proceeded to acquire the next available title with a later win against Mildred Gwinn (NC) in the 45+ division. Roger Wehrle (GA) continued a regional winning streak by defeating Ron Galbreath (PA) for the Men's 45+ honors.

Fifty and over — an inspiration. New players took heart, and instruction, watching play in these "top echelon" divisions. New Yorkers Victor Sacco and Saul Lesser met in

the Men's 60+ final, with "Victor" living up to his name. In another textbook final, top seeds Luzell Wilde (UT) and Earl Acuff (VA) battled for the 65+ title, with Wilde adding even more gold points to his already outstanding lifetime record. The Men's 70+ final saw Allen Shepherd (MD) defeat Ike Gumer (KY) for the 1987 title. Winners Clare Gautreau (TX) (60+) and Mary Lou Acuff (VA) (65+) achieved their wins through round-robin play, earning national standing in a truly lifetime sport.

Despite the "non-championship" tag, matches in the "B" brackets were fought in earnest. The men's and women's B draws were among the largest in terms of participation, and came to represent solid racquetball enthusiasm and spirit at its finest. Number two seed Nick Rallis of Michigan battled long and hard against #1 seed Georgian Brian Buckalew for his national Men's B win. Evenly matched Lollie Butler (#13/TX) defeated Jessica Heller (#15/OH) for the Women's B title, adding to the win list of the Lone Star state.

Most impressive among the regular events associated with national singles were the wheelchair matches. Six top-notch athletes competed in intermediate and open round-robin formats, positioning and executing shots with enviable skill. In the open division, the gold medal went to Chip Parmelly (CA) while the silver went to James Golden (TX). John Foust (CO) took third place ahead of Gary Baker (WV). In the intermediate division, Steve Jared was edged out by Don Contreras.

The special events of the tournament were not limited to athletic endeavor alone, as many colorful characters lived up to their reputations on dance floors, in differences in opinion, and under tables. Early in the holiday weekend, Head Racquet Sports sponsored a party for tournament guests at the Hyatt that, as could have been expected, went into a tiebreaker when no one wanted to turn in early. First-rate hospitality, a good DJ and a roomful of smooth dancers made having anything less than a good time virtually impossible.

After an evening off for recovery, the Saturday night banquet featured a similar party-plan, on a larger scale. Starting out with an intimate dinner for nearly 1,500 close friends, AARA President Van Dubolsky presided over an awards ceremony which honored a hard-working group of sponsors, volun-

teers and good-will ambassadors. DP and Penn reps were on hand to congratulate the new national team members, and give encouragement regarding the commitment of their corporations to the future expansion of racquetball. Local volunteer efforts were also applauded, thanks to the YMCA administrative staff and Houston community leaders.

The 1987 Male and Female Athletes of the Year were named, with Egan Inoue and Cindy Baxter receiving the honors. A new award for the most outstanding AARA State Director was also presented to an absentee recipient. Les Dittrich (MN) was recognized as a driving force in his region and is credited with the most improvement of his state organization in the past year. For developing and implementing the PARI program, Connie Peterson-Martin was presented with the John Halverson Award for 1987. To conclude the presentation of individual awards, Luzell Wilde, Charlie Garfinkel and Cindy Baxter were named as Golden Master, indicating that they had earned over 2,100 lifetime gold points in tournament play over

the course of their racquetball careers.

The assembled, well-fed group was then treated to what has become an annual tradition — a slide show featuring hundreds of photographs snapped by Jim Hiser in the early days of the event. This presentation, as always, was greeted with uproars and applause from individual tables as each recognized a member of its group — in any of a number of compromising positions or expressions. Plenty of familiar faces and stances were seen, as Hiser once again captured the spirit of terminal racquetball fever.

The presentation of former and new national team members to a standing ovation marked the end of the banquet program, and the beginning of a long evening for the late night, life-of-the-party crowd. Between marathon dance sessions, AARA board members and national office staffers conducted the annual fund-raising auction of memorabilia and Olympic Training Center gear, raising over \$1,700 for team coffers by the end of the evening. By morning, all the serious competitors had their eight hours of rest and all the night owls had got their just desserts. Then it was on to the semifinals and the home stretch. Special thanks go to Dan Wilcox, Al and Anne Williams of the YMCA for their assistance in securing excellent local media coverage of the event, plus appreciation for early round referees Bill Sessums, Kirk Robinson, Mary Spolyar, Tom Sikorski and Craig Lindstrom. A debt of gratitude also goes to volunteer errand-runner, meal-saver, and "get on the bus or we'll miss our plane" clock-watcher Lori Basch, whose unquestioning assistance made the task of media coordination for this important event much more manageable.

Far beyond being simply five solid days of racquetballs pounding and screaming off walls with their distinctive clamor, the 1987 U.S. National Racquetball Championships gave us all an opportunity to renew old friendships, and make new ones. The atmosphere created by a thousand persons united in their favorite recreation is a special one that reminds us of the impact racquetball has on corporate sponsors like Penn and DP, and on its individual followers nationwide. The 1987 U.S. National Championships were truly Olympic in every sense of the word. In scope, bigger than ever — in tradition, bigger than memory — and in fact, bigger than life.

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World Junior Racquetball Championships

It was an old fashioned Racquetball "shoot out" in an international setting, and when the smoke had cleared World Junior Racquetball champions were crowned in 24 divisions.

The 3rd Annual Junior Orange Bowl International Racquetball Championship tournament, Coral Gables, FL, December 27-30, 1986 — the place and event, for the 1986 World Junior Championships. 153 Racquetball athletes from Canada, Costa Rica and the U.S. (25 states represented) gathered in South Florida and provided some of the finest racquetball in memory.

Perhaps the best racquetball was seen in the Boys 18 Singles where Mike Bronfeld, Carmel, CA defeated his doubles partner Bobby Rodriguez Denver, CO, 15-6, 7-15, 11-4. Bronfeld's quickness, strength and shot selection were the basis for Rodriguez's downfall. Both played extremely well and then combined their talents as a brilliant doubles team to defeat the gifted duo Rob McKinney, Lansdale, PA and Todd Stead, Eden Prairie, MN, 15-12, 15-8.

Leigh Anne Coutu, Wilmington, DE, set a new Junior Orange Bowl standard by winning four division world championships. Leigh Anne defeated Vicky Yarns, St. Petersburg, FL in the finals of both the girls 18 and girls 16 divisions. Losing only one game in 14 matches, Coutu continued on with Debbie Herrmann, Baton Rouge, LA, and Ken Marks, St. Louis, MO to win the 16 Girls Doubles and the 18 mixed doubles respectively.

The Boys 16 and 14 Singles Championships were highlights as well. James Lorello, Coral Springs, FL and Nolan Glantz, Crompond, NY, faced off in the 16 singles title match. The event brought two brilliant athletes together in one of the best played, hardest fought events ever. Lorello, the classic athlete, defeated Glantz the superior racquetball athlete 11-15, 15-3, 11-10.

Will Epperson came from behind in a blaze of shooting passes, splats and pinches at Mike Altman to win the Boys 14 World Championship, 8-15, 15-3, 11-9.

General Data: The 1986 event was the third annual JOBIRC. All three have been held in the same time frame and at the Sportrooms, Coral Gables, FL.

The JOB is the World's largest youth festival. The programs include many different sports, a formal ball, a Queen and her court, a Parade of great quality all speaking of the vitality, beauty and quality of our young people from all



Above: R to L, Don Slesnick presents medals to World Champions (Boys 18 Doubles) Mike Bronfeld, and Bobby Rodriguez as 2nd place team of Todd Stead and Rob McKinney look on. Below: R to L, Nolan Glantz, Queen Michelle Benitez, James Lorello, Princess Angel Fraser, Mike Engle and Brad Munroe.



over the world.

The International Amateur Racquetball Association designated the 1986 (the 3rd Annual) JOBIRC as the World Junior Amateur Racquetball Championships.

The AARA and the IARA have sanctioned the Junior Orange Bowl tournament each of the past three years. In every tournament the play has been superior in quality and growing in quantity (number of players entering).

The future looks bright for growing international participation. Ireland has indicated their intent to send young players for the 1987 tournament. Several countries from the continent are planning to do the same. Canada will return as will Mexico and Costa Rica has had six representatives in the past two events. Countries from the Pacific Rim have been invited and the JOB anticipates entries or notification from Japan in the near future.

Don Slesnick current President of the Junior Orange Bowl Committee was the initiator of the idea and the event. Greg Sharp has taken over as Chairman of the Racquetball Committee and member of the JOB Board of Directors.

Florida racquetball has grown substantially in the process of the three last tournaments. Fifty-five racquetballers from Florida entered, played and won 8 of 14 singles championships. While Florida racquetball is touted to be the best in the nation a Floridian has yet to win the Boys 18 Championship.

The largest and best junior racquetball team in the nation is Pat Power's PRP team from Bradenton, FL. Powers brings from 20 to 27 players with him yearly and they perform at an outstanding level on and off the court.

The Value of Retrieving Ability

by Steve Strandemo

You can strengthen your game in two important ways when you have a determination to fight for every point and the ability to get your racquet on one apparent winner after another, even if you can only flick the ball to the ceiling or the front wall.

First, by at least keeping the ball in play when you're stretched out to the side or thrusting forward, you force your opponent to try to kill the ball again. He should put away the setup you've given him, but if he leaves it up slightly or skips it in, you may come out smelling like a rose.

Second, when your opponent knows that you not only can chase down some of his best shots, but you're a threat to kill any setups he gives you, this puts greater pressure on him to execute. He realizes that if he's not hitting the ball perfectly, you're going to keep the rally alive and he's not going to win many easy points; in a tough rally, he may be tempted — out of frustration — to take unreasonable risks in hopes of

being a great retriever because, eventually, good opponents will make enough of their setups to keep you at bay; they just have to work a little harder for the victory.

Retrieving ability starts with quick anticipation of your opponent's shot, but you can work on the required movements right at home. Clear a 10-foot area (the distance from the middle of the court to a side wall) and actually practice what it means to extend out with your racquet and swing at an imaginary passing shot that's hugging the wall. Work on that unit — the long cross-over step, a stretch, and then the extended arm and a snapping of the wrist — and see how much distance you can cover today . . . and a month from now. This drill stretches your muscles nicely and gives you a feeling of the racquet control that's required. Do the same thing thrusting forward on a diagonal and back on a diagonal.

Then when you're playing, add that crucial psychological factor: a willingness to "go for it," even if you miss. Let yourself be free to just move and hit, striving for the best shot you can manage under the circumstances, whatever your technique. It's tough to be a good



winning the point early. Which is exactly what you want.

As a match progresses, your retrieving ability can begin to take a psychological toll on most opponents, chipping away at their concentration if they begin to dwell on your "gets" and the times they let you off the hook with poor execution. However, your continual saves are unlikely to have much effect if your opponent knows you're not really a threat to keep pressure on him once you've scrambled back into the rally. You can't rest content by simply

retriever without a little of this reckless abandon. Not that you have to leave your feet and dive for the ball, but be ready to at least stretch your body to the limits. (If you want to dive for the ball — and you know how to do it safely — you'll cover more of the court, but save this risk to your body for high competitive levels.)

Ektelon and AARA Prepare Positive Offensive on World of Racquetball

Two leaders in the sport of racquetball have joined forces in a sponsorship agreement which will promote the growth of racquetball nationally. "Ektelon will now be the American Amateur Racquetball Association's official sponsor," announced Luke St. Onge, executive director of the AARA, the sport's national governing body. "We feel that this relationship is the single most important step forward for the sport since its inception in 1968."

As a result of Ektelon's sponsorship, the AARA 1988 national doubles, singles, juniors and intercollegiate championships will bear the title of the Ektelon/U.S. National Championships. All regional qualifying events for the national championships will also carry Ektelon in the title, for example, the Ektelon/Adult Regional Championships and Ektelon/Junior Regional Championships. Ektelon will sponsor the Pan American Championships in 1987, as well.

Ektelon's sponsorship will encompass an array of other AARA activities. Their resources will support the junior, adult, high school and intercollegiate programs, along with the teaching certification program and the disabled/wheelchair program.

Ektelon will also be the official racquet in local and other AARA-sponsored tournaments and events and in addition, will join the AARA as official sponsor for the U.S. National Racquetball Team as it strives towards Olympic recognition at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

"This sponsorship program," said Mark Wentura, Ektelon's senior product manager, "is the most extensive AARA/manufacture agreement ever created. Both organizations are working aggressively towards the same objectives, making our alliance a strong union with great forward motion."

"We are proud to affiliate ourselves with this world-recognized organization which believes, like we do, in the future and lasting value of racquetball," said Wentura. "And together we hope to leave an enduring legacy to the sport."

New Directions

by Luke St. Onge

I am most pleased to announce that the AARA has entered into a long-term sponsorship agreement with Ektelon.

You have read in many previous columns the tremendous expansion of developmental and promotional programs of the AARA aimed at the expansion, development, retention, and overall grass roots development of racquetball. The AARA has spent the last ten years getting itself in a position to represent and promote racquetball in a stable, positive environment which is absolutely necessary for the extremely competitive sports industry. The only business that the AARA is in is racquetball. It was only natural the AARA to team up with Ektelon, the industry leader who's only business is racquetball.

Both organizations have a major goal in reaching the grass roots player and bridging the gap to club owners and pro shops across the country. The AARA can have the most sophisticated developmental programs to reach and expand every area of our sport but without capital and grass roots implementa-

tion in the field, they are doomed to slow development and cancellation. The AARA cannot operate solely on the \$10 membership fee (of which \$5.00 remains in the state for local development) so the support and expertise of Ektelon will ensure their success. The major thrust of the agreement is to expand the AARA membership through the efforts of Ektelon. Ektelon's major marketing tool (Total Racquetball) carries a membership application for the AARA which will reach 1,800,000 readers, most of whom are new and recreational players.

With Ektelon and the AARA teaming up, we enter into a new era of racquetball. It is important for all of us to remember that for racquetball to continue to succeed, it cannot entertain stagnation or isolation in the sports industry. It must remain dynamic, exciting, and flexible to industry changes, competitive with like sports, and also aggressively recruit new players and retain the current.

We are most proud of this alliance and the sport could not be in better hands.

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Chevron Summer Blowout
Tracy Racquet Club
101 So. Tracy Blvd.
Tracy, CA 95376
Chuck Ellis (209) 836-2504

August 14-16

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Lakeland YMCA
3620 Cleveland Heights
Lakeland, FL 33803
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Florida State Doubles Championship
Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club
2170 Robinhood
Sarasota, FL 33577
Judi Schmidt (813) 921-6675

August 21-23

Masters & Golden Masters Invitational
National Doubles
Edison Racquetball & Health Club
511 Old Post Road & US 1
Edison, NJ 08812
Pete Talbot (201) 287-4444

September 17-20

Adult Region 15 Doubles
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

September 17-19

Pan American Games Tourney
Point AC
2233 N. Academy Place
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

September 24-26

National Women's Invitational
Tampa Bay Courthouse
7815 N. Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL 33614
Jon Chelena (813) 932-5321

September 24-26

North American 40+ Tournament
Albuquerque, NM

October 2-4

Holiday Open — Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

October 22-24

National Doubles
Arizona Athletic Club
1425 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

October 23-25

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Lakeland, FL 33803
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York, PA 17402
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202 W. Park Street
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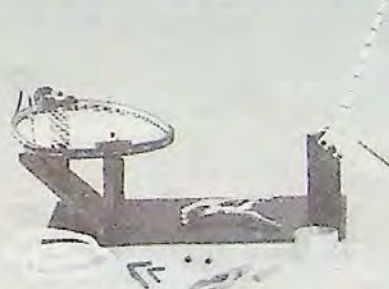
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AARA WOMEN'S RANKINGS

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