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All Eyes Turn To Watch Racquetball's Future Superstars

By Pat Gerity and Van Dubolsky

The game was at match point. The player adjusted his eyeguards, looked back at his opponent, then, lifting his racquet high, slammed a hard drive serve into the backhand corner. The serve was returned with equal ferocity and the rally began in earnest as both players lunged and thrust for center court position, shoes squeaking, racquets swinging. Suddenly it was over. The champion raised his hands in victory as the crowd cheered.

"The level of play here at the Juniors was incredible. ... Even the young kids had great court savvy!"

Sounds like any ol' racquetball final, doesn't it. The only difference is the champion was only eight years old! It was Wesly Miller, a future racquetball superstar from Tennessee. He was playing in the 1985 United States National Junior Championships held at the Newport Beach Sporting House in California this past June 24-29. Six hundred players from eight to 18 vied for the coveted titles offered in 22 divisions. Two of the winners, Jeff Conine and Dina Pritchett, earned positions with the U.S. National Team.



The Florida State Juniors team at the 1985 Junior Nationals in Newport Beach.

"The level of play here at the Juniors was incredible," commented a spectator. "I was very impressed. Even the young kids had great court savvy!" That spectator was Lynn Adams, the world's number one ranked woman's pro player who had made it a point to come out and watch this important tournament.

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CHEYENNE TO HOST 1985 U.S. NATIONAL DOUBLES

If you play doubles, then you know that this is it! This is the annual big one that all you doubles players have been waiting for — The 1985 U.S. National Doubles Championships presented by Lite Beer and sponsored by Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company. This year's spectacle will be held at the Rocky Mountain Health Club in Cheyenne, Wyoming, from October 24th through the 27th.

Last year Dan Obremski and Kevin Vantrease toppled the doubles dynasty of Steve Trent and Stant Wright in a white-knuckle match-up that brought the glass court spectators to their feet and this year there is bound to be more fireworks. So, if you haven't sent in your application by now, fill in the one that appears in this issue.

Cheyenne is 90 miles north of Denver and excellent airfare rates have been worked out through United and Rocky Mountain Airways. In addition, special rates for rental cars have been obtained from Hertz for those who wish to drive from Denver through some of the most beautiful western countryside which



Mixed Doubles action at the Doubles Nationals in 1984.

crosses the Oregon Trail.

A western theme will be held throughout the Doubles and will be highlighted by the Saturday Night Banquet and gala Las Vegas Night at the beautiful Holiday Inn, the host headquarters for the Doubles.

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Diversified Products and Penn Racquetballs once again were the sponsors for this event which many consider the testing ground for the future top players in racquetball. The record turnout of participants were offered excellent accommodations at the Westin South Coast Plaza and at the banquet on Tuesday evening, 400 young people were treated to a fascinating multi-media presentation orchestrated by Dr. Jim Hiser of Davison, Michigan.

Team Results

For the second consecutive year, the

National Juniors had state team competitions. Fourteen states formed teams which competed for first, second and third place trophies. Each state team was represented by a maximum of two boys and two girls for each division. As a team member won a match, his or her state was awarded points which were then added up to determine the overall team winner. Last year, Team California took first place in Davison, Michigan. This year, with the tournament being held in California, Team California split into two factions, a northern and southern team. As a re-

sult, Northern California captured the team title this year. New York State was a close second with Florida just behind in third. Southern California finished fourth and Pennsylvania rounded out the top five.

Final Team Standings	Points
1 Northern California	116
2 New York	93
3 Florida	82
4 Southern California	67
5 Pennsylvania	44
6 Ohio	36
7 Oregon	32
8 Colorado	27
9 Minnesota	22
10 Michigan	20
11 Indiana	20
12 Wisconsin	15
13 Wyoming	11
14 Alabama	9
15 New York (B Team)	1

Results by Divisions

Boys 18 & Under Singles

The Boys 18 and Under competitions were as intense from the first round of play as they were in the finals. This is the same age group that Cliff Swain graduated from last year where he placed third. If you haven't noticed, Cliff finished fifth on the men's RMA pro tour this year. So, Cliff, take down some names. There are some rookies headed your way.

Jeff Conine, affectionately known around the tournament as "Conine the Crusher", from Rialto, CA, dominated the 1985 Juniors. Conine became a member of the U.S. National Racquetball Team as a result of his outstanding performance. He defeated Michael Bronfeld of Carmel Valley, CA, 15-9, 15-6 in the finals.

Conine, 18, has been playing racquetball for seven years, however, he has been absent from the racquetball circuit for the past two years because of his commitment to baseball. As a result of this, he was basically unseeded (actually seeded 29th) coming into the tournament. In his most recent competition prior to Newport Beach, Conine upset Ed Andrews in the final of an open division tournament in nearby Irvine. (Andrews won the AARA National Singles Championship in June and was ranked seventh on the pro tour when Conine beat him.) The Boys 18 and Under division had 64 participants and in only one game out of the twelve that Jeff played did anyone manage to score ten points on him.

Twelfth seeded Dan Hugelen of Montana lost 15-6, 15-10 to Conine in the quarter-finals. In the semis, Bobby Rodriguez of Denver, CO, was Conine's victim, 15-6, 15-4. The day before, Rodriguez had knocked off number one seed Mike Loew of Vacaville, CA, in one of the tournament's most exciting matches, 9-15, 15-14, 15-5.

It was Rodriguez who had given Conine the chance to reach the finals by allowing him to play their semi-final match after Jeff had been delayed with transportation difficulties prior to their match. Rodriguez decided to wait and let Conine play.

On the other side of the draw, eleventh seeded Michael Bronfeld was making his way through some of the country's best players. Bronfeld defeated sixth ranked Charlie Nichols from Sarasota, FL, in the 16's, fourteenth ranked Tod Stead of Michigan in the quarter-finals, 15-8, 15-9, and Oregon's Mike Griffith in the semi-finals, 15-8, 8-15, 15-11. Griffith had defeated second seeded Dave Simonette in the second round and tenth seeded Bill Gerau of Missouri in the quarter-finals.



Boys 10 and under player mugs for the camera.

Griffith went on to take third place by defeating Rodriguez 15-7, 15-7.

Although Bronfeld played spectacularly to advance his way to the finals, he was just no match for Conine's overwhelming power. Conine combined an awesome forehand with powerful serves and lightning quick reflexes to keep Bronfeld constantly out of position. Hopefully, Jeff will be able to work his racquetball future around a potential baseball career that seems to be a possibility in his future. (See related story this issue.)

Girls 18 & Under Singles

Top seeded Dina Pritchett of Anderson, Indiana, lived up to her pre-tournament billing by capturing the 18 & Under Singles title and with it, a berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Like Conine, Pritchett has shown her ability to play with the best. One week prior to the Juniors, she extended Vicki Panzeri — the second-ranked player on the women's pro tour — to four close games at the DP Nationals in Boston.

Pritchett won the title by defeating second seeded Elaine Mardas of Columbus, OH, 15-7, 15-1. Pritchett came back to win the title this year after finishing third last year when she lost to Toni Bevelock in the semis. On the way to the finals, she defeated the always tough Jackie Paraiso of El Cajon, CA, in the quarters, 13-15, 15-11, 15-8. That first game with Paraiso was the only one she lost during the entire tournament!

In the semi-finals, Pritchett defeated Kerry Ann Niggemyer of Toledo, OH, 15-5, 15-6. Meanwhile, the second seeded Mardas (last year's 16 and Under champ) was beating Lisa Anthony of California, 15-8, 15-4 in the quarter-finals and Joy Paraiso of El Cajon, CA, in the semis, 15-7, 15-12. Niggemyer took third by defeating Paraiso, 15-5, 15-12.

Boys 18 & Under Doubles

Top seeded Charlie Nichols of Sarasota, FL and Scott Reid of Wyoming, CA, lived up to their billings as top contenders by capturing the Boys 18 & Under Doubles crown as they defeated Mike Bronfeld and Dale Millhollin of Carmel Valley, CA, 15-6, 15-13, in the finals. Nichols and Reid defeated Sergio Armendariz of El Paso, TX, and Bobby Rodriguez in one semi, 15-3, 15-2, while Bronfeld and Millhollin knocked

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off Jeff Conine and Brent Russel of California, 15-5, 10-15, 15-12 in the other. Armendariz and Rodriguez took third when Conine and Russell forfeited. Russell said he wanted to give Conine plenty of rest before he played his semi-final match that day.

Girls 18 & Under Doubles

The teaming of Florida's Claudia McCarthy and Marla Friedman, both of Jacksonville, proved to be a match that couldn't be beat as they won the Girls 18 & Under Doubles title. Friedman and McCarthy defeated Carrie Healy of Stone Mountain, GA, and Shelly Lee of York, PA, in the finals, 15-5, 15-1.

Friedman and McCarthy faced their toughest match in the quarter-finals when the Paraiso sisters took them to a tie-breaker, 15-7, 8-15, 15-7. In the semis, they defeated Elaine Mardas and Kerry Niggemyer, 15-6, 15-2. Healy and Lee, a pick-up team paired at the time of the tournament, made it to the finals by defeating Janet Burke, MA, and Cheryl Gudinas, IL, 15-3, 15-3, in the quarter-finals. Then they knocked off Michelle Gilman and Dot Vali of Laramie, Wyoming, 15-11, 15-14, in the semi-finals before losing to Friedman and McCarthy. For Claudia McCarthy, it was her second gold medal of the championships. Third place went to Mardas and Niggemyer over Gilman and Vali 10-15, 15-9, 15-5.

Boys 16 & Under Singles

Third seeded Scot Richbourg of Orlando, FL, captured the Boys 16 & Under title by defeating Tim Doyle of Williams-ville, NY, in an exciting two hour final that ended in a 15-14 tie-breaker. The unseeded Doyle won the first game 11-15 before Richbourg came back to win the last two 15-3, 15-14. This division had 87 entrants, the largest number of players in any one division. Third place went to Henry Martinez of Las Vegas, NV, when he defeated Richard Vazzano of Fairfield, NH. Doyle had knocked off Vazzano 15-0, 15-8, in one semi-final while Richbourg beat Martinez 15-9, 15-7, in the other.

Girls 16 & Under Singles

Claudia McCarthy of Orange Park, FL, captured the title by defeating Robin Levine of Fishkill, NY, 15-2, 9-15, 15-7. The fourth seeded McCarthy knocked off top seeded Kelly Pulis of Sacramento, CA, in one semi, 15-5, 5-15, 15-3, while second seeded Levine was defeating third seeded Leigh Anne Coutu from Wilmington, DE. Pulis defeated Coutu for the bronze medal 15-3, 15-2.

Boys 14 & Under Singles

Ninth seeded Joey Paraiso of El Cajon, CA, won the 14 & Under Singles title by defeating tenth seeded Rober Walden of Bradenton, FL, 15-6, 15-6, in the finals. This division had 82 participants, the second largest draw of the tournament. Paraiso defeated fourth seeded Nolan Glantz of Compond, NY, 15-13, 15-6, in one semi-final while Walden whipped sixth seeded Brian Jorgenson of Washington, PA, 15-7, 15-2, in the other semi. Glantz finished third by knocking off Jorgenson, 15-6, 15-7.

Girls 14 & Under Singles

Michelle Gilman of Ontario, OR, won her second consecutive gold medal in the Girls 14 and Under division. Last year, Michelle defeated Robin Levine of Fishkill, NY, for the title, while this year, she defeated Cindy Doyle of Williams-ville, NY, 15-2, 15-10. Tammi Dodson of Modesto, CA, finished third, while Stephanie Pinola of Blue Bell, PA, took fourth.



Two 10 and under buddies from the Michigan Team take a break between matches.



Some stiff girls' competition checking in on registration day.



The Florida coach gives some advice to one of his junior players.

Boys 12 & Under Singles

Tenth seeded John Ellis of Stockton, CA, defeated fourth seeded Craig O'Connell of Arvada, CO, 15-3, 15-6. Ellis had defeated Ivan Labra of Bakersfield, CA, 15-3, 15-5 in one semi while O'Connell knocked off Derrick Locker of Duluth, MN, 15-10, 15-5 in the other. Locker beat Labra for third 15-5, 15-10.

Girls 12 & Under Singles

Last year, Ericka Wilhite of Bexley, OH, finished second in this division and, seeded #1 this year, she captured the gold medal by defeating second seeded Jenny Lee from York, PA, 12-15, 15-6, 15-5. Wilhite had defeated Kim Copelas from Beverly, MA, in one semi while Lee defeated Talya Dodson from Modesto, CA, in the other semi. Dodson finished third by edging out Copelas 12-15, 15-5, 15-10.

Boys 10 & Under Singles

Sudsy Monchik of Staten Island, NY, become the 10 & Under champion by defeating his doubles partner and fellow New Yorker, Jason Minnino 15-10, 15-8, in the finals. The fourth seeded Monchik defeated last year's 10 & Under defending champ Joaquin Murrieta of Woodland, CA, in the semi-final 15-12, 7-15, 15-1, while Mannino was knocking off sixth seeded Craig Czyz of Port Charlotte, FL, 15-14, 11-15, 15-1. Murrieta defeated Czyz for third 15-0, 15-4.

Girls 10 & Under Singles

Elkova Icenogle of Auburn, CA, made short work of the Girls 10 & Under division. Elkova defeated Alyssa Boland from Great Falls, MT, in the finals 15-7, 15-4. The fourth seeded Icenogle beat the number one seed, Haden May of Auburn, CA, in the semis 15-9, 15-11, while Boland beat Jill Butler from Forest Hills, CA, 15-3, 15-4. The battle for third place saw Butler defeating May 15-11, 1-15, 15-13.

Boys 8 & Under No Bounce Singles

This year's 8 & Under division featured 23 entrants which shows a tremendous increase in participation at this level. This was the largest draw ever for this event. Second seeded Wesley Miller of Johnson City, TN, captured the title by defeating fourth seeded Jonathan Boyette of Modesto, CA 11-5, 10-11, 11-0 in the finals. Miller had defeated third seeded Evan Pellowski of Menomonee Falls, WI, 11-4, 11-8 in one semi while Boyette defeated top seeded Brant Zimmerman of Grand Rapids, MI, 11-4, 11-8 in the other. Zimmerman edged out Pellowski for third 11-6, 11-9.

Girls 8 & Under No Bounce Singles

Christine VanHees of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, won her second straight 8 & Under Title. Christine won all her games by keeping her opponents scoreless. Second place went to Ginger Gelhaus of Riverside, CA. Third and fourth went to Jennifer Thompson and Christy Xynidis from Florida.

Boys 16 & Under Doubles

Richard Vazzano teamed up with David Simonette of Baltimore, MD, to win over Kieth White (SD) and Joey Paraiso 15-10, 15-5. The Boys 16 & Under Doubles had 36 teams entered. Tim Doyle (OH) and Doug Ganim (OH) took third by defeating Henry Martinez and Matt Rudick of Las Vegas, NV, 2-15, 15-2, 15-1.

Girls 16 & Under Doubles

Kelly Pulis (FL) and Delaney Commer (CA) defeated Leigh Anne Coutu (CT) and Christine Kamyek (VT) 15-4, 15-14 for first place. Kim Goodwin (SD) and Paula Russler (MT) defeated Jennifer

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Afford (NJ) and Ann Prentiss (NY) 15-10, 12-15, 15-14 for third.

Boys 14 & Under Doubles

Nolan Glantz and Mike Locker of Duluth, MN, edged out Charlie Garlido and Mike Guidry from Texas 10-15, 15-8, 15-11 to take the title. Jim Smith and Robert Walden from Florida took out Michael Altman (FL) and John Gillooly (MA) 12-15, 15-6, 15-13, for third place.

Girls 14 & Under Doubles

Cindy Doyle (NY) and Sara Ali (NY) defeated Pam Beck (PA) and Stephanie Pinola (PA) in the final 15-3, 15-6. The third place winners were Pam Afford (NJ) and Amber Lesure (IN) as they whipped Susan Cox (FL) and Aimee Melville (MN) 15-5, 15-2.

Boys 12 & Under Doubles

John Ellis and Smir Hadid of California teamed up to win the gold medal by defeating Ivan and Ariel Labra 10-15, 15-2, 15-13. Third place went to Jim Ellenberger (WI) and Nicky Xynidis (FL) with their 15-13, 15-1, win over Chris Conte and Mike Meyer of New York.

Girls 12 & Under Doubles

Wilhite captured her second gold medal by teaming with Copelas to defeat Jenny and Angie Lee (PA) in the finals 7-15, 15-9, 15-5. Third place went to Sarah Nesbitt from Hilton, New York, and Cadence Holley from Dallas, Oregon, as they beat Amy Simonetta and

Hannah Spector from Sarasota, Florida.

Boys 10 & Under Doubles

Monchik and Mannino dominated this division by knocking off Czyz and John Xynidis of Daytona Beach, FL, 15-9, 15-10, in the finals. Ryan Davis (IN) and Andy Thompson (WI) finished third over Chad Westwood and Kyle Holley of Oregon.

Girls 10 & Under Doubles

Icenogle captured her second gold medal when she teamed up with Florida's Britt Engle to win the title by defeating Butler and May 15-7, 9-15, 15-12. Andrea Beugen (MN) and Lia Brooks (NY) finished third.

Consolations

Shane Wood (MA)	Boys 8
Britt Engel (FL)	Girls 10
Wesly Miller (TN)	Boys 10
Monica Carmona (CA)	Girls 12
Jim Ellenberger (WI)	Boys 12
Dana Seibel (MN)	Girls 14
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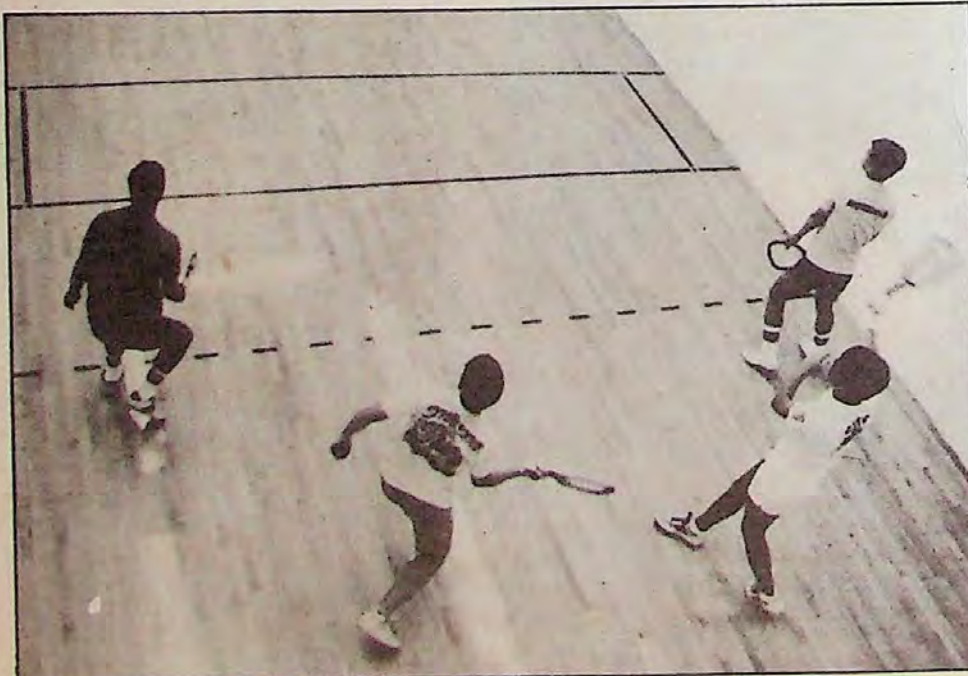
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Waiting for a call from the ref.



B. Zimmerman, MI, played tough in the 8 and under division.



There was a large draw in the Boys' Doubles division at Newport Beach.

JEFF CONINE: NOW WHAT? ...

Is It Baseball Or Racquetball For This Junior Champ?

By Jason Holloman

What's a guy supposed to do when he's good at two things? Why, do them both, of course! And that's just what this year's 18 & Under Junior Champion has done.

Last year as a senior at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, CA, Jeff was one of Southern California's best baseball pitchers who just happen to hit .403 at the batter's box. That earned him the Citrus Belt League MVP and a scholarship to UCLA to be the Bruins' top relief pitcher.

This year, Jeff walked on the racquetball court at the Junior Nationals and was immediately dubbed "Conine, the Crusher" by his opponents and spectators at the U.S. Junior Nationals in Newport Beach, CA, as he demolished the competition and strode off with the national title.

Now he has a difficult decision to make: racquetball or baseball?

"I prefer racquetball," commented Conine. "It's a lot more fun. I like the individual aspect of it. It's too bad there's not as much money in racquetball as there is in baseball. If there is a better established tour by the time I get out (of college), I'd like to play racquetball, but right now, it looks like baseball."

So, it looks like baseball. Maybe. The winner of the 18 & Under Juniors also gets a berth on the U.S. Team which competes internationally with 11 other countries. Could he take two weeks off from training to compete in Central America?

"I don't know," pondered Conine. "It depends what my (baseball) coach would say, I guess. I'd like to go. I think it would be quite an experience."

"He hits the racquetball harder than any human being on the planet!"

It would be quite an experience for his opponents, too. Scott Winters, California's Junior Racquetball Commissioner had this to say about Conine's game: "He hits the racquetball harder than any human being on the planet!" Conine says it's taken quite a while to develop that power.

"I started playing when I was about eleven. My Dad was a handball player and he had just switched to racquetball, so I took it up with him. I was just fooling around at first, but then I started to get serious. While baseball was improving the strength of my arm, racquetball helped me in my hand-eye coordination. My hands got quicker and my wrists got stronger."

Jeff's UCLA coach, Gary Adams, agrees. "I've never had a pitcher field the position as well as Jeff. He moves quickly like a professional racquetball player. He's kind of heavy-set, so other teams think they can lay a bunt down the third base line, but, when they do, he's all over that ball and throwing the runner out by several strides."

Whatever the outcome of Jeff Conine's athletic career be it racquetball or baseball, one thing is sure. When "Conine, the Crusher" steps up on the mound or into the court, the odds are, you're going to lose.

TIME OUT —

Without Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company, the U.S. National Junior Championships would never have taken place. Their support from the State Junior Championships, Regionals, through the Nationals, continues to show their complete dedication to the future development of Junior racquetball.

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A special thanks to Ray Cuddy, Owner/Manager, and Bob Wetzel, racquetball program director, at the Newport Beach Sporting House who treated all 1,000 of us as their personal house guests. Also, a special thanks to the entire staff of the Sporting House who worked unceasingly to make the Nationals a success.

To Paul Lopez of Seven/Eleven, who was the major sponsor of the hospitality. What a help he was! Paul not only was involved in the sponsorship, but he worked day and night to be sure that everything came off just on time.

Last, but not least, the local organiz-

ing committee of Julie Winters, Monica Pauperas, Willer Rodriguez, Ed Andrews, Veronica Carrasco, Sally Orion Van Stettens, Lilliana and Polo Labra, Peggy Ludwig, and Lou Letteri, who made it all happen by cooking eggs, hamburgers, pancakes and making the hospitality the most memorable of any U.S. Nationals.

A very special thanks to Scott Winters, teaching Pro for the Irvine Club House, whose vision, idea, and tenaciousness brought the Junior Nationals to Southern California and made it all happen. We couldn't have done it without you, Scott.

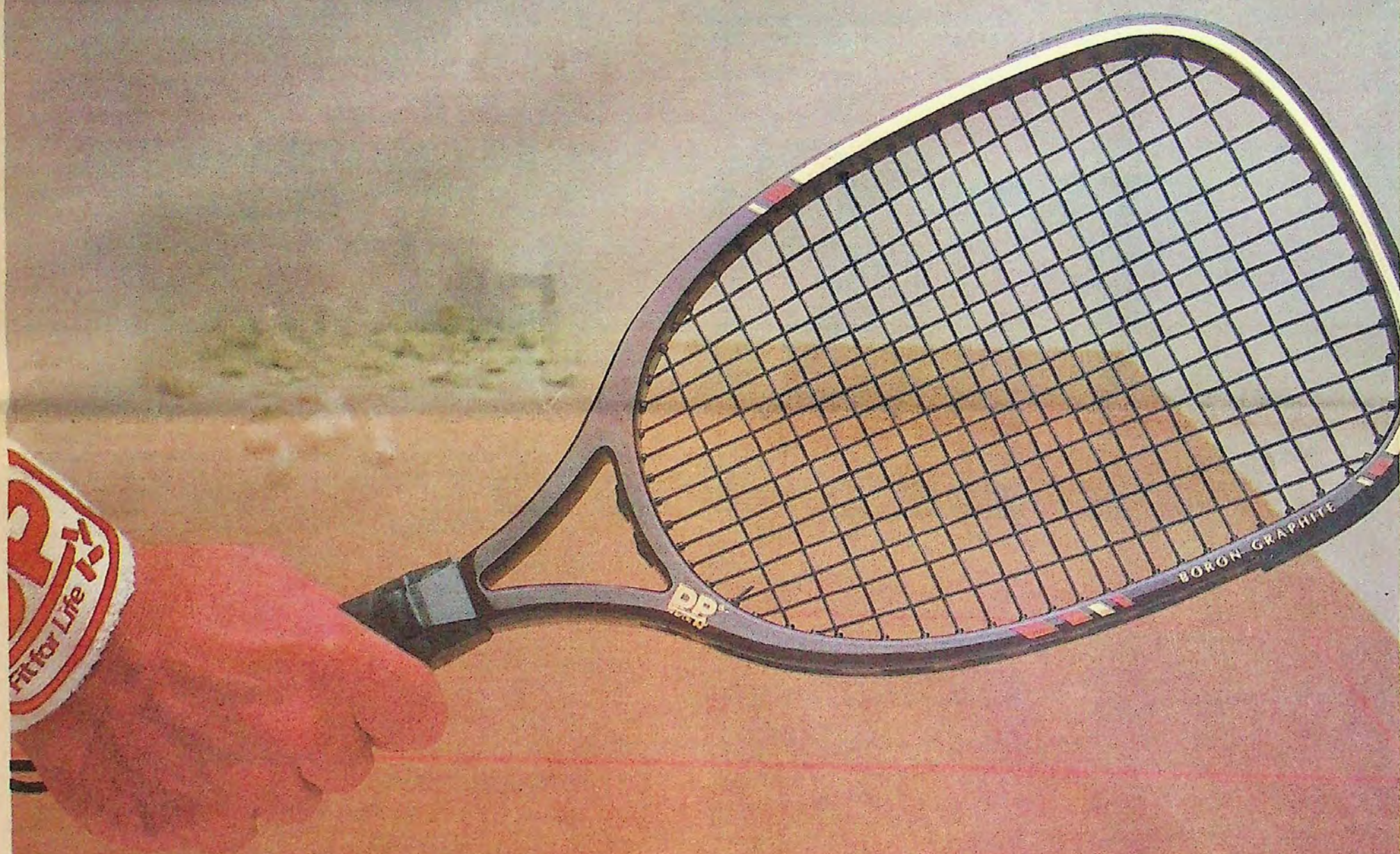
— Luke St. Onge

Corrections from our last issue —

In the article about the U.S. Singles Championships, it was stated incorrectly that Bud Lite was a sponsor of the tournament. The proper and much appreciated sponsor for that event was Lite Beer from Miller. -Ed.

In that same article, the winner of the Women's 65+ division was Mary Lou Acuff of Blacksburg, Virginia, instead of Eleanor Quackenbush. Our belated congratulations, Mary Lou. -Ed.

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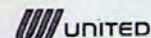
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U.S. DOUBLES PICK PENN BALL

The Penn Ultra Blue Racquetball has been named the Official Racquetball for the 1985 U.S. National Doubles Championships presented by Lite Beer slated for October 24-27, at the Rocky Mountain Health Club in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The award was made at the May AARA Board of Directors Meeting held in Houston, Texas.

Penn has made a total sweep of all major racquetball events during the 1985 season, sponsoring the Juniors, Intercollegiate, Adults, Lite/AARA Regionals, National Doubles, and 75% of the AARA State Championships.

In addition to Penn Athletic Products Company and Lite Beer, Diversified Products is the other major sponsor of the U.S. National Doubles presented by Lite Beer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The financial position of the AARA is the best in its history. Exact figures will be available after the audit this summer and the report will be made to the Board in September.

The Board has taken a position to re-evaluate some of the current regional alignments.

A Code of Ethics was adopted for all members of the AARA and will be included in the Rule Book.

Also adopted is an increase in membership dues from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and will be effective January 1, 1986. The dues will be split, \$5.00 for the state associations and \$5.00 for the national association.

Staggered memberships were adopted in principle and will be acted upon at the Fall board meeting.

A Recreational Player Membership program was adopted in principle and will have a full committee report at the Fall board meeting.

Athletes of the Year Announced

The Male Athlete of the Year Award goes to Jay Swartz.

The Female Athlete of the Year Award goes to Mary Dee.

The John Halverson Award, the most prestigious racquetball award given yearly, goes to Ed Martin.

The Teaching Certification Program was adopted and will go into effect by this fall.

The Coaching Certification Program was adopted and will be in effect by January 1, 1986.

It was moved to establish a Procedures and Operating Manual for the AARA National Headquarters.

Penn Athletic Products Company was awarded the "Official Ball for the 1986 National Doubles".

Rule changes in the Official AARA Rule Book were adopted. See article in this issue.

It was moved to re-evaluate Board election procedures to make it more receptive to all members of the AARA. A full committee report will be made at the Fall board meeting.

It was moved that the runner-up in the Board election be awarded a vacant seat on the Board if one becomes vacant.

IARF Makes Eye-guards Mandatory

Eye protection is now required in all IARF sanctioned events throughout the world. This landmark rule passed unanimously at a special meeting of the International Amateur Racquetball Federation Executive Meeting held in conjunction with the World Games in London. The motion was presented by Mr. Dan Stone, North American Vice President of the IARF and current President of the Canadian Racquetball Association. Canada is currently the only country of the 44 National Governing Bodies in the IARF that requires mandatory eye protection in all sanctioned events.

RULES:

AARA Official rules will apply. Only amateurs may participate. AARA rules state the definition of an amateur racquetball player as any player (male, female or junior) who has not accepted prize money, regardless of the amount, in any PRO SANCTIONED tournament, Pro, WPRA, RMA, or any other association so deemed by the AARA Board of Directors. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SHOW CURRENT AARA MEMBERSHIP CARD or purchase membership at time of registration.

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Penn Ultra Blue

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NOTE: Men's and women's B divisions may be limited to 64 players per event. Due to the anticipated large turnout B's will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Please enter me in the event(s) checked below. Players may enter two events.

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() Seniors 30 +
() Seniors 35 +
() Seniors 40 +
() Masters 45 +
() Masters 50 +
() Golden Masters 55 +
() Golden Masters 60 +
() Golden Masters 65 +
() Golden Masters 70 +
() B (non-championship event)

MEN'S DIVISION

- () Open
() Jr. Vets - 19 +
() Jr. Vets - 25 +
() Seniors 30 +
() Seniors 35 +
() Seniors 40 +
() Masters 45 +
() Masters 50 +
() Golden Masters 55 +
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A Tip From A Top Pro

THE PRE-MATCH WARM-UP

By Mike Yellen

Editor's note: Mike is currently the #1 ranked pro player in the world, and the reigning National

Champion of the professional tour. Mike is also a valued member of the Ektelon Pro Advisory Staff.

A few months back in an article entitled "Exercise for the Un-thin", I described how any racquetball player could improve his game and condition prior to a match. For those that missed it, my philosophy is simply summed up by using stretching exercises to warm-up, jumping rope for quickness and Star and Carioca drills to increase your reflexes and conditioning.

Now, let's pretend you've stretched, your heart is racing from exercises and you're ready to play a match. What's

next on the agenda? Probably one of the most important, yet overlooked aspects of the sport: The Pre-Match Warmup.

Generally, most racquetball players figure the five-to-ten minute pre-match warmup period is one for casual conversation with your opponent, a chance to really blast the ball around the court, or basically, kill time before the bell rings.

The good players have a different idea.

When I walk onto a court before any match, I have a set plan on how I want to use that warmup period. I just don't aimlessly flail away. Depending on my opponent, I'll work on skills and shots that will benefit me in the minutes to come.

You should, too.

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How do I gear up both myself and my game? Easy. I break the time into easily divided periods. Say the warmup time is 10 minutes, I may use one minute of the 10 for different shots and angles I want to cover. Or, perhaps I'll use two minutes on five important areas. Either way, as that imaginary hand moves around the clock face, I slowly, but surely get ready to play. My intensity increases, as does my concentration and speed of my shots.

The best method I've found, after watching the likes of Dave Peck, is to start at the back of the court with ceiling balls, and basic ground strokes, move back and forth with pinches and passes, then finish up with serves.

I usually start at the ceiling to get a feel for the type of ball and consistency of the court. In five or ten swings, my right arm is loose and I know what I can and cannot do.

I start with the forehand ceiling ball. Sometimes, when the ball comes off the back wall, I'll go for a kill, but usually, you have another person warming up next to you, so you don't want to distract them (at least not too much!).

After hitting about 10 to 15 forehand and backhands off the ceiling, I move along to ground strokes. After hitting about 10 forehands off the side and back wall, I'll slide over and do the same thing on the backhand side.

The secret here is just making good, solid contact with the ball. Watch your hand-eye movement. See the ball hit the racquet. You hit more of these shots than any others, so feel comfortable before moving on.

At this point, I move to just off-center court and concentrate on pinches. Usually I start with a short drive off the front wall, then work the corners, starting about 18 inches up and moving down.

Don't overload your concentration level at this point. Just look for a spot and try to hit it. Work both sides of the court so you feel comfortable enough to pinch either corner.

Now that I'm pretty warmed up shot-wise, I move along to drives and passes, looking for spots on the wall I want to hit.

As my imaginary clock starts to work toward 20 minutes to the hour (which means I have about four or five

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minutes left), I start practicing kills and serves. Kills I take anywhere I can get them. By that I mean I'll drop the ball in various spots, simulating a game condition, then shoot for the bottom board. After two minutes of this, I move into the server's box.

Depending on my opponent, I'll start with lobs, or Z's or drives. Since I'm a drive server, I like to set up, concentrate on my footwork and form, then really work over the service line.

After I feel comfortable moving the ball around the court that way, I switch to my "off" serves, usually lobs and Z's and take a couple of each just to make sure I have confidence in them when the time comes.

In my warmup, I've covered the court both mentally and physically. My game face is starting to show through and all I need is a change of glove, perhaps a towel off and I'm really ready to play.

Hopefully, if you follow these hints, you will be, too.

Over 40? How About A Racquetball Weekend

Come join us for a National Racquetball Weekend in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 26-29. It's a weekend especially designed for racquetball players over the age of 40.

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3	New York
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5	Colorado
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11	Ohio
12	Texas
13	New Jersey

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15	New Mexico
16	New Hampshire
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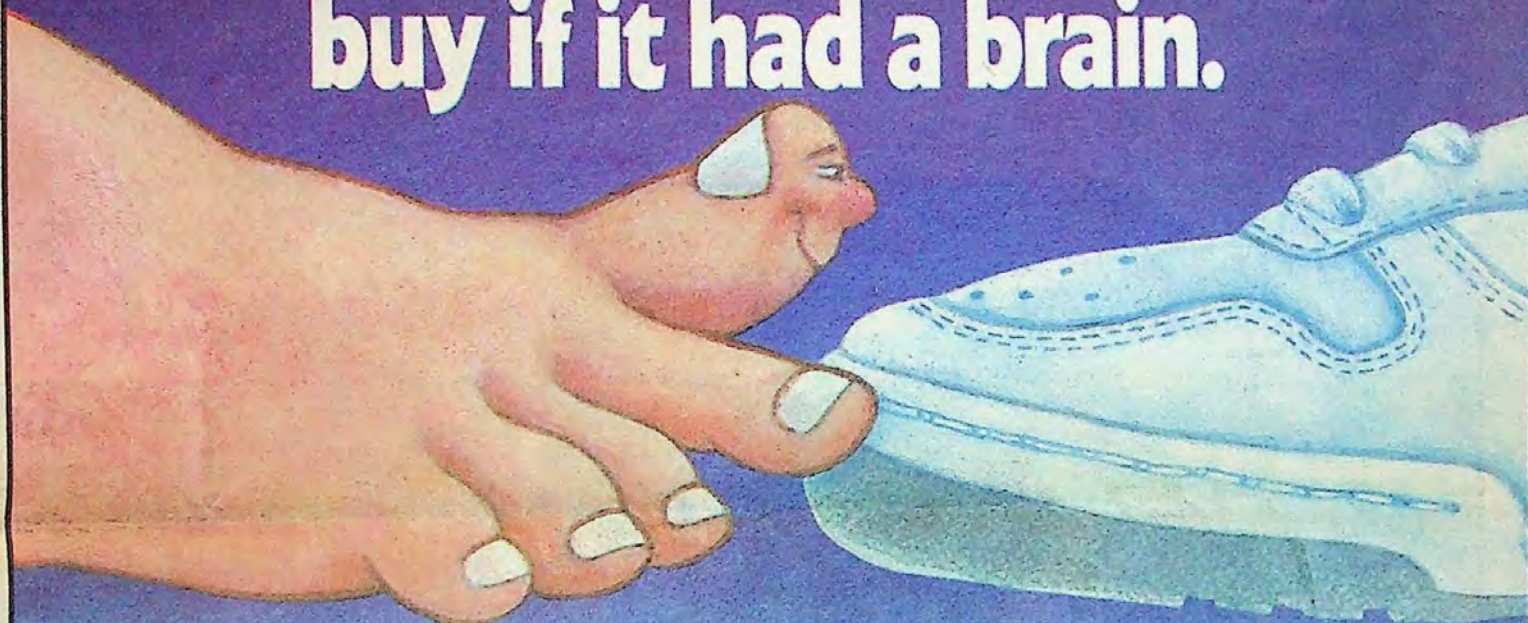
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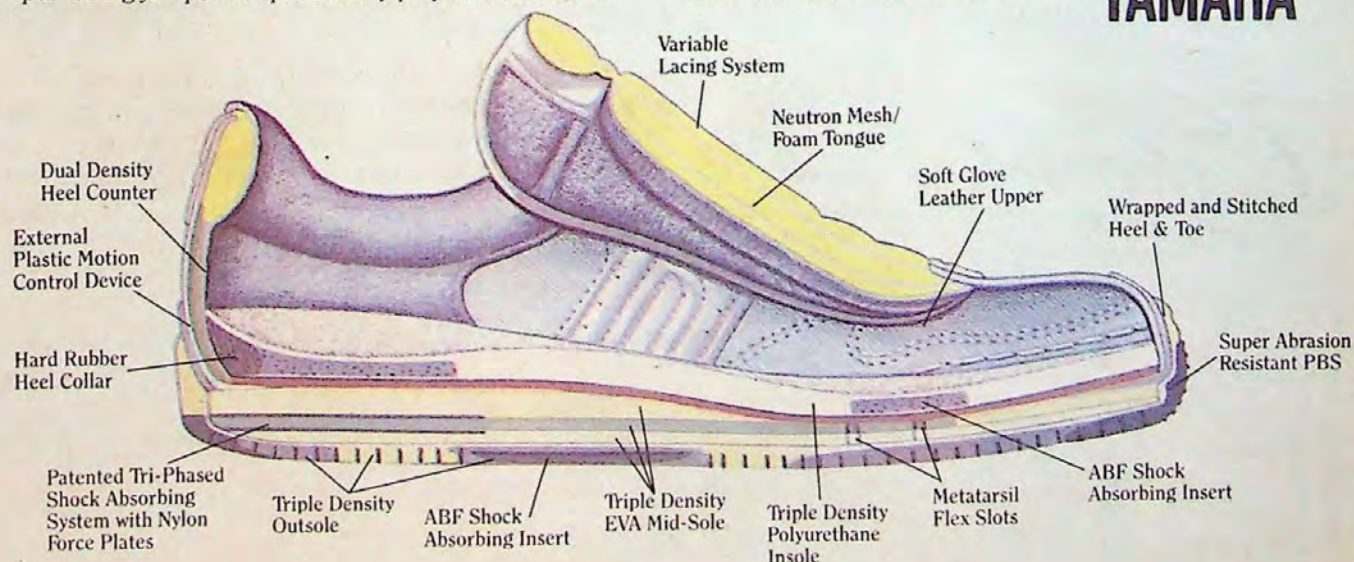
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- 14 Nolan Glantz, NY
- 15 Mark Isley, MO
- 16 Bruce Meyer, IA
- 17 Dean Sowards, WA
- 18 Rod Wade, IN
- 19 Tab Mark, NJ
- 20 Bart Turner, OH

Women's A

- 1 Paula Russler, SD
- 2 Pam Afford, FL
- 3 Beth Adl, FL
- 4 Janet Watts, FL
- 5 Shirley Vanderbroek, MI
- 6 Melodie Fox, WA
- 7 Chris Collins, FL
- 8 Ricky Henglin, SD
- 9 Heather Adler, CT
- 10 Donna Borrer, WV
- 11 Eileen Ehrlich, FL
- 12 Lisa Faquin, TN
- 13 Margaret Lucus, TX
- 14 Debbie McNeil, GA
- 15 Pat Tarzon, IL
- 16 Sharon Duell, CO
- 17 Madelon Eichorn, CO
- 18 Jody Llacera, NJ
- 19 Sylvia Luscher, MA
- 20 Robin Sadowski, CA

Men's B

- 1 Sal Teodoro, NJ
- 2 Kevin Howell, FL
- 3 Curt Rozier, MI
- 4 Jeff Decker, IN
- 5 Si Mathison, AL
- 6 George Deleny, MA
- 7 John Flammang, SD
- 8 Kelly Cottrill, PA
- 9 Erick Gunderson, MA
- 10 Dave Picard, MA
- 11 Wayne Bosna, OK
- 12 Rich Gustin, SC
- 13 Tom Hagen, MT
- 14 Nathan Jilek, TX
- 15 Wayne Miller, PA
- 16 Curt Monson, WA
- 17 Tim Ostma, MN
- 18 Gary Alexander, CO
- 19 Dave Larry, MI
- 20 Craig Drimal, NY

Women's B

- 1 Janet Burke, MA
- 2 Sandy Lantis, NE
- 3 Robin Saraceni, NY
- 4 Fran Kenck, IL
- 5 Carol Luedcke, WA
- 6 Karen Sanfilippo, NJ
- 7 Donna Daly, WY
- 8 Melanie Peterson, CO

- 9 Karl Gregg, KS
- 10 Karen San Fillippo, FL
- 11 Ginger Barsotti, OK
- 12 Chris Huisman, IA
- 13 Sarah Warden, TN
- 14 Sharon Huczek, MI
- 15 Linda Dougherty, NY
- 16 Emma Garrett, TN
- 17 Dolie Taylor, ME
- 18 Suzanne Bridge, NJ
- 19 Mary Hargrave, NJ
- 20 Karen McJunkin, OH

Men's C

- 1 Jim Klenrock, MA
- 2 Charles Seidel, ME
- 3 Dan Verbeck, MI
- 4 Sal Acosta, TX
- 5 Dan Akeley, OH
- 6 Dave Beck, FL
- 7 Bob Francis, PA
- 8 Bob Gidner, WA
- 9 Jeff Haase, CA
- 10 Chris Jones, OK
- 11 Curt Metz, SD
- 12 John Parsons, WY
- 13 Al Rockett, AL
- 14 Lawrence Wseiner, IL
- 15 Gabe Ayala, CA
- 16 Brian Bristow, VT
- 17 Ross Greenberg, FL
- 18 Rick Szanbel, DE
- 19 Mark Burdick, MA
- 20 Mark Frank, ME

Women's C

- 1 Lisa Pietz, SD
- 2 Belinda Emerson, VT
- 3 Carol Lombardi, VA
- 4 Tracey Troszak, MI
- 5 Deb Weaver, IA
- 6 Elaine Knowlen, ME
- 7 Dixie Beymer, KS
- 8 Kathy Grondwick, WA
- 9 Debra Held, FL
- 10 Desire Desmon, NC
- 11 Karen Dwezarzek, IL
- 12 Connie Scott, AL
- 13 Kathy Turnell, TX
- 14 Jane Warden, FL
- 15 Judy Doherty, MA
- 16 Gayle Westbrook, AL
- 17 Barbara Hahn, DE
- 18 Tina Alonzi, CO
- 19 Kathryn Carlisi, NY
- 20 Gail Ganzer, NY

Men's D

- 1 Mike Mahuren, WA
- 2 Larry Hicks, KY
- 3 Chris Jones, OK
- 4 John Lancia, OH
- 5 Ken Paros, IL
- 6 Dave Pelland, MA
- 7 Scott Schaffer, MN
- 8 Hector Tenorio, TX
- 9 Jon Balcom, MA
- 10 Paul Scarnici, MA
- 11 Stephen Perry, CA
- 12 Terre Webb, FL
- 13 Sue Atkinson, WA
- 14 Jim Colello, ME
- 15 Jay Barasch, IL
- 16 Kelly Heath, WY
- 17 Russ Riddell, IN
- 18 Steve Allman, WA
- 19 Kirk Brenning, KS
- 20 Dan Coughlin, OH

Women's D

- 1 Sandy Ridky, MI
- 2 Rita Bain, CO
- 3 August Anderson
- 4 Beverly Bolte, AR
- 5 Elizabeth Golub, TX
- 6 Mary Mowasacki, MA
- 7 Patti Yough, FL
- 8 Cheryl Esser, SD
- 9 Wanda Ruggieri, NH
- 10 Kelly Beane, NH
- 11 Ann Armstrong, MI
- 12 Elizabeth Ritter, MI
- 13 Patricia Roberts, CA
- 14 Kim Cramer, FL
- 15 Sheila Colby, ME
- 16 Barb Gochenbach, FL
- 17 Shelly Pralher, SD
- 18 Marlene Andrade, CA
- 19 Debra Bennett, KS
- 20 Sherry Davis, ME

Men's Novice

- 1 Bruce Bodolosky, NJ
- 2 Bruce Freisth, SD
- 3 Perry Baptiste, TX
- 4 Troy Dingman, KS
- 5 Andrew MacIsaac, MA
- 6 Wesley Miller, TN
- 7 Miles Sanders, VA
- 8 Frederick Smith, OH
- 9 Stephen Akers, AL
- 10 Greg Martix, DE
- 11 Tom Williams, AL
- 12 Tom Myers, CA
- 14 Craig Czzy, FL
- 15 Gary Bosers, TN
- 16 Ken Campbell, FL
- 17 Martin Carter, MI
- 18 Rick Cascina, AK

- 19 Walter Cossens, NY
- 20 John Cox, TX
- 1 Debbie Little, MA
- 2 Donna Gedgoudas, AL
- 3 Amy Griebl, FL
- 4 Kathy Janzen, KS
- 5 Cindy Polley, TX
- 6 Donna Roehler, PA
- 7 Heather Homan, NH
- 8 Elaine Johnson, NY
- 9 Pat Hanson, NY
- 10 Roxanne Biermann, PA
- 11 Sandy Colaw, KS
- 12 Melanie Cole, MN
- 13 Ann Duhaime, NY
- 14 Joann Gingras, RI
- 15 Pauline Gracia, NY
- 16 Julia Harthimer, NY
- 17 Jackie Larue, MA
- 18 Denise Lederman, NY
- 19 Karen Meyers, WV
- 20 Judy Nickel, AK

Women's Novice

- 1 Levi Groomer, NM
- 2 Brian Bovee, MI
- 3 Jim Aberti, NY
- 4 George D'Annely, FL
- 5 Garry Groomer, NM
- 6 Matt Hornaday, IN
- 7 Evan Pelowski, WI
- 8 Jon Xynidis, FL
- 9 Frank Dean, Jr., AL
- 10 Mike Greenough, NM
- 11 David Lekanson, FL
- 12 Jim Ashurst, AL
- 13 Josh Carpenter, IA
- 14 Jody Friedman, FL
- 15 Kyle Frant, IN
- 16 Artie Mochi, NY
- 17 Todd Nathanson, AK
- 18 Derek Starr, NY
- 19 Brett Thompson, FL
- 20 Brian Wilchowski, MA

Men's 8

- 1 Jason Waggoner, FL
- 2 Will Epperson, AL
- 3 Chad Sanford, FL
- 4 Bart Turner, OH
- 5 Mike Craig, SC
- 6 Trent Tornabene, FL
- 7 Tom Williams, AL
- 8 Mike Guidry, TX
- 9 Dale Johnson, IL
- 10 James Lorello, FL
- 11 Travis Noell, MD
- 12 Craig O'Connell, CO
- 13 Wesley Miller, TN
- 14 Jeff Kummier, MI
- 15 Danny Alonzi, CO
- 16 Eddie Albert, NC
- 17 Tony Zile, OH
- 18 Brian Simpson, IN
- 19 Brian Aragon, NM
- 20 David Pitegoff, NY

Women's 8

- 1 Debra Derr, FL
- 2 Dawn Gates, IL
- 3 Kendra Nealon, PA
- 4 Jenny Payne, IL
- 5 Christy Xynidis, FL
- 6 Kathy Hagerty, AL
- 7 Laura Jels, NM
- 8 Kim Metzler, NM
- 9 Sunny Beasley, NM
- 10 Karen Kilhstein, FL
- 11 Jenny Wald, FL
- 12 Deborah Paller, FL
- 13 Revonne Bauwens, FL
- 14 Dee Harris, FL
- 15 F.R. Reeder, FL
- 16 Christine Vanhees, CD
- 17 Ginger Gelhaus, CA
- 18 Jennifer Thompson, FL
- 19 Lia Brooks, NY
- 20 Christine Skinner, MI

Men's 10

- 1 Ryan Davis, IN
- 2 Alan Engel, FL
- 3 Barry King, WY
- 4 Wesley Miller, TN
- 5 Joaquim Murrieta, CA
- 6 Craig Rappaport, PA
- 7 Anthony Trevino, CO
- 8 Jodi Willem, WI
- 9 Brent Zimmerman, MI
- 10 Frank Dean, AL
- 11 Robby Sheward, IN
- 12 Billy De Frank, NY
- 13 Ryan Smith, FL
- 14 Brian Bovee, MI
- 15 Jim Ellenberger, WI
- 16 Brian Garrow, MI
- 17 Robby Hale, IN
- 18 Matthew Isenhower, AL
- 19 Kim Peckler, IL
- 20 Evan Pellowski, WI

Women's 10

- 1 Liz Brooks, NY
- 2 Sarah Linskey, CT
- 3 Ericka Wilhit, OH
- 4 Lisa Brooks, NY
- 5 Tara Flowers, MI
- 6 Heather Reilly, NH
- 7 Christine Shinnies, MI
- 8 Amy Wishtoff, AK
- 9 Debra Derr, FL
- 10 Paige Sowers, MI
- 11 Kia Kreig, AK
- 12 Karl Aragon, NM
- 13 Jennifer Froning, NY
- 14 Fina Scott, IN
- 15 Alicia Hopper, AK
- 16 Kara Metzger, IN
- 17 Carrie Mobley, NM
- 18 Marka Malone, NM
- 19 Eikova Icenogle, CA
- 20 Britt Engle, FL

Men's 12

- 1 Russ McCoy, PA
- 2 Chris Conte, NY
- 3 John Kolen, AL
- 4 Lenny Aragon, NM
- 5 Derek Harmenson, IN
- 6 Nicki Xynidis, FL

- 7 Michael Orr, PA
- 8 David Bean, IN
- 9 Alan Engel, FL
- 10 Jim Ellenberger, WI
- 11 Giovanni Mendez, TX
- 12 Mike Pettoruto, MA
- 13 Robby Walden, FL
- 14 Richard Lyons, FL
- 15 Charlie Thompson, AL
- 16 Craig Czzy, FL
- 17 Eric Crawford, NY
- 18 Mike Sabatini, PA
- 19 Joel Bonnett, MI
- 20 Kevin Daly, MA

Women's 12

- 1 Danielle Culverhouse, AL
- 2 Martha Gates, IL
- 3 Kelly Russell, KY
- 4 Hannah Spector, FL
- 5 Jackie Charbonneau, NY
- 6 Karl Aragon, NM
- 7 Amber Leseure, IN
- 8 Monica Carmona, CA
- 9 Heather Dunn, MA
- 10 Alicia Kinney, AK
- 11 Heidi Kinesal, NY
- 12 Kristen Lingman, NM
- 13 Shelby Pancoast, IL
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- 15 Tami Lacy, CA
- 16 Amy Linskey, CT
- 17 Kathy Spaeth, IL
- 18 Marnie Thornton, CO
- 19 Melissa Busham, AK
- 20 Stephanie Pinola, PA

Men's 14

- 1 Jason Waggoner, FL
- 2 Will Epperson, AL
- 3 Chad Sanford, FL
- 4 Bart Turner, OH
- 5 Mike Craig, SC
- 6 Trent Tornabene, FL
- 7 Tom Williams, AL
- 8 Mike Guidry, TX
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- 17 Tony Zile, OH
- 18 Brian Simpson, IN
- 19 Brian Aragon, NM
- 20 David Pitegoff, NY

Women's 14

- 1 Amy Simonetta, FL
- 2 Tim Levine, NY
- 3 Amber Leseure, IN
- 4 Tina Alonzi, CO
- 5 Jennie Lee, PA
- 6 Hannah Spector, FL
- 7 Mary Dean Lasli, AL
- 8 Kim Copelas, MA
- 9 Michelle McCullough, TX
- 10 Cara Pellowski, WI
- 11 Kim Pinola, PA
- 12 Susan Cox, FL
- 13 Heather Dunn, AK
- 14 Alicia Kinney, AK
- 15 Rennee Lockey, TX
- 16 Salina Rodriguez, CO
- 17 Shellah Scheider, IL
- 18 Jennifer Afford, FL
- 19 Angie Lee, PA
- 20 Jenny Anderson, CA

Men's 16

- 1 Chris Leseure, IN
- 2 Oscar Gonzalez, FL
- 3 Si Mathison, AL
- 4 Rob Kulp, FL
- 5 David Brackin, AL
- 6 Scott Richborg, FL
- 7 Mike Alvarado, TX
- 8 David Bogenschutz, WI
- 9 Tony Boscia, CO
- 10 George Copelas, MA
- 11 Brian Jorgenson, PA
- 12 Eric L'Archelleque, CD
- 13 Tommy Lowe, NC
- 14 Aaron Metaj, MI
- 15 Scott Richbourg, FL
- 16 Matt Rudich, NV
- 17 Eric Cramer, FL
- 18 Dave Larry, MI
- 19 Lino Suarez, FL
- 20 Tom Doughty, SD

Women's 16

- 1 Carrie Healy, GA
- 2 Susan Craddock, NY
- 3 Kerri Niggemeyer, OH
- 4 Kim Russel, KY
- 5 Julie Thomas, IL
- 6 Angela Wyble, CO
- 7 Leslie Oddy, FL
- 8 Dana Conroy, FL
- 9 Kathaline Bernard, CD
- 10 Delaine, Comer, CA
- 11 Elma Fuentes, CO
- 12 Amy Mabry, AK
- 13 Amy Simonetta, FLK
- 14 Jenny Stone, FL
- 15 Lisa Yackley, IL

- 16 Shelly Aston, WI
- 17 Debra Decarlo, CA
- 18 Chris Kamyck, CT
- 19 Salina Rodriguez, CO
- 20 Sue Green, AK

Men's 18

- 1 Charlie Nichols, FL
- 2 Oscar Gonzalez, FL
- 3 Rob McKinney, PA
- 4 Mark Mikulla, IN
- 5 Chris Cole, MI
- 6 David Gries, AL
- 7 Keil Koger, LA
- 8 Martin Mercier, CD
- 9 Dave Simonette, MD
- 10 Cliff Swain, MA
- 11 Tim Sweeney, IL
- 12 Matt Loesel, PA
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- 14 Eric Cramer, FL
- 15 Mark Dainher, PA
- 16 Tom Elliot, PA
- 17 Mike Bronfeld, CA
- 18 Mitch Capbell, FL
- 19 Jacque Demers, CD
- 20 Maurice Fallas, TX

Women's 18

- 1 Wendy Crews, MD
- 2 Janet Burke, MA
- 3 Hollie Huelsmann, MO
- 4 Shelly Lee, PA
- 5 Robin Levine, NY
- 6 Jill Ostem, NC
- 7 Dina Prichett, TN
- 8 Robin McBride, FL
- 9 Wendy Cruz, MD
- 10 Tina Erwin, AK
- 11 Kathy Ann Gates, IL
- 12 Kate Renate, NY
- 13 Claudia McCarthy, FL
- 14 Angela Smith, NC
- 15 Sonia Tardif, CD
- 16 Angel Thompson, AL
- 17 Leigh Anne Coutu, DE
- 18 Tracy Daly, MA
- 19 Jackie Gosselin, NC
- 20 Cheryl Gudinas, IL

Men's Wheelchair

- 1 Clark William, TX
- 2 John Foust, CO
- 3 Dan Kiley, CA
- 4 Jim Leatherman, MD
- 5 Chip Parmoly, CA

Women's Wheelchair

- 1 Kathy Donoho, TX
- 2 Tammy Riggs, CA

Men's 19+

- 1 Joey Cline, NJ
- 2 Tim Hansen, FL
- 3 Jim Jeffers, IL
- 4 Charlie Horton, NY
- 5 Tom Coleman, MA
- 6 Aaron Katz, TX
- 7 Mike Coleman, MA
- 8 John Barrett, PA
- 9 Ed Davidson, OH
- 10 Rob French, MN
- 11 Mark Henshaw, WA
- 12 Doug Jones, KS
- 13 Steve Kille, MT
- 14 Tim Labonne, IN
- 15 Andy Roberts, TN
- 16 Richard Hull, FL
- 17 Sergio Gonzalez, FL
- 18 Frank Toney, UT
- 19 George Mollenberg, FL
- 20 Scott Sherman, WA

Women's 19+

- 1 Jan Curtis, FL
- 2 Lisa Hjelm, CA
- 3 Lori Basch, FL
- 4 Fran Kenck, IL
- 5 Cindy Ekusian, MA
- 6 Cathy Nichols, CD
- 7 Kelly Cremons, IN
- 8 Lisa Devine, TN
- 9 Terri Graham, NE
- 10 Christy Johnson, FL
- 11 Leanne Nassberg, NY
- 12 Chris Radcliffe, MT
- 13 Tracey Sundquist, WA
- 14 Diana Almeida, CO
- 15 Chris Collins, FL
- 16 Terri Graham, ME
- 17 Debra Staub, CA
- 18 Lisa Riley, MA
- 19 Beth Aldi, FL
- 20 Colleen Brint, OH

- 16 Mike Openbriar, PA
- 17 Mitch Smith, PA
- 18 Ray Vanover, MI
- 19 Ken Woodfin, TX
- 20 Bob Driscoll, FL

Women's 25+

- 1 Kathy Gluvna, TN
- 2 Mary Pat Sklenka, TX
- 3 Martha Adams, GA
- 4 Barbara Simmons, FL
- 5 Sheri Anderson, MI
- 6 Marilyn Ellis, MA
- 7 Teri Gatarz, FL
- 8 Malia Kamahoa, VA
- 9 Kim Redding, PA
- 10 Amy Rice, NJ
- 11 Linda Sreeton, IN
- 12 Colleen Shields, IL
- 13 Terry Singletary, OK
- 14 Sheri Stranberg, MT
- 15 Connie Hagler, IN
- 16 Pamela Laursen, TX
- 17 Joanie Quinlan, MA
- 18 Diane Buillard, FL
- 19 Kerstin Ackerman, VA
- 20 Glynis Bakken, VA

Men's 30+

- 1 Dennis Aceto, MA
- 2 Bob Driscoll, FL
- 3 Jim Young, PA
- 4 Stu Hastings, MI
- 5 Tom Riley, MA
- 6 Ed Garabedian, PA
- 7 Ken Smith, OK
- 8 Ray Vanover, MI
- 9 Niti Layton, FL
- 10 Mike Janiak, PA
- 11 Van Dubolsky, FL
- 12 Wayne Vincent, GA
- 13 A.J. Allen, IL
- 14 Dan Allen, WA
- 15 John Bouzits, WY
- 16 Scott Clark, VA
- 17 John Eftekar, TX
- 18 Bob Leclerc, IN
- 19 Tom Travers, OH
- 20 Frank Tuschak, PA

Women's 30+

- 1 Julie Pinnell, FL
- 2 Mary Jo Murray, FL
- 3 Connie Peterson, OR
- 4 Janet Simon, MA
- 5 Agatha Falso, FL
- 6 Jan Peterson, PA
- 7 Marth Callahan, MA
- 8 Mary Anne Cluess, NY
- 9 Laurel Davis, IL
- 10 Terry Dickerson, KS
- 11 Eileen Ehrlich, FL
- 12 Chris Fischer, OH
- 13 Chris Martin, MT
- 14 Holly Rentz, KY
- 15 Joann Sergeant, TN
- 16 Sue Sotelo, FL
- 17 Joan Azeka, IL
- 18 Grace Grille, NY
- 19 Evelyn Thomas, NY
- 20 Janet Watts, FL

Men's 35+

- 1 Ed Remen, VA
- 2 Mike Stephens, MI
- 3 Mike Clifford, NY
- 4 Tom Brownlee, MI
- 5 Wayne Vincent, GA
- 6 Glen Withrow, MN
- 7 Jim Hiser, MI
- 8 John Dolby, IL
- 9 Mark Hegg, CD
- 10 Jim Eaton, NH
- 11 Steve Chapman, FL
- 12 Mitt Layton, FL
- 13 John Hennen, TN
- 14 Russel Montague, PA
- 15 Keith Morgan, MA
- 16 Jerry Henderson, WA
- 17 Dennis Sbraga, NY
- 18 Jim Winterton, NY
- 19 Van Dubolsky, FL
- 20 Guy Beck, MA

Women's 35+

- 1 Martha Callahan, MA
- 2 Agatha Falso, FL
- 3 Vicki Armstrong, CO
- 4 Sherry Edelman, MA
- 5 Jean Deschger, CA
- 6 Yvonne Callavan, WA
- 7 Sue Graham, CO
- 8 Berte Heath, MT
- 9 Susan Kraft, KS
- 10 Margaret Light, IL
- 11 Helen Moore, TX
- 12 Lena Priano, NJ
- 13 Charlotte Stultz, PA
- 14 Maite Urza, WA
- 15 Judy Hopkins, PA
- 16 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 17 Sandy Rogers, PA
- 18 Joan Pearce, IL
- 19 Libby laney, FL
- 20 Karen Filippio, FL

Men's 40+

- 1 Ed Remen, VA
- 2 Bob Riley, FL
- 3 Ed Vlock, FL

- 4 John Alton, FL
- 5 Jeff Leon, FL
- 6 Mike Gorman, MN
- 7 Neil Shapiro, NY
- 8 Sid Williams, WA
- 9 Ron Galbreath, PA
- 10 Tom McKie, TX
- 11 Dayton Dickey, TX
- 12 Thomas Rumsey, FL
- 13 Reed Barnitz, NM
- 14 Lee Humphrey, TX
- 15 Robert Boice, ID
- 16 Renee Depot, RI
- 17 John Fleishaker, KY
- 18 Larry Hemphill, AL
- 19 Ron Paul, IL
- 20 Powell, PA

Women's 40+

- 1 Nancy Katz, PA
- 2 Gayann Gloom, MA
- 3 Carol Saraceni, NY
- 4 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 5 Julia Williamson, FL
- 6 Bev Franks, IL
- 7 Mildred Gwinn, NC
- 8 Marion Johnson, TX
- 9 Joan Pearce, IL
- 10 Jan Shelton, MT
- 11 Judy Hopkins, PA
- 12 Mimi Kelly, MA
- 13 Koz Burnett, NY
- 14 Mary Lou Acuff
- 15 Doris Billings, NJ
- 16 Pat Guth, MT
- 17 Kathy Mueller, MN
- 18 Sharon Ray, CO
- 19 Mary Allaman, MT
- 20 Vicki Edelmenn, MA

Men's 45+

- 1 Charlie Garfinkel, NY
- 2 Ed Vlock, FL
- 3 Don Costleigh, NY
- 4 Dario Mas, DE
- 5 Thomas Runsey, FL
- 6 Ron Johnson, IL
- 7 Skip Elman, MA
- 8 Bobby Sanders, OH
- 9 Lynn Hann, MI
- 10 Jess Madden, MI
- 11 Les Dittich, MN
- 12 Art



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Nattalie Peak and Shelly Richardson from Utah (left) lost to Holly Harpham and Susan Mazer from California, 15-13, 15-4, the Girls' Doubles.



Kendall Olson, UT (left) lost to David Fullmer, AZ, 15-2, 15-5 in the Boys Singles.

EXPLORER OLYMPICS DRAWS 1200

Every four years the Boy Scouts of America sponsor The Explorer's Olympics which is open for competition to both boys and girls. This year on June 30-July 5, a record attendance of 1200 athletes came to Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO, to try their skills at such sports as basketball, swimming, volleyball and racquetball.

"Racquetball was far and away the most popular single participant sport at the Explorer Olympics."

"Racquetball was far and away the most popular single participant sport at the Explorer Olympics," stated John Foust, Event Director for racquetball. "We far surpassed tennis in the number of players that participated."

Because of the great interest in racquetball, a clinic was provided and

many of the enthusiastic boys and girls experienced racquetball for the first time.

"I made it mandatory that everyone wear eyeguards," John Foust told Racquetball in Review. "I got a little flak from one guy who battled me against using them, but, after the first round he came back to me and said, 'You know, I've never worn eye guards before, but today I slipped up front when I hit the ball and fell down and my opponent returned the shot right square into my eye. I'm so glad that I was wearing them!' I told him that not wearing eye protection is a mistake you only make once." Penn Athletic Products donated the balls for the tournament and Leader Eyeguards donated 16 sets of eyeguards.

John would like to extend his thanks to: Tom King, who was his Youth Assistant, Clint Koble who helped in the draw and donated racquets for the players to use, Bret Rabe who help put on an exhibition match and refereed, Heather Kelleman, who helped ref and Diane Adams who also help us referee the Explorer Olympics.



David Hughs and David Fullmer (left) teamed up to beat Scot Stuafter and Cory Birt in the Boys' Doubles 15-8, 13-15, 11-4.

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To organize your Junior's Program, here's a typical monthly schedule to give

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Begin with 30 minutes of junior clinic instruction. Then have 30 minutes of games to test racquetball skills like shooting at cans, and carrying the ball on a racquet. After that allow 30 minutes to an hour for team play.

Post the results of the competition on the Team Competition Chart displayed in a prominent club location. The winners of the league, the first two teams, will receive a DP Junior Hawk racquet for each participant.

It's a good idea to have a mini-tournament each month for round robin

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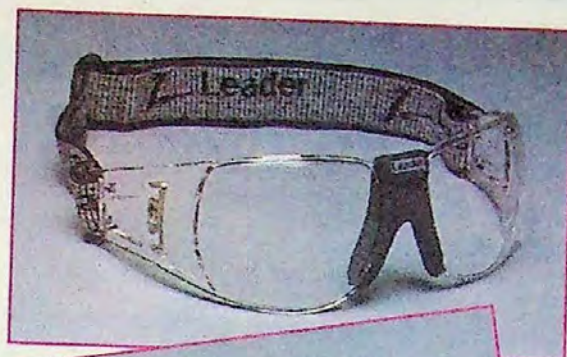
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A NEW LOOK FOR THE RACQUETBALL COURT

By Mike Arnolt
National Rules Commissioner

The racquetball court will take on a slightly different look this fall as a result of a new rule adopted recently by the American Amateur Racquetball Association. The hash mark on the side walls used to designate the receiving line will be replaced by a broken line that will extend the length of the court.

Cutting off the lob serve in the air and short-hopping the lob serve have become such an oft-used offensive tactic of the game that it is important to identify clearly the safety zone. The line forms a point of reference for the receiver, server and referee.

Hash marks of three to six inches long on the sidewalls made it virtually impossible for the players or referee to judge just where the imaginary line was. Encroachment, or entering the safety zone too quickly will more easily be enforced with the advent of the broken line on the court.

The rule, amended in 1984, covering encroachment basically states: 1) The receiver may not enter the safety zone until the ball bounces. 2) On the fly return attempt, the receiver may not strike the ball until it breaks the plane of the receiving (five-foot) line. The receiver or racquet can cross the five-foot line on the follow-through. Neither the receiver nor the racquet may break the plane of the short line on the return of serve (except if the ball is struck after rebounding off the backwall).

Overwhelming Support

The broken line to designate the receiving line received overwhelming support when presented to the general membership in January. Eighty-six percent of members replying to a poll in the AARA "Racquetball In Review" voted for the adoption.



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Several clubs around the nation have utilized the line in various forms. The Indiana State Racquetball Association and the Racquetball Association of Michigan used the broken line in sanctioned tournaments the past year.

In adopting the rule, which goes into effect September 1, 1986, the AARA granted a one-year grace period for permanently affixing the lines. The lines can easily be painted on top of the pres-

ent court surface. However, for those who prefer to paint the lines when the courts are being refinished, tape can be used to designate the line. Tape was used on the 23 court floors at the Houston Downtown YMCA for the 1985 U.S. National Singles Championships in May. Inch to inch-and-one-half wide plastic tape, available at most stationery stores, stays on the floor very well. There is little expense for the project.

Paint, brushes, masking tape, sandpaper, and urethane for eight courts costs about \$50.00.

Closing the courts to play while the paint and the two coats of urethane dry are the biggest inconvenience. That can be kept at a minimum, however, by doing one court at a time. When play is slow during the summer, it is an ideal time to do several courts at once.

One Year Grace Period

The one-year grace period is extended to all sanctioned tournament sites with the exception of the state, regional and national. Most state and regional events will be conducted after the first of the year, which gives them from five to eight months to paint the lines.

The painted broken line is a requirement for all sanctioned tournaments after August 31, 1986.

Tournaments aside, it is the regular club player who will benefit most by the line across the court. The casual player and league member tend to imitate the actions of the advanced and tournament players. Having the line as a point of reference will eliminate any potential injuries that can occur when the racquet and player get too close.

Court manufacturers have been notified of the specification change and it is anticipated that all courts currently under construction or resurfacing will have the new receiving lines added.

The Rule

Like all lines on the court, the receiving line will be one-and-one-half inches wide. The rule, found under "Courts and Equipment" in the Official Rulebook reads:

Receiving Line. A broken line parallel to the rear of the short line. The back edge of the receiving line will be five feet from the back edge of the short line. The receiving line will begin with a line 21 inches long that extends from each sidewall. The two lines will be connected by an alternate series of six-inch spaces and six-inch lines (17 six-inch spaces and 16 six-inch lines).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sites of all state, regional, and national championships taking place after September 1, 1985 must have the receiving line painted on the floor. Until September 1, 1986, all other sanctioned tournaments may use tape to designate the receiving line. Official court specifications must be complied with by September 1, 1986. ■



MARTIN SCHWARTZ AND DEE WIN AWARDS

The most prestigious AARA awards of the year were given to three AARA members. The John Halverson award for outstanding service was given to Ed Martin, Region 14 commissioner. The 1985 Male Athlete of the Year was given to Jay Schwartz who has dominated the 30+ and 35+ championships for years. The 1985 Female Athlete of the Year award was given to Mary Dee for her superb performance that has also made her a part of the U.S. Team. Congratulations! ■

New Directions



by Luke St. Onge Executive Director of the AARA

A new racquetball season is upon us or is it? It now seems that there is some drop off during the summer months, but not as much as in past years. In fact, the most prestigious events of the season take place during this time. The National Singles, National Juniors, World Games, Explorer Olympics, National Elite Training Camps, World Masters Games, National Seniors Invitational, National Masters Doubles Invitational, and numerous pro stops have all taken place during this time.

"This area of Orange County is so elite, that one got tired of counting the Porsches Mercedes, and Rolls."

I would like to single out the National Juniors recently held in Newport Beach, California, as an example of the sport maturing and coming of age. There was a certain amount of apprehension as the Juniors grew closer. The Juniors was to be held at one of the most elite and prestigious, adult, all-purpose facilities in the United States. In fact, this area of Orange County is so elite, that one got tired of counting the Porsches, Mercedes, and Rolls Royces in the parking lot. How were the members and the management going to react to 600 kids suddenly invading their home away from home? After six days of this invasion, we received the ultimate compliment from Ray Cuddy, Owner/Manager of the Sporting House. He said, "You can come back anytime you want to." This says a lot for the Junior development and our sport.

We would like to welcome AMF Head as "Official Racquet Sponsor of the Racquetball Competition of the World Games" This is Head's first entry into sponsorship in the International arena and we welcome them.

I would like to once again appeal to you, the most concerned and involved players in our sport. For our sport to continue to grow, we must support those sponsors who support you and your association. It is extremely frustrating for all of us, both inside the industry and outside the industry, to see a lack of loyalty towards our sponsors. Just think of the future the next time you're in the market place.

Regards,
Luke St. Onge

In Praise Of Juniors

Dear Editor,

I have enclosed a picture of our region 12 Juniors (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah) which took place at the Rallysport Health and Racquet Club in Boulder Colorado. It was a great success judging from these smiling faces.

Hope you have room for it.
John Foust Region 12 Director

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a picture of our 1985 Junior Racquetball Team. It has grown quickly over the past 6 months and we are very proud of our Junior Program.

We would like to thank you for the inspiration that the AARA has given us in junior racquetball and also for the increase in play, fun and family it has brought to the club.

Although this is only the real youngsters from our team, our team involves kids from ages 6 to 16, any bounce play to Men's Open play.

Our instructors are some of our staff members that play in the upper divisions. They teach basics to the little ones and drill with the better players. It is a real group effort.

Since all of our players are members of the AARA and receive your newsletter every issue, please try to mention our success in your publication. I'm sure it would be an inspiration to all involved.

You will be seeing some of our kids at the National's in Houston and in California at the Junior Nationals.

Carol Manning
The Village Racquet Club
Charlton, MA



Letters to the Editor

Dear Carol,

Looks like you've got a wild bunch of racquetballers there. I'm sure that all of them are first class kids and all of us are proud that we can help them enjoy racquetball. If we can help you in any way, drop us a note. -Ed.

Leatherman Not #1?

Dear Editor,

I read your interview about Jim Leatherman in your last issue and I think that I should bring to your attention a wheelchair player by the name of Chip Parmoly. In April of 1984 we held a National Invitational Wheelchair tournament in which Jim Leatherman and Chip were participants. In 1984, Mr. Leatherman was the reigning wheelchair racquetball champion. Chip won the tournament without losing a game and beat Mr. Leatherman three straight by long margins. Jim is a superb player and a fine gentleman, but since that first encounter with Chip he has never won even a game from Chip.

Chip has no idea I am writing this letter, but I just felt that it should be brought out. Chip, in my opinion and that of many others, is the #1 wheelchair racquetball player in the nation. He is ranked 6th in the world in wheelchair tennis, plays on the #1 wheelchair basketball team in the nation, wheels and places high in marathons all over the world and is starting his own wheelchair sports promotions company. He is a truly inspirational person and I couldn't help but think that it should have been Chip in your June/July issue and not Jim Leatherman.

Rick Winton Diamond Bar, CA.

Mr. Parmoly definitely is a very skilled sportsman and would no doubt give Mr. Leatherman a run for his money to be the #1 wheelchair champ. The position for the #1 spot in the nation, however, is decided every year at the National Singles Championships and Mr. Parmoly was not there to compete therefore he can not claim the title. I'm sure I speak for Mr. Leatherman as well as myself when I say that any and all challengers are welcome and I hope Mr. Parmoly will indeed be there next year to take a shot at winning this prestigious title. -Ed.

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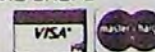
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WRA Stop
Tyrome Racquetball Club
St. Petersburg, FL

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

September 13-15
Michigan Champ Series
Diane Easterling
900 Long Blvd #423
Lansing, MI 48910

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

September 14-16
Region 15 Doubles
Pacific West Club
19820 Schriber Lake Road
Lynnwood, WA 98036
Sid Williams

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

September 20-22
Region 15 Doubles
Pacific West Club
19820 Schriber Lake Road
Lynnwood, WA 98036
Sid Williams

September 20-22
Tournament
Greenville Athletic Club
140 Oakmont Drive
Greenville, NC 27834
Wayne Barrow

September 27-29
Women's National Invitational
Tampa Bay Court House
7815 N Dale Mabry
Tampa Bay, FL 33614

October 4-6
Lyon Bud Lite
Pike Creek Court Club
Wilmington, DE 19808
Gary Cook 302-764-4940

October 4-6
Olympiad
Boca Raton, FL

October 4-6
Olympic Racquetb & Health
5301 Learty Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98107

October 4-6
Scleroderma Charity Open
The Olympiad
Boca Raton, FL

October 11-13
Charlotte RB Club
5501 77 Center Dr
Charlotte, NC 28210
Linda Ferris 704-527-0975

October 11-13
Oktoberfest Open
Colony Court Club
Albany, NY 12211
John Martin 518-459-4444

October 11-13
WRA Stop
Tyrome Racquetball Club
St. Petersburg, FL

October 18-20
Michigan Champ Series
Diane Easterling
900 Long Blvd #423
Lansing, MI 48910

October 24-27
AARA National Doubles
Cheyenne, WY
Luke St. Onge

October 25-27
4th Annual Fall Classic
Court House Racquet Club
1545 Helton Dr
Florence, AL 35630

October 25-27
Charlotte YMCA
400 E Morehead St

Charlotte, NC 28202
Jack Jackson

October 25-27
Sportcenter Classic
Fayetteville, NC
Cindy

November 1-3
Fall Feast RB Tournament
Monroeville Racquet Club

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November 1-3
Manchester Court Club
1 Leclerc Circle
Manchester, NH

November 1-3
Nautilus Fitness Center
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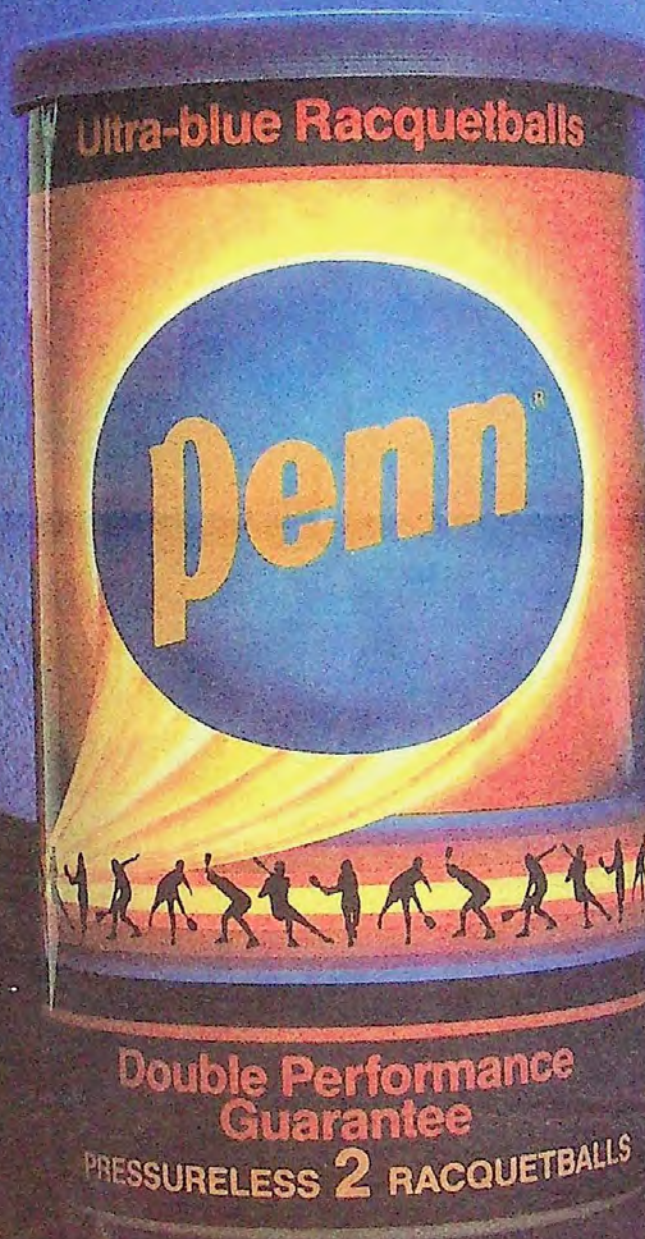
November 6-10
1st Federal Savings Tourney
Lynmar Racquet Club
2660 Vickers Drive
Colorado Springs, Co 80918
Khris Myers

November 15-17
Auburndale Rec Center

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