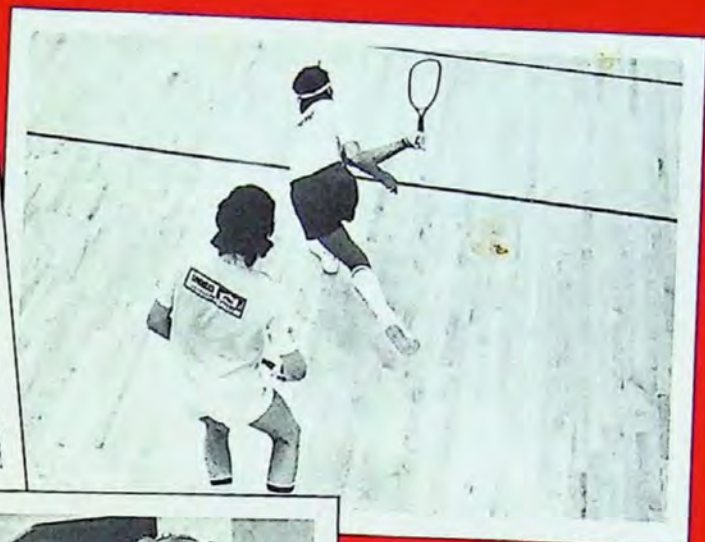


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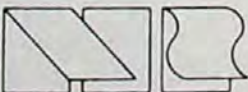
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Letters To The Editor

In your article, "The More the Merrier," in the March '81 issue of *Racquetball*, you described two warm-up exercises. I would like to discuss the lower back stretching exercise, pictured on page 29.

Recently, I had the opportunity to talk with a physical therapist about lower back exercises, and he mentioned that one of the exercises that should not be done is the very one you described. Such an exercise leads to over-stretching of the longitudinal ligament which, in turn, leads to a reduction of pressure on the intervertebral discs—an important function of the ligament.

Please contact a local therapist to determine the effectiveness of the exercise.

Reinhart Reiss
Physical Director, YMCA
Petersburg, Virginia



I enjoy your magazine and would like to add my thoughts to Tom Slear's article "Players' Choice: Running A Court Club Isn't As Easy As It Once Was" (March 1981).

"It all comes down to management" — in the long run, is true in any business. We all know that the club business has had its share of volatility; it's more management intensive than many entrants perceived, but we believe that the direction of the business is positive, the prospects for the industry are excellent, and that management training and development is continuing to meet the challenges that confront it.

Player demographics largely parallel the "baby boom" population curve indicating a decade of continued growth. Many researchers forecast an increasing awareness of health and fitness within a broader spectrum of our population. Additionally futurists predict increasing demand for personal attention, more individuality in our lifestyles and in the products and services we purchase.

We think our business is positioning itself to meet these demands. It looks like a classic challenge of market segmentation, product (service) differentiation, and positioning: how you

capitalize on the projected growth, where you fit in the marketplace, and how you increase your market share are all questions every owner should be addressing.

Today over-development and over-saturation is evident in many markets. San Diego is an often illustrated example, so let's take a look at the numbers presented in Tom's article. In San Diego it appears that there is one court per 5,000 population, on that basis the successful club operator probably needs to have penetration of somewhere between two to five percent of the gross population in his trade area. Admittedly those numbers are a little "rich" for racquetball at this stage of the game, but its ultimate accomplishment is not insurmountable. We believe that club development in many markets has grown faster than the playing population, but we believe that effective marketing, advertising, and promotion will increase the absorption rate.

The business is stabilizing, but it is and will continue to be profitable for the professionals that participate in it. As an industry, we think — as the saying goes — we're in pretty good shape for the shape we're in.

Kind regards.

Theodore S. Jablonski Jr.
President, Continental Court Clubs, Inc.
San Rafael, California



To The People Involved in the Intercollegiate:

I want to take this moment to thank everyone for their hospitality during the tournament in Memphis. I can't remember ever being involved in a tournament run so well and with as many volunteers. The participants in the tournament deserve credit as well for their great sportsmanship throughout the week, and for providing an atmosphere of fun competition. It is a sad fact, but most tournaments cannot even compare to the Intercollegiate because they lack the two essentials for a successful tournament. First, the people must participate because they want to have fun. If the only reason a person enters a tournament is to win, then the whole idea of athletics flies out the window. Secondly, the participants must play hard and honest. When you play your hardest, whether you win or lose, at least you feel self-satisfaction.

I'm proud to say the collegians displayed these qualities and it made the event a pleasure to participate in.

Larry Fox
Ann Arbor, Michigan

For a report on this year's AARA Intercollegiate Championships, see *Racquetball*, May '81. You will find Mr. Fox's name a prominent one in the report, as he won the Men's Number One Singles title. —Ed.



Thanks again for hosting such a super Intercollegiate tournament. I really enjoyed myself at The Racquet Club, seeing a lot of old friends and meeting new ones, as well as getting to see parts of Memphis. Of course, I'm a little against turning it into a team competition next year, because I feel it will be severely detrimental to our Women's Number One division. I know if it had been a team competition this year, Trish Tillotson, Barb Faulkenberry, and I would not have been able to participate. I guess you have to do what you think is best though.

Andrea Katz
Blacksburg, Virginia

The AARA welcomes feedback from participants in all the national tournaments. Feel free to contact National Headquarters, 5545 Murray Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38119 with your comments and suggestions. —Ed.



I am the Director of Physical Education at Amherst College, and am becoming more concerned about eye injuries that could happen in our P.E. racquet courses. We strongly recommend our students to wear protective glasses, but do not require them to date. We also post eye injury articles on a consistent basis.

In a recent issue of *Racquetball Magazine*, in the article "Optical Solutions", there is a picture of two posters advertising the use of eyeguards. I would like to get half a dozen of these posters so that I can hang them in our squash courts and racquetball courts. If you could send me any such posters that you have, or refer me to someone who has them, I would greatly appreciate it.

Michelle C. Morgan
Amherst, Massachusetts

For those of you who missed our March '81 issue on eye safety, the posters Ms. Morgan refers to are distributed by the Canadian Racquetball Association. For information about how to obtain these posters, we suggest you contact John Hamilton, Executive Director of the Canadian Racquetball Association, 333 River Road, Vanier City, Ontario, Canada, K1L8B9; or call 613-745-2655. There may be additional posters available from various eyeguard manufacturers. —Ed.



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NEW DIRECTIONS

Dear Members,

First let me mention the recent completion of the historic Junior Nationals. Our cover story this month captures the action and atmosphere of this event (beginning on page 16). Don't miss it.

Now I'd like to mention the subject of last month's cover — the AARA 1981 Intercollegiate Championships. The competition is history now, but still it deserves special recognition. The facility, The Racquet Club of Memphis, was superb — as was the club's staff. The sportsmanship, camaraderie, hospitality, and organizational committee's good will, cannot go unnoticed. The Intercollegiate Championship of 1981 will take its rightful place as an historic moment in our great sport.

And let me extend our thanks to everyone involved, especially our national sponsors, Miller Lite, for the scholarship funds; and Penn Athletic Products Co., for its generous support of this Championship. We would be remiss if we did not mention the tremendous local support for this event from Coca Cola, True Temper, and Union Planters National Bank — all lent financial aid.

In another exciting development, we are pleased to announce that the AARA has developed a cooperative program with the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of America to promote the organization of Racquetball Explorer Posts. Also, racquetball has been approved as a new event in the 1982 National Explorer Olympics to be held in the summer of 1982 at Colorado State University.

This exciting program will take place alongside the Junior Council's development and the Intercollegiate program in coordinating grass roots development for our sport.

Regards,

Luke St. Onge

Luke St. Onge
Executive Director

THE VANISHING DIVISIONS

By George Dwyer



GREG SMITH

George Dwyer is Commissioner of AARA Region number 13, as well as AARA Military Commissioner. The following is his opinion about the current status of a very important segment of the racquetball community — the Masters. Racquetball and the AARA wholeheartedly encourage Masters participation in tournaments.

With very few exceptions, the racquetball media and industry devotes the lion's share of their effort to the hard hitting, roll it out professional and/or young player. The vast majority of the time this is done at the exclusion of the Masters Division, or more specifically, the Golden Masters. If you doubt this statement, perhaps the following will convince you. A review of "Tournament Results" in four major racquetball publications clearly shows the bias in divisional activity. In 65 tournaments there were results in two, repeat two, men's Golden Masters divisions and absolutely no activity for women in any division above seniors.

It has become a real hassle to convince tournament directors to even include these upper level age divisions in their entry blanks. Their reasoning for exclusion is difficult to understand. The act of offering a division has a significantly small dollar sign attached to it. At the very least, the offering of the division would create the impression the Golden Master is still welcomed and recognized as a vital element of the sport.

Those of us who have been a part of

racquetball from the very beginning are intimately aware of the tremendous contribution the glamour and skill of the professional has made to the phenomenal growth of the sport. We readily acknowledge the vital necessity of a viable junior program that will provide a continuous feeder system for the sport. However, we also believe this concentration of effort and narrow application of resources has created an imbalance in the system. We are stuffing everything in at the bottom and by default, squeezing it out at the top.

I have just concluded a comprehensive survey of over 100 Golden Masters players throughout the United States. The magnitude of their responses and the interest shown by their remarks and recommendations clearly indicates the Golden Master is alive and well. They are just waiting for somebody to show some concern and interest.

It is time for a change! We must take a fresh look at the sport and bring it back in balance. Continued over-concentration and emphasis on one or two aspects of the sport has induced disruptive stresses in the whole sport. We are slowly losing an extremely vital part of the sport through benign neglect. We need to turn around these upper level divisions before they die on the vine. As starters, offer the upper divisions in all tournaments, not just a one time shot in the dark and then forget them. Provide maximum time between matches. Successive matches should never be scheduled less than three hours apart. For semifinals and finals, provide a day of separation. Forget double elimination as a method. Over the typical three to four day weekend tournament it is cardiac arrest country. If the number of entries are small, don't close the division. Consider shortening the game and having round-robin entries. Encourage doubles as a primary event. Reduce tournament entry fees for men and women over 55. Above all, treat them with dignity and respect! They have paid their dues for a long, long time.

I am in the process of finalizing a National Golden Masters Tournament. If you have any desires or recommendations, please contact me: George T. Dwyer, 5206 Alta Loma Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80918; phone 303-598-0963. ■

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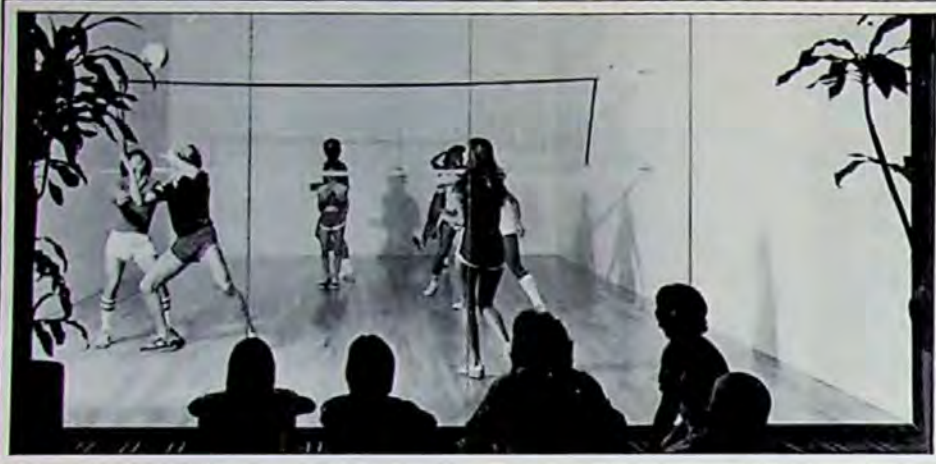
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Developed by actor Joe Garcia a couple of years ago, the sport now has an official association (World Wallyball Association), as well as standardized equipment, since AMF Voit now manufactures an "official" wallyball.

Basically, the sport is volleyball adapted to a four-wall court. A net is set up in the middle of the court and players have four, three, or two-man teams. The sport makes use of the walls, as the ball may be hit off the sidewalls, as well as directly over the net. Out-of-bounds is called when the ball hits the ceiling, or the back wall on a serve or volley, or if it hits two or more walls on serve or volley. Apparently, volleyball enthusiasts enjoy this bastardized version of their sport, as it utilizes the same skills, but requires even better anticipation when the ball bounces off the walls.

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ALASKA

Anchorage Racquet Club
700 South Bragman
Anchorage, AK
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, w/mw,
tc, ps, er

ARIZONA

Metro Athletic Club
4843 N. 8th Place
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Call Darlene 602-264-1735
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, w/mw, msr,
sp, r, b, ps, er, n

CALIFORNIA

Fairfield Court Club
1471 Holiday Lane
Fairfield, CA
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, b,
sb, ps, er, n

Valley Court Club
11405 Chandler
N. Hollywood, CA 91601
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw,
sb, ps, er

Marin Racquetball Club
4384 Bel Marin Keyes Blvd.
Novato, CA 94947
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, w/mw, r, b,
ps, er, n

Sun Oaks Racquet Club
3452 Argyle Road
Redding, CA 96002
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, tc, sp, sb,
ps, er, n

Sacramento Court Club
947 Enterprise Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95825
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, b,
sb, ps, er, n

Sacramento Handball/Racquetball Club
14th & H Streets
Sacramento, CA
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw,
wsr, msr, tc, sp, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

Racquetball Sportsworld
20 E. San Joaquin St.
Salinas, CA 93901
408-757-8331
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, sb, ps, er, n

CONNECTICUT

Racquetball Spa
500 Kings Highway Cut-Off
Fairfield, CT 06430
203-366-7888
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, ps, er, n

Southport Racquet Club
228 Old Post Road
Southport, CT 06490
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ps, n

Center Court Health and Racquetball Club
234 Route 83
Vernon, CT 06066
203-875-2133
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, msr, sb,
ps, er, n

FLORIDA

Sportrooms of Coral Gables
1500 Douglas Road
Coral Gables, FL 33143
305-443-4228
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, sb, ps, er, n

Sportrooms of Hialeah
1900 West 44th Place
Hialeah, FL
305-557-6141
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

Jacksonville Racquetball Club
6651 Crestline Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32211
904-724-6994
wlr, mlr, ws, ww, mw, msr, b,
sb, ps, er, n

Kendall Racquetball and Health Club
10631 SW 88th Street
Miami, FL 33178
305-596-0600
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

Sportrooms of Sabal Chase
10680 SW 113 Pl.
Miami, FL 33176
305-596-2677
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, wsr, msr, r, b,
sb, ps, er, n

Sportrooms of Plantation
8489 NW 17th Ct.
Plantation, FL 33322
305-472-2608
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

HAWAII

The Courthouse Racquetball Club
45-608 Kam Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, sb,
ps, er, n

ILLINOIS

Court Club of C'oeale
Old Rt. 13 East
Carbondale, IL 62901
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, tc, r, b,
ps, er, n

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Tennis Club
653 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210
617-269-4300
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, tc, r,
b, sb, ps, er, n

Mid-Cape Racquet Club
193 White's Path
South Yarmouth, MA 02664
617-394-3511
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, tc, r, b, sb,
ps, er, n

MICHIGAN

Keatlington Racquetball Club
1755 Walden btwn. Joslyn & Lapeer (M-24)
Pontiac, MI 48057
313-391-3334
wlr, mlr, ww, mw, sp, r, ps, er, n

MINNESOTA

Exercise Dynamics
Old Highway 71 North
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-8351
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, ps, er

NEW JERSEY

The Racquet Ball Club
19 East Frederick Place
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ps, er, n

Racquettime Court Club
17-10 River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, mar

King George Racquetball Club
17 King George Rd. (US 22 West)
Greenbrook, NJ 08812
201-356-6900
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, ps, er, n

Racquetball 23 and Spa
318 Route 23
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444
201-839-8823
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, mar, ww, mw,
r, ps, er, n

Ricochet Racquet Club
219 St. Nicholas Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
201-753-2300
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, ps, er, n

The Court House
20 Milburn Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081
201-376-3100
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ps, er, n

What's Your Racquet
1904 Atlantic Ave.
P.O. Box 1402
Wall, NJ 07719
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw,
wsr, msr, tc, sp, b, sb, ps,
er, n

NEW YORK

21st Point Club
McKown Road off Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
518-489-3276
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

Point Set Tennis and Racquetball Club
225 Howells Rd.
Bay Shore, NY 11706
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, tc, sb,
ps, er, n

The King's Court Racquetball Club
4101 Avenue V
Brooklyn, NY 11234
212-338-3300
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, tc, sb, ps, er, n

The Pelham Racquetball and Health Club
6 Pelham Parkway
Pelham Manor, NY 10803
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr,
msr, r, b, sb, ps, er, n

OREGON

Eastern Oregon Sports
366 S.E. 5 St.
Ontario, OR 97914
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, sp, r,
sb, ps, er, n

PENNSYLVANIA

The Supreme Courts
90 West Chestnut St.
Washington, PA 15301
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw,
ps, er, n

Indian Springs Golf and Racquet Club
949 Church St.
Landisville, PA 17538
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, wsr, msr,
tc, r, sb, ps, er, n

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston Racquet
Nautilus Center
1642 Highway 7
Charleston, SC 29407
803-571-1020
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, mar, tc, sb,
ps, er, n

TEXAS

Killeen Athletic Club
405 South 2nd
Killeen, TX 76541
wlr, mlr, ws, ww, mw, msr, sp,
sb, ps, er, n

UTAH

The Court Club
120 W. Hilton Inn Dr.
St. George, UT 84770
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, ww, mw, tc,
sp, r, sb, ps, er, n

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston Racquet Club
P.O. Box 3328
Hillcrest Drive
Charleston, WV 25332
wlr, mlr, ws, ms, tc, r, b, er, n

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AARA '81-'82 RANKINGS*

*Rankings compiled by Bill Verity of Penn State University's computer department, based on results received from June 1, 1980 to January 15, 1981.

Rank State Total Points

MEN'S A

1	Acelo, Dennis	MA	280.0
2	Caccio, James	NY	235.0
3	Rancker, Tom	PA	230.0
4	Ayllett, Fred	AR	180.0
5	McAndrew, Joe	PA	160.0
6	Cullen, Jim	GA	130.0
7	Dunlap, John	TX	130.0
8	Powell, Junior	PA	130.0
9	Bunker, Craig	PA	120.0
10	Luche, Mike	MA	120.0
11	Cassidy, Gerry	MA	115.0
12	Viera, George	MA	115.0
13	McDonough, Mike	MA	110.0
14	Gonzalez, Rubin	NY	105.0
15	Panzerette, Phil	CT	105.0
16	Kalichman, Phil	NY	102.0
17	Kress, Bill	PA	100.0
18	Olson, Randy	ME	97.5
19	Chabot, Mike	RI	90.0
20	Pitts, Kevin	PA	90.0
21	Riehl, Jeff	OH	90.0
22	Auerbach, Marc	TX	90.0
23	Burnell, Bill	VT	80.0
24	Khan, Gul	MA	80.0
25	Morrison, Mark	FL	80.0
26	Sullivan, Joe	CA	80.0
27	Buckler, Mitch	PA	70.0
28	Horton, Charles	NY	70.0
29	Ray, Michael	GA	67.5
30	Jones, Jim	PA	65.0
31	Lawless, Al	RI	65.0
32	Young, Jim	PA	65.0
33	Malachuk, David	CT	65.0
34	Thompson, Bruce	MA	65.0
35	Aradisa, Fernando	NC	60.0
36	Depot, Rene	RI	60.0
37	Fisher, Phil	MA	60.0
38	Gaultreau, Tommy	TX	60.0
39	Russell, Barry	NY	60.0
40	Ryan, Scott	PA	60.0
41	Whitaker, Les	OH	60.0
42	Wiley, Jane	PA	60.0
43	Baron, Ken	PA	55.0
44	Krevsky, Jay	PA	55.0
45	Peterson, John	NY	55.0
46	Sisemour, Dave	PA	55.0
47	Rogers, Jerry	SC	55.0
48	Adkins, Jim	FL	50.0
49	Blackmon, Keith	TX	50.0
50	Brannon, Dan	WV	50.0

MEN'S B

1	Heinrich, Ike	MA	100.0
2	Jaz, Ted	MA	90.0
3	Wain, Rick	NY	90.0
4	Hill, Brian	PA	80.0
5	Roberts, Andy	TX	80.0
6	Verhoff, William	CT	80.0
7	Gordon, Fred	AR	70.0
8	Hartman, Mike	PA	70.0
9	Howard, Jerry	MA	70.0
10	Martin, Jerry	NY	70.0
11	Parant, Mike	MA	70.0
12	Sieding, Robert	PA	70.0
13	Willis, Steve	MA	70.0
14	Reddy, Bill	PA	65.0
15	Bell, Seaton	AR	60.0
16	Bourque, Marc	ME	60.0
17	Dongarra, John	WI	60.0
18	Wienack, Al	MA	60.0
19	Hammons, Don	OK	50.0
20	Hunkler, Jake	CT	50.0
21	Simon, Larry	SC	50.0
22	Staker, Bob	CT	50.0
23	Barnett, Tom	FL	50.0
24	Bonow, Bill	IL	50.0
25	Borofsky, Dave	PA	50.0
26	Burns, Craig	KS	50.0
27	Burns, Marc	FL	50.0
28	Cassidy, Scott	CA	50.0
29	Chandler, Ed	MA	50.0
30	Comana, Vicky	NY	50.0
31	Cox, Mark	ME	50.0
32	Cox, Terry	FL	50.0
33	Curewicz, Mike	PA	50.0
34	Deighan, Tim	OH	50.0
35	Dentio, R	CT	50.0
36	Eby, Dan	MA	50.0
37	Ehling, John	FL	50.0
38	Elison, Scott	CT	50.0
39	Embow, Bob	NY	50.0
40	Farmer, Bradley	IL	50.0
41	Ford, Bob	FL	50.0
42	Furco, Pete	PA	50.0
43	Gazza, Israel	TX	50.0
44	Gutcho, Greg	GA	50.0
45	Hale, Mike	TX	50.0
46	Hatchner, Steve	AR	50.0
47	Hendrix, Billy	TN	50.0
48	Honke, Robin	NC	50.0
49	Humphrey, Jim	SC	50.0
50	Hyman, Ron	MA	50.0

MEN'S C

1	Fudin, Roger	NY	80.0
2	Harpe, James	MA	80.0
3	Murphy, Jack	MA	80.0
4	O'Connor, Mark	MA	80.0
5	Blaney, Don	AR	70.0
6	Choquette, Don	RI	65.0
7	Tyburk, Joe	MA	65.0
8	Allen, P.J.	RI	50.0
9	Anderson, W.S.	TN	50.0
10	Antigiano, Bob	RI	50.0
11	Bardley, Eric	FL	50.0
12	Blak, Jim	IL	50.0
13	Bingel, Brad	TN	50.0
14	Borges, Robert	FL	50.0
15	Bullock, Mark	AR	50.0
16	Burns, Craig	KS	50.0
17	Carr, Joe	PA	50.0
18	Cole, Steve	FL	50.0
19	Cowart, Ned	FL	50.0
20	Culp, Lowell	PA	50.0
21	Delaney, Kevin	CT	50.0
22	Demarco, Michael	MA	50.0
23	Desport, Rick	OH	50.0
24	Dougherty, Gene	PA	50.0
25	Foster, Tony	CT	50.0

26	Fournier, Bob	RI	50.0
27	Frank, Barry	PA	50.0
28	Franklin, Steve	NY	50.0
29	Fudin, Neil	NY	50.0
30	Gillette, Ralph, Jr.	MA	50.0
31	Gron, Alan	ME	50.0
32	Gross, Dave	SD	50.0
33	Guffy, Jim	MO	50.0
34	Hartman, Dave	PA	50.0
35	Hartman, John	NY	50.0
36	Hennrich, Phil	TX	50.0
37	Hudson, Rick	TN	50.0
38	Jagelski, John	MA	50.0
39	Kramer, Gary	WV	50.0
40	Kramer, Stan	MA	50.0
41	Lebel, Bob	OH	50.0
42	Mala, Dave	SC	50.0
43	May, Tom	PA	50.0
44	Messman, Rick	MA	50.0
45	Mende, Dann	GA	50.0
46	Michael, Don	TX	50.0
47	Mitchell, Mark	OH	50.0
48	Montalano, Tom	NY	50.0
49	Motherwell, Dave	IL	50.0
50	Noonan, George	MA	50.0

MEN'S D

1	Burnham, Tim	AR	100.0
2	Aselrod, Mark	MA	80.0
3	Brown, Robbie	FL	80.0
4	Aiken, Steve	PA	80.0
5	Alderman, M.L.	TN	50.0
6	Bailey, John	CA	50.0
7	Bell, Chris	MA	50.0
8	Barnes, Mike	NY	50.0
9	Bennett, Mike	SC	50.0
10	Bloch, Brian	MO	50.0
11	Boucher, Paul	RI	50.0
12	Boudreau, James	CT	50.0
13	Brumbaugh, John	KS	50.0
14	Compton, Jim	MA	50.0
15	Conway, Jim	GA	50.0
16	Dehart, Mark	CO	50.0
17	Delaney, Kevin	CT	50.0
18	Delella, Buster	TX	50.0
19	Douglas, Keith	OH	50.0
20	Ebert, James	PA	50.0
21	Evans, Jerry	AR	50.0
22	Frank, Frank	PA	50.0
23	Guardado, Julio	FL	50.0
24	Holtz, J.	CT	50.0
25	Hoover, Elwin	AR	50.0
26	Hullstatter, Dennis	FL	50.0
27	Jacobs, Roger	TX	50.0
28	Jakela, William	FL	50.0
29	Jenkins, Jeff	NY	50.0
30	Keller, Dale	OK	50.0
31	Knox, John	MA	50.0
32	Kols, Bob	TX	50.0
33	Kurtz, S.	MA	50.0
34	Kurtz, Eddie	FL	50.0
35	Lavie, Johnny	TN	50.0
36	Lucy, Brian	ME	50.0
37	Maggio, Nick	MA	50.0
38	Martin, William	MO	50.0
39	Martinez, Matt	NY	50.0
40	Matta, Mike	CA	50.0
41	McRae, Bob	CA	50.0
42	Miller, Craig	ME	50.0
43	Otto, Mike	MO	50.0
44	Owens, Rick	AR	50.0
45	Pearshall, Ken	RI	50.0
46	Potts, Don	PA	50.0
47	Prichard, Blaine	PA	50.0
48	Rahman, Noui	TX	50.0
49	Reggio, Bob	NY	50.0

BOYS 10 AND UNDER

1	Rudick, Matt	NV	50.0
2	Robinson, Derek	WA	20.0
3	Stark, Jeff	CA	20.0
4	Blaess, Ed	FL	15.0
5	Giliply, John	MA	15.0
6	Hannan, Brett	MD	10.0
7	Lawton, Lloyd	OK	10.0
8	York, Jason	IL	10.0
9	Vargas, Michael	CA	9.0
10	Grisler, Nolan	NY	8.0
11	Doyl, Tom	NY	7.5
12	Boultman, Eddie	PA	5.0
13	Dale, Kevin	MA	5.0
14	Dent, Brian	WV	5.0
15	Ehr, David	FL	5.0
16	Peraz, Roberto	IL	5.0
17	Prills, Tommy	DE	5.0
18	Schwartz, David	FL	5.0
19	Sexton, Troy	WV	5.0
20	Taylor, Brian	OK	5.0
21	Carmona, Chris	CA	4.0
22	Crawford, Eric	NY	3.0
23	Deaney, Jack	PA	3.0
24	Loretto, James	FL	3.0
25	Moore, John	WV	3.0
26	Perry, Jason	KS	3.0
27	Smith, Steve	WI	3.0
28	Wright, Chuck	WV	3.0
29	Calkins, Casey	CA	2.5
30	Gibson, Jason	CA	2.5
31	Conner, Scott	CA	2.5
32	Downey, Aaron	CA	2.5
33	Ellis, John	CA	2.0
34	Kaiser, Jeff	TX	2.0
35	Owens, Todd	PA	2.0
36	Parodi, Tim	KS	2.0
37	Pilegoff, Evan	NY	2.0
38	Schmacher, David	MA	2.0
39	Snari, Tim	NE	2.0
40	Thorsen, Eric	WV	2.0
41	Wagner, Eric	FL	2.0
42	Wright, Andy	WV	2.0
43	Wright, Jeff	MA	1.5
44	Chesley, Chris	CA	1.5
45	Gaither, Robert	KS	1.5
46	Hunt, Danny	WV	1.5
47	Konecny, Tyler	CA	1.5
48	Lamm, Brian	KS	1.5
49	Long, Michael	MA	1.5
50	Michalski, Matt	KS	1.5

BOYS 11 AND UNDER

1	Miranda, Luis	TX	50.0
2	Mulligan, Jeff	NY	30.0
3	Swain, Cliff	MA	19.0
4	Conine, Jeff	CA	10.0
5	Desport, Rick	OH	5.0
6	Grimes, Darin	KS	10.0
7	Monje, Marc	IL	10.0

8	Potter, Richard	FL	100.0
9	Wilson, Jess	CA	73.0
10	Wilson, Mark	WV	65.0
11	Cowley, Chris	NY	53.0
12	Battaglia, Sam	NY	50.0
13	Cole, Chris	MI	50.0
14	Lee, Benny	FL	50.0
15	Lindwall, Joe	NE	50.0
16	Long, Richard	MA	50.0
17	Loreto, James	KS	50.0
18	Martin, Nathan	CA	50.0
19	Pozzoli, Joe	FL	50.0
20	Simmonette, David	MD	50.0
21	Sunnen, Alan	WV	50.0
22	Trembley, Jay, Jr.	NY	50.0
23	Tufano, Neil	NY	50.0
24	Wiederman, David	TX	50.0
25	Blacks, Ed	FL	45.0
26	Agrawal, Nitin	WV	40.0
27	Gonzalez, Oscar	FL	35.0
28	Rodriguez, Robert	CA	35.0
29	Aboukela, Isaac	TX	30.0
30	Biss, Brian	MS	30.0
31	Brown, Adam	NY	30.0
32	Coleman, Thomas	MA	30.0
33	Davis, John	NY	30.0
34	Gannon, Sean	WV	30.0
35	Mata, Aaron	MI	30.0
36	Mason, Bob	FL	30.0
37	Rowley, John	FL	30.0
38	Salvato, Jim	NJ	30.0
39	Barack, Rick	WV	25.0
40	Appel, Gary	MA	20.0
41	Day, Jim	NJ	20.0
42	Delinger, David	WV	20.0
43	Deht, Brian	WV	20.0
44	Gaither, Robert	NE	20.0
45	Gresson, David	WV	20.0
46	Gries, David	AL	20.0
47	Hatch, Jordan	KS	20.0
48	Hickman, Mark	PA	20.0
49	Holmes, Jason	FL	20.0
50	Karal, Bill	NY	20.0

1	Price, Jerry	CA	600.0
2	Amaluti, John	IN	300.0
3	Scheyer, Eric	IL	300.0
4	Parodi, Bill, Jr.	CA	200.0
5	Lodge, Michael	MA	150.0
6	O'Neil, Bryan	NY	130.0
7	Barrett, Mark	FL	100.0
8	Fitzpatrick, Shawn	CA	100.0
9	Hawthorn, Peter	MA	100.0
10	Griffone, Ralph, Jr.	MA	50.0
11	Miller, Ira	MD	75.0
12	Birchom, Scott	MD	75.0
13	Kaswan, Ray	NJ	50.0
14	Bluestone, Peter	NY	50.0
15	Brewer, Steve	KS	50.0
16	Brown, Shawn	FL	50.0
17	Chodkowski, P	NY	50.0
18	Hulst, James	NH	50.0
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The original classic took place in Tombstone, Ariz., but racquetball fans couldn't be blamed if they believed another series of memorable Western showdowns took place recently in Wichita, Kan.

By the time the smoke had cleared at the American Amateur Racquetball Association's Junior National Championships April 16 in

Wichita, most of the top seeds had lived up to their billing.

But for four days at the posh Supreme Courts East racquetball center, fans and followers were treated to incredible displays of the awesome power, pinpoint control and physical ability that racquetball combines like no other sport.

There were marathon matches, grueling tiebreakers, and old-fashioned blowouts. And while most of the top seeds came away winners, there were still a number of upsets and "unknowns," who, like a strange gunfighter stalking into a dusty old West town and leaving with the sheriff's badge, left their mark on the tournament.

The largest field of competitors in the history of the Junior Nationals, 225 strong, blew into Wichita for the tournament. The reception they received was as warm as a spring day in the West.

The participants were treated to an old-fashioned bonfire and hayrack ride the second night of the tournament, and more than 350 people attended a banquet held in the players' honor the following night.

The banquet was highlighted by addresses by Luke St. Onge, the Executive Director of the AARA; Ed Martin, the National Commissioner of the Junior Circuit; and Dewane Grimes, the local coordinator of the national tournament.

A magician was the chief entertainment at the banquet, but he would have been upstaged by some of the magic performed on the courts of Supreme Courts East.

Jack Newman and Mona Mook, as expected, captured the titles in the 17-and-under category, as did Lynn Wojcik in the girls 15-and-under, John Gillooly in the Boys 10-and-under, and Heather Adler in the Girls 10-and-under.

But Boys 15-and-under top seed Eric Scheyer of Illinois was gunned down in his first match of the tournament by unseeded Lance LaCour, and LaCour went on to win the championship. David Simonette, the top seed in the 13-and-under division, advanced to the finals before being upset by second-seeded Texan Luis Miranda. And Girls 13-and-under top seed Lisa Anthony had to settle for third place after being upset in the semifinals by eventual champion Elaine Mardas.

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A victory smile from Brenda Young (New Mexico). She advanced but later lost in the girls 15-and-under quarterfinals.

MASTERS



Al Lee and Bryan Cassady vs. Gregg Peck and Hart Johnson in the boys 17-and-under quarterfinals.



Mona Mook (California) won 1st in the girls 17-and-under. Inset: Mona Mook accepts congratulations after winning the girls 17-and-under. Tammy Hajjar right lost in the tie-breaker. (Inset photograph by Bryan Masters.)

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Jack Newman (Illinois) left plays Robert Kinney (Wisconsin) right for 1st place in the boys singles 17-and-under. Newman won.

BOYS 17-AND-UNDER

Jack Newman dominated his category like no other player in the tournament. His road to the championship had only one tough match, a win in the semifinals over Texan Bill Gamble.

Newman, from Illinois, was actually seeded second coming into the tournament, but number one seed Gerry Price had to forfeit his first match. Price, from California, had to forfeit because he was unable to make it to the tournament in time after trying to qualify for the pro tour.

Other than that, however, his toughest opponent was himself. Several times during the tournament he hollered at himself during a one-sided match for losing his concentration. But concentration was not a problem for Newman when he and Gamble squared off for one of the best matches of the tournament.

After Gamble and Newman traded points in the first game of the match, using similar tactics in long rallies, Newman ran off 13 points in a row to win the opening game. From 8-9, Newman used his deadly serving game to score service winners and pull Gamble out of position for easy kill shots and pinches that Gamble could only stand and watch.

Included in Newman's 13-point streak were three kills, four pinch shots and four aces. He closed the first game out 21-8 when Gamble skipped a shot from deep in the corner after barely returning a well-placed Newman serve.

Spectators expecting another Newman runaway were surprised when, in the second game, Gamble gave Newman a taste of his own medicine.

Once again, the players battled to a 9-9 tie, as long rallies with superb shots brought frequent bursts of applause from the crowd.

Then Gamble got his own serve warmed up, and had Newman on the defensive the rest of the way. Gamble went on a run of his own, scoring the final 12 points to win 21-9.

After seeing some great play in the first two games, the crowd was anticipating a classic tiebreaker. They were not disappointed.

In a game filled with long rallies and one crucial shot after another, Newman jumped out to an 8-3 lead on four kill shots and four skips. Then, just when it seemed Newman was going to pull away, Gamble rallied. Using two aces, a front wall-right wall pinch and a textbook rollout, Gamble pulled to within 8-7.

The players traded points until Newman had a 12-9 lead. After five straight sideouts that saw both players diving for shots and coming up with winners in seemingly impossible situations, Gamble climbed to within 10-12.

But that was as close as he would get.

Newman earned a sideout when Gamble skipped for a shot and went on to win 15-10 after Gamble was assessed a

technical for calling too many time outs.

Newman breezed through the championship match against fellow Illinois resident Robert Kinney. Kinney, who had advanced to the finals with a methodical 21-19, 21-13 win over Tod Swanson of California, made Newman's task much easier in the finals by committing numerous unforced errors.

Kinney had scored only four points in a match between the two earlier this year, and things weren't much different the second time around. The outcome was never in doubt as Newman coasted 21-7, 21-5.

Gamble rebounded from his tough semifinal loss to Newman to whip Swanson 15-10, 15-6 in the abbreviated third-place match.

GIRLS 17-AND-UNDER

Girls 17-and-under favorite Mona Mook did not have as easy a time as Newman in the finals. Mook, the defending 17-and-under Junior National Champion and current California State Open champion was matched against 1981 Pennsylvania State Open champion Tammy Hajjar.

Mook had used her powerful serving game to advance untested into the finals but found herself facing a player with a similar attack.

Hajjar, the number three seed in the tournament, had used a booming serve and overall superior strength to upset second-seeded Californian Cheryl Mathieu 21-8, 21-17 in the semifinals. Hajjar never let Mathieu get into the volleying game she prefers, scoring consistently with service winners and on brief exchanges.

Both Hajjar and Mook were a little tight as the championship match began, with both players getting points on the opponent's mistakes.

With Mook holding an 8-7 lead, the match switched into high gear. The players traded serves eight times without a point being scored, as Mook and Hajjar displayed the awesome power that had brought them to the finals.

Mook served two straight aces for a 10-7 lead before Hajjar began her comeback. Using passing shots that were becoming more and more effective as the game went on, Hajjar frustrated Mook by going on an 11-2 tear and taking an 18-12 lead.

Hajjar's game plan for the match was never more evident than during that streak, which included five crosscourt passing shots and four service winners. The rally left the partisan-Mook crowd buzzing about a possible upset.

Hajjar didn't waste her strong first-game showing, as she put away the first game 21-14.

It was a different Mona Mook who took the court for the second game.

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Tod Swanson took 4th the boys 17-and-under singles.

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Hart Johnson (Minnesota) stretches for one during the boys 17-and-under singles competition.



Tammy Adler won 3rd in the "No Bounce" competition.



Jody Desormy (Florida) gets ready for lunch. Six-year-old Jody competed in the "No Bounce" competition.



Lance LaCour won 1st in a tiebreaker against Mark Henshaw in the boys' 15-and-under. Midwest Junior Regional Director Dewane Grimes presents the award.

Mook changed her tactics, trying to get Hajjar into longer rallies instead of the brief exchanges that had dominated the first game.

It worked. Mook scored 10 unanswered points to open the second game, and Hajjar couldn't get back into it. By the time Mook had closed out the second game with two backhand crosscourt passing shots and a left wall-front wall pinch to win 21-5, the momentum had shifted.

Mook carried that momentum into the tiebreaker, and assumed an early 8-4 lead. Hajjar cut the lead to 9-7, setting up the climatic moment of the match.

Sensing the momentum shifting again, Mook reached deep down and came up with three straight aces—two to Hajjar's deep backhand corner and the third to her forehand—to go up 12-7. The shell-shocked Hajjar didn't score again, and Mook won the title with a diving front-wall-right wall pinch.

As dramatic as the Girls 17-and-under final was, however, it didn't even compare to the spectacular Boys 15-and-under title match.

BOYS 15-AND-UNDER

The final could have been an anticlimax for the players involved, considering their accomplishments earlier in the tournament.

After all, Louisiana native Lance LaCour had used his explosive serve to upset top-seeded Eric Scheyer 21-12, 21-14 in the second round. And little-known Mark Henshaw from Idaho had to survive three match points in the tiebreaker before rallying for a 6-21, 21-17, 15-14 win over defending 13-and-under Junior Champion Ray Navarro of Texas.

As good as the earlier matches had been, however, the title match surpassed them. It didn't start out that way, though. LaCour sent Henshaw reeling in the first game with his incredible serve, and he won the opener unchallenged 21-9.

Henshaw then turned to what had given him success in his semifinal win—endurance and clutch shot-making.

Facing match point at 20-17 in the second game, Henshaw called two time outs to cool off LaCour, who had reeled off three straight kill shots to move to the brink of the championship.

Mysteriously, LaCour then called a time out of his own. When play finally resumed, LaCour began playing Henshaw's game, getting into long rallies and waiting for an opponent's mistake.

Time and time again LaCour would hit a shot that seemed impossible for Henshaw to return. But Henshaw, diving for one return after another, finally earned a sideout and scored three straight points to tie the score.

The players then traded serve four

times with the game and match hinging on every play. The crowd held its breath during the long rallies, almost leaning forward as one to see who would finally come out on top. It was Henshaw, when LaCour skipped a shot that could have easily been a winner.

Henshaw's high-pitched shriek of joy signaled the end of the pressure-packed game, but the smile quickly left his face when LaCour used five aces to earn an 8-2 lead in the tiebreaker.

Once again, however, Henshaw came back. Going back to the serve-and-volley game that had keyed his second-game rally, Henshaw went on a 10-1 scoring spree. When Henshaw capped the run with a service winner to go ahead 12-9, it looked like the championship was his.

LaCour had other ideas. After easing back to within 12-11, LaCour rattled off three straight points to again stand at the threshold of the championship. This time, he crossed it. A booming ace, his trademark throughout the tournament, earned LaCour the title and ended the marathon.

LaCour's 21-20, 21-6 semifinal victim, Andy Roberts of Tennessee, outdueled Navarro in the third place match to win 19-21, 21-17, 15-9.

GIRLS 15-AND-UNDER

While the Boys 15-and-under final wasn't an anti-climax, the Girls 15-and-under was. At least, it was for number one seed Lynn Wojcik of Arizona.

Wojcik polished off second-seeded Canadian Donna Allen 21-14, 21-11 to win the division she finished fourth in last year, but Wojcik's biggest match was in the semifinals against arch-rival Loretta Peterson of Utah.

Peterson and Wojcik had built up a fierce rivalry in the past year. Peterson whipped Wojcik in the AARA Junior National third-place match last year and Wojcik beat Peterson in last year's USRA National Championship.

Both matches had been tooth-and-nail dogfights, and this year's match was no different. Wojcik opened a big early lead in the first game against Peterson, only to have that lead dissipate quickly late in the match.

After finally catching up at 20-20, however, Peterson lost her serve and Wojcik scored the crucial point on a kill shot to win the game.

The second game began much like the first, with Wojcik using her power to open a 12-6 lead. Peterson wasn't quite ready to call it a day, though, and she mounted a comeback thanks largely to Wojcik errors, and claimed the lead at 15-14.

Peterson moved the lead to 20-15 on three passing shots, a kill and an ace before Wojcik tied the score. Enroute to that tie, Wojcik had to fight off two game points. Serving for the match, however,

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Elaine Mardas (Ohio) wins 1st in the girls 13-and-under singles.

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Luis Miranda accepts advice from Gregg Peck during the boys 13-and-under competition. He went on to win.

Wojcik lost her serve on a Peterson kill shot and then lost the game on a skip.

The tiebreaker was as one-sided as the first two games had been close. The long match had worn out Peterson, and Wojcik took full advantage.

Peterson scored the first two points of the tiebreaker, but that was all she would get. Wojcik was in control after that, burning her tired opponent time after time with passing shots.

And when Peterson stayed back looking for the deep crosscourt passes, Wojcik instead dumped in short pinch shots that Peterson had no chance to get to. Wojcik finally ended the tiebreaker and the match with a kill shot to win 15-2.

The final was surprisingly easy for Wojcik, as the expected showdown with Allen didn't materialize. Allen had advanced with little trouble to the championship, whipping Tyna Heath of Hawaii 21-7, 21-7 in the semifinals, but Wojcik was never in danger.

The third place match saw Peterson beat Heath 12-21, 21-6, 15-6.

BOYS 13-AND-UNDER

The end of an era came in the Boys 13-and-under finals.

Maryland's David Simonette, who had won Juniors Championships for the last four years, was again considered the one to beat at Wichita. In fact, a number of people talked as if it wasn't a question of if Simonette would win, it was who he would beat.

Sure enough, Simonette waltzed into the tournament finals without too much of a challenge, although Californian Jess Wilson extended Simonette somewhat in the third round before losing 21-12, 21-18.

Second-seeded Luis Miranda was waiting for Simonette when he got to the finals. Miranda's journey through the tournament had been just as uneventful as Simonette's, and a small group of people suggested that if anybody could end Simonette's reign, it was Miranda.

They were right. In a match that lasted just over two hours, Miranda beat Simonette 21-16, 21-18. And Miranda beat Simonette at his own game. The match included some of the longest and best-played points of the tournament. It was like two gunfighters trading shots, waiting to see who would fall first.

Racquetball fans were almost in a panic, because two of the best finals in the tourney, the Simonette-Miranda and LaCour-Henshaw matches, were being played at the same time.

Spectators of the Simonette-Miranda final could only watch and shake their heads as the tension in the match quickly reached a fever pitch and then stayed there the rest of the way.

There weren't many mistakes by either player in the final, as it often took

an outright winner to determine the point after seemingly endless rallies.

In both games Miranda opened a small lead, and, despite repeated comeback bids by Simonette, held on for the win.

Simonette made a valiant effort to win the second game by cutting a 20-12 deficit down to two, but Miranda earned a sideout with a pinch shot and then followed with another picture-perfect pinch to win it all.

GIRLS 13-AND-UNDER

Like Simonette in the Boys division, Lisa Anthony of California was expected to walk away with the Girls 13-and-under title.

Indeed, Anthony reached the semifinals without much difficulty, but then she ran into a buzz saw from Ohio named Elaine Mardas.

Mardas had given up only three points going into the semis, but lost the first game to Anthony 21-14. Anthony looked to be on her way to the finals when she opened up a lead in the second game, but leg cramps began bothering her, and as the match went on, they got worse.

Mardas capitalized by getting Anthony into long rallies, and overtook Anthony late in the game to win 21-17. The tiebreaker was almost over before it began. Mardas kept Anthony moving as she had in the second game, and the result was a 15-2 win and a berth in the finals.

The same strategy worked for Mardas as she swept past Lisa Mark 21-9, 21-3. Mark, from California, had included a second round upset of number two seed Laura Rimkus of Connecticut in her tournament play, but she proved to be no match for Mardas' potent serves and accurate passing shots.

Mark never did get her game going in the finals, as Mardas would follow a good Mark show with an even better one of her own for a winner. Mardas forged a 7-0 lead in the first game, and the rest of the match was a lesson in frustration for Mark. Mardas' super shot-making had Mark rattled midway through the opening game and it was all over after that.

In the third place match, Anthony returned to form in defeating Delainie Comer 15-21, 21-4, 15-6.

BOYS 10-AND-UNDER

The Boys 10-and-under championship was a classic confrontation of accuracy versus power. Accuracy, in the form of top seed John Gillooly, faced power in the person of Jason York.

York, from Indiana, was a big mystery to many when he made it to the finals with a 21-19, 21-15 win over Nolan Glantz of New York. Glantz had blasted York in a tournament early in the year, but the tables were turned in Wichita.

Gillooly, from Massachusetts, almost didn't make it to the finals. Twice he was

extended to three sets in the early rounds before prevailing.

The serving game held the key to the crown in this match. In the opening game, Gillooly scored repeatedly with deep serves to York's far backhand which York could not return off the back wall. Then, when York would get his power game going, Gillooly would end the rally with a perfectly-placed pinch shot or rollout.

As in the Girls 13-and-under final when Mardas' perfection frustrated Mark, Gillooly's errorless play frustrated York. The frustration led to several easy points for Gillooly, and he chalked up a 21-7 win in the first game.

York cooled off between games, and when the second game got under way he began putting his power to use. The match appeared to be headed for a tiebreaker when York opened a five-point lead midway through the game. Gillooly began chipping his way back, however, and he eventually tied the game at 16.

York sandwiched three points around three serve trades to take a 19-16 lead, and once again it looked like the match would soon be even.

But that moment never came. Gillooly cut the lead to one, 19-18, and, after four sideouts, reeled off three points to win 21-19. Accuracy had prevailed over power.

The third-place winner, like York, was a player not well known on the national circuit. Minnesota's Michael Locker, who almost upset Gillooly in the semifinals, defeated Glantz 21-2, 21-16.

GIRLS 10-AND-UNDER

The Girls 10-and-under division, like the Boys 17-and-under division, was virtually no contest.

Top-seeded Heather Adler of Connecticut gave up only 23 points in three matches in winning the title. Adler defeated Susan Woods of Missouri 21-1, 21-0 in her first match, Stacy Sattler of California 21-7, 21-3 in the semifinals and second-seeded Rodie Martin of California, 21-5, 21-7 in the finals.

The championship match was one of the shortest of the tournament. Extended rallies were not commonplace in the final. Martin spent most of the time racing all over the court, trying vainly to return one remarkable Adler volley after another. And, as the final score indicates, she came up short most of the time.

Third place in the division went to Sattler, a 21-10, 21-20 winner over Alma Fuentes of Texas.

OTHER RESULTS

Gregg Peck's 17-and-under championship highlighted the doubles competition at the Nationals.

Peck, younger brother of pro player Dave Peck, teamed with Hart Johnson of Minnesota

to win the 17-and-under title with a 21-5, 21-19 victory over Shawn Fitzpatrick of California and Shawn Brown of Florida.

Mona Mook made it two titles when she teamed with Robin Wadsworth of Massachusetts to defeat Mathieu and Linda Ganske of California 21-16, 21-12.

Lance LaCour did the same in the Boys 15-and-under division when he and Eric Scheyer defeated the Illinois team of John Negrete and Scott Brechon 21-19, 18-21, 15-10.

In the Girls 15-and-under doubles final, Californians Lisa Anthony and Janelle DeLugg upended Tammy Woods of Missouri and Loretta Peterson 17-21, 21-12, 15-7.

David Simonette had to settle for two second place trophies when the California team of Jess Wilson and Bobby Rodriguez upset Simonette and Mark Heckman 21-20, 19-21, 15-14 in the Boys 13-and-under division.

Although she failed in the Girls 13-and-under singles final, Lisa Mark went home with a championship trophy. In an all-California doubles final, Mark and Delainie Comer whipped Lisa Anthony and Shelly Wallman 21-1, 21-7.

The Boys 10-and-under doubles title went to Michael Locker of Minnesota and Brad Nelson of Nebraska, 21-15, 19-21, 15-2 winners over Californians Jason Gilbertie and Chris Carmona.

Another all-California final took place in the Girls 10-and-under division. Rodie Martin and Stacy Sattler teamed up to defeat Salina Rodriguez and Monica Carmona 21-2, 21-8.

It was the same old story in the team competition at the Nationals. Eight teams, the largest field in the history of the tournament,

competed for the team title.

But Sun Oaks claimed the title once again, as it has every year in the four years team competition has been held. For the second straight year, El Paso, Texas, finished second.

Even when the 1981 AARA Junior Nationals had finally ended, spectators and players alike were talking about the unbelievably high caliber of play they had just witnessed and been a part of.

But they'd better get used to it. Players have already begun loading up for next year's nationals. And after seeing this year's unforgettable shootout, racquetball fans can hardly wait.

TIME OUT

"Y'all come back now, ya hear!" Those friendly words were the last uttered by a tired, but enthusiastic group of people from Kansas, who can be credited with hosting a super 1981 AARA Junior National Championship.

Dewane Grimes was everyone's Mr. Wonderful, never hesitating to assist in all areas of coordinating the event. For one year Dewane and his Wichita "family" gave 100 percent effort in the planning of this tournament. And the result of their efforts was evident in the culminating week of one of the happiest, and best run events staged for juniors over the past year.

Gail Burden's involvement in the total picture of planning for this tournament was recognized as an almost round-the-clock dedication and participation. On her "off" hours she could be found juggling court times and entry applications, and working closely with the National office to be sure all the en-

trants were paid and accounted for. As floor manager, Gail was on duty from the beginning of tournament play in the morning and the last to close up the courts at the end of the day. Without her we would not have had the flow of matches run so smoothly. It was a pleasure to know that she was a part of this community effort. And community effort it was indeed as the city of Wichita opened its arms and its homes to many of the players who would not have been able to make this trip without this home hospitality.

The Optimist Club of Wichita was a financial supporter from the very inception of the idea that Wichita was the 1981 host for the Juniors event. In addition, we had national support from Carrera (eyeguards) who supplied each participant with a pair of eyeguards, and from Penn Athletic Products Co., whose support of the AARA's junior development program really began with this year's Nationals. The shirts and balls, as well as the financial assistance provided by Penn were essential to the success of the tournament.

The owners and staff of the Supreme Courts East, where the tournament was held, and Supreme Courts West, where much pre-tournament planning took place, must be complimented on the generous extension of their time and facilities. It was fun to be there and all of us will be back again. Thank you Wichita! ■

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By Bob Gura

SERVICES RENDERED

How To Make Them Winners

Firepower. What comes to mind when you think of it? Some folks conjure images of milky white mushroom clouds and thermo-nuclear devices. Others divine lesser armaments ranging from field pieces to Saturday Night Specials. Regardless of the choice most people concur on the subject of usage. Firepower is employed to deliver an assault on an enemy. The purpose is clearcut: destruction, absolute, or sufficient to induce surrender.

While the majority of racquetball players are gentle by disposition, the concept of firepower is no stranger to their game. Every day and evening, on thousands of courts around the country hordes of players plot destruction. In each case the target to be razed is obvious—the opponent. The attack plan is simple, precise and direct. Locate a weakness, exploit it, and carry through to the 21st point. With any luck the opposition will be demoralized by the high-power, carefully plotted campaign. Given success on a large scale (like a 15-point victory margin) intimidation can begin to set in. Whenever the other side shows signs of quaking and shaking, the match is as good as over.

Psychological warfare is a formidable part of a thoughtful player's battle gear. Hand in hand with effective kill, pass, and pinch shots, the combo can provoke unlimited distress.

Before any of these weapons can be unleashed however, there is a problem. Each member of the arsenal, mental or physical, needs a proper launch base. In actual wartime aircraft carriers, secure plateaus, beds of trucks, or missile silos do the job. They provide a secure foundation from which the various warheads can be fired at leisure.

Stable locales are of no less importance on the racquetball court. Fortunately, members of the racquet-wielding armies have little need for detailed reconnaissance. A quick peek at the lay of the wood, glass and concrete terrain reveals the launch base immediately. It's a stretch of floorboard

players from rank beginners to veterans can readily identify.

The territory begins 20 feet from the rear wall, runs the width of the floor and proceeds five feet forward. It's no mystery as to the label. We're talking about the *service zone*, the most cherished plot of real estate in racquetball.

Many may scoff at the claim, especially those legions weaned on the gospel of center court position. Legend has it the player dominating the area a yard or so back of the service zone and to the middle will dominate. There's no arguing with the idea. It's true, as far as it goes. From center position most individuals should be able to manipulate the opponent with relative ease.

The flaw in the doctrine may be apparent. In order to make use of the center court advantage the player must be about to stroke a return. This implies the other side has been able to return a shot to the front wall. Depending on the speed, height, and direction of the stroke, the center court player must take stock of his or her firepower. Efficiency dictates certain weapons would be unadvisable in each instance. The process calls for a quick-thinking period of shot-pruning before deployment. While the brain is churning the returner is making efforts to outguess the shooter.

When the shot is finally made, several unhappy alternatives can arise. The center court's aim may be off the mark, a kill may skip to the front wall or a pinch go too wide. Even though things usually work out, it's evident center court play requires a number of specific armaments. They're fast reflexes and reaction time, a sense of anticipation, and a large repertoire of strokes.

It's also a sorry truth that the most strategically minded of players don't always have the proper tools for implementation. That's where the service zone, and what goes on inside, proves the great equalizer. You could go as far as to say the service is racquetball's ultimate weapon—the ICBM of the sport.



PHOTO 1

Consider it. Standing in the service zone, racquetball in hand, you're in complete control of the action. The opposition is posted far away in deep backcourt awaiting your decision. You govern which way the other side will move: to the left or right, bend low or stretch high. Once a weak point has been isolated, you're free to hammer it again and again with the proper service. When the opposition overcompensates to offset damage, new deficiencies will emerge.

It doesn't take a palmist or clairvoyant to appreciate the value of a wide range of services. The player equipped with large-caliber services can often outgun the opponent from the start.

Common sense dictates every player who's ever picked up a racquet has dreamed of serving well. The only irritant is that it obviously takes a while to become a service artist. After all, many a player reasons, what with hard serves and soft serves and high serves it can take forever to pass inspection.

That's where the surprise comes in. Compared to every other shot in racquetball the serves are child's, or even infant's play. In fact, considering the potential firepower to be reaped with comparatively little effort, players without a good service are virtually unarmed.

The service itself is a relatively straight forward affair. You step into the service zone, anywhere you like, bounce the ball and hit it off the front wall. All the ball has to do is land on the floor beyond the short line. It can, if you like, hit one sidewall in mid-air before touching down. There are varying approaches you can bring to the service. Some players, especially beginners and large types like to hit the ball hard and low. Others prefer to stroke serves that tease the sidewall at an awkward height. Another faction prefers a high lazy delivery that forces the unprepared to swat upwards at the ball. Good players have mastery of all three, but it's wise to

WINNING POINTS



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3



PHOTO 4

be able to hit at least two with consistency.

It's difficult to state which serve causes returners the most trouble. Newcomers are often terrified by speeding rubber bullets steaming their way. Seasoned veterans are likewise irked by ungainly flight plans. As serves go however, the hard drive remains the big gun in the armory. This is a low, fast-moving projectile that usually rockets to the backhand corner.

Appearances can be deceiving when they refer to the person doing the driving. While it gives off the aura of being the domain of the robust, many slight players have powerful drives. The reason for joint capability is clear. All it takes to stroke an acceptable drive is the ability to hit the ball with the racquet. Most players, heedless of physical stature, can handle the task.

When you break the weapon down the

components are readily visible. The initial stage is displayed in photo one. You start by standing in the center of the service zone. Don't worry if your foot touches the line, the rules permit so long as it doesn't extend beyond. The shoulders are perpendicular to the front wall and the weight is on the right foot (lefties do a turnabout). The racquet is held head-high and to the side. Moving in a steady progression (see photos two through four) the knees start to flex and bend as the body lowers into the stroke. The weight transfer from the right to left foot carries through as the racquet-arm flows to the ball. The racquet is gripped in the typical forehand fashion, and should contact the ball between ankle and calf level. The wrist remains cocked throughout, releasing only when the ball and racquet meet. As always, with every shot in the game, the eyes are drilled on the incoming ball.

After the hit has been made the ball should stream toward a spot about three feet high and one foot to the left of front wall center. Aimed properly, it should fly low and fast (top male pros hit well upward of 100 m.p.h.) toward the backhand corner.

When the motion concludes, the weight will be transferred to the left foot and the racquet-arm will follow through across the torso. The body will remain in the center of the service zone, ready to take a step or two back if a return is made (see photo five).



PHOTO 5

Slow players will find it very difficult to track down and return the low hard drive. The joint effect of velocity, low height and intimidation have successfully assaulted fast and less fast opponents. When thoughts run to deception the server can switch the front wall target a bit. Drives touching a few feet right of center will hasten toward the right (forehand) corner. This serve is useful when the returner shades to the backhand side beforehand. Caught off guard, the guy or gal is usually literally left in the lurch.

A well-honed drive serve can drive the other side to surrender on its own.



PHOTO 6



PHOTO 7



PHOTO 8



PHOTO 9

That's assuming the opposition is willing to depart kicking weakly. Most times that's not the case, and with experience



PHOTO 10
returners grow accustomed to the magnum force of the drive.

In order to maintain its striking capacity many players develop a second service, similar but different to the drive. It's called the Z (or Reverse Z) and can be hit equally low with as much force. The Reverse Z, launched slightly to the left of service zone center will eventually carry to the backhand corner. Hit with the regular forehand motion the ball will jet towards the right-hand side of the front wall (see photo six). Making contact within a foot of the corner, it will hit the rear sidewall and rocket across court. The ball should bounce off the rear sidewall, formulating a tricky progression. The Reverse Z is a pleasant variation on the drive as it travels almost as fast, but in a stranger manner. You will find it is almost a foolproof way to serve to a righthander's backhand. Some Z'ers serve a higher version, tapping the front wall about five to six feet near the corner. This model travels the same route but higher and slower. The difference in form can puzzle a shell-shocked returner. Players will occasionally serve an orthodox Z to the forehand side. It reverses the travel plan and increases stress.



PHOTO 11
Speaking of puzzles and pain, why not add bedazzled and confused and try the garbage serve? This is the simplest service there is, yet often the most potent. It doesn't look like much, the sort of ef-

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fort someone's enfeebled grandparent would muster up. The monicker is fitting however. Compared to the raw speed of the drive, the garbage resembles a throwaway procedure. Opponents soon learn to hope the garbage is put out on court as rarely as possible. Basically speaking, the garbage is a push shot. The serve can be aimed from either the middle or either side of the service zone. It's most effective, of course, lazily coursing along the backhand sidewall. The how-to's are easily dismantled and studied. The server begins in a relaxed, relatively vertical posture. The racquet arm is held up and back and the ball is dropped from waist height (see photo seven). As the ball rises off the floor the body weight shifts slightly while the racquet loops underneath (see photo eight). The wrist is kept stiff throughout as the ball will head upward on contact (see photo nine). After contact the body weight is mainly on the left foot and the server remains in the same floor area (see photo 10).

The place to aim the garbage serve is about eight to ten feet up the front wall and three feet to the left side (when delivered from service zone center). It should touch down two or three feet past the short line and drift in a head-high arc adjacent to the sidewall. By the time the returner has glimpsed and scorned the insipid service the damage is done. The ball has reached the backcourt at roughly shoulder height.

The combination of the backhand location and awkward trajectory make the easy-looking return difficult. The contact height makes a kill or low pass dubious proposition. The same goes for a pinch to the right side.

The situation is further rendered untenable by the fact the returner may feel foolish. Since the serve appears a dead cinch to murder there's little reason for not doing so. The failure to be unable to blast the ball for a winner often incubates dual symptoms of perspiration and profanity.

Matters are made worse when the returner unavoidably makes the comparison with drive serves. One kind is too hot to handle, the other too slow and high to butcher. Many times it's difficult to tell which inflicts the greater carnage, the fast or slow moving service projectile.

If you're willing to practice the various serves, proficiency is just a few games away. You'll eventually get the hang of aiming for the crack (the juncture past the short line where sidewall and floor join) with the drive serve. This is a dangerous, but occasionally very rewarding vice. When the ball lands in the crack it has the effect of a hydrogen bomb on the returner (see photo 11).

Squirting swiftly to center court at a bizarre angle, the rarity is a sure winner. Although it's a risky endeavor, the player armed with a full loaded service magazine can try for the crack now and then. One accurate hit in the early going can begin to brainwash the returner. Follow the cracker with a fast drive or perfect garbage serve and the toll can be telling. Many times an opponent will lose

By Mike Yellen

SHOOT TO KILL

Racquetball's Most Effective Weapon

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The kill shot is absolutely the most effective offensive weapon a racquetball player can command. The receiver has to strain to get low to retrieve it and must always be on his toes, constantly anticipating where, when, how fast, and how low you'll shoot.

Kill shots can be attempted from virtually anywhere on the court. One does, however, have a better chance of killing the ball in the vicinity of the service zone. The reason for this is that your opponent will most likely be behind you, and therefore, farther from the ball. There is also a disadvantage here, that is, that it will be more difficult to know which way your opponent is leaning.

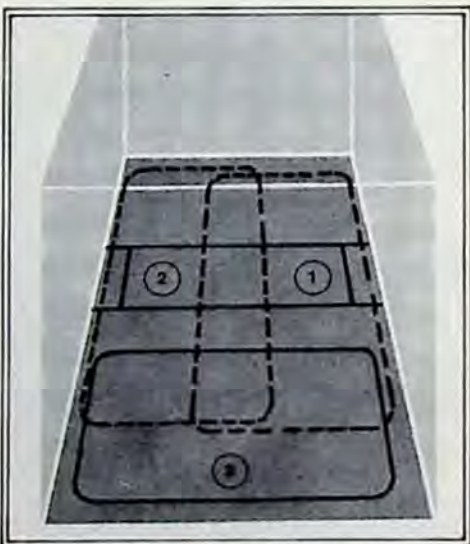
There are no definite do's or don'ts regarding where to shoot. There is, however, a good rule to follow: put the ball where your opponent is not. Even if you're hitting 85 percent of your kills, you're bound to leave some hanging. If your shot is bad but far enough from your opponent, it may still work as a passing shot.

When attempting a kill, the key word is "patience." You must let the ball fall below the knees (as low as you can), before hitting. The object is to keep the ball low, from your racquet to the wall, and after that gravity will do the rest.

The basic reason for shooting the ball at a very low point is so the ball will stay low. If one shoots from the hip, for instance, in an attempt to make the ball hit

all confidence after having played as the fool once too often. Whenever this occurs the server should do his or her best to foster feelings of self-doubt and loathing. Give the opponent enough to worry about in the return department and the rallies will be few.

A little later the opposition might well self-destruct. Everyone knows there's no easier way to win a war. ■



Zones 1 and 2 detail where a vast majority of kill shots should be hit. Zone 3 is for passes, drives and ceiling shots.

the front wall low, the ball will be moving at such a great angle that it will bounce fairly high. The higher it bounces, the easier it will be for the opponent to retrieve.

Wait; be patient; don't rush; and when the ball is in place, smack it with an open racquet. The more time you wait, the more time you will have to set up for your shot.

Use the time by placing yourself in a stationary position (you can't shoot effectively when you're on the run), and watch the ball closely. Only by studying the velocity and angle of the ball can you determine when to shoot. Wait until the last possible moment.

The standard method of the kill shot execution is as follows:

Assume a batter's stance with your lead foot a little closer to the sidewall which you are facing than your back foot. The knees should be more than slightly bent. The torso should be bent so as to assume a position almost over the ball.

The ball should be directly even with the front leg at the time of contact with the racquet, which should begin its motion toward the ball from above the shoulder. The wrist should be slightly cocked until just before hitting the ball.

In fact, for speed and a hard shot, the wrist should be in the middle of a snap at the same time that the racquet is touching the ball.

A follow-through should be made with your legs, hips and shoulders. This will insure that you are not just swinging with your arm. You will also fare better in case of a complete miss, when your whole body, rather than just your elbow, can absorb the unexpected jolt.

This procedure is identical for the backhand and forehand kill shot, except for one variation. In the backhand motion the racquet will begin its descent to the ball from your free-hand shoulder, whereas on a forehand kill the racquet will issue from the vicinity of your racquet-hand shoulder.

There are no set rules on where and when to attempt a kill shot. It is commonly held that the kill which grazes the sidewall first (reverse corner kill) is the most effective because the ball will die on the floor after hitting the front wall. This is the case in one instance, i.e., when the ball is hit low enough and grazes slightly enough.

The basic kill shot hit low into the front wall and quickly wedging into the sidewall is called a straight-in kill.

However, the disadvantage to this kill shot is the fact that only a few inches make the difference between a ball that dies and one that rebounds into front center court.

On the other hand, the ball hit straight into the front wall, without contact with the sidewall, can sometimes serve as an effective pass shot when it is not low enough to be considered a kill.

Without a doubt the most beautiful sight to a racquetball player is that of a ball rolling away from the front wall. When the ball doesn't bounce, there's no question as to whether the other guy is going to get it or not. "Good" isn't the word for a rollout, "perfect" is.

Although, rollout kill shots are rather infrequent occurrences, still, they do happen. And since it is the object of the game to make it difficult if not impossible, for your opponent to shoot easily, the kill shot is number one on any list of "shots to perfect." But, like most other things, it is easier said than done. In this case, at least, practice can make "perfect". ■

By John Beaulieu

STRETCH YOUR POTENTIAL

Being Limber Can Prevent Injury

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The strenuous demands racquetball makes on the body require the athlete to be in top condition to avoid injury to muscles. Increasing flexibility through stretching exercises can provide protection against muscle injury.

Injury prevention is only one of the benefits stretching offers the athlete. When done correctly, stretching exercises can also be an important factor in improving all-around athletic performance and, when combined with weight training, they can improve speed on the court. (See *Racquetball*, May '81, for more on weight training.) Also, stretching after a match is an excellent way to relax tired muscles and consequently minimize muscle soreness.



With legs crossed, lower body to floor. When stretch is felt, hold. Keep elbows in front of knees. (Lower back)

Although stretching exercises can be very beneficial, when executed improperly these exercises can be detrimental, can even result in injury to the muscle. During more than 15 years as a racquetball player, this author has seen very few racquetball players, amateur or professional, execute stretching exercises correctly. As a result, these athletes are receiving little or no benefit from stretching, and they are increasing

their chances of incurring muscle injury.

The purpose of this article is to help the racquetball player understand how to use stretching exercises correctly so he can obtain all the benefits these exercises have to offer and can avoid possible injury from faulty stretching techniques.



Assume the position shown by grabbing left foot with right hand. Pull the left foot towards the buttocks until stretch is felt and hold. (Quadriceps)

A prerequisite for an effective stretching program is patience. Muscles have a tendency to contract and shorten; therefore, in order to lengthen a muscle it must be stretched regularly. Stretching a muscle takes time. An athlete should not expect immediate results. It will take about four to six weeks before an athlete achieves results from stretching which are beneficial to athletic performance.

In order to maximize the benefits as quickly as possible the serious racquetball player should stretch daily, twice a day if possible. All racquetball players should stretch at least four times a week. These sessions should be evenly spaced through the week. Although this is not as effective as a daily program, satisfactory results can be obtained.

The placement of the stretching routine in the daily workout is another important consideration. It is important that the muscles be warmed up before they are stretched. The warmer the muscles, the further they can be stretched. By stretching a warm muscle, the athlete obtains greater flexibility, hence greater protection against injury. Stretching a muscle which has not been properly warmed, and therefore has less

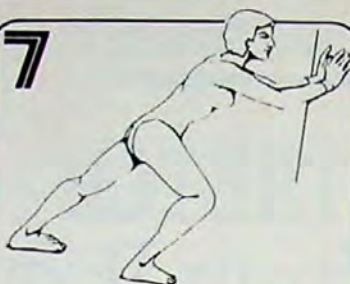
WINNING POINTS

3



Pull knee to chest and raise the head to the knee. When stretch is felt, hold. (**Hamstrings**)

7



Leaning on wall, keep back foot flat and head up. Slowly bend arms and lower body toward wall until stretch is felt and hold. (**Lower Leg**)

11



Rock gently back and forth about 8-10 times. (**Back**)

4



Push the upper torso back with the arms until stretch is felt and hold. Push head as far back as it will go. (**Abdomen and Chest**)

8



Put bottoms of feet together, pull heels toward groin and body forward until stretch is felt and hold. (**Groin**)

12



Bring legs over head as shown. When stretch is felt, hold. Use the hands to keep balance. (**Back**)

5



With legs crossed and arms out, turn body until stretch is felt and hold. (**Hip and Oblique**)

9



Assume position on back with knee up and leg pulled into side. Slowly lower knee until stretch is felt and hold. (**Quadriceps**)

13



Cross left leg over the right and bring right arm through as shown. Push on leg with arm and twist body until stretch is felt and hold. Turn head to the rear. (**Hip and Oblique**)

6



Put elbow behind the head. Gently pull elbow toward the center of back until stretch is felt and hold. (**Shoulders**)

10



From position shown, grab ankle and pull body forward until stretch is felt and hold. (**Hamstrings**)

14



Behind shoulders, reach down with one hand. Bring other hand up, palm out. Grab fingers. When stretch is felt, hold. (**Shoulders**)

WINNING POINTS

15



Interlock fingers behind back. Have partner raise arms slowly until stretch is felt and hold. (Shoulders)

give, is one of the most common factors causing injury during stretching. For this reason the stretching routine should not be the first phase of a racquetball player's warm-up. The stretching exercises should be preceded by a few minutes of light jogging, jumping jacks, jumping rope, or any other form of mild exercise which will raise the temperature of the muscles. This point is important enough to repeat: muscles which have been warmed up can be stretched further, thus the amount of flexibility is increased and the possibility of injury is decreased.

Some people recommend the stretching routine be done after playing racquetball because the muscles will be very warm and will stretch more easily. As mentioned earlier, this is also an excellent way to relax tired muscles and prevent potential muscle soreness. While both of these points are excellent reasons for an athlete to stretch after a workout, if an athlete has time for only one stretching routine, the author recommends it be done before the match. Warming up and stretching the muscles before a racquetball game will provide maximum protection against muscle injury during the game itself, when it is needed most.

The ideal situation is to stretch before and after your racquetball game. Doing the two routines offers the benefits discussed earlier in a much shorter time.

Another important aspect of performing stretching exercises is proper execution. Stretching exercises should be done gently with no jerking or bouncing. The stretching position should be assumed slowly until tightness is felt and held very still. Even gentle rocking is counterproductive. This method is called static stretching.

When a muscle is stretched, it contracts against the stretching thus creating more tension in the muscle. A muscle will automatically contract against stretching to prevent that muscle from being over stretched. This is called the stretch reflex. The force of the contraction against the stretching is equal to the force of the stretching. If a stretching exercise is done with bouncing or jerking movements, the contraction against these movements is much stronger than

A prerequisite for an effective stretching program is patience. Muscles have a tendency to contract and shorten; therefore, in order to lengthen a muscle it must be stretched regularly. Stretching a muscle takes time. An athlete should not expect immediate results.

if the position were assumed in a gentle and slow manner.

When a muscle is stretched slowly the force of the contraction against the stretch is only about one half the force created by the bounce or jerk type stretch. As a result, there is much less tension in the muscle during the slow stretch, and a corresponding reduction in the chance of a muscle injury from stretching. The static stretching technique, therefore, is safer and more effective than the bouncing or jerking method.

The length of time the stretched position is held is very important. After the position is assumed it should be held for 30 to 60 seconds. Holding a position for any less than 30 seconds does not produce maximum benefits. As mentioned earlier, the stretch reflex creates more tension in the muscle as it is being stretched. When the athlete maintains the tension by holding the stretching position for 30 to 60 seconds, a signal is sent to the muscle which relaxes all the tension, thus allowing the muscle to be stretched further. If a stretching position is held less than 30 seconds, the muscle does not relax and the stretch, which is not as great, is executed with a tense muscle. The longer stretch of 30 to 60 seconds results in maximum gains from the stretching exercises.

When executing a stretching exercise, the athlete should stretch until tightness is felt in the muscle and hold the position.

16



Raise toes of right leg and slowly slide the leg away from the body until stretch is felt and hold. (Groin)

The stretch may feel a bit uncomfortable, but should never be carried to the point of pain. Stretching to the point of pain can result in injury to the muscle.

The following list is a summary of points discussed for a safe and effective stretching program:

1. Before stretching always warm up the muscles.
2. Assume the stretching position slowly and gently. There should be no bouncing or jerking.
3. Stretch to the point of tightness, never pain!
4. Hold the position for 30 to 60 seconds.
5. Do the exercises to both sides of the body.
6. Stretching before and after each workout is desirable. If this is not possible, stretching before each workout is most important.

The following routine was designed specifically for the racquetball player. For the best results the exercises should be done in the order shown. It is recommended that all 16 exercises be done each time. If this is not possible a short routine may be used. Although it will not be as effective as the complete routine, satisfactory results can be obtained from it. The short routine consists of the exercises numbered 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 13. The full routine can also be broken down into before and after segments. The before routine would consist of the short routine and the after routine would consist of exercises 1, 4, 5, 9, 11, 14, 15, and 16.

If all the guidelines and procedures for stretching which are discussed in this article are followed, the racquetball player should enjoy the benefits of greater flexibility which in turn will help him avoid injury and enhance his/her racquetball game.

The routine shown in this article is available from the author on a 2 x 3 foot wall poster. The chart contains a pre-stretch warm-up, directions for execution, and a special short routine. The chart may be obtained from: Stretching Charts, P.O. Box 3288-R, Eugene, OR 97403. Price: \$3.00 plus 25 cents postage.

Other charts available in the stretching series are: baseball, basketball, football, golf, martial arts, running/jogging, skiing, soccer, swimming, tennis/handball, weight training, wrestling.

Scorecard

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All results should be typed, double spaced, and preferably arranged according to the example given here. Entries using this format stand a better chance of being included in the "Scorecard" section.

Men's Open
Semifinals: John Smith over Peter Smith 21-7, 21-15;
John Doe over Peter Doe 21-20, 21-13.
Finals: John Smith over John Doe 21-20, 13-21,
21-16.



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Gillette Charleston Family YMCA Open
Charleston Family YMCA
Charleston, West Virginia
March 6-8, 1981

Men's Open

1st: Dan Brannon; 2nd: Kevin Becker; 3rd: Tom Schivel;
4th: Jim Durant.

Men's B

1st: Steve Luckhardt; 2nd: Harold Cox; 3rd: Bruce Hrovat;
4th: Jim Durant.

Men's C

1st: Gary Kramer; 2nd: Dean Schwartz; 3rd: Bill Black;
4th: Brad Fenton.

Men's Seniors

1st: Tom Schivel; 2nd: George Klebez; 3rd: Robert
Bradley; 4th: Lee Corey.

Women's Open

1st: Lynn Aldrich; 2nd: Donna Hooten; 3rd: Barb Buckley.

Women's B

1st: Donna Hooten; 2nd: Mindy Patrick; 3rd: Cheri
McKay; 4th: Kathy Ball.

Women's C

1st: Lanita Wentzel; 2nd: Mindy Patrick; 3rd: Nancy
Ayres; 4th: Sue Burns.

Women's Novice

1st: Jerri Black; 2nd: Leandra Lane; 3rd: Elizabeth Taylor;
4th: Bonnie Edwards.

Closed Pennsylvania State Championships
Monroeville Racquet Club
Monroeville, Pennsylvania
February 26-March 1, 1981

Men's A

1st: Tom Ranker; 2nd: Craig Guinter.

Men's B

1st: Hugh Klein; 2nd: Bob Oliver.

Men's 30-34

1st: Russ Montague; 2nd: Tom Ranker.

Men's 35-39

1st: Jere Willey; 2nd: Harold Powell.

Men's 40-44

1st: Jay Kreusky; 2nd: Carmen Fellicetti.

Men's 45-49

1st: Jay Kreusky; 2nd: Fran Cerauolo.

Men's 50-54

1st: Jim Gomory; 2nd: Bob Eazor.

Men's 55-59

1st: Marvin Simkins; 2nd: Cam Snowberger; 3rd: William
Race; 4th: James Cole.

Men's 60-64

1st: Marvin Simkins; 2nd: Leo Bemis; 3rd: John Katz; 4th:
Cam Snowberger.

Women's A

1st: Cindy Baxter; 2nd: Lucy Zarfos; 3rd: Tammy Hajjar;
4th: Molly O'Brien.

Women's B

1st: Margie Stewart; 2nd: Nancy Holowid.

Women's 30-34

1st: Pat Gurson; 2nd: Eileen Turiak.

Women's 35-39

1st: Nancy Katz; 2nd: Isabel Castles.

Women's 40-44

1st: Carlo Hopson; 2nd: Janna Sam; 3rd: Artie Pulcher;
4th: Jeanie Kepler.

Women's 45-over

1st: Artie Pulcher; 2nd: Connie Kinderman.

Men's A Doubles

1st: Jeff O'Malley-Scott Johnson; 2nd: George Houston-
Kevin Pillion.

Men's B Doubles

1st: Jerry Hall-Bob Becker; 2nd: Dave Hernjak-Frank
Tuschak.

Men's Senior Doubles

1st: Jere Willey-Luke St. Onge; 2nd: Joel Babkes-Rip
Miller.

Men's Senior B Doubles

1st: Don Redinger-Ron St. Clair; 2nd: S. Gauoug-Don
Bradley.

Master's Doubles

1st: Gene Grapes-Al Schattner; 2nd: Herb Meyers-Fran
Cerauolo.

Women's A Doubles

1st: Lucy Zarfos-Cindy Baxter; 2nd: Linda Kennedy-Molly
O'Brien; 3rd: Marilyn Ross-Jeanne Farrell; 4th: Eileen
Carlson-Jan Peterson.

Women's B Doubles

1st: Karen Henry-Linda Montgomery; 2nd: Samantha
Brem-Lynn Ross.

Boys' Junior 16-17

1st: Dan Obremski; 2nd: Chris Biucki.

Boys' Junior 14-15

1st: Hugh Klein; 2nd: Steve Shriber; 3rd: Thomas Salvag-
gio; 4th: Tad Anderson.

Boys' Junior 11-13

1st: Mark Heckman; 2nd: Rob McKinney.

Boys' 10 & Under

1st: Scott Corneal; 2nd: Leo Sattler.

Boy's Junior Doubles

1st: Bryant Haberstroh-Peter Wong; 2nd: Kevin Hickey-
Marty Smith; 3rd: Dan Ginsbers-Rob McKinney.

Girls' 16-17

1st: Tammy Hajjar; 2nd: Beth Latini; 3rd: Mary Span

Girls' Junior 11-13

1st: Shelly Lee; 2nd: Kimberly Pinola; 3rd: Chris Zello;
4th: Bridget Herbst.

Girls' Junior 10 & Under

1st: Kimberly Pinola; 2nd: Stephanie Pinola.

Colorado State Championships
Executive Park Athletic Club
Colorado Springs, Colorado
February 26-March 1, 1981

Men's Open

1st: Mark Hegg; 2nd: Jack O'Connor.

Men's A

1st: Steve Landry; 2nd: Gary Bratt.

Men's B

1st: David Pope; 2nd: Gary Loveless.

Men's C

1st: Jaime Hernandez; 2nd: Mike Pitcher.

Men's D

1st: Paschal Jackson; 2nd: John Bajza.

Men's Senior 30+

1st: Tom Lynch; 2nd: Don Westbrook.

Men's Senior 35+

1st: Bruce Brookens; 2nd: Dixon Elliott.

Men's Seniors 40+

1st: John Ormanoski; 2nd: Dick Dobbins.

Men's Masters 45+

1st: Dick Manson; 2nd: George Garcia.

Men's Golden Masters 55+

1st: Dick Kincade; 2nd: Jack Domnik.

Women's Open

1st: Barbara Faulkenberry; 2nd: Trica Tillotson.

Women's B

1st: Barbara Berriochoa; 2nd: Evelyn Berge.

Women's C

1st: Marietta Nouza; 2nd: Julie Pilepsen.

Women's D

1st: Diane Means; 2nd: Ann Baldrice.

Men's Open Doubles

1st: J. Mooney-J. O'Connor; 2nd: B. Brookens-Ferrel.

Men's A Doubles

1st: Kim Koehn-Ken Stone; 2nd: John Ormanoski-Gerald
Beattle.

Men's C Doubles

1st: Dick Kincade-Dick Haney; 2nd: Keith Zinn-Jim Baril.

Women's A Doubles

1st: Beth Clippenger-R. McKemy; 2nd: Kathy Zale-Kie de
Lorraine.

Empire Racquet Club Open
Empire I

Chicopee, Massachusetts
February 13-15, 1981

Men's Open Singles

1st: Tom Reilly; 2nd: Bob Kelleher; 3rd: Duane Kamei;
4th: Peter Hawksworth.

Men's B

1st: Pat Mele; 2nd: Ted Jez; 3rd: Al Wienczek; 4th: Bob
Calrone.

Men's C

1st: Mark O'Connor; 2nd: Jim Timmons; 3rd: Joe Tyber-
ski; 4th: John Failla.

Men's Novice

1st: Nick Maggio; 2nd: Kirk Peters; 3rd: Scott Dillon; 4th: Carl Barnes.

Men's Seniors

1st: Bob Kelleher; 2nd: Richard Voto; 3rd: Howard Peele; 4th: Tony Robolakis.

Men's Masters

1st: Howie Coleman; 2nd: John Solto; 3rd: John Lepore; 4th: Wolfgang Schmidt.

Women's Open

1st: Susan White; 2nd: Robin Wadsworth; 3rd: Jackie Boyer; 4th: Joanie Quinlan.

Women's Novice

1st: Janice Guinard; 2nd: Ann Szlatchetka; 3rd: Sue Alix; 4th: Pat Grindle.

Women's B

1st: Fran Borek; 2nd: Stephanie Moore; 3rd: Joanie Quintan.

Women's C

1st: Lisa Sabbatino; 2nd: Buffy Readinger; 3rd: Maryann Deluke; 4th: Shelly Rome.

Men's Open Doubles

1st: Phil Fisher-Gul Khan; 2nd: Mike Romano-Bob Lefebvre; 3rd: Lu Champagne-Carmen Delnero; 4th: Pete Silvano-Darell Darnell.

Men's B Doubles

1st: Eramos-Marios; 2nd: Demarco O'Connor; 3rd: Miano-Killian; 4th: Tansey-Farncoeur.

Men's C Doubles

1st: Jonah Dodge; 2nd: Bob Robare-Walt Dembenski; 3rd: Good-Rushford.

Men's Novice Doubles

1st: Mike Howard-Bob Miano; 2nd: Failla Patton; 3rd: Amato McCrae; 4th: Tatro-Sypek.



Men's Open: Ken Kachtik (left), Jim Fox

The Brownsville Sport Palace Annual International
Charro Days Racquetball Tournament
The Brownsville Sport Palace
Brownsville, Texas
February 27-March 1, 1981

Men's Open

1st: Loinet de la Rosa; 2nd: Ken Kachtik; 3rd: Bill Mowbray; 4th: Hugo Blake.

Men's B

1st: Dan Seitz; 2nd: Ali Bestiero; 3rd: Craig Smith; 4th: Javier Chapa, Jr.

Men's C

1st: Roy Rosas; 2nd: Javier Chapa, Jr.; 3rd: Jesus Borreog; 4th: Abel Canales.

Men's D

1st: George Squyres; 2nd: Dentine Guerra, Jr.; 3rd: Robert Lonoria; 4th: Vicotor de Leon.

Women's Open

1st: Dora Tamez; 2nd: Pam Board; 3rd: Susie Guidry; 4th: Lily Kehoe.

Women's B

1st: Dora Tamez; 2nd: Claire Gautreau; 3rd: Mary Ann Harris; 4th: Diana Domonguez.

Women's C

1st: Anna Lopez; 2nd: J. Rogers; 3rd: Diann Galindo; 4th: Rebecca Garza.

Men's Open Doubles

1st: Tom Chodose-Tom Crane; 2nd: Brent Skinner-Jim Fox; 3rd: Juan Gonzalez-Hugo Blake; 4th: Lionel de la Rosas-Givilanez.

Men's B Doubles

1st: Andy Guidry-Jim Fox; 2nd: Mark Dunham-Paul Moxley; 3rd: Juan Gonzalez-Mike Medley; 4th: Craig Smith-Author Holmes.

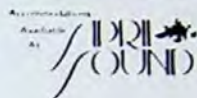


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Women's A Doubles

1st: Anita Carvajal-Beverly Trevor; 2nd: Susie Guidry-Pam Board; 3rd: Jan Harper-Linda Riggle; 4th: Sue Kachtik-Karen Moxley.

Women's B Doubles

1st: Mary Ann Harris-Claire Gautreau; 2nd: Anita Carvajal-Beverly Trevor; 3rd: Ariana Hinojosa-Marilyn Pereda; 4th: Susan Galik-Amy Seitz.

Sweetheart Tournament
The Sports Center
Fayetteville, North Carolina
February 28-March 1, 1981

Men's Open

1st: George Klimis; 2nd: Ron Renn.

Men's B

1st: William Barrier; 2nd: John Vaivao.

Men's C

1st: John Vaivao; 2nd: Mark Van Dell.

Men's Novice

1st: Bill Tarr; 2nd: Mike Eaton.

Women's Open

1st: Lisa Lofthouse; 2nd: Fran Davis.

Women's B

1st: Julie Hermann; 2nd: Sandy Minnich.

Women's C

1st: Sandy Minnich; 2nd: Barbara Lambert.

Women's Novice

1st: Deborah Van De Ven; 2nd: Virginia Baldwin.

AARA Kansas State Championships
Supreme Courts East
Wichita, Kansas
February 27-March 1, 1981

Men's Open

1st: Ross Jones; 2nd: Bob Wellman; 3rd: Jack Suenram;

4th: Clint Tiltsworth.

Men's B

1st: Bob Neace; 2nd: Bob Piper; 3rd: Stan Schmidt; 4th:

Darin Grimes.

Men's C

1st: Guy Humphrey; 2nd: Gene Taldo; 3rd: Johnny Com-

ilang; 4th: Dean Blackwell.

Men's D

1st: Virgil Steagall; 2nd: Dan Daubert; 3rd: Joe Ramsey;

4th: Dale Galloway.

Men's Seniors

1st: Dick Matthes; 2nd: David Norris; 3rd: Stan Smith;

4th: Lee Humphrey.

Men's Masters

1st: J.D. Frederick; 2nd: Dean Blackwell; 3rd: Ted Vlamis;

4th: Bill Fry.

Women's Open

1st: Gail Burden; 2nd: Terry Dickerson; 3rd: Susan Kraft;

4th: Concha Duarte.

Women's B

1st: Mary Pecht; 2nd: Shirley Latourneau; 3rd: Theresa Aiken; 4th: Theresa Reed.

Women's C

1st: Shirley Latourneau; 2nd: Marcia Riniker; 3rd: Pam

Fleming; 4th: Jerri Stucky.

Women's D

1st: Brenda Ceruantes; 2nd: Sharon Fry; 3rd: Kym

Doygan; 4th: Julie Beemiller.

No Bounce 8 & Under

1st: Ronnie Beemiller; 2nd: Kevin Caelley; 3rd: Derek

Grimes; 4th: Greg Nance.

Boys' 13 & Under

1st: Guy Humphrey; 2nd: Mike Dalke; 3rd: Jordan Hatch;

4th: Steve Brewer.

Girls' 13 & Under

1st: Julie Beemiller; 2nd: Michelle Rice; 3rd: Stacy Hall.

Western Junior Regional

Fairfield Court Club

Fairfield, California

March 6-8, 1981

Girls' 17 & Under

1st: Karen Dunigan; 2nd: Mo Nard; 3rd: Carolyn Ander-

son; 4th: Shari Anthony.

Girls' 17 & Under Doubles

1st: Michelle Morrow-Carolyn Anderson; 2nd: Terri

Newport-Shari Anthony; 3rd: Mo Nard-Kim Bettencourt.

Girls' 15 & Under

1st: Janelle DeLugg; 2nd: Lisa Giannantonio; 3rd:

Michele Gilbertie; 4th: Michele Nunes.

Girls' 13 & Under

1st: Lisa Anathony; 2nd: Delainie Comer; 3rd: Lisa Mark;

4th: Tiffany Evans.

Girls' 13 & Under Doubles

1st: Lisa Mark-Delainie Comer; 2nd: Shelley Wallman-

Nikki Anathony; 3rd: Tiffany Evans-Anna Niksic.

Girls' 10 & Under

1st: Rodie Martin; 2nd: Stacy Sattler; 3rd: Salina Rodri-

quez; 4th: Jodie Benetar.

Boys' 10 & Under

1st: John Ellis; 2nd: Chris Carmona; 3rd: Jason Gilbertie;

4th: Tyler Konence.

Boys' 13 & Under

1st: Bobby Rodriguez; 2nd: Matt Rudich; 3rd: Jeff Stark;

4th: Jess Wilson.

Boys' 15 & Under

1st: Jeff Conine; 2nd: Jeff Mulligan; 3rd: Woody Claus;

4th: Scott Gaston.

Boys' 15 & Under Doubles

1st: Jeff Mulligan-Jeff Conine; 2nd: Woody Claus-Jim

Oliver; 3rd: David Garcia-Erik Brown; 4th: Scott Gaston-

David Perrine.

Boys' 17 & Under

1st: Gerry Price; 2nd: Billy Gamble; 3rd: Dwayne Hughes;

4th: Jeff Weinstein.

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2nd, Larry Angel 3rd, Doug Strain 4th.

N. W. Junior Regionals
Gresham Court Club
Gresham, Oregon
March 21-22, 1981

Boys' 10 & Under

1st: Darin Campbell; 2nd: Kelly Jeffery; 3rd: Jonathon

Munger; 4th: Boz Riveria.

Boys' 13 & Under

1st: Derek Robinson; 2nd: Georgie Grijalua; 3rd: Mike

Griffith; 4th: David Brown.

Boys' 15 & Under

1st: Jeff Plazak; 2nd: Jay Schell; 3rd: Mike Graff; 4th:

Rick Barron.

Boys' 17 & Under

1st: Brad Poppino; 2nd: Brian Boddy; 3rd: Larry Angel.

Girls' 17 & Under

1st: Momi Lee; 2nd: Trina Rassmussen; 3rd: Kim

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