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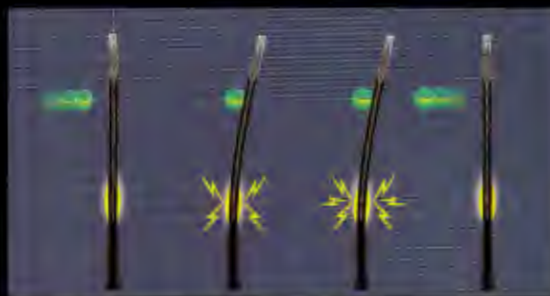
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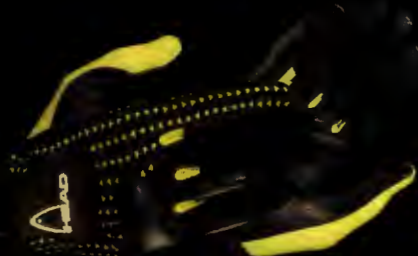
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... on the cover ... She outlasted them all — in the outback and on the court. Survivor Tina Wesson poses with Scott Lay (at front wall) and Tracey Graves (foreground) at CourtSouth in Knoxville. Photo: Mike Boatman.

... this page ... 2001 National Champions Jack Huczek and Cheryl Gudinas. Photo: Cecil Haynes.





# reader forum

## To be the Best

Being of a foreign nationality myself (Dominican), I consider this issue a delicate one. There are two sides to the argument "should foreign players compete in the U.S. nationals?" Well, it is a tough analysis but here it goes.

It is self-explanatory that the U.S. Nationals are for the U.S. players. I consider that the "Open" division should remain for U.S. players, just how it is right now. Imagine that a player like myself has a great day and beats a talented Adam Karp, who was suffering from a cold. This would present a big problem to the U.S. team; it should have the best players on the team. Honestly, we, the foreign players, want to compete with the best in the international tournaments. To be the best, one has to play with the best.

Well, this leads exactly to my point. If the best players in the world are from the US, why can't other players enjoy the benefit of competing with them? It's like economics, the country that does not become globalized becomes obsolete. Same with racquetball players. Therefore, I think the system should remain the same it has been. Why? Because if we, the racquetball community, want our sport to become more competitive and more popular, we must share our resources for this cause. Who has the best resources? U.S. racquetball. It is that simple.

Now the question remains, do we want to block foreign players from US tournaments because of the threat of losing a championship to a foreigner or do we want racquetball players to become competitive and common? This is a question that should be asked among yourselves.

**Yamil Isaías**  
*Dominican Republic Racquetball*

We have U.S. Open Championships in Golf, Tennis, Squash and all the other major sports. Do the tournament directors restrict them to U.S. players only? I don't think so.

Racquetball players are always complaining that our sport is not growing. One of the reasons is that some of the people playing the sport refuse to grow. If you consider yourself the best in your sport, you should be prepared to play other "bests," from your own country, or any other country.

At nationals, we have accommodated everyone that plays the game. Now in other major racquetball tournaments, we include age divisions with skill categories (35A, 40C/D, 50B) in order to appease everyone. I have major problem with this concept. If you can't compete at the highest level, then just play locally, and enjoy yourself.

**Mike Mojer, Racquetball Director**  
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## Pro?

I, for one, have always understood the term "Open" to mean free from limitations or boundaries. If the purpose of the Open division is to identify the best player on the court, through a process of elimination, then we must include everyone and exclude no one.

**Learned L. Clark**  
*Mt. Laurel, New Jersey*

## Or Con?

The most recent article written by Luke St. Onge "New Directions" is headed in the wrong direction. The claim that we should allow any person — pro or amateur — to compete in an "open" division national qualifier to attempt to earn a spot on the U.S. National team because other major sports do it is certainly an example of faulty logic at best.

Over the past few years, the interest in racquetball has declined dramatically. It no longer enjoys the popularity expressed by the general public during the eighties. However, instead of holding more events where amateurs can develop their skills and knowledge of the game, Luke seems to advocate a policy where the very source and future of racquetball will be crushed by allowing

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the professionals to play in events that were intended to develop a pool of up and coming amateur players. By allowing professional racquetball players to compete in the open division that was originally designed for amateurs, will overshadow the purpose of the national team and will turn this event into an extension of the "Pro Tour."

**Learned L. Clark**  
*Mt. Laurel, New Jersey*

## A Family Affair

Exercise can be fun and exciting! Especially when it includes racquetball. That's what my family and I discovered through several events the past several years. It all started when I signed up for membership in The Clarksville Athletic Club in Clarksville, Tennessee several years ago.

My oldest son Brad was 12 years old, and I was 43, when he came to me and asked if he could join the health club. I

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*You may know Tina Wesson — the Survivor — but you may not know Tina Wesson the wife, mother, friend, and racquetball player. Fiercely loyal to her friends and family, Tina is determined not to let her fame change her life, or her racquetball habits. She claims her tenacity is what helped her to win on Survivor and it is that same tenacity that makes her a winner in life, both on and off the court.*

Tina first picked up the sport five years ago when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. "I was big into the tennis circuit," she explains, "I could not play anymore with my arthritis." Determined not to sit around the house and feel sorry for herself, Tina decided to try playing racquetball. "I kinda have an unorthodox swing. I use more of an arm motion to protect my wrist, but I took up racquetball and fell in love with it." Since then she has won two Tennessee Women's B State Championships with her "unorthodox" swing.

Tina tries to play regularly but she admits her court time has been limited since being declared the ultimate survivor. "I have only gotten to play three times since May 2. I've only been home three days. It gets so that I have withdrawals if I am out on the road. All I can think about is if only I had someone here that I could play with."

When she is home she enjoys playing in her Saturday doubles group "probably more than anything else." Some of her favorite people to play with are her husband Dale Wesson, her best friend Tracey Graves (whom she met through the sport), John McCauley, and Dennis Stinnett. One of the things that she is most grateful for is that nobody at her club has treated her any differently since she was on Survivor. "I am still just Tina to them. It's still very much just a competitive racquetball group and we love to just get in there and compete with each other." She did say that there were more spectators (and camera crews) at her matches during the state tournament. "I wonder why?" She joked, laughing, "It must be the quality of racquetball."

Although her life has been a whirlwind for the past few months, Tina makes sure she has plenty of time for her husband Dale and two



daughters, Katie, 13, and Taylor, 12. One of the most important things to her is to be able to equalize family life with her new fame. "[In] trying to balance the life I love as a woman, as a mother, as a wife and the new responsibilities that come along with Survivor," she explained, "the biggest challenge is going to be ... making sure that my husband and my family are not getting the leftovers. I told Mark Burnett when I went to interview for the show that 'I have the perfect life. I am so happy and content that I don't need Survivor to be fulfilled'."

Tina still keeps in touch with the cast members and feels that Colby Donaldson or Mike Skupin would give her the toughest game on the court. But unlike some Survivor alumni, you won't be seeing Tina in the movies anytime soon (well, maybe a cameo). "I am not an actress, I don't want to be an actress. You will not see me in any movies." Right now Tina just wants to be able to spend more time with her family and friends. You can get a sense from her that she truly loves being a wife and mother.

What Tina would most like to see happen in racquetball would be more women taking up the sport. "My biggest disappointment is to go to these tournaments and having to play in the men's division because there is not anyone in my division. I'd love to see an explosion of women in the game."

As the interview came to a close, Tina wanted to add, "As far as racquetball is concerned is that it came along at a point in my life that was a very difficult time, (finding) out that I had been diagnosed with arthritis. There was a point where I had to sleep sitting up, I couldn't even get in and out of the bathtub myself, and I was giving up a sport that I really enjoyed. Racquetball came along and filled the shoes of something that was a big part of my life. How grateful I am that I get to play and the joy that racquetball brings to my life is pretty significant."

"It's a fantastic sport, a wonderful athletic release for me and I am just very appreciative of racquetball."



*Mixed Doubles Anyone? The "Final Four" in last season's Outback Survivor Series.*



*With local opponents Jennifer Hunter (above) and Kaci Allen (right).*



*Below: The Saturday morning group ... (l-r): Dale Wesson, Jerry White, son Taylor Collins, mom Tina, Tracey Graves, John McCully, Melissa Stinnett, Dennis Stinnett.*



**a racquetball survivor**  
• Interview by Ryan John

Survivor photos: courtesy Tina Wesson; Court photos: courtesy Jennifer Hunter. Read the complete Q&A text of Tina's interview with RACQUETBALL, online at [www.racquetballmagazine.com](http://www.racquetballmagazine.com).



# stacking up the titles gudinas & huczek win!

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*Over 650 athletes traveled from all across the United States to the Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships, presented by Penn Racquet Sports, all seeking the title of national champion. Hosted by the Downtown Houston YMCA, "The Finals" brought players and their families to the growing and revitalized downtown area for the 19th consecutive year.*

Last year's champ, Rocky Carson, was on hand to defend his men's open title after an impressive season that earned him USRA Male Athlete of the year honors. In his repeat bid, Carson was set to face challenges by last year's silver medallist and hometown favorite, Doug Eagle, along with Dan Fowler, Michael Bronfeld, and IRT regular Mike Guidry.

Also in the draw was then-17-year old Jack Huczek (bronze medallist last year), along with Shane Vanderson and Josh Tucker representing the next generation waiting to step up and take center stage with a win. Huczek and Vanderson, along with women's up-and-comer Kristen Walsh, are the only players to serve concurrent terms on both the U.S. Junior National Team and U.S. Adult National Team.

Among the women, Cheryl Gudinas was gunning for her third straight women's open title after coming off a year that would raise even Tiger Woods' eyebrows, with gold medal performances at National Singles, the World Championships, and the Tournament of the Americas. She also took the revamped LPRA tour by storm, winning six of eight stops (including the preceding four straight), on her way to being named USRA Female Athlete of the Year.

Hoping to stop Gudinas were Jackie Paraiso, still in search of her first, elusive National Singles crown, along with team regulars Kersten Hallander, Laura Fenton, and U.S. OPEN finalist Rhonda Rajsich.

## **Men's Early Round Action**

The first day of action saw seven of the top sixteen seeds fall, including an upset of No.2 Doug Eagle who was ousted by Colorado southpaw Woody Clouse in straight games.

But the upset of the day occurred when virtual unknown Travis Aldinger eliminated No.5 Mike Locker. This was only Aldinger's second trip to Nationals ... his first had been cut short when, two days before arriving in Houston, he'd been bitten by a spider and had a



reaction to the venom and lost early. This year, he hadn't even played open at his regional qualifier, opting for just his age division instead.

Locker took the first game 15-14 and jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the second before Aldinger was able to battle back and force a tiebreaker by winning game two, 15-12. In the third, Locker once again jumped out to another 6-3 lead, and again Aldinger dug deep to tie the score at 7-7, and then called a timeout. "When I called the timeout at 7-7 somebody told me that there is no glory unless I won," said Aldinger. "That's when I decided that if I had come this close that I might as well finish it." He then went on to take the third game, and the match, 11-8.

Later in the day, Aldinger was defeated by Ohio's Mike Dennison in another grueling round of 32 tiebreaker, 12-15, 15-8, 11-4. When asked if the earlier match with Locker may have fatigued him, Aldinger replied, "I want to say 'no' but my legs say 'yes'. Not to take anything away from Mike, he played a great match, I just wish I would have been a little more fresh."

Other upsets in the 32s included Josh Tucker defeating No.7 Kevin Graham, Brian Fredenberg over No.12 Tim Hansen, Ryan Rodgers topping No.13 Willie Tilton, Michael Bronfeld beating No.15 Mitch Williams and Mike Johnston ousting No.16 Mathew Majxner.

### **Round of Sixteen**

The round of sixteen placed youngsters Jack Huczek and Shane Vanderson into a rematch of the 2000 World Junior Championship in which Vanderson had won an impressive 11-6 tiebreaker. The highly anticipated match saw Huczek seeking revenge and Vanderson trying to prove that his earlier win hadn't been a fluke. Huczek took the match quickly and easily, 15-8, 15-6, as a frustrated Vanderson struggled. "Jack played a good match," a solemn Vanderson stated. "I just couldn't find my rhythm, I couldn't make a shot."

Fourth seeded Dan Fowler survived a scare from Chris Crowther, after Fowler opened with a 15-11 first game win, but Crowther was able to step up his game and take the second 15-10. But Fowler refused to become another statistic in the upset-laden field and rolled to an 11-4 victory in the tiebreaker.

Two minor upsets occurred in the round of sixteen, as Jeff Bell and Woody Clouse were able to advance into the quarterfinals. Clouse continued his march through the draw with a victory over former champion and two-time runner up Michael Bronfeld. Playing superbly, Clouse took the match with surprising ease in two straight, 15-9, 15-7. Bell was also impressive with his downing of No.8 Dale Valentine. Leading with precise passing shots, Bell stayed in control the entire match and won in straight games of 15-11, 15-6.

After being challenged in a close first game by former U.S. Team member and U.S. OPEN executive director Doug Ganim, top-seeded Rocky Carson advanced to the next round with a 15-14, 15-6 victory.

### **Team Qualifying Quarters**

The Cinderella stories all ended on Friday as each of the top seeds advanced in straight games to earn re-appointments to the U.S. National Team.

The bottom bracket had been shaken up the most, with the early exits of No.2 Eagle and No.7 Graham, leaving No.10 Mike Guidry and un-seeded Woody Clouse to battle for a semi-final berth. Clouse, who had first knocked off Eagle, then Bronfeld, was shooting for his first national team spot, but would have to go through yet another proven player and current team member, Mike Guidry. But Guidry's experience showed as he jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, taking the match in straight games, 15-9, 15-8.

The remaining seeds to reach the quarterfinals had also reached them last year, and although

Carson and Huczek may have been surprises to make the team in 2000, they were almost a sure bet for 2001. Carson advanced with a close straight game defeat of Jeff Bell, 15-10, 15-13, and Huczek continued to roll through the tournament, without giving up a double-digit game, as he defeated Chris Wright, 15-8, 15-6. Dan Fowler also advanced in straight games over Brian Fredenberg, 15-9, 15-9.

**Men's U.S. Team Appointments**  
Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, California)  
Dan Fowler (Rockville, Maryland)  
Mike Guidry (Carrollton, Texas)  
Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Michigan)

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Huczek (in red) vs. Carson in the final.



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### Top Four

Once the pressure of re-qualifying for the team had passed in the preceding round, defending champ Carson took to the court against No.4 Dan Fowler in search of his second consecutive singles title. Game one was marked by controversial calls and numerous appeals as the players battled back and forth. Early on it had been close, but Carson was able to pull away in the end. On game point, it appeared that he had retrieved Fowler's shot on the second bounce. Fowler appealed the get, but the referee's decision stood when the line judges couldn't agree to overturn the call and Carson took the first game 15-8.

Game two went much like the first with both players keeping the score close, at least in the beginning. Carson pulled away to a 12-8 lead, which Fowler quickly narrowed to 12-10 but that was as close as he would get as Carson came away with a 15-10 victory to take the match. "All I have to say is that he's *really* good," said Carson, "I felt like my return was on today and I was able to execute the shots I needed at crucial times."

After becoming the youngest male to ever make the U.S. National Team last year with his bronze medal finish, Jack Huczek hoped to go one step further and become the youngest to win a men's open national singles crown. He came closer to that goal with a surprisingly easy 15-5, 15-6 victory over Mike Guidry in the second men's semifinal match on Saturday.

Huczek controlled the tempo of play the entire match, as Guidry was unable to find his rhythm. By mixing up his serves, Huczek was able to keep Guidry off balance, often setting up a weak return that he was able to put away.

"I just wanted to get him into a rally," he recalled "I knew that if I could do that, then I would do well."

### Finals

Carson and Huczek faced off as the two youngest athletes to compete in the finals for the open championship. Last year, at 21, Carson had become the youngest player to ever win the title, and 18-year-old Huczek was trying to top that feat. Last year's semifinal between the two had seen Carson win by frustrating Huczek with his speed of play. "Last year was the first time that I ever played Rocky," said Huczek. "Until you actually experience his pace of the game, you can't really anticipate him that well."

Since then, they'd played each other a few times over the course of the year, most recently at the Michael Lanning Benefit Pro-Am, where Carson took the match in an 11-9 tiebreaker. Now a bit more familiar with each other's games, Carson jumped out to an early 5-2 lead, followed by a series of sideouts before Huczek was able to roll off three straight points to tie the score at 5-5. Carson took an early timeout and when he returned to the court, he continued his stall tactics but Huczek was unfazed as he extended his lead to 11-5. "Having played Rocky before I was better able to anticipate him," he said. But Huczek did have a little trouble closing out the first game, and Carson pulled to within two at 13-11. After calling his own timeout, Huczek was able to re-focus, come back to the court, earn a sideout and score the final two points to close it out, 15-11.

In game two Huczek's momentum swept him to a 4-0 lead, but this time it was Carson who came back to force his opponent to call a timeout at 4-4. The two





battled back and forth, the score knotted at 5-5 and 6-6, before Huczek closed out the game, and match, with a nine-point run to 15-6. Although Huczek became the youngest national singles champion, he still has loftier goals. He has plans to compete on the IRT full time next fall, "My goal is to be number one in the world," he said. "I'm number fifteen right now so I only have fourteen more spots to go."

### Women Warm Up

Unlike the men, all of the top seeded women advanced to the round of sixteen with straight game wins, before things began to heat up.

The match of the day placed 2000 semifinalist and No.4 seeded Rhonda Rajsich up against No.13 Kerri Stoffregen. In the first game Rajsich took a commanding 6-0 lead before Stoffregen went on an unanswered run of her own to take the lead at 9-6. At that point Rajsich attempted a diving retrieval and came down hard on her side, forcing her to take an injury timeout. The jarring didn't seem to hamper her game as she returned to the court to finish game one 15-11. "Maybe it woke me up a little," joked Rajsich between games.

In game two it was Stoffregen who took an early 5-2 lead before Rajsich was able to reel her in and tie the score at 10. A series of sideouts later Rajsich was up 13-10 with the match advantage, but Stoffregen dug deep to come back and force a tiebreaker with a 15-13 win.

The tiebreaker featured clutch shots by both players as they never strayed more than two points apart. Tied at 10-10, Rajsich launched a big drive serve that Stoffregen was able to somehow return for a perfect pinch winner. On her very next service, Stoffregen hit a similar serve that Rajsich answered with a down the line rollout. As the match neared the two-hour mark, both players were exhausted, and Stoffregen finally closed out the match with a thirty-eight foot winner. "I had nothing to lose,"

said Stoffregen when asked what was going through her mind during the intense tiebreaker. "I knew that I was playing good, so I just tried to play like I had throughout the match."

Two other upsets were recorded in the round of sixteen as Elaine Albrecht edged out No.8 Tammy Brown and Liz Alvarado was able to squeak by No.7 Malia Bailey.

Second-seeded Jackie Paraiso survived a scare from intercollegiate champ Kristen Walsh. After dominating the first game 15-1 Paraiso found herself in a tiebreaker with Walsh after dropping the second game 15-6. Walsh kept it close in the tiebreaker but in the end Paraiso's experience was too much for the Baldwin Wallace freshman to overcome as Paraiso took the deciding third, 11-7.

### Quarterfinal Team Round

In her next round, Jackie Paraiso received a win by injury forfeit when San Antonio's Liz Alvarado twisted her knee, tearing her ACL, toward the end of the first game. With the score 13-5 in favor of Paraiso, Alvarado had attempted to retrieve a passing shot to her right side. As she went to make the cut, her knee gave out and sent her to the floor. After a fifteen-minute injury timeout, Alvarado returned to the court and attempted to finish the match.

During the second rally her knee gave way again and Paraiso closed out the first game 15-5. The spirited Alvarado returned to start the second game but after a few rallies her knee buckled once more, sending her to the floor for a third time. This time, however, she was unable to continue and was helped off of the court as the crowd applauded her gutsy effort. Paraiso's next opponent would be Kersten Hallander who had advanced easily over Kim Russell 15-2, 15-5. After a bronze medal finish last year, Hallander was hoping to make her first appearance in a women's open final.

Top seeded Cheryl Gudinas was the only player to have been in a must-win situation (to keep her

spot on the team) since all of the other Friday winners had already qualified by earning a finals berth in doubles last October. But she kept her hopes of a "three-

### Women's U.S. Team Appointments

Laura Fenton (Overland Park, Kansas)  
Cheryl Gudinas (Chicago, Illinois)  
Kersten Hallander (San Diego, California)  
Jackie Paraiso (San Diego, California)



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Gudinas (in hat) vs. Paraiso in the final.



peat" alive with her 15-6, 15-13 defeat of Elaine Albrecht, before going on to face Laura Fenton, who had defeated Kerri Stoffregen 15-9, 15-6. Fenton, who overcame back surgery in 1999 to earn a spot on the 2000 national team, would be making her fourth appearance in the semifinals, and the first since her injury.

### **Two Pair**

The first semifinal match of the day saw Gudinas and Fenton exchange leads and knot the score numerous times until, midway through the first game the two collided, forcing Gudinas

to take an injury timeout. Apparently unfazed by the injury, Gudinas returned to the court and rattled off the next seven points to win the first game, 15-8.

The defending champ dominated game two as she rolled to a 14-3 advantage, only giving up serve twice on the way. Fenton managed a few more points in the match but Gudinas finished it off 15-5. In a show of resigned good sportsmanship, Fenton called a "carry" on herself at match point, thus handing the game to Gudinas.

Looking at a third straight title, Gudinas doesn't find it getting old for her. "It never gets any better (than winning a national championship). I couldn't even sleep last night because I was nervous. When I stop being nervous before a match then it's time to quit."

In the lower bracket, Jackie Paraiso was impressive in her 15-5, 15-7 victory over Kersten Hallander. Paraiso jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the first game and never looked back. Hallander mustered a few points but Paraiso kept her on the defensive the entire first game by hitting precise passes and crisp pinch shots.

In game two Paraiso repeated taking an early lead, and Hallander fought hard to be more competitive but was unable to overcome the early deficit and fell 15-7. "A large chunk of my game has been missing recently but not today," Paraiso said referring to her nagging shoulder injury. "I have no expectations at this tournament (because of the injury), I am just happy with every win that I can get."

### **Rematch Final**

In the rematch final between Gudinas and Paraiso the story line was set ... Paraiso seeking one of the few titles that have eluded her in her career and Gudinas attempting to string together back-to-back (to back) career wins.

It was a motivated Paraiso who dominated the first game, taking an 11-1 lead by keeping Gudinas off balance and never letting her get settled. Gudinas tried to





manage a comeback and was able to pull within five points at 13-7, but the lead was too large to overcome and Paraiso was able finish off the last two points to take game one 15-7.

Gudinas returned to the court for game two with a more determined look in her eye, and jumped ahead 4-1. Paraiso fought back and pulled to within one at 7-6 but Gudinas stepped up her game while making a seven point run. Paraiso

refused to give in and tried to mount a late comeback, closing the gap to 14-9 before Gudinas could force a sideout. Before her serve, Gudinas called a timeout to re-focus and she returned to the court to close out game two, 15-9, and force a tiebreaker.

It was anyone's game in the third, as the two exchanged the lead several times until, with the score tied at 5 all, Gudinas broke away to give herself a 9-5 advantage. With the crowd on her side, Paraiso mounted a run of her own to close the gap to 9-8. But as she'd done before, Gudinas used a timeout to re-focus and it worked again as she returned to close out the game, and the match, 11-8. On the game winner, Gudinas let out a shriek to punctuate her victory.

While receiving treatment for her shoulder after the match Paraiso explained, "There were times when I didn't have the strength to hold on to the racquet (in the match). But it is beginning to feel better and I am back on the rise."

Gudinas, thrilled by her third consecutive title, could hardly hold back her tears of joy. "Everything was a struggle out there today," said Gudinas. "I really respect Jackie's game a lot. Winning this tournament is wonderful every time."

There were many other divisions besides men's and women's U.S. Team Qualifying Open at the U.S. National Singles – over 60 of them, in fact. Age, skill, and combined age/skill brackets pitted players of similar ability against each other to fight for a national title. All in all, some of the fiercest competition could be found in these divisions ... proven by the twenty-two final matches that were decided by tiebreaker!

### A Family Affair

After Jack Huczek won his first men's Open gold medal, his mother, Sharon Huczek (right), followed suit by taking home her first national championship crown in women's 50+ A/B. The division was a round robin and Sharon was able to compile a 4-1 win record for the title. The match that sealed her victory was a 15-3, 15-4 win over silver medalist Patricia Schof.



The Stoffregen's also believe in keeping it in the family. For the second year in a row both Kerri and Gerri Stoffregen were able to earn gold medals in Houston. Kerri repeated as the women's 25+ champion with her defeat of Claudine Garcia, 15-8, 15-9, while Mom Gerri earned a third consecutive gold medal in the women's 55+ division, over Agatha Falso 15-8, 15-2.

### Double Duty

As anyone who's done it can attest, winning a single national championship is tough enough, but winning two titles in the same year is near impossible. Two players, Debra Tisinger and John Coaker, were able to accomplish the feat in 2001.

Tisinger (pictured far right) earned her gold medals by winning the women's 35+ and 40+ divisions with wins over Anita Maldonado (near right) and defending champion Malia Bailey, respectively. John Coaker was victorious against John Cooper in the men's 45+ C/D and then defeated Victor Zamudio in the men's 50+ C/D to earn his two gold medals.



### Repeat Performers

Several other players were able to repeat as national champs, including: Kevin Graham (men's 30+), Tim Hansen (men's 40+), Mitt Layton (men's 50+), Joe Lambert (men's 70+), and Rhonda Rajsich (women's 24-). Jo Kenyon (women's 65+) was able to win her age division for a third straight year, but the longest running streak belongs to Ruben Gonzalez who has been able to come away with a gold medal in the men's 45+ division four years in a row.



## Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships — Final Results

### Houston, Texas: May 23-28, 2001

#### U.S. Team OPEN DIVISION Qualifiers

**Men's Open:** Jack Huczek, Rochester, MI def. Rocky Carson, Santa Maria, CA 15-11; 15-6

**Women's Open:** Cheryl Gudinas, Chicago, IL def. Jackie Paraiso, El Cajon, CA 8-15; 15-9; 11-8

#### Men's SKILL Divisions

**Elite:** Jonah Bishop, Pittsburgh, PA def. Zachary Pope, Sanger, TX 15-3; 15-7  
**A:** Dave Bartscher, Dallas, TX def. Filip Vesely, Las Vegas, NV 15-10; 13-15; 11-5  
**B:** Drew Toland, Parkin, AR def. Chris Coy, Elk City, OK 15-11; 15-4  
**C:** Myron Brough, Cleveland, OH def. Philip Suarez, Victoria, TX 15-11; 15-14  
**D:** Kyle Shawger, Zanesville, OH def. Rudy Olivares, San Antonio, TX 5-15; 15-11; 11-5

#### Men's AGE Divisions

**M24 -:** Mitch Williams, Washington, NC def. Matthew Gehling, Annapolis, MD 15-6; 15-10  
**M25+:** Brian Fredenberg, The Colony, TX def. Rob DeJesus, Phoenix, AZ 15-6; 5-15; 11-3  
**M30+:** Kevin Graham, Oakdale, MS def. Jeff Bell, Tucson, AZ 15-4; 15-7  
**M35+:** Andy Roberts, Collierville, TN def. Jim Minkel, Houston, TX 15-5; 15-3  
**M40+:** Tim Hansen, West Palm Beach, FL def. Tom Travers, Westlake, OH 12-15; 15-4; 11-0  
**M45+:** Ruben Gonzalez, Staten Island, NY def. Tom Travers, Westlake, OH Def (ns)  
**M50+:** Mitt Layton, Jacksonville, FL def. Russ Mannino, Poway, CA 15-6; 15-8  
**M55+:** Ed Remen, Apex, NC def. Bill Wolfe, Staten Island, NY 15-9; 15-12  
**M60+:** Ron Galbreath, New Wilmington, PA def. James Trammell, Springfield, MO 15-6; 15-6  
**M65+:** Jerry Holly, North Hills, CA def. Don Alt, Ft. Myers, FL 15-9; 15-14  
**M70+:** Joe Lambert, Dallas, TX def. Frank Trask, Hallowell, ME 15-7; 15-5  
**M75+:** Victor Sacco, Norwood, NY def. Earl Acuff, Asheville, NC 3-15; 15-3; 11-1  
**M80+:** Robert McAdam, Crowley, TX def. Earl Acuff, Asheville, NC 15-10; 15-14

#### Men's AGE + SKILL Divisions

**M24- A/B:** Filip Vesely, Las Vegas, NV def. Brian Feng, Austin, TX 15-7; 15-10  
**M24- C/D:** Bryan Shaw, Bel-Nor, MO def. Kris Robinson, Berea, KY 15-13; 6-15; 11-5  
**M25+ A/B:** Ivan Perry, Narberth, PA def. Albert Schof, Baton Rouge, LA 15-4; 15-10  
**M25+ C/D:** Enrique Loaiza, Mission Viejo, CA def. Jimmy Cho, APO, AP 11-15; 15-11; 11-3

**M30+ A/B:** Kipp Atwell, Denham Springs, LA def. Alok Mehta, Wellesley, MA 15-10; 1-15; 11-8

**M30+ C/D:** Patrick Knox, Washington, DC def. Barry Gribble, Washington, DC 13-15; 15-10; 11-7

**M35+ A/B:** Bob Jackson, Ridgeland, MS def. Angelo Perilli, Boothwyn, PA 12-15; 15-10; 11-9

**M35+ C/D:** Alex Morelos, Moore, OK def. Rudy Olivares, San Antonio, TX Def (ns)  
**M40+ A/B:** Steve Myers, Frederick, MD def. Watmore Casey, Wooddale, IL 14-15; 15-13; 11-2

**M40+ C/D:** John J. Mason, Palatine, IL def. Doug Sanders, Wimberley, TX 15-4; 10-15; 11-2

**M45+ A/B:** Edward Fink, Houston, TX def. Esteban Lebron, Venice, CA 15-4; 15-9  
**M45+ C/D:** John Coaker, Sparta, MI def. John Cooper, Edmund, OK 15-9; 15-8

**M50+ A/B:** Roger Aronoff, Washington, DC def. Leo Klimaitis, Barrington Hills, IL 3-15; 15-2; 11-10  
**M50+ C/D:** John Coaker, Sparta, MI def. Victor Zamudio, Logansport, IN 15-13; 15-7

**M55+ A/B:** Fred Roe, Santa Monica, CA def. Ron Blackmon, League City, TX 15-4; 15-7  
**M55+ C/D:** Peter Kochis, Edmund, OK def. Marc Scher, Katy, TX 15-10; 13-15; 11-5

**M60+ A/B:** Robert W. Hill, Houston, TX def. Al Miller, Chagrin Falls, OH 14-15; 15-4; 11-1  
**M60+ C/D:** Robert Sholly, Houston, TX def. Pearce Grove, Williamsburg VA 13-15; 15-6; 11-7

**Women's SKILL Divisions**  
**Elite:** Aimee Roehler, Sterling, NJ def. Adrienne Fisher, Dayton, OH 15-6; 13-15; 11-4

**A:** Tammarrian Rogers, Redmond, WA def. Christine McAlpine, Burke, VA 7-15; 15-12; 11-5  
**B:** Thao Le, Potomac Falls, VA def. Rosario Kelley, Bowling Green, KY 12-15; 15-13; 11-3

**C:** Sue Hunt, Starkville, MS def. Karen Marzano, Glendale Heights, IL 14-15; 15-14; 11-4  
**D:** Marci Laramée, Gallatin, TN def. Karissa Sparks, Washington, DC 15-7; 15-13

**Women's AGE Divisions**  
**W24-:** Rhonda Rajsich, Phoenix, AZ def. Janel Tisinger, Simi, CA 15-3; 8-15; 11-8  
**W25+:** Kerri Stoffregen, Cinnicanti, OH def. Claudine Garcia 15-8; 15-9

**W30+:** Elaine Albrecht, Delaware, OH def. Lorraine Galloway, Jamacia Estates, NY Def (ns)  
**W35+:** Debra Tisinger, Simi, CA def. Anita

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**Maldonado, Bronx, NY 15-12; 15-7**  
**W40+:** Debra Tisinger, Simi, CA def. Malia Bailey, Norfolk, VA 15-9; 10-15; 11-3

**W45+:** Marcy Lynch, Doylestown, PA def. Susan Pfahler, Neptune Beach, FL 15-12; 2-15; 11-2

**W50+:** Agatha Falso, Boca Raton, FL def. Terry Rogers, San Mateo, CA 15-7; 15-8  
**W55+:** Gerri Stoffregen, Cincinnati, OH def. Agatha Falso, Boca Raton, FL 15-8; 15-2

**W60+:** Sharon Hastings Welty, Corvallis, OR def. Mildred Gwinn, Waxhaw, NC 15-2; 15-3  
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**Top** — Mexican Women's Squad (l-r): Rosie Torres, Susy Acosta, Joanna Rivera, Lupita Torres, Tania Anguiano. **Center** — Team Guatemala (l-r): Fernando Sierra, Andy Burge, Gustavo Morales. **Bottom** — Team Bolivia (top row, l-r): Carioli Santos Alvaro Tapia, Paola Nunez, Yaque Parada; front (l-r): Fernando Paccieri, Ramiro Echalar.



## Way South of the Border

The 14th Tournament of the Americas was held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras in early April, where over seventy-five athletes representing eleven countries made the Central American trek to seek individual and team titles. Also on the line each year are two commemorative trophy cups: The Cup of the Americas team trophy and the Friendship Cup delegates award.

Over the years this event has evolved into an excellent developmental competition for all racquetball athletes in the region. For many new team members, this event marked their first competitive experience at the international level.

"It is not our world championship team, but the players that are here get an excellent opportunity to play," said Ron Brown, Canadian Head Coach. "For our young players, this is a great experience."

The event is played in two rounds, a qualifying round in which the players are divided in groups and play in a round-robin format, followed by a second round in which those who qualify are entered into a standard draw. The qualifying round includes both Open and A players, who are seeded based on their finishes in the preliminary round, then placed accordingly in the second half of the event.

Although the competition is fierce, rekindling friendships and making new ones is one of the things that this tournament does best. And the unexpected cancellation of last year's event in Bolivia, due to civil unrest in the country during the sched-

### CUP OF THE AMERICAS Overall Team Results

1. USA ..... 100
2. Canada ..... 70
3. Mexico ..... 36
4. Bolivia ..... 21
5. Chile ..... 18
6. Argentina ..... 15
7. Dominican Republic ... 6
8. Guatemala ..... 4
9. Venezuela ..... 2
10. Honduras ..... 1
- Puerto Rico ..... 1

### Men's Team

1. USA ..... 50
2. Canada ..... 30
3. Mexico ..... 28
4. Argentina ..... 12
5. Bolivia ..... 5
- Dominican Republic ... 5
7. Guatemala ..... 4
8. Honduras ..... 1
- Chile ..... 1
- Venezuela ..... 1
- Puerto Rico ..... 1

### Women's Team

1. USA ..... 50
2. Canada ..... 40
3. Chile ..... 17
4. Bolivia ..... 16
5. Mexico ..... 8
6. Argentina ..... 3
7. Venezuela ..... 2
8. Dominican Republic ... 1
9. Honduras ..... 0
- Guatemala ..... 0
- Puerto Rico ..... 0

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The U.S. national team TOA squad swept all four major divisions at the 14th Pan American Racquetball Confederation [PARC] Tournament of the Americas, taking titles in both the men's and women's singles and doubles divisions.

In men's singles, 2000 national champ Rocky Carson led the way by knocking off current world champion, Alvaro Beltran (Tijuana, Mexico) in the semifinals before defeating Canadian national champion, Kane Waselenchuk (Alberta, Canada) in straight games of 15-9, 15-13 for the title. Earlier, Waselenchuk had dashed the hopes of an all U.S. final by defeating Mike Guidry 15-10, 15-13 in the semifinals.

In women's singles, another Canadian kept the U.S. from having two players in the finals when Josee Grand'Maitre (Quebec, Canada) defeated Kersten Hallander (San Diego, Calif.) in a tiebreaker, 11-15, 15-14, 11-5, to move into the finals against reigning world champion Cheryl Gudinas. Gudinas was driven as she took the match, and the title, in straight games of 15-4, 15-6.

Doug Eagle and Adam Karp teamed up for a gold medal in men's doubles, after going to a tiebreaker in the finals against Polo Gutierrez and Gilberto Mejia (Mexico), winning the first game 15-8 but dropping the second 5-15. After re-grouping they stormed out to an 11-3 win in the deciding game.

Current national doubles champions, Laura Fenton and Jackie Paraiso faced Canadians Amanda MacDonald and Karina Odegard (Saskatchewan) in the finals, after winning by default in their quarterfinal and semifinal matches. Fenton and Paraiso played superb, downing the Canadians in two straight, 15-9, 15-5, to complete the U.S. sweep.

By taking gold in all of the major divisions the U.S. captured its 14th straight PARC Tournament of the Americas Cup, claiming it each year since the tournament's inception in 1986.

## *tournament of the americas ... continued from page 19*

uled event dates, it had been a while since some of these players have seen one another.

The 1999 TOA singles champion, Mike Green (Canada), was the only defending champion in the field of countries representing North, Central, South America and the Caribbean. In the first half of the competition, Green faced off against Javier Moreno (Mexico) in a nail biting singles match.

"Mike is a good guy," said Moreno. "We have been having a great time since we stayed together in New York with Sudsy while playing in the New Jersey pro stop."

Moreno also had other friends in the stands. "Since Christmas I have not seen my father," said Moreno. "It is great to have him here to see me play."

An event of this magnitude would not be possible without the support of the Local Organizing Committee. Once this event was awarded to Honduras over a year ago, plans to host the event quickly moved into high gear.

"The event has gone better than we expected," noted Carmelo Rizzo of the Hondureno Racquetball Federation and member of the local organizing committee. "It is my first international event as an organizer and has given me a great personal satisfaction to be a part of it. This is an excellent platform for the Central American Games that will take place in Guatemala later this year"

A member of the technical committee and architect by trade Carlos Gonzales said, "Meeting the players and visiting with them has given me the most pleasure."



On the last day of competition, Honduran presidential candidate Ricardo Maduro (left) met with PARC President Oswaldo Maggi (center) and Treasurer of the Honduras Olympic Committee, David Matamoros.





# ProFILE Tour News



## IRT Pro Nationals

There were so many questions to be answered at the IRT and LPRA Pro Nationals in Vegas this year ... Could Sudsy claim his sixth stop in a row? ... How about a fifth for Cheryl? ... Could Cliff re-take the number one ranking spot that he'd held earlier in the year, or was it out of reach? ... How would Jackie cope with her shoulder injury? Would she and Ellis be able to successfully defend their titles? Questions, questions and more questions — and only one way to answer them: play!

### Next in Line ...

The men's draw went off without an upset hitch right up to the semifinals. Then everything changed, and what was meant to be yet another Monchik vs. Swain face-off to end the season turned into a battle between seeds #3 and #4 instead.

The first semifinal paired No.2 seeded Cliff Swain and No.3 Jason Mannino, in the third meeting between the current IRT World Doubles Champions this season. Swain had won all three of the previous semifinal challenges.

Their first game stayed close as the two exchanged points and serves until Mannino was able to take the game 12-10. "I had a good bead on his serve," said Mannino, "which is hard to do, especially on that court" (referring to the main court at the Las Vegas Sporting House, which has front and right side glass).

Mannino stayed on track and was able to storm out to an 11-2 win in game two and finish off the match in straight games, with a 11-4 victory to complete the three game sweep.



Mannino (left) vs. Ellis in the final.



"I was able to keep the pressure on Cliff the whole match," Mannino explained. "He knew that he had a long way to go after I won that first game and that put the pressure on him."

The second semifinal featured top-seeded Sudsy Monchik against No.4 seeded John Ellis, who had won last year's pro nationals when the field hadn't included Monchik. The two had also met earlier this season, splitting their wins.

The first game set the tone for the rest of the match as both traded leads before Ellis was able to come away with the victory 11-8. Games two and three were more of the same, with both players clawing for points and Ellis having just a little more left in the end to take the last two games, and the match, 11-9, 11-7.

"It's always a challenge to play against Sudsy," said Ellis. "I was just able to play the crucial points better than him at the end of the games."

PHOTOS: JOHN FOUST





### Final: Mannino vs. Ellis

You know that you will always get an exciting match when Ellis and Mannino step on the court, but it's still impressive to watch their athleticism. "What's more exciting than a power/diving racquetball match?" Mannino asked rhetorically. "Besides, who wants to see Cliff and Sudsy play each other in the finals of every tournament?" In reviewing the entire season, this did turn out to be the first IRT stop that did *not* feature at least one of the top two ranked players in the finals.

Trading game wins evenly, Ellis was able to take the first game 11-9 but Mannino stormed back to take the second 11-3. Again in the third, Ellis squeaked out an 11-9 victory only to have Mannino answer 11-7 in the fourth to force the tiebreaker.

In the deciding fifth, Ellis jumped out to an 8-4 advantage and looked as though he would successfully defend his pro national title. His plan was to hit ceiling balls to force Mannino to shoot from the deep part of the court. "Jason plays a different style of game than most of the players on tour," said Ellis. "I just tried to keep him deep and force him to shoot from there."

The strategy worked up to the point at which Mannino started to make those forty-foot kills with surprising accuracy, again and again. "After I made a couple of shots I was able to put the pressure back on him," explained Mannino. "His ceiling balls started to come off the back wall and I was able to put them away."

In fact, although the rest of the match was a struggle for each point, Mannino went on to end the game on a seven point run to become the 2001 Pro National Champion.

## • men's tour rankings • scorecard •



### 2000-2001 INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOUR SCORECARD

New Orleans.....	Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik .....	10, (9) 4, 7
Stockton.....	Jason Mannino def. Sudsy Monchik .....	5, (9) 5, 9
Las Vegas.....	Swain/Mannino def. Robinson O'Neil .....	5, 3, 4
Albuquerque.....	Sudsy Monchik def. John Ellis .....	4, (7) 4, 1
Chicago.....	Cliff Swain def. John Ellis .....	9, 4, 1
Memphis.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain .....	8, 9 (9) 3
Denver.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain .....	3, 1, 12
Boston.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain .....	(7) 7 (8) 3, 6
Fairfield.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain .....	6, 10, 10
Minneapolis.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Rocky Carson .....	10, 7, 3
San Diego.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain .....	3, 9, 2
Las Vegas.....	Jason Mannino def. John Ellis.....	(9) 3 (9) 7, 8
Coral Springs.....	John Ellis def. Rocky Carson.....	9, 8, (10) 9
Portland.....	Cliff Swain def. Jason Mannino .....	3, 0, 4





## INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOUR SEASON RANKINGS

[Season End —Through Las Vegas, 05/2001]

	Points	Player	Hometown	Last Issue	Last Year
1.	4452	Sudsy Monchik	Staten Island, NY	1	1
2.	3565	Cliff Swain	Braintree, MA	2	2
3.	3115	John Ellis	Stockton, CA	3	3
4.	3048	Jason Mannino	San Diego, CA	4	4
5.	2166	Rocky Carson	Santa Maria, CA	6	7
6.	2113	Alvaro Beltran	Chihuahua, Mexico	9	40
7.	2075	Derek Robinson	Kennewick, WA	8	9
8.	2824	Tim Doyle	San Diego, CA	5	5
9.	1884	Mike Guidry	Carrollton, TX	7	6
10.	1506	Dan Fowler	Rockville, MD	11	10
11.	1373	Mike Locker	Minneapolis, MN	10	11
12.	1083	Erin Brannigan	Sagle, ID	14	19
13.	1069	Mike Green	Ontario, Canada	16	n/a
14.	833	Kane Waselenchuk	Alberta, Canada	12	28
15.	822	Adam Karp	Stockton, CA	13	8
16.	752	Greg Thomas	Bend, OR	17	31
17.	648	Jack Huczek	Rochester Hills, MI	18	25
18.	639	Brian Istace	Calgary, Alberta (Canada)	21	35
19.	522	Mike Johnston	Lakewood, CO	22	20
20.	478	Javier Moreno	Memphis, TN	28	53
21.	459	Chris Crowther	Riverside, CA	25	29
22.	458	Bruce Moore	EdgewaterPark, NJ	32	33
23.	423	Louis Vogel	Albuquerque, NM	15	12
24.	407	Ruben Gonzalez	Staten Island, NY	20	14
25.	406	Luis Bostillos	Chihuahua, Mexico	19	13
26.	357	Dan Llacera	East Brunswick, NJ	26	26
27.	352	Kris Odegard	Saskatoon, Sask. Canada	23	41
28.	319	Ryan Homa	Eagan, MN	24	22
29.	318	Brian Pointelin	West Jordan, UT	27	24
30.	316	Shawn Royster	Huntington Beach, CA	35	38
31.	299	Dale Valentine	Riverside, CA	42	n/a
32.	278	Aarron Granberg	Minneapolis, MN	29	n/a
33.	282	Josh Tucker	Joplin, MO	30	n/a
34.	201	Mike Dennison	Twinsburg, OH	38	36
35.	199	Adam Priamo	Buffalo, NY	36	n/a
36.	194	Kevin Graham	Eau Claire, WI	37	169
37.	169	Jason Jansen	Fargo, ND	33	63
38.	168	James Mulcock	Las Vegas, NV	31	18
39.	160	Doug Ganim	Westerville, OH	39	34
40.	136	Ben Ryder	Menomonie, WI	113	111
41.	131	James Lockhart	Lincoln, NE	59	42
42.	128	Kyle Veenstra	Wausa, WI	43	30
43.	120	Bob Jackson	Ridgeland, MS	44	74
44.	118	Sam Ryder	River Falls, WI	45	130
45.	117	Gordon Kirkland	Orlando, FL	n/a	n/a
46.	114	Eugene Coyle	Palatine, IL	117	74
47.	105	Woody Clouse	Littleton, CO	79	44
48.	102	Chris Zalegowski	Manchester, NH	46	n/a
49.	99	Shai Manzuri	Manchester, NH	123	n/a
50.	98	Dave Sable	Atlanta, GA	47	n/a



### THEY MADE IT ...

The question was raised in the November-December issue: Would Sudsy Monchik be able to regain his No.1 ranking, then hold it for a fifth tour title? He overtook Swain just past the season's halfway mark back in February (at the New Jersey Pro-Am), then closed out his run with wins in 7 out of 14 tour stops to clinch the tour title for 2001. The feat ties him with three other all-time greats of the game: Marty Hogan, Mike Yellen and Cliff Swain. No one holds six.

His co-star on the cover, Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten, also earned the corresponding top spot in tennis, holding the ATPs No.1 ranking at press time.

### HOT NEW WEBSITE ...

Sudsy Monchik not only just finished a spectacular season, but also recently launched one of the coolest websites in the sport: [www.sudsyRULES.com](http://www.sudsyRULES.com)!

Designed by Ohio's Tim Machan, it features some never-before-seen content about the most popular player to hit the courts since Marty Hogan. Tons of background on the champ, photos, instructional tips, behind the scenes info on pro racquetball, and an incredible opening sequence that will really get you charged up about racquetball. Visit often as this site promises to be updated regularly, with the inside scoop from every tour stop.

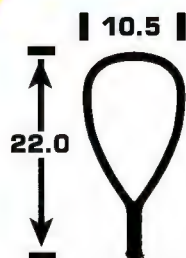
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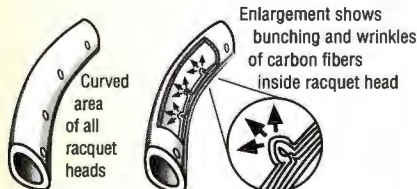
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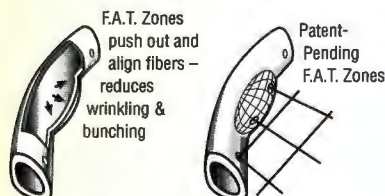
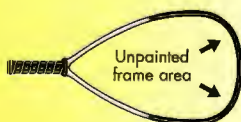
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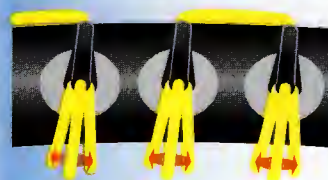
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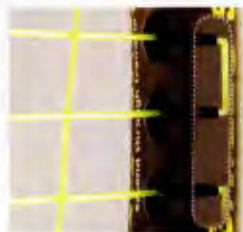


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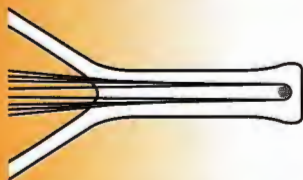
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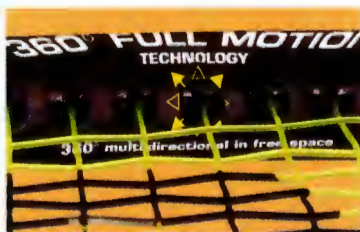
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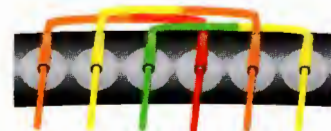
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# ProFILE Tour News



## LPRA Pro Nationals

For the women in Las Vegas, things started to heat up in the sixteens after a smooth first round. A southwest battle between Arizonans Rachel Gellman and third seeded Rhonda Rajsich went to five games. Gellman took the first game 21-14 but Rajsich replied with one point better in the second with 21-13. But Gellman then took the third and Rajsich found herself facing elimination in her first match. She was able to re-group and return to the court more focused to take games four and five to advance into the quarterfinals.

Kim Russell, after defeating Lorraine Galloway in the first round, was set to face No.4 seeded Laura Fenton. The U.S. National teammates kept it close in the first game until Russell was able to take it 22-20. Russell remained in control of the second game and took it with ease 21-9 to take a 2-0 lead. Fenton fought hard in the third but was unable to overcome Russell and fell 21-18 to lose in straight games.

Top seeded Cheryl Gudinas and No.2 seeded Jackie Paraiso both advanced into the quarterfinals. Gudinas

took a straight game win over

Canadian Jen Saunders in the round, while Paraiso advanced after dropping the first game to Dina Moreland before she coming back to win the next three to move on.

Against Gudinas in the quarterfinals, Ohio's Kerri Stoffregen gave the top seed all that she could handle. The two came out firing in the first game and Gudinas was able to pull through in the end 22-20, but Stoffregen came right back to win 21-19 in another tight game. Gudinas then took the third, 21-19, and Stoffregen the fourth, 21-17, to force the tiebreak. With only narrow margins in all four previous games, the fans knew that they would be in for a treat in the fifth, and they were not let down as Gudinas edged Stoffregen in another close one, 21-19, to move into the semi's.

Elsewhere in the round, No.5 Kersten Hallander ended Russell's run after dropping the first game to earn her spot in the semi's against Gudinas. Rajsich regrouped after her earlier five game marathon to beat Susy Acosta in straight games, and Paraiso also advanced in straight games over Lori-Jane Powell.

In their semi-final, Paraiso and Rajsich faced each other for the fifth time this season. Rajsich took their first



Gudinas (left) vs. Paraiso in the final.



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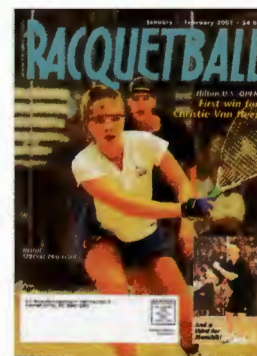


## Ladies Professional Racquetball Association Season Rankings

[Season End — Through Las Vegas Pro Nationals, 05/2001]

	Points	Player	Hometown	Last Issue	Last Year
1.	662.50	Cheryl Gudinas	Lisle, IL	1	2
2.	512.50	Jackie Paraiso	San Diego, CA	2	1
3.	222.50	Rhonda Rajsich	Phoenix, AZ	5	n/a
4.	196.25	Laura Fenton	Overland Park, KS	4	24
5.	146.25	Kersten Hallander	San Diego, CA	6	4
6.	98.75	Susana Acosta	Chihuahua, Mex	7	5
7.	74.75	Doreen Fowler	Rockville, MD	8	9
8.	71.75	Kerri Stoffregen	Cincinnati, OH	28	22
9.	65.75	Lori-Jane Powell	Calgary, Canada	10	11
10.	62.25	Kim Machiran	Ballwin, MO	9	7
11.	61.75	Michelle Lucas	Annandale, VA	11	10
12.	58.75	Janet Myers	Charlotte, NC	12	14
13.	40.75	Johanna Shattuck	Denver, CO	14	16
14.	33.75	Kristen Walsh	Berea, OH	13	27
15.	33.50	Denise Mock	Allen, TX	16	21
16.	30.00	Kim Russell	Austin, TX	n/a	n/a
17.	26.25	Chris Evon	Wheeling, IL	15	n/a
18.	20.00	Josee Grand Maitre	Longueuil, Canada	18	17
19.	18.75	Rachel Gellman	Phoenix, AZ	26	18
	18.75	Dina Moreland	Montgomery, AL	26	n/a
21.	17.50	Jennifer Saunders	Canada	22	n/a
22.	16.75	Angela Burth	Las Vegas, NV	19	15
23.	15.50	Linda Moore	Madison, NE	17	36
24.	13.75	Adrienne Fisher	Centerville, OH	21	n/a
25.	12.75	Lourdes Sanders	Canada	20	13
26.	10.10	Kari McDonough	Carmichael, CA	23	n/a
27.	10.00	Jessie Carbajal	Aurora, CO	24	n/a
28.	10.00	Angela Grisar	Chile	24	19
29.	8.00	Cinyta Salazar-Leveque	Waynesboro, PA	30	n/a
30.	6.75	Phyllis Morris	Hillsborough, NC	28	8
	6.75	Krystal Csuk	Naperville, IL	44	34
	6.75	Stephanie Munger	Anchorage, AK	36	39
	6.75	Shannon Feaster-Stewart	Silver Spring, MD	44	37
34.	6.50	Ramona Vonondarza	Boca Raton, FL	39	33
35.	6.10	Karina Odegard	Saskatchewan, Canada	48	23
36.	6.00	Loreto Barriga	Chile	30	20
37.	6.00	Anita Maldonado	Bronx, NY	33	n/a
38.	5.75	Jennifer Dering	Cross River, NY	36	12
39.	5.10	Peggy Stephens	Louisville, KY	32	29
40.	5.00	Lisa Hjelm	Carmichael, CA	33	6
41.	5.00	Marcia Richards	Englewood, CO	33	n/a
42.	4.75	Mickey Richer	Ft. Collins, CO	36	40
43.	2.75	Chantal Turgeon	Quebec, Canada	40	n/a
44.	2.75	Lorraine Galloway	Jamaica Estates, NY	44	17
45.	2.50	Joanna Rivera	Chihuahua, Mexico	41	29
46.	2.00	Annette Gillhouse	Colorado Springs, CO	42	n/a
	2.00	Dana Anderson	Minneapolis, MN	42	n/a
48.	1.50	Claudia Corpi	Mexico	47	n/a

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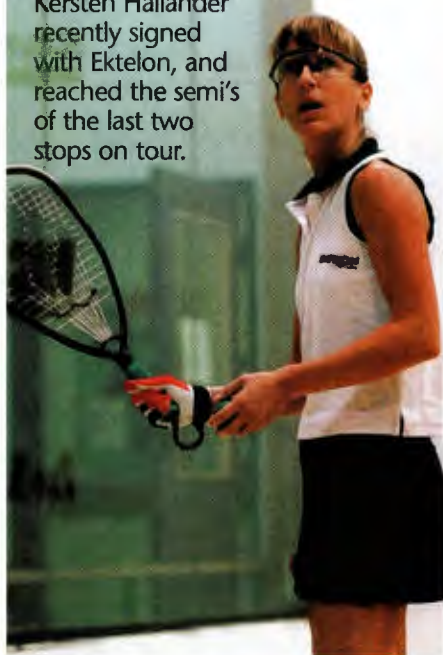
### VAN HEES RETIRES ...

You'll notice that she's no longer listed in the LPRA rankings. We reached Christie Van Hees just before press time for this statement:

"As of the end of the 2001 season I have decided to retire indefinitely from competing in professional and amateur racquetball tournaments. At this time I want to pursue other avenues in life and could no longer give the kind of commitment to the sport that it deserves. I want to thank everyone who supported me along the way, especially HEAD/Penn, my family, Mike Ceresia, and the Canadian National Racquetball Team. Since I was three years old this sport has given me memories to fill a life-time, amazing friends, my education, and the belief that I can achieve anything I put my mind to. These are all things for which I will remain incredibly grateful and why I will continue to encourage everyone and anyone that racquetball is, by far, the best sport in the world.



No.5 ranked Kersten Hallander recently signed with Ektelon, and reached the semi's of the last two stops on tour.



match at the U.S. OPEN in November and has been paying for it ever since; Paraiso has won their last three meetings. Continuing to make Rajsich pay, Paraiso advanced to the finals with a straight game victory, 21-17, 21-6, 21-10.

Gudinas was also able to advance to her fifth consecutive final with a straight game, 21-18, 21-18, 21-8, victory over Hallander. Hallander kept the match close in the first two games, but Gudinas wore her down to take the third with ease.

With a victory in the finals, Gudinas would claim a fifth straight title on the LPRA tour. Paraiso, still recovering from a shoulder injury which had forced her to forfeit a match to Gudinas earlier in the year, would be trying to gain some momentum for the upcoming U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston.

The first game was close, the players staying within a few points of each other before Gudinas was able to pull through for a 21-19 win. The second game started out much the same, but Paraiso faded earlier in the contest, losing it 21-15. Unable to successfully defend her title, she fell 21-10 in the third game to give Gudinas the championship, a fifth straight LPRA title, and a lock on the number one ranking at season's end.

## • women's tour rankings • scorecard • schedule

### 2000-2001 LADIES PRO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION SCORECARD

Albuquerque .....	Cheryl Gudinas def. Jackie Paraiso .....	17, 18, 16
Colorado Springs .....	Christie Van Hees def. Jackie Paraiso .....	(15) 21, 19 (18) 14
Memphis .....	Christie Van Hees def. Rhonda Rajsich .....	7, 12 (22) 11
Denver .....	Jackie Paraiso def. Cheryl Gudinas .....	14, 17, 9
Rosarito Beach .....	Jackie Paraiso def. Christie Van Hees .....	(19) 18 (15) 17, 19
Watertown .....	Cheryl Gudinas def. Christie Van Hees .....	17 (15) (16) 15, 16
Minneapolis .....	Cheryl Gudinas def. Jackie Paraiso .....	14, 15, injury forfeit
Chicago .....	Cheryl Gudinas def. Kerri Stoffregen .....	14, 13, 19
Las Vegas, NV .....	Cheryl Gudinas def. Jackie Paraiso .....	19, 15, 10

### 2001-2002 LADIES PRO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

August 2-4 .....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico .....	La Loma Sports Complex
September 21-23 .....	Charlotte, North Carolina .....	Charlotte YMCA
October 19-21 .....	Albuquerque, New Mexico .....	Tom Young's Athletic Club
November 2-4 .....	Colorado Springs, Colorado .....	Lynmar Racquet & Health Club
November 15-19 .....	Memphis, Tennessee .....	Racquet Club of Memphis
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 .....	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada .....	River Racquet Athletic Club
December 6-8 .....	Denver, Colorado .....	Lakewood Athletic Club
<b>2002</b>		
January 18-20 .....	Rosarito Beach, Mexico .....	Rosarito Beach Resort
February 14-16 .....	Minneapolis, Minnesota .....	Central Courts
March 1-3 .....	Salt Lake City, Utah .....	Sports Mall
March 15-17 .....	Chicago, Illinois .....	Athletic Club of Bloomingdale
April 11-15 .....	San Diego, California .....	Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center
May 2-4 .....	Las Vegas, Nevada .....	Las Vegas Sporting House

*For more event details and complete tournament drawsheets online, go to [www.ladiesproracquetball.com](http://www.ladiesproracquetball.com) > "Events"*



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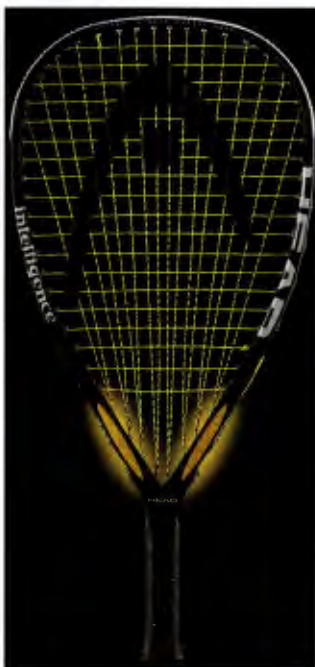
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"The basic premise of the technology is to maximize the energy available from natural motion and use it in the most efficient way possible to power the racquet and enhance performance," said Dave Haggerty, President of HEAD/Penn Racquet Sports.

HEAD's Intelligence™ racquets also feature an innovative cross-section design - PowerFrame™ - that increases torsional stability by 27% and reduces its weight by more than 6%. The first racquets in the line are the i.165 (shown at left), which retails for \$275.00 and the i.185 for \$225.00. The racquets will ship to retail over the summer. [www.head.com](http://www.head.com)

## Dual Action Knee Strap

Cho-Pat has introduced the new Dual Action Knee Strap, which incorporates the benefits of the original design (released two decades ago) with added support components. The new release offers further strengthening of the kneecap mechanism by applying pressure on the tendon above the kneecap as well as below, which reduces the possibility of incurring patellar tendonitis (an erosion of the undersurface of the kneecap). Constructed of neoprene, the device applies constant dynamic forces to the surrounding areas of the knee joint, while allowing full mobility and reducing the likelihood of "overuse syndrome" so prevalent in the very active. For a catalogue, call 1-800-221-1601, visit online at: [www.cho-pat.com](http://www.cho-pat.com), or see the display ad on page 59.



## Pro Elite Eyewear

HEAD Gear recently introduced a stylish new frame into its eyewear collection: the new Pro Elite, endorsed and worn by five-time world champion, Sudsy Monchik. A HEAD/Penn sponsored player since 1996, Monchik began wearing the Pro Elite at the Pro Nationals in Las Vegas



The Pro Elite has a lightweight, impact resistant frame and features spherical shaped, distortion free polycarbonate lenses that are anti-scratch and anti-fog treated. The adjustable temples and clip-on elastic strap provide a comfortable fit. The eyewear also offers maximum protection and meets all the required safety standards for racquetball.

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## Entry Form and Ticket Application

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## RULES/FORMAT

All USRA divisions will be played according to official USRA rules, including the mandatory use of protective lensed eyewear tested to ASTM F803 or CSA impact standards. Pro divisions will use IRT/LPRA rules. For all age divisions, players must meet the proper age requirement as of the first day of the tournament (November 14th). All divisions (pro and USRA) will use the ProPenn (green) ball. Consolation will not be offered due to court time restrictions.

## RANKING POINTS

USRA : The top-eight finishers in all divisions will receive USRA ranking points. This is a Level 5 event. Professionals: On the IRT/LPRA tours, prize money determines the level of ranking points associated with a given event. The Hilton U.S. OPEN is the largest prize money event of the season.

## OFFICIATING

All players will receive \$5 for each USRA division match they referee. Players losing a match in the pro divisions are required to referee.

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1st	\$3,500	Qtrts	\$ 750
2nd	\$2,000	16's	\$ 400
Semis	\$1,150		

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1st	\$ 350	Semis	\$ 85
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**For More Information, Call the Hilton U.S.  
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*Jason Mannino*

IRT #3



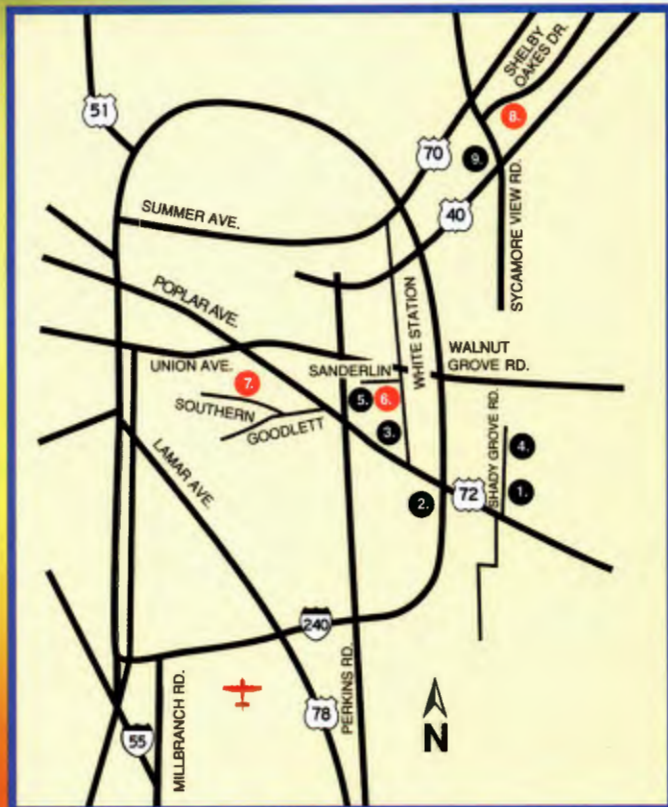


## TRAVEL AND LODGING

Travelennium and Northwest Airlines join the USRA in offering you the lowest possible airfares/rental car rates to the Hilton U.S. OPEN. For reservations, call Travelennium at (800) 844-4924. Be sure to reference the Hilton U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships. When making hotel reservations, you must mention the Hilton U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships. Rates are good for up to four people per room. You must make reservations by October 22, 2001 for these special rates. Regular shuttle service will be available between all three clubs throughout the event. In addition, transportation will be provided from each host hotel (except Hampton Inn-Sycamore) to The Racquet Club hourly. No parking is available at The University of Memphis, so players must use the shuttle.

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*Jackie Paraiso*

LPRA #2

### CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS

2000	Sudsy Monchik	Christie Vanhees
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1997	Cliff Swain	Michelle Gould
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Be there to see the world's only "made-for-TV" portable stadium racquetball court. The event will be nationally televised (tape delayed) on ESPN2. In addition, over 600 USRA Division players will compete in age and skill divisions for every level. Special events include the Dinner Gala "PARTY WITH THE PROS", an Industry Trade Show, Player Village complete with concessions, live entertainment, International/VIP Reception, Pro-Am Doubles Tourney, HOLLYWOOD Casino Night, and fan fair activities. The event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The professional matches will be held at The Racquet Club of Memphis, a world-class health club and dining facility featuring racquetball, tennis, locker rooms with all the amenities, state-of-the-art fitness center, swimming pool, four-star restaurant, elegant banquet and meeting rooms, pub with dance floor, and much, much more. The Racquet Club is no stranger to hosting world-class sporting events, as they are the annual site for the acclaimed Kroger St. Jude Tennis Championships, a stop on the ATP Tour, which has hosted such top name players as Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and Michael Chang.

Amateur divisions will be played at The University of Memphis Recreation Center (10 minutes from The Racquet Club) and Wimbledon Sportsplex (15 minutes from The Racquet Club). Complimentary shuttle service between all three facilities will be provided on a regular basis.



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From the quarterfinals on, all men's and women's pro matches will take place on the stadium court. Dramatic player introductions complete with laser light shows and booming music will treat racquetball fans to a total entertainment experience.

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## PARTIES. PARTIES AND MORE PARTIES

That's right! For those of us who like to enjoy our evenings, the Hilton U.S. OPEN promises a solid week of non-stop fun, kicking off with a Tuesday evening Welcome Party, Wednesday night International/VIP Reception, and Thursday HOLLYWOOD Casino Night in the Player Village at The Racquet Club. And that's only the beginning! On Friday evening, the action moves to the "Pub" nightspot at The Racquet Club of Memphis, which will feature a DJ spinning the hottest tunes for your dancing pleasure. Mingle with the pros and racquetball fans from throughout the country.

Saturday evening will top off the party calendar with the gala racquetball bash of the year – the sixth Annual Hilton U.S. OPEN Dinner Gala "PARTY WITH THE PROS". More than 1,000 racquetball fans are

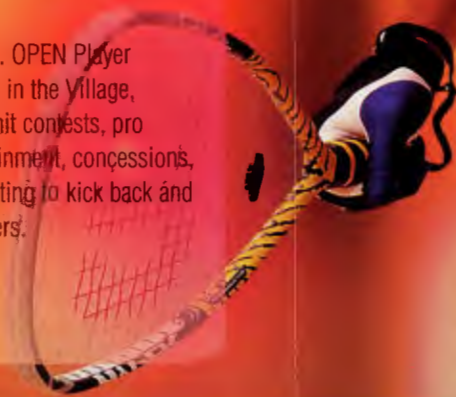
expected to turn out at The Racquet Club Party Center for an evening of live entertainment featuring one of Tennessee's hottest dance bands. Elegant ice carvings, extravagant hors d'ouerves and desserts, huge dance floor, silent auction for St. Jude, cash bar, multi-media slide show, and all the top racquetball pros in the world will make the evening one to remember. The cost for guests and tournament spectators is \$30 per person. Players participating in the Hilton U.S. OPEN will be admitted free!

*Cliff Swain*  
IRT#2



## PLAYER VILLAGE

The nerve center of the event will be the Hilton U.S. OPEN Player Village. Many activities are scheduled to take place in the Village, including an extensive Industry Trade Show, hard-hit contests, pro autograph signing sessions, live stage with entertainment, concessions, cash bar, informational seminars, and plenty of seating to kick back and relax. Admission is free for all spectators and players.



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## PRO MATCH SCHEDULE

Pro-Am Doubles for St. Jude	Tuesday	5 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Men's & Women's Pro Qualifying	Wednesday	8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Men's round of 64	Wednesday	4 p.m.- 11 p.m.
Men's round of 32	Thursday	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Women's round of 32	Thursday	1 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Men's round of 16	Thursday	5 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Women's round of 16	Friday	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Men's quarters	Friday	3 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Women's quarters	Saturday	9 a.m.- 11 am
Men's semi #1/Women's semi #1	Saturday	12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Women's semi #2/Men's semi #2	Saturday	3:30 p.m.- 6:30 pm
Women's finals/Men's finals	Sunday	12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP

All players must be current members of the USRA. If you're not, a membership can be purchased at the event (\$20 per year). In addition, all players entering the pro draws must be current members of the IRT/LPRA Players Association or join at the event (\$10).

## PLAY BEGINS/STARTING TIMES/CONFIRMATION

Players must be prepared to play as early as 8 a.m. on the dates indicated in the chart below. Requests for special starting times must be indicated on the entry form. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests, however no guarantees can be made. Starting times will be available after 5 p.m. on Monday, November 12th by calling The Racquet Club at (901) 765-4428. Entries and ticket orders can be confirmed online after October 22, 2001 at [www.hiltonusopen.com](http://www.hiltonusopen.com). Please immediately call the Hilton U.S. OPEN headquarters at (800) 234-5396 ext. 120 if any errors or omissions are found.

## OPENING ROUNDS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday Nov. 14th

**Singles** – All Pros, Men's Open, A, B, C, D, 24 & under, 24 & under A/B, 24 & under C/D, 25+, 25+A/B, 25+C/D, 30+, 35+, 35+A/B, 35+C/D, 40+, 45+, 45+A/B, 45+C/D, 55+A/B, 55+C/D.  
**Doubles** – Men's Open, A, B, C, 35+

### Thursday Nov. 15th

**Singles** – Men's 50+, 55+, Women's Open, A, B, C, D, 24 & under, 24 & under A/B, 24 & under C/D, 25+, 25+A/B, 25+C/D, 30+, 35+, 35+A/B, 35+C/D, 40+, 45+, 45+A/B, 45+C/D.  
**Doubles** – Men's 19+, All Women's and Mixed except 50+

### Friday Nov. 16th

**Singles** – Men's 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, Women's 50+, 55+, 55+A/B, 55+C/D, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+,  
**Doubles** – Men's and Women's 50+

## CHECK-IN

All player registration will take place at The Racquet Club of Memphis. Check-in is required prior to participating in the event. Hours for registration are: Tuesday, November 13th 3 p.m.- 10 p.m., Wednesday, November 14th 8 a.m.- 10 p.m., Thursday, November 15th 8 a.m.- 9 p.m., Friday, November 16th 8 a.m.- 9 p.m., and Saturday, November 17th 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

## SKILL LEVEL CERTIFICATION

Skill-level entrants (to A, B, C, D divisions.) must be AMPRO certified at that level or be approved by the state director or representative as being legitimately competitive in the entered skill division at a level five event. Tournament directors will use these benchmarks to determine eligibility for skill competition, and reserve the right to re-classify or disqualify players when/if they are improperly placed.

*NOTE: Players in Age+Skill must meet the same criteria for corresponding skill levels in "Age+A/B" & "Age+C/D" divisions.*

## TICKETS FOR PRO MATCHES

Everyone will be required to purchase tickets for pro matches — see ticket application or call (800) 234-5396 ext.120. All non-players must purchase a ticket to be admitted to the Saturday evening Dinner Gala "PARTY WITH THE PROS". Seating is limited, therefore it is strongly recommended that you purchase tickets in advance. **ABSOLUTELY NO VIEWING WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT A TICKET.** Last year's event sold out four weeks in advance, so don't delay!

## HOSPITALITY

Exceptional hospitality for amateur players will be available at The University of Memphis and the Wimbledon Sportsplex only. The Racquet Club of Memphis features a four-star restaurant for your dining pleasure, as well as the Player Village with limited concessions offered throughout the tournament.

## SILENT AUCTION & PRO/AM DOUBLES CHALLENGE

For the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the U.S. National Racquetball Team, a silent auction will be held during the event featuring Olympic Memorabilia and racquetball equipment from the industry's best manufacturers. Checks, cash, VISA and MasterCard are welcome. In addition, Tuesday evening, November 13th, 32 lucky amateurs will have the opportunity to play in a single elimination (one game to 15) doubles challenge with a top professional player as their partner. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude, and each amateur player will receive an autographed racquet from their pro partner. Call (614) 890-6073 for more information, as spots are limited. Pro/Am Doubles for St. Jude — \$250 donation.

## ST. JUDE HOSPITAL

The Hilton U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships is once again proud to name St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its designated charity. Founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude is dedicated to the successful treatment of diseases that afflict children. Having treated more than 13,000 patients from 47 states and 53 countries, the hospital is a world leader in the treatment of catastrophic childhood illnesses. During the past five years the Hilton U.S. Open has raised over \$75,000 for St. Jude!



# PRO MATCH TICKET APPLICATION

	Price	Quantity	Total(\$)
SESSION #1: .....	\$12	_____	_____
Men's & Women's Pro Qualifying Wednesday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.			
Men's round of 64 Wednesday, 4 p.m.- 11 p.m.			
SESSION #2: .....	\$12	_____	_____
Men's round of 32 Thursday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.			
Women's round of 32 Thursday, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.			
SESSION #3: .....	\$12	_____	_____
Men's round of 16 Thursday, 5 p.m.- 9 p.m.			
SESSION #4: .....	\$15	_____	_____
Women's round of 16 Friday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.			
Men's quarters #1,#2 Friday, 3 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.			
SESSION #5: .....	\$15	_____	_____
Men's quarters #3, #4 Friday, 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.			
SESSION #6: .....	\$12	_____	_____
Women's quarters (all) Saturday, 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.			
SESSION #7: .....	\$16	_____	_____
Men's semi #1/Women's semi #1 Saturday, 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.			
SESSION #8: .....	\$16	_____	_____
Women's semi #2/Men's semi #2 Saturday, 3:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.			
SESSION #9: .....	\$28	_____	_____
Women's finals/Men's finals Sunday, 12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.			

## BEST VALUE (\$60 savings)

TICKET PACKAGE (includes all sessions listed above – only available in advance) .....	\$76	_____	_____
Ticket for Dinner Gala "PARTY WITH THE PROS" .....	\$30	_____	_____
(free for all player participants) Saturday, 8 p.m.- 1 a.m.			
Processing fee (must be paid to process your order) .....	\$4	_____	\$4

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Tickets will not be mailed in advance. They can be picked up at the Hilton U.S. OPEN Will Call Desk, located at The Racquet Club (I.D. is required). Seating is limited. Must purchase tickets in advance to be guaranteed a seat. A very limited number of four-person courtside box seats (with table service) are available starting at \$2,000. Call (614) 890-6073 for availability.



# ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 USRA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seeding Information (2000 U.S. OPEN, 2001 States, Regionals, Nationals) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

## USRA DIVISIONS

Players may enter a maximum of two (2) events:

Check one: Men's ☐ or Women's ☐

### Skill Divisions\*

Can only A ☐  
 enter ONE B ☐  
 from this C ☐  
 group D ☐

### Skill + Age Divisions\*

24 & under A/B ☐ 35+ C/D ☐  
 24 & under C/D ☐ 45+ A/B ☐  
 25+ A/B ☐ 45+ C/D ☐  
 25+ C/D ☐ 55+ A/B ☐  
 35+ A/B ☐ 55+ C/D ☐

### Open & Age Divisions

OPEN ☐ 40+ ☐ 65+ ☐  
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 A ☐ 19+ ☐ MX C/D ☐ MX 40+ ☐  
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Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

### \*REQUIRED Skill Verification Form

Please indicate below your eligibility for competition in the skill level you have selected. This information will be verified and re-classification may take place if deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director.

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Men's (IRT)\*\* ☐ Women's (LPRA)\*\* ☐

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## IRT Official E-Retailer

The IRT recently announced the signing of an exclusive, five-year sponsorship agreement with RacquetballCatalog.com to provide retail and eCommerce services to the tour, design and distribute the official IRT apparel and develop the IRT-Tour.com website [www.IRT-Tour.com].

Steve Parker, co-founder and general manager of the Denver-based eCommerce retailer said, "It's been an amazing year for us, and the IRT agreement continues to expand Racquetball Catalog.com's brand. We are very excited about the opportunity and look forward to supporting the tour, players and the other Tour sponsors."

The RacquetballCatalog.com offers Racquetball, Squash, Handball and Badminton equipment by mail order via its website. Company founders include some of the top names and leaders in the sport of racquetball: Woody Clouse, Jurgen Denk, John Foust and Steve Parker.

## New Interactive Instructional

The most complete volume of instructional material ever produced has just hit the market in an incredible, easy to use CD-ROM format. Tim Machan's "A to Z Racquetball" CD-ROM offers enthusiasts of all levels an opportunity to improve their games from the comfort of their computer screens.

Machan is a master instructor and member of HEAD/Penn's national advisory staff. With over 20 years of teaching experience, plus having coached many players into higher ranks of competition, Machan's "A to Z Racquetball" CD contains a lifetime of knowledge on the sport. Endorsed by Sidsy Monchik, this visual encyclopedia of racquetball has incredible graphics and video clips that will help anyone improve their game.

## manufacturer's web directory

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Wilson . . . . .	www.WilsonRacquetball.com . . . . .	1-800-946-6060

"If every screen in this CD was viewed, it would take weeks to soak in all the info. What I like best is that you can immediately go to the area of your game that needs the most help, with easy-to-use menu screens" raved Monchik.

All aspects of the game are covered, including mechanical instruction, court positioning, strategy, serve, serve return, and equipment reviews. Each CD is programmed to work on either a DOS or Mac platform and is priced at \$39.95 plus \$5.95 s/h. You can order it through most major mail order houses or direct by calling (614) 890-6073. For more information and a free preview go to [www.TimsRBCD.com](http://www.TimsRBCD.com)

## Good Things Happenin' With Ektelon

by Tom Rall

There are good things happening with Ektelon ...one might call it a complete 'rejuvenation.' First there was the return of what the racquetball community acknowledges as one of its all-stars, Scott Winters; a man who has — as the saying goes — 'pretty much done it all'. He's an exceptional player, has run numerous tournaments, been an instructor, managed health clubs, organized racquetball programs, worked on state associations, plus designed racquets, footwear and clothing. After stints with almost every racquet company, today he is once again Ektelon's number one man and may be in danger of becoming an icon in the sport! Not only is Scott talented and possessing an in-depth racquetball background, but he is soft spoken, easy going and extremely likeable! Thus, Ektelon's home office is once again in very capable hands.

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In the last issue, I covered my Magical "Contact Point." If you remember, I illustrated the concept using four racquets on the floor to demonstrate hitting different shots from the same position (pinch, down-the-line, cross court, reverse pinch), only changing where I make contact in my hitting zone. This creates deception and consistency.

Now I want to introduce you to another basic concept — which also involves "contact point," but instead of the four racquets on the floor, I use three different heights on my leg to determine which of the three shots I will choose ... my Magical ... Pass, Pass-Kill or Kill." Again, this creates added deception and consistency.

Once again, if the swing is exactly the same for the Pass, Pass-Kill or Kill — and only the height at which I hit the ball changes — this leads to a tremendous amount of deception and consistency.

Now think about it ... if you combine the concept of the four racquets on the floor (from the last issue), and the concept of the height at which you hit the ball (shown on the next page), you can easily go down-the-line pass, pass-kill or kill as well as crosscourt pass, pass-kill or kill just by changing where you make contact with the ball in your hitting zone ("contact-point"). *Nothing else!* As the #1 pro player in the world, I swear by this concept because the deception and consistency I create is unparalleled. It's a weapon I always bring to the battlefield when I play Cliff, Jason, John or anyone for that matter. As the saying goes, "I don't leave home without it."



**Pass  
Pass-Kill  
Kill**

I truly believe if you start using these concepts and the line of thinking that I do, your game will move in directions that will only frustrate your opponents. Have fun watching this happen. I do!

See you at one of Fran's camps to learn this first hand.

Photos: Rodney Boyd





## Trick #1 •

### The Zones

Looking at these pictures you can see the front wall, marked "Pass, Pass-Kill, Kill."

Here is how I define these very basic offensive shots:

PASS – 18" and lower, bounces twice before the backwall.

PASS-KILL – 12" and lower, bounces twice before the dotted line.

KILL – 6" and lower, bounces twice before the short line.



## Trick #2 •

### Pass

Contact point on my leg is knee high and lower = Pass

## Trick #3 •

### Pass-Kill

Contact point on my leg is shin high and lower = Pass-Kill

## Trick #4 •

### Kill

Contact point on my leg is ankle high and lower = Kill



*\*A key point to keep in mind is that the mechanics of both the backhand and forehand are all the same as written in the March/April and May/June 1999 issues respectively, the only thing that changes is the height at which I contact the ball.*



# Q: I can't figure out why I keep hitting right back to my opponent. I keep losing and I'm frustrated. What can I do?

This is a common problem I encounter at camps all over the country and experience time and time again at tournaments ...so you are definitely not alone in this area.

As a result, I have spent several years studying the best pro players in the game and have developed a system to help players like yourself. Basically, your question relates to an area of the game called "shot selection" — which is defined as the shot you are going to take as the offensive player (the one hitting the ball). Even pro players agree that shot selection as a whole is worth 25% of your game, if not more. To say the least, it is one area of the game that you would want to spend time perfecting ... ask the pros.

These are the three crucial elements of shot selection that will help your game —

## 1. shot selection formula:

A (you) + B (ball) + C (opponent) + D (score) = E (shot selection)

A = you / your court position and ability level

B = ball / height, speed and angle

C = opponent's position and their skill level

D = score of the game / match

E = shot selection / which shot to take?

## 2. basic shot selection chart:

your position (offense)				
		Front Court	Center Court	Back Court
your opponent's position (defense)	Front Court	Passing shot Ceiling shot Z-shot <b>Do not kill</b>	Cross-court, DTL or wide angle pass Ceiling or Z-shot <b>Do not kill</b>	Cross court pass Down the line pass Ceiling shot <b>Do not kill</b>
	Center Court	Kill, pinch/kill Reverse pinch Down the line pass Wide angle pass	Pinch/kill Down the line pass Wide angle pass Ceiling or Z-shot	Cross court pass Down the line pass Ceiling shot
	Back Court	Kill, pinch/kill DTL pass/kill or kill Reverse pinch	Pinch/kill DTL pass/kill or kill Reverse pinch Ceiling shot <b>Do not pass</b>	Kill, pinch/kill, pass/kill Reverse pinch DTL kill (occasionally) <b>Do not pass</b>

Believe me, the pros swear by this simple, but smart philosophy. They cannot stress it enough. People think the pros have tons of secrets and do very complicated things, but the contrary is true. Their games are actually very simplistic and are ruled by sound fundamentals, both physically and mentally. They know it all begins and ends with smart shot selection.

Give it a try yourself ... it works. And the next time you have an opportunity to see the pros or top ranked amateurs play, pay close attention to their shot selection and you'll see what I mean. Nothing fancy, they just follow that formula to a "T." Good luck!

## Head Rules by Fran Davis • "Shot Selection"

email your questions to: [fran@frandavisracquetball.com](mailto:fran@frandavisracquetball.com)



## 3. good rules of thumb:

- Hit where your opponent is not.
- Make your opponent run the furthest distance to the ball. More mistakes occur hitting on the run than when your feet are planted and set.
- When your opponent is in front court, hit the ball deep in the backcourt with a ceiling, Z or pass shot.
- When your opponent is in the backcourt, hit the ball to the front court with a kill, pinch or reverse pinch.
- When your opponent is on the right side of the court, shoot to the left side.
- When your opponent is on the left side of the court, shoot to the right.
- Pass first, kill second.
- Keep your body between the ball and your opponent when possible (use your body as a pick, like in basketball).
- Minimize your skips, maximize on your opponents mistakes.
- Don't skip away the game, more importantly the match.
- If you are skipping a lot, it means you are going for bottom board too much. Raise your contact point and go for the pass-kill or pass instead.





# Wilson Game Plan:

*by Lynn Adams*



We can get so carried away with all the power, speed and sound of today's style of racquetball, that we can forget the importance of possessing a crucial and necessary weapon ... the ceiling ball.



The ceiling ball usually falls under the category of "defense", but I've always thought of it as an aggressive shot. Aggressive because you can use it to play to an opponents weakness and capitalize on the setups those weaknesses afford you.





# The Ceiling Ball

*featuring Derek Robinson*



With that in mind, it pays to have a rock solid ceiling ball shot you can count on. So, how do you hit a solid forehand ceiling ball? This visual is easy to understand and easy to emulate.

Envision a twenty foot high wall in front of you. Take a racquetball and throw it up and over the

twenty foot wall. The motion of throwing a ball over the wall is the same motion you use to hit a forehand ceiling ball!

Compare the pictures and you'll see the similarities between the ceiling ball motion and the throwing motion.







## **Basic Nutrition for Athletic Performance by Marcy Lynch**

The topic of nutrition is one in which there is often confusing and controversial information. One of the reasons there is so much conflicting information about nutrition is that food plays a much bigger role in our lives than just a source of fuel for the body.

We socialize around food, we use it as a source of reward/comfort, and there is a correlation between food intake and what we weigh. There are entire sections of book stores and libraries dedicated to food and 'diets' and the next best program. Having read a lot of the books and experimented with a good number of them, I haven't ventured very far in my own thinking from what I was talking about 15 years ago. The key to the success of any program is not only creating a balance among food sources, but finding what works for you based on your goals and ultimate purpose. The variety of set programs to follow is endless. Find one that sounds good or seems practical, or create your own using basic nutritional principles. I will share here some information based on what I have learned over the years.

All food is either protein, fat, carbohydrate, or a combination of two or more. Protein serves to rebuild all the cells in the body; your hair, skin, teeth, nails, muscles, internal organs, etc. The body is constantly building and repairing cells. The more active you are, the bigger function this is, as cells are being broken down more frequently and needing to be replaced. It's safe to say your body needs protein. How much is widely debated. There are those who say athletes need more protein than those who are sedentary. There has also been a huge number of high protein 'diets' recommended to those looking to lose weight, regardless of activity level.

My personal recommendation is that, as an athlete/active person, we need from 15-20% of total calories from protein. Any more than that is either used for fuel or stored as fat. 'The Zone' or 'Protein Power' diets have been very popular among racquetball players and other athletes, but I found them personally to be too high in protein and lacking in carbohydrate for a lot of athletes higher metabolisms. Sources of protein include beef, fish, poultry, pork, dairy products, soy products, and dried or canned peas and beans.

Carbohydrate is the body's fuel. Eating complex carbohydrates is like putting high test gasoline in your gas tank. Complex carbs include fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Carbohydrates have gotten a bad rap lately because of their potential to be stored as fat. It's not the complex carbs that get stored, it's the simple, refined carbs that do. Chips, pretzels, crackers, cookies, pies, pastries, white bread, bagels, white pasta, white rice, are all types of carbohydrates that have been 'refined' or stripped of their fiber and therefore of their nutritional value. Refined carbohydrates also elevate blood sugar more rapidly than complex carbs and can cause an overproduction of insulin, which may lead to fatigue and weight gain. A diet that is built around fresh fruits and vegetables along with whole grains like brown rice, quinoa, bulgher, whole grain pastas and breads fits the profile of about 75% of all the diets on the market. It's hard to go too wrong by following this very basic format, no matter how you tweak the percentages of carb to protein.

I believe that the most misunderstood and the most abused of the three categories of food sources is fat. Fat is absolutely essential to the body. It helps metabolize fat soluble vitamins, it makes our food taste good, it helps us feel satiated from the food we eat, and fat is a source of long term energy. There are three types of fat; saturated, unsaturated, and trans fats. Saturated fats are mostly from animal sources (the fat in red meat and dairy products) and have been associated with high cholesterol and heart disease. There are 2 types of unsaturated fats; polyunsaturated and monounsaturated. Unsaturated fats are from plant and nut sources and generally come in liquid form; corn, safflower, peanut, sesame, olive oil. Trans fats are unsaturated fats that have gone through a process called hydrogenation, which gives them shelf life but also makes them act more like saturated fats in the body. Of all the fats, monounsaturated fats such as olive, flax seed, and canola oil, as well as fish oils (from fatty fish like salmon, sardines, mackerel) are considered the most healthy.

All fat is calorie dense, as a gram of fat has more than twice the calories of a gram of protein or carbohydrate. It's easy to get enough fat without thinking too much about it but not so easy to consume the right kind of fat. I also think that people looking to lose weight have latched on to removing fat from their diet as a way of reducing the most number of calories. Keeping saturated



fats to no more than 10% of total calories and getting the rest of it from monounsaturated fats is the healthiest way to approach fat intake. In terms of intake, those concerned with their weight, people with heart disease and sedentary people should probably keep fats to no more than 20% of the diet (Drs. Ornish and Pritikin actually recommend total fat intake as low as 10%). People who are reasonably active (getting exercise 3-4 times a week) should aim for a fat intake of 20-30% of calories. Highly trained, elite athletes, I believe, could benefit from fat intakes as high as 40%. The particular benefit of fat to athletes and racquetball players is that fat is a very concentrated source of energy.

During endurance events, like racquetball tournaments that are played over several days, it's not always easy or practical to consume enough lower calorie carbohydrates to meet energy needs. Also, highly conditioned athletes are able to burn fat for fuel rather than store it. Notice that I'm not recommending a high fat diet, especially if there are health concerns, but I am suggesting

that the trend toward no fat or extra low fat is not the best formula for peak athletic performance.

The bottom line with all information is to use your own body as a test. Working with a coach or other professional can help you decide on a starting point based on what you want to achieve; better performance, more stamina, weight loss, weight gain. Put the information you choose into practice, see what shows up, and make modifications according to the kind of results that are taking place. As long as you are curious, stay aware, and listen to the clues your body gives you, you will create the plan that is absolutely perfect for you.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. I invite you to receive my free e-newsletter by sending an e-mail request to [marcy@marcyllynch.com](mailto:marcy@marcyllynch.com). Also, feel free to visit my web page at [www.marcyllynch.com](http://www.marcyllynch.com) to learn more about personal coaching and how it could benefit you.

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July 16-17 .....	Wisconsin Athletic Club .....	West Allis, WI .....	Carol Pellowski .....	262-514-3497
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July 27-29 .....	Riverpoint Sports & Wellness .....	Albuquerque, NM .....	Joe Wittenbrink .....	505-890-0096
August 15-16 .....	Kangaroo Courts .....	Chico, CA .....	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960
September 14-16 .....	RiverCenter .....	New Orleans, LA .....	Gary Mazaroff .....	505-266-8960

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## ***newdirections*** **by Luke St. Onge**



One of the most critical actions taken by the USRA Board of Directors at its annual meeting in Houston last May was the vote to increase USRA membership dues from the current yearly level of \$20 to \$30, effective January 1, 2002.

Why critical? The USRA has far exceeded resource limitations for many years, in the levels of service offered by *any* non-profit corporation. By comparison to other national governing bodies of sport, racquetball members receive far more benefits, services and programs for their membership dollar. And, quite simply, the cost of those services has forced the issue.

The decision to increase fees was not undertaken lightly, and had been seriously considered for several years. The move became necessary following thorough reviews of the tremendous cost increases required to fulfill the current membership package at the national level, combined with a pressing need to support State Associations in fulfilling their obligations locally. Under the new fee structure, revenue-sharing will remain the same. The national office will receive two-thirds (\$20) of each new membership collected, and each state association will be able to retain one-third (\$10) for their operations. This is expected to provide over \$180,000 in support to state associations for grassroots development and local programming annually.

Since the last dues increase eight years ago [in 1994] the USRA has seen a steady rise in costs directly associated with its membership package, including required insurance coverages (athlete medical and liability), printing and postage, support to sanctioned events and recreational programs nationwide, as well as general operating expenses on the whole.

After looking at the membership packages of other NGB's (priced at much higher yearly dues across the board) it became apparent that we needed to become competitive ... not only in the benefits package that we offer – but also in setting its value. At \$20.00 per year (less \$7.00 direct to the state) the USRA's

dues were the lowest among NGBs. At a net income of \$13.00 for the national office to service each membership, the numbers just didn't work anymore.

To help ease this "transition" and build support for the much-needed increase, we'll be looking into ways to enhance the membership package with "value-added" components like a new-and-improved member ID card, discounts on racquetball equipment and accessories from manufacturers, upgraded support packages to sanctioned event hosts and special offers from the United States Olympic Committee affiliate sponsors that support the USRA.

To underwrite less tangible operational expenses (data management, office support, internet website services, events, overhead) the USRA has identified other revenue streams, like national championships, subscriptions, merchandising, and fundraising. Corporate sponsorships may, someday, make it easier for us to attain our financial goals, but until then it will be necessary for us to carefully manage all our controllable income resources – of which membership revenue is one.

We all feel that the entire USRA membership has a great stake in the future of the sport and — through that membership — we can continue to promote racquetball to its rightful place in the sports world.

The Board of Directors and the national office are committed to that end ... and now is the time for us all to pull together to keep the sport moving forward.

### **Other Board highlights**

- The results of the board of directors election were announced, re-appointing Jack Hughes for a second, three-year term (with 26% of the vote) and adding John Ferguson and Jan Stelma as first-timers (each with 27%).

- Formally adopted the "Elite Division" at the national level (falling between "Open" and "A") and restricted entry at U.S. National events to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

- Rescinded policy segment C.1 "Professional" to follow new IRF definitions and eligibility rulings (see facing page 43). Text in both C.1 and C.2 segments will be revised and published in RACQUETBALL for reference use in the new season.





## IRF Revises Eligibility Rule

In executive session at the recent Tournament of the Americas in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, the International Racquetball Federation [IRF] modified its policy governing athlete eligibility for international competition. In that meeting, the Executive Board voted to eliminate its former reporting procedure and set a \$50,000 annual earnings limit for players worldwide. The new earnings cap will enable athletes with income from the pro circuit to compete for their respective national federations, without expense monitoring, as long as those tour earnings do not exceed the \$50,000 level. Athletes exceeding the cap would be required to report those earnings to their national federations, and comply with each individual NGB's policies and procedures governing travel and training expenses applied against income.

The move is designed to align International Racquetball Federation policies more closely with other International Olympic Committee [IOC] sports that are already included in the Olympic Games. Should racquetball be accepted for a future Games, the very highest level of competition would be expected from athletes selected for all national teams fielded, and this action paves the way toward that end.

The international field of competition has gained depth in recent years, and it had become increasingly difficult to monitor compliance with expense reporting outside the U.S. By creating an "open" field for the world's best racquetball athletes, the IRF hopes to be totally prepared for the possibility of being granted the privilege of a spot on the 2008 Olympic Games programme.

## Waselenchuk & Grand'Maitre win Canadian Nationals

*Submitted by Sandra Yan*

The final day of competition at the Canadian Racquetball Nationals was held on May 26, in Vancouver, following a week of grueling and tough matches. As expected, the most notable highlights came in the Men and Women's Open Singles finals.

Defending champion Kane Waselenchuk and No.3 seeded Brian Istace, both from Alberta, competed for this year's title. After a long, drawn-out match against Mike Ceresia the previous evening (that lasted well past 1:00 am), exhaustion claimed Istace, who forfeited the final match to Kane for his second Men's Canadian National Championship title.

Top-seeded Josee Grand'Maitre of Quebec went up against No.6 seeded Jennifer Saunders of

Manitoba in their playoff for first place in the Women's Open Singles division. Josee proceeded to defend her title, winning the match in three straight games to retain her Women's Canadian National crown.

Bronze medals went to Mike Green and Chantal Turgeon in open singles, after third place playoff wins over Mike Ceresia and Lori-Jane Powell, respectively.

It was a fun-filled week that all racquetball players look forward to every year. Hats off to Terry Woo and all his volunteers at Club on Top for hosting such an excellent Nationals. We hope to do the same again next year!

For details on the final results of all competitors throughout the tournament, please follow this link online to: <http://www.racquetball.ca/english/srdrawsheets.htm>.

## One Quarter Million and Counting

At a recent meeting of the World Senior Racquetball Championships [WSRC] organizing committee, a symbolic "big check" in the amount of \$250,000.00 was presented to the International Racquetball Federation. The total represents the 15-year collaborative fundraising effort of the group, which supports the inclusion of racquetball on an Olympic Games program. "Olympic Dream" fundraising at the event began in 1985 and remains a popular and successful program at the IRF World Championships held in Albuquerque each summer.



IRF Director of Fundraising, Kevin Joyce, was on hand to accept the donation, along with WSRC committee members (l-r): Felicia Duran, Jane Bentley, Edwina Waddington, Damien Jelso, [Joyce], Joe Gellman, Carol Gellman, Linda Payne, Paula Sperling and Ralph Waddington.



## Up Close and Personal: Keith Calkins

Interview by Kevin Joyce

*In the global sports arena, the IOC-recognized governing body for racquetball is the International Racquetball Federation. The IRF performs several key functions in that world arena and RACQUETBALL Magazine caught up with Keith Calkins, who was elected president of the IRF at the 2000 World Championships in Mexico last summer. Recently retired after 21-years as Dean of Athletics for the Saddleback College District, Calkins has re-directed his energies into his new IRF position. In Honduras for the Tournament of the Americas last spring, he shared his views on racquetball at the world level and explained the many functions of the IRF that dictate the direction of the sport.*



**RB: The IRF was formed in 1979 and is 21 years old. Where is the federation headed in the next twenty years?**

KC: My vision for the next twenty years is a positive one. I anticipate continued growth and development within our sport with the increased number of new courts being constructed around the world, the expanded efforts of AmPro and enhanced developmental programs. We have witnessed better coaching and teaching of techniques. With that, I think you will see a rise in international players playing the game in the years ahead.

Our instructional materials are being translated into other languages. A goal would be to have paid staff at the international level. We continue to rely on RACQUETBALL magazine to be a communications tool, but with a full-time staff the efforts could be expanded and grow the sport internationally at a faster pace.

**RB: As president, what is your primary responsibility?**

KC: My main responsibility is to provide leadership to a team of officers that comprise the Executive Committee of the IRF. They are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the federation. Because there are no paid staff on the

IRF board, we rely a lot on our volunteers. I also represent the organization at various sport meetings and assemblies.

**RB: How does the IRF remain visible at the international level?**

KC: It is critical for the IRF to maintain its presence in the world arena of sports. We are an International Olympic Committee recognized sport and have the potential to gain Olympic status and this can only be obtained through continued visibility. For example, at the GAISF (General Association of International Sport Federations) meeting we received recognition along with other sport groups such as Frisbee and fly-casting. GAISF's primary mission is to develop and promote a variety of sports around the world, to find innovative ways of communication, examine marketing strategies and foster sport drug testing.

This meeting is also a forum to share ideas and build solidarity among a variety of sports. If there is a significant agenda item regarding racquetball to be discussed, addressed or voted upon then I will attend the meeting or otherwise assure that the IRF is properly represented.

**RB: What is the outlook for racquetball becoming an Olympic sport?**

KC: I believe it is only a matter of time. However, there will have to be some IOC changes that take place regarding their sports program and how sports are selected. Hopefully, the new leadership of the IOC will broaden its vision regarding the Olympics as far as which sports should be there or not. There are many innovative ways that the IOC can make changes that will not have a negative effect on the sports on the current program, but will enable them to bring in other sports that I believe should be in the Olympic games. The IRF has positioned itself to be a part of any formal program in which our elite players can participate.

For example, the Pan American games have limited participation by accepting teams representing only ten countries. The countries that send teams are required to qualify at an international event and both men and women are required to participate. By using a system of zone competitions to determine the various countries represented in the competitive field, the sport delegations witness a manageable number of participants of highly skilled athletes.





*{In 1995, racquetball debuted on the Pan American program in Mar del Plata, Argentina.}* This was our first opportunity to showcase the sport in the second largest international event in the world, next to the Olympics. Since then, our sport has also taken part in the Pan American Games in 1999 in Winnipeg, Canada. Both experiences in the Pan American games have been extremely successful with a large number of spectators and high caliber of competition.

**RB: Aside from the Pan American Games and World Championships, what other international events are critical for the sport?**

KC: The Tournament of Americas has been established since 1985 and there has been some terrific growth and development in the prowess of our players. In the earlier years of the tournament,

two countries dominated the competition. Currently, there exist the opportunity for seven or eight teams to medal. There is a lot of parity in our sport; many other countries are using the TOA format for their own competitions. The success of this event must also be credited to PASO (Pan American Sports Organization) and its technical committee, which has refined the event. *{The TOA is limited to countries from North, Central and South America.}*

We have similar zone competitions in Europe and Asia. Racquetball is also included in four other IOC approved competitions such as the World Games and Central American Games.

**RB: Where will your travels take you?**

KC: As the representative for the IRF I attend all IOC meetings as an invited guest. I recently made a trip to Switzerland for an IOC meeting (May 2001) and

met with the bid committee in Beijing (March 2001). *{Beijing, China is one of several bid cities seeking to host the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.}*

We (IRF Executive Board) also try to attend all IRF sanctioned events whenever possible. These events include the World Senior Racquetball Championships (Albuquerque, NM) World Senior Doubles, World Juniors and, when appropriate, try to attend other events as well.

*The sport of racquetball is in good hands with Calkins at the IRF helm. With over 91 countries fielding bona-fide national teams, the IRF certainly has its work cut out in the years ahead. Racquetball has recently been accepted on in the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and Calkins has begun lobbying for acceptance into the World Games, which will be held in Germany in 2005.*



**Above left:** During a recent visit to Beijing, China to lobby for the support of local organizers seeking to win the 2008 Olympic site bid, Calkins met with Mr. Wang Wei, Secretary General of the city's bid committee.



**Above right:** Later, accompanied by Michael Wang (standing), Calkins got a copy of RACQUETBALL into the hands of Mr. Hu Jian Guo, Deputy General and Director of Multi-Ball for China's Olympic Committee.



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## Award Winners Named

At the USRA annual banquet in Houston during National Singles, surprise award winners are named along with Athletes of the Year and Hall of Fame inductees (see May/June issue). Among those honored this year were co-winners of the USRA Presidential Award, along with the Joe Sobek Contributor and John Halverson Fair Play honorees.

### Presidential Awards

The annual Presidential Award is open to state presidents of recognized USRA state affiliate organizations who have exhibited outstanding organizational performances in the preceding year, including the areas of membership growth, tournament administration and reporting, special development projects, fundraising, publication projects or other exceptional program achievements. This year, two outstanding candidates were identified – one for taking on the task of running a sizable and established state organization, the other for efforts to re-stabilize and re-direct the work of an association on the rise.

*Florida Racquetball Association – President: Bill Herr [see a photo of Bill on page 50 of the May/June edition].* The FRA currently boasts the third largest state membership behind Texas and California and has been ranked in the top five for the last 15 years. Bill took on the role of state president in April of last year, guiding the association's efforts and promotion within the state as well as its collaborations among many devoted volunteers. Florida continues to find new ways of attracting members to the sport by hosting the Sunshine State Games, outdoor racquetball events and sanctioning City Park & Recreation leagues, while continuing to offer a solid sanctioned event calendar. The FRA has consistently sent representatives to the annual leadership conference, maintains 100% compliance on sanctioned event reporting, hosts a public website, publishes a regular quarterly newsletter for its membership and perpetuates itself by identifying and training new leaders to direct the efforts of the FRA in the future.

*South Carolina Racquetball Players Association – President: Gray Norris.* The SCRPA was at a standstill in June of 1998 when Gray Norris accepted the position of president. His first task was to assemble a volunteer board of directors and get the association back on track. Within

one year of his appointment as president, the SCRPA witnessed an increase in membership, began publishing a regular quarterly newsletter and strengthened their sanctioned tournament calendar. As a result, the SCRPA regularly maintains its state in the top 25 with its membership. In addition, Gray committed to sending representatives to the annual leadership conference the last three years and maintained 100% compliance on sanctioned event reporting. As president, Gray's term ended in June 2001 after recent elections. The foundation he has helped develop will assure a smooth transition of leadership roles.

### Honorable mentions:

Illinois State Racquetball Association – Laurel Davis  
Kentucky State RB Association – Jim & Christine Wright  
New Hampshire Racquetball Association – Kelley Beane  
Utah Racquetball Association – Enrico Dubach

### Joe Sobek Contributor: Kelley Beane

*Submitted by Mike Normand*

Earning the USRA's Joe Sobek Contributor award seemed to cap an exceptional season for Kelley Beane. At home in New Hampshire, Beane had been given the "local version" of the honor, the John Cummings Award, just last year. That memorial award is named after a club manager (now deceased) who used to do just about anything to get people involved in the sport and promote racquetball (giving out his own equipment, court time, money, or whatever it took; he was a relentless enthusiast of the game). It is the highest honor given to anyone who is involved in the New Hampshire racquetball community, and in the last fifteen years it has only been given out 3-4 times, twice to Kelley Beane (in 92 & 2000). At the national level, her work with the U.S. Junior Team earned her the USRA's 2001 Joe Sobek Contributor Award.

From Kelley: *"Just wanted to take a moment to appropriately say thank you for selecting me for the Joe Sobek award in Houston this year. Being totally unaware that I would be receiving this award, my "speech" was short and I felt more like a deer in headlights!*

*In addition to those I thanked at the banquet, I would like to thank the USRA and its board for giving me the opportunity to work with the junior team. To the junior team, thanks for keeping me young, and I am always learning something new*

See award lists and descriptions online, at: [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org) > "Sitemap/Index" > Awards"





Normand furtively scanned that photo for us [shown at left], which is dated 2/23/93 and bears the handwritten sentiment, "Dear Kelley, It's hard to believe that a pretty girl could run such a fine tournament. Thank you for the nice time. Regards, Joe Sobek".

#### **Halverson Fair Play Award: Chris Coy**

Chris Coy, the 2000 Sports Illustrated Young Sportsman of the Year [see the March/April issue], can add another trophy to his wall after being tapped to receive the 2001 USRA John Halverson Fair Play Award. The John Halverson Fair Play Award is given yearly to an individual or group that has shown an exceptional gesture of fair play, consistently shown a spirit of fair play, or has promoted fair play. Coy, who received his award at the 2001 U.S. National Singles Championships Awards Banquet, earned the award for his all-around sportsmanship and spirit of fair play, in follow-up to his national recognition by Sports Illustrated earlier this season.

#### **Three Elected to USRA Board**

Three openings on the USRA Board of Directors were recently filled, following elections that named John Ferguson (Portland, Ore.), Jan Stelma (New Bern, N.C.) and Jack Hughes (Burlingame, Calif.) to three-year terms. This will be Hughes second term on the USRA Board.

from all of you. Cheryl Gudinas, thanks for believing in me on the sidelines and giving me that confidence to take me to another level of coaching.

I was fortunate enough to know Joe Sobek for a short while near the end of his life, and this award is therefore very special to me. We would always invite Joe to our tournaments as he lived a couple of hours away, but he would always politely decline. Finally he accepted our invitation and came to our biggest event in January. What an honor it was to meet the humble man who created this great game. He was thrilled to have a chance to watch Cliff, Eric Muller, and the likes play and everyone was excited to have a chance to talk with him about the game. For myself it was a chance to tell him how thankful I was that he invented this sport and that I just couldn't imagine my life without it, or more importantly without the people I have met through racquetball in it. I have a wonderful picture of he and I that's on the wall at the club, and I will hang this award right below it. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Running on a Junior platform, John Ferguson earned 27% of the votes cast to claim his seat on the board. Ferguson previously served as President of the Oregon Junior Racquetball Association [OJRA] and has spent the past four years as the OJRA treasurer and fundraiser. Ferguson is also especially proud of being the founder and coach of the Multnomah Athletic Club Junior Racquetball Team. "I am eager to get to work," Ferguson said. "One of my goals is to get a junior coordinator in every state."

Jan Stelma also earned the support of 27% of the voters, due in part to her service as a member of the North Carolina Racquetball Association [NCRA] for the past ten years, two and a half of those years as President. Women's issues are a high priority for Stelma as well as the concerns of the intermediate player and she hopes to carry the same desires with her now that she is a



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USRA Board member. "I am extremely excited." Stelma said, "I look forward to being a contributor to the USRA and helping the USRA members."

Elected to a second term with 26% of the vote, Jack Hughes previously served as the Chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, Scholarship committee, and sits on the Membership committee for the USRA Board of Directors. Hughes was also one of the co-founders of the California Amateur Racquetball Association [CARA] and has served on its Board of Directors since 1984 as Vice-president, President, and currently as Treasurer.

Hughes will continue as Chairman of the Hall of Fame and Scholarship committees and will work on next year's Election committee. Ferguson has been asked to sit on the Junior, High School, and Intercollegiate committees, while Stelma will serve on the Legislation and Scholarship committees.

## Ladies Only

*Submitted by Elaine Dexter (second from right below)*

There's something very pleasant about an all-women's racquetball tournament, especially one where you are waited on hand and foot and are not required to referee any matches. It may sound too good to be true, but thanks to Kari McDonough and Lisa Hjelm this event was exactly that and they plan to do it every year. The tournament was held at Gold River Racquet Club, a Spare Time facility in Sacramento, CA. There were approximately 50 participants playing and every division had a draw or a round robin. There were cash

prizes for all Open and AA events down to the semi-finals. Kari has long been involved with junior racquetball in the Sacramento area and now has an elite team of players that started out as her junior players.

This tournament was held as a fundraiser for that team of twelve players. Chris Evon and Terri Graham of Wilson Racquetball inspired Kari to run this tournament as a jumpstart to women's racquetball. Kari said she was tired of women's events not offering money to the players and/or being cancelled because of too few entries. She said that it was time women re-structured local racquetball to benefit them and everyone participating in this tournament can attest to its success.

The elite team did all the refereeing, brought food and drinks to the women, and cleaned up the entire club at the close of the tournament. What a wonderful group of kids ... well not exactly kids any longer. In addition to the attention, there was enough food for twice as many participants and the winners were awarded a bottle of Merlot and a wine goblet as trophies. Wine, women and racquetball, that's what I'm talking about!

## NMRA Masters Championships

*Submitted by Ron Pudduck*

The 2001 NMRA National Masters Championships at the Maverick Athletic Club in Arlington, Texas in late March was a tournament that certainly "weathered the storms" and still came out with flying colors. If anything interesting could happen, it did.

Recent NMRA tournaments have had capacity draws, and the word is out that if you want in, you'd better get your entry form in the mail early. Well, about 190 masters players did get their entries in on time but, unfortunately, we had planned to limit the draw to 160. How do you turn away 30 players who met the deadline? So we took all 190 eager participants, but still had to turn away a large number of late entries.

In order to accommodate the huge robin-robin draw format on ten available courts, the tournament committee, headed by TD Annie Muniz, opted to reduce each match game by four points. Although it seemed minor, those 4 points saved (multiplied by the number of matches scheduled) amounted







to saving roughly the number of points that would have been played in over 300 matches. Another complication was that about 75% of the entrants entered two events, making the actual draw equivalent to about 340 players playing a round-robin tourney.

On the first day of the competition, things were going along smoothly, and on time. At 3:00 p.m., Annie had the tournament right on schedule. But at 3:15, Annie received word of a family emergency that forced her to leave immediately, along with her nieces and nephew, all of whom had been staffing the tournament desk. With a massive tournament in progress, we had no tournament director or assistants to run it. Naturally, this was a "conference-time" situation.

**Saving the Day** — As soon as Annie indicated her need to depart, a number of players volunteered to drop out of the competition to take over the tournament desk for her. Thanks to great people like Dan Davis, Ken VanZandt, Larry Lance, George Heidelmeier and Kyle Smith the tournament moved ahead. They were joined by NMRA members and directors Cece Palaski, Ron McElwee, Dean Gruder, Pearce Grove, Ed Dalton and numerous others who each chipped-in to do some necessary task. It's hard enough to run a major tournament and even harder when you have to fill-in at the last minute.

**Moving Along Nicely** — Because of the very large number of matches that had to be played, especially on Thursday, sometimes we ran a little late. But the vast majority quickly realized the difficulties that were being handled by the volunteers. Not only did they have to grasp the revised system, but they also had to try to keep the tournament running as smoothly as possible under the circumstances. Thanks to the good nature of most of the NMRA players, few grumbles were uttered and most people found it better to smile and enjoy.

**All's Well that Ends Well** — Friday got back to normal and very few matches were not played on time. By Saturday, things were working quite efficiently, and the tournament actually finished ahead of schedule. The Friday evening buffet banquet at the beautiful Hilton Hotel, followed by a great program of entertainment and fellowship, made the tournament a great success—but certainly one that we will talk about for years to come. It does go to prove that there are some really great people in the NMRA and in racquetball who will work hard to make our organization and racquetball both very successful.

Join us in West Allis, WI for the NMRA International Championships, July 18-21 (but be sure to enter early).

**FINAL RESULTS:** MEN'S SINGLES — 45+: James Jones, CA; 50+: Thomas Rall, CO; 55+: Ed Remen, NC; 60+: Leland Riens, MN; 65+: Jerry Holly, CA; 70+: Joe Lambert, TX; 75+: Victor Sacco, NY; 80+: Bob McAdam, TX. MEN'S DOUBLES — 45+: Howard Walker-TX/Pat Gibson-TX; 50+: Denny Vincent-OH/Ed Remen-NC; 55+: Johnnie Boyd-TX/Dan Jones-GA; 60+: Ed Sword-KY/Terry Lambie-PA; 65+: Arthur Johnson-CO/Tom Penick-CA; 70+: Bob Englund-MN/Ralph Stillman-MN; 75+: Dick Kincade-CO/Jack Gushoe-NY; 80+: Charles Russell-CA/Bob McAdam-TX. WOMEN'S SINGLES — 45+: Jere Luttner, TX; 50+: Karen Weins, FL; 55+: Mary Lou Furaus, NM; 60+: Marquita Molina, CA; 80+: Mary-Low Acuff, NC. MIXED DOUBLES — 45-54: Nan Higgins-NH/Dave Letsche-CO; 55-64: MeriJean Kelley-CA/Ron Pudduck-MI; 65+: Mary-Low Acuff-NC/Earl Acuff-NC. [See website for complete results and standings: [www.nmrba.com](http://www.nmrba.com)]

## Carow Passes On

*Submitted by Geoff Peters*

One of the truly remarkable ladies in our sport, Sue Carow of Glenview, Illinois, passed away on May 25 at the age of 63. Sue was a pioneer in racquetball and an incurable gym-rat at the Lattof YMCA. She taught lessons, played and practiced constantly, and truly loved the sport. She would play anywhere, anytime — just for the opportunity!

As many know, she won our State Championships in Illinois several times, in both Open and Age group competition and was an early participant (and feared competitor) on the Women's Pro Tour (WPRO) in the late 70's and early 80's. (Yes, the math is correct, she was "over 40," although we were not allowed to mention it at the time). She was a lady who played, partied, and lived life on her own terms — while raising a wonderful group of kids as a single Mom. She was inducted into the Illinois Racquetball Hall of Fame in April of 2000 — a well deserved honor. We will miss her.

Memorials may be made to Palliative Care Center of the Northshore, 2821 Central St., Evanston IL 60201-1221.



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## DeJesus Weds

Top-ranked Puerto Rican national team member and two-time national age group champion Rob DeJesus was married on March 10 to Rebecca Martinez. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Rico before returning to Phoenix, Arizona where Rebecca is an Executive Marketing Assistant for an insurance firm and Rob serves in the Air National Guard (between racquetball tournaments). The newlyweds made their first "public" appearance at a national event at Singles in Houston, where Rob reached the final of the Men's 25+ division ... congratulations!



## Seen it All

A player since 1956, Hal Ziegler has seen his share of clubs across the country, belonging to facilities in south Florida, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Seattle before settling on Sports West in Reno, Nevada. He and friends Al Ihrig (74) and Leon Stanley (75) play cut-throat there three times a week, and are referred to as "the three stooges" by the rest of the club members. Here, Hal poses next to the racquetball memorabilia display at his club.



## A Sudsy Celebration

*Submitted by Bob Case*

*Sponsor, SHSU Racquetball Club*

Earlier in the spring we were treated to the best — Sudsy! Sam Houston State University, located in Huntsville, Texas, also known for where we put the

most prisoners to sleep, permanently, sent its racquetball club to meet the master. What a treat. Sure we've heard about Sudsy — everybody has if they play the game. But to meet him, watch him play, live, talk with him, play on the court with and against him, is every players dream! Sudsy is to racquetball what Sammy Sosa is to baseball — an icon, a national treasure, a household word which says to millions — just *maybe*, if I practice, I could become that good. Maybe.

Entering the Northwest Fitness Center in Houston, Texas you are always greeted with a kind word and a smile. This is the center which hosted the 2000 masters tourney, the USRA regionals, the Texas Men's Doubles Championships, and much more. It's made for a Sudsy seminar!

Our band of novice players entered this home of big time racquetball to see Sudsy on the court playing all comers. We arrived too late to hear the opening remarks, but no matter, watching him play was worth a thousand, million words. As he gracefully dispatched each contestant with little effort he would rejoin the eager spectators and ask, "Anyone have a question?" What a refreshing thought. He was willing and eager to entertain the simplest or the most complex questions without an agent or clock suggesting that he was ever too busy.

"Hey Sudsy, I've got one," I said. "OK," he responded, "shoot." "What about that defensive shot you demonstrated in a recent edition of *RACQUETBALL*, where you went to the floor and hit a round-the-wall ball?" Sudsy, without hesitation, said "I'll use it in the next match for you."

And of course he did. It was great, except the opponent got lucky and hit a winner off of it. Sudsy stopped the match, opened the door, and looked me in the eye — "Did you see it? Well, I hit it to the wrong side. I forgot he was a lefty and that's a mental mistake." His good nature was so evident all evening as his two-hour clinic stretched to well over three.

Throughout the evening this highly talented, yet humble, even modest, young man answered questions he has probably answered thousands of times before, with sincere enthusiasm. "Sudsy, what two tips could we share with players to become better?" Sudsy reflected for an instant and said, "good court position and selection of shots." Of course, these are the



answers for us mediocre players, but they are also the correct answers for every player at every level.

As players left the court, after their once-in-a-lifetime match with Mr. Monchik, he would offer a suggestion to each of them in terms of improving their game. Many indicated he said, "If you want to win, don't play me," and then offered a sincere tip about their game. He has the gift of making people feel good as he annihilates them with skill and kindness.

Although the audience drew lots to play him, and we arrived too late for the chance, he decided at the end to play a doubles match and let our club place a couple of neophytes on the court with him and the top open player in the Houston metropolitan area.

Two of our top players donned their protective eyewear and grabbed their racquets, hustling to the court while removing their warm-ups. The match for the rest of us in the SHSU Club was exciting to watch. As our players, Marvin and Eric, played their best, Sudsy and Jim finished the rallies when the time was ripe. (That was like having Nolan Ryan throw and you try to hit it — great fun!) After the "contest" won by you know who and our freshman phenom, Marvin, they posed for pictures.

It still wasn't over. Sudsy posed for more photos — we have a team picture with him for our racquetball hall of fame and individual photos for several of the players to keep. He then signed his posters, personalizing each of them with the receiver's name and a comment or two.

In fact, Sudsy autographed one poster and wrote to the "Best SHSU Tournament Player" which would later be awarded to the highest bidder at our Bearkat Shootout, the 2nd annual sanctioned racquetball tourney in March. Of course we invited Sudsy to participate but it seems as though he may have bigger fish to fry, at least this year — we can only hope he's available one day.

In just three hours we had visited, played with, and received personalized comments and poster autographs from racquetball's super star — what an evening, what a guy! Sudsy is a great player which we already knew, but a gentle giant of a man with a sincere desire to help others succeed. He made us feel that we were special, not him. What a great emissary for the sport we love. His final tip — "Have fun and enjoy the friendship you develop through the game." Sage advice from the master.



GRAYSON PECK SHARES A GOOD LAUGH WITH NEW NATIONAL CHAMP JACK HUCZEK. "I'M GOING TO KICK HIS BUTT IN FIFTEEN YEARS," WHISPERED THE YOUNG PECK TO DAD DAVE, JUST BEFORE THE PHOTO WAS SNAPPED.



ALBUQUERQUE: THIS HAPPY GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS IS IN A PROGRAM HEADED BY ART HURLEY, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AMPRO INSTRUCTORS IN THE AREA. PHOTO: MARY LOU FURAUS.

SOUTH TEXAS: IN THE SPACE OF A SIX MONTHS, JOE LONGORIA, JR. WAS ABLE TO SIGN UP OVER SEVENTY NEW MEMBERS FROM KINGSVILLE, CORPUS CHRISTI, EDINBERG AND EVEN A FEW FROM FURTHER SOUTH OF THE BORDER. PICTURED ARE SOME WINNERS FROM ONE OF HIS RECENT TOURNAMENTS (L-





## Wilson 14th USRA National High School Championships St. Louis, Missouri: March 1-4, 2001

Repeat performances at this year's Wilson 14th U.S. National High School Championships earned wins for Adrienne Fisher, representing Centerville High in Centerville, Ohio and Jack Huczek, from Adams High in Rochester Hills, Michigan — as both captured singles titles for the second straight year and extended their current positions on the U.S. Junior National Team for another term. This was the first time in history that the High School Championships has seen repeat winners in both divisions.



Huczek cruised to his second title, giving up just 16 points the entire tournament while becoming only the second player to ever repeat as boys' champion. In the finals he went up against Bart Crawford of Henley High in Klamath Falls, Oregon, defeating him, 15-4, 15-6.

Staying on track to match the existing record of three consecutive High School titles, Fisher dominated her division, defeating Elise Wilson 15-8, 15-6

to capture her second straight crown. By defeating Wilson, Fisher avenged her sister, Kelly, who had been taken out by Wilson in a grueling semifinal tiebreaker, 13-15, 15-9, 11-9, thereby keeping the final from becoming a true sibling rivalry.



The girl's doubles final did, however, become a family affair as Adrienne and Kelly teamed up to take the title over Katie Huelsing and Betsy Rombach of Henley High in St. Louis, 15-3, 15-2. The win not only gave the sisters two medals each but helped propel Centerville High School to its first ever girl's team title.

South Dakota's Jeremy Huss and Kirk Pauley, of Aberdeen Central High dashed the hopes of Wisconsin brothers Joe Klibowitz and Andy Klibowitz, of Hamilton High by defeating them, 12-15, 15-7, 11-6 in the gold medal match.

Hometown favorites Laurie Fisk and Dan Costello of Kirkwood HS were able to help their team capture the overall title with wins over the Oregon teams of Lynn Berg and Raul Cordero of Sprague HS and Bart Crawford and Kynzie Dalton of Hensley HS in the semifinals and finals, respectively.

### INDIVIDUAL TITLE FINAL RESULTS

**Boy's Singles:** Jack Huczek (Adams High) def. Bart Crawford (Henley High) 15-4, 15-2

**Girl's Singles:** Adrienne Fisher (Centerville High) def. Elise Wilson (Bristol Central) 15-8, 15-6

**Boy's Doubles:** Jeremy Huss/Kirk Pauley (Aberdeen) def. Andy Klibowitz/Joe Klibowitz (Hamilton) 12-15, 15-7, 11-6

**Girl's Doubles:** Adrienne Fisher/Kelly Fisher (Centerville) def. Katie Huesling/Betsy Rombach (Nerinx) 15-3, 15-2

**Mixed Doubles:** Laurie Fisk/Dan Costello (Kirkwood) def. Kynzie Dalton/Bart Crawford (Henley) by forfeit

### TEAM RESULTS

#### Boy's Team

1. Kirkwood (111)
2. Aberdeen (108)
3. Hamilton (108)
4. Southridge (105)
5. Dimond (102)
6. St. Louis Univ. (93)
7. Beaverton (87)
8. Adams (84)
9. Vianney (75)
10. Henley (72)
11. Alta Loma (60)
12. Bayshore (60)
13. Viewmont (60)
14. Westview (60)
15. DeSmet (51)
16. Skyline (50)
17. Walter Stebbins (48)
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19. Lake Forest (48)
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34. Micos (12)
35. Clakamas (8)
36. Ladue (5)
37. Kearns (2)

#### Girl's Team

1. Centerville (210)
2. Kirkwood (180)
3. Nerinx (156)
4. Beaverton (125)
5. Sprague (120)
6. Notre Dame (84)
7. Bronx (84)
8. St. Josephs (75)
9. Henley (72)
10. Bristol (72)
11. Westview (60)
12. Villa Duchesne (38)
13. Skyline (24)
14. Parkway West (22)
15. Cor Jesu Academy (21)
16. Robert Service (15)

#### Mixed Doubles

1. Henley (48)
2. Westview (36)
3. Kirkwood (24)
4. Beaverton (24)
5. Sprague (12)

#### Overall Team

1. Kirkwood (315)
2. Beaverton (236)
3. Henley (192)
4. Sprague (174)
5. Westview (156)
6. Skyline (74)
7. Parkway West (67)

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Another key addition to Ektelon has been the selection of Andy Roberts as Ektelon's Promotions Manager, a position formerly held by none other than Dave Peck. Now married with children, Andy was one of only a handful of pro players to have won so many events, delighted crowds, and literally paved the way for today's elite players like Cliff Swain and Sudsy Monchik.

As an industry leader, Ektelon is moving forward with these key appointments of Winters and Roberts. But the company also continues to be a staunch promoter of many racquetball programs and tournaments. Regional reps go out of their way to promote juniors programs nationwide, most notably in Southern California, where no one who seems to excite young players more than Mickey Bellah, Program Director at the elite Spectrum Athletic Club in Fullerton. Mickey has been a player for over thirty years and a long time administrator and ambassador for the sport. He has put together a program that motivates youngsters into coming back week after week, month after month!

As a forerunner in the promotion of the sport for many years, Ektelon also provides player support throughout the IRT, LPRA and USRA ranks. As a company firm in their beliefs that players are the most important element in the game today, Ektelon goes out of its way to continually strive to improve its products, nationwide programs and tournament support. At the helm is Scott Winters, a recognized leader in the industry. Supporting him is Andy Roberts, a former legend in the pro ranks. Then there is Mickey Bellah, and the many, many others like them out in the field throughout the country. With this kind of experience we can only expect to see more "good things happenin' with Ektelon!" [www.ektelon.com](http://www.ektelon.com)

## Meet and Play Website Revamps

Tami Robertson, originator of the [meetandplay.com](http://meetandplay.com) website, has teamed up with Willie Tilton of [rballonline.com](http://rballonline.com) to offer online partner-locating services and much more! Tilton is a four-time world junior and inter-collegiate champion, software developer and served as webmaster for the 2000 Hilton U.S. Open website.

In the website re-design, the old [meetandplay.com](http://meetandplay.com) player database of 3,000 players was eliminated due to a large number of antiquated email addresses. Now, new player and club entries are being updated daily, allowing players to find partners at or above their skill level at home and on the road. Visit [meetandplay.com](http://meetandplay.com) and update your player listing (and don't forget to add your favorite racquetball club's information)!



told him that I would enroll him under one condition, that he participate in some form of exercise program on a regular basis. He agreed and told me on a November evening that he wanted to "work out" and play racquetball. "You want to play racquetball?" I asked. "Yes," he responded, "and I want you to play with me." Of course I did not know anything about racquetball, but I agreed to give it a try along with my regular workout program of weight training. On Christmas of that year I received a racquet from my son to get me started in the game. I was informed from other players that 45 minutes of racquetball was equal to running two miles. I thought, wow! I could not think of a sport that could give you that much of a workout in such a short period of time.

I would end my workouts with a game of racquetball with my son, and found the game quite exciting and a very good physical activity. Over the course of several months I had many players commenting on the progress Brad was making. So I continued to encourage him as I worked to improve my game also. Over the past two and a half years I have seen him compete in many tournaments across the state and regionally.

Approximately one year ago my younger son Chris, now 13, started playing the game. He was not really doing much physical activity so we had another mission, which was to get him in better physical condition. We included him in our membership and with my assistance he would work out with me. He did not like running on the treadmills and consequently said he'd like to play racquetball like his older brother. Since that time we have seen Chris gain confidence in himself and become quite a competitive player. He is having fun exercising and loves the game. My 8-year-old daughter is playing sparingly and will probably be playing the game in the years ahead.

We are gradually becoming a racquetball family. We all enjoy the game and play in as many tournaments as possible. I particularly enjoy the friendships of the people we meet on and off the court, at the local club and tournaments everywhere. Promoting good health includes good eating habits along with a good physical exercise program. Racquetball happens to be what me and my family needed and is our preferred choice of exercise. I hope that many others like myself will find racquetball as beneficial as my family has. Enjoy the game and have fun with a good workout!

*Randy Butler • Clarksville, Tennessee*



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- ☐ 35+ A/B
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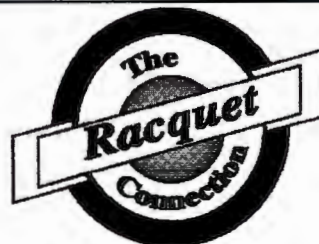
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4. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
5. Matt Gehling, MD
6. Not a Member, KY
7. Chris Wright, MO
8. Brent Walters, NC
9. Rocky Carson, CA
10. Dan Llacera, DE

### Men's Elite

1. Jonah Bishop, KS
2. Zach Pope, TX
3. Mark Fuhrmann, WA
4. Dave Bartscher, TX
5. Larry Desorbo, AZ
6. Jeff Tipton, AZ
- 7T. Not a Member, NM
- 7T. Matthew Majxner, MT
- 7T. Jonathan Munger, AK
- 7T. William Smith, AE

### Men's A

1. Filip Vesely, NV
2. Dave Bartscher, TX
3. Dan Sublett, AR
4. Sunny Osagie, AR
5. David Paolazzi, NJ
6. Mark French, WA
- 7T. Ralph Grillon, MA
- 7T. Fran Mifsud, PA
9. Charles Lee, LA
10. Brad Slocum, FL

### Men's B

1. Drew Toland, AR
2. Chris Coy, OK
3. Not a Member, NY
4. Dan Baker, AR
- 5T. Mike Gaffney, PA
- 5T. Mark Powers, CA
7. Mike Wiseman, WI
8. Marty Hammond, PA
9. Mike Van Valkenburg, UT
10. Myron Brough, OH

### Men's C

1. Myron Brough, OH
2. Enrique Loaiza, CA
- 3T. Alex Morelos, OK
- 3T. Philip Suarez, TX
5. Patrick Knox, DC
6. Jeff Merritt, VA
7. Mike Bowden, MI
8. Bryan Shaw, MO
9. Wm. Allen Ayers, AR
10. Adam Podolec, NH

### Men's D

1. Kyle Shawger, OH
2. Michael Grosse, CO
3. Dan Whiston, MI
4. John Schwinger, AR
- 5T. David Cohen, MA
- 5T. Brian Keteltas, NY
- 5T. Rudy Olivares, TX

8. Michael Marseco, FL
9. Richard Toland, AR
10. Bryan Shaw, MO

### Men's Novice

- 1T. Matthew Bracken, OH
- 1T. Nick Knudsen, FL
- 1T. Nicholas Lovett, NY
- 1T. Sonny Rodriguez, CA
- 5T. Lipscomb Davis, TN
- 5T. Rich DeYoung, NH
7. Garret Painter, ID
- 8T. Zach Apperson, OH
- 8T. Not a Member, NY
- 8T. Jim Baxter, SC

### Men's 24-

1. Matt Gehling, MD
2. Mitch Williams, NC
3. Willie Tilton, CO
4. Shane Vanderson, OH
5. Jason Bledsoe, FL
6. Brent Walters, NC
7. Alejandro Herrera, FL
- 8T. Josh Tucker, MO
- 8T. Ben Williams, NY
10. Jeremy Best, GA

### Men's 25+

1. Dale Valentine, CA
2. Brian Fredenberg, TX
3. Tony Shawver, GA
4. Brian Pointelin, UT
- 5T. Rob DeJesus, AZ
- 5T. David Hunter, TN
- 5T. Chris Zalegowski, NH
- 8T. Corey Fritz, VA
- 8T. Jeff Oathout, AK
10. Jonathan Jones, VA

### Men's 30+

1. Kevin Graham, WI
2. Jeff Bell, AZ
3. Jim Frautschi, MN
4. Ira Holland, MD
5. Pete Ulliman, OH
6. Scott Krouse, ME
7. Travis Aldinger, PA
- 8T. Rob Cook, VA
- 8T. Julio Junki, FL
10. Joe Canuel, FL

### Men's 35+

1. Andy Roberts, TN
2. Scot Consoli, FL
- 3T. Brad McCunniff, IA
- 3T. Jim Minkel, TX
- 3T. Dave Watson, OK
6. John Barrett, PA
7. Alan Sheppard, NC
8. Tom Utterback, IL
- 9T. David Barnes, RI
- 9T. Dave Eagle, OH

### Men's 40+

1. Dave Eagle, OH
2. Tim Hansen, FL
3. Bill Lyman, IL
4. Mitch Smith, PA
5. Bobby Haab, CT

6. Glenn Leib, PA
7. Noel De La Rosa, TX
8. Carlos Asuncue, CA
9. Lee Larson, OK
10. Scott Cullins, GA

### Men's 45+

1. James Jones, CA
2. Mark Baron, VA
3. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
4. Gary Gloeggler, GA
5. Darryl Warren, CA
6. Dennis Fisher, UT
7. Mitt Layton, FL
8. Joe Clinton, TX
9. Sal Perconti, FL
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### Men's 50+

1. Mitt Layton, FL
2. Denny Vincent, OH
3. Thomas Rall, CO
4. David Dennis, AR
5. Gary Mazaroff, NM
6. Frank Taddonio, AZ
7. Russ Mannino, CA
8. Bill Welaj, NJ
- 9T. Not a Member, UT
- 9T. Terry Michnya, MD

### Men's 55+

1. Ed Remen, NC
2. Ray Huss, OH
3. Kevin Dorr, MD
4. Terry Albright, MO
5. Glenn Allen, VA
6. Mike Winslow, FL
- 7T. Steve Meltsner, CT
- 7T. Bill Wolfe, NY
9. Wayne Thornton, AR
10. Joe Gellman, NM

### Men's 60+

1. Leland Rients, MN
2. Ron Hutcherson, IN
3. Jim Wilking, UT
4. Jim McPherson, TX
5. Grant Morrill, PA
- 6T. Ron Galbreath, PA
- 6T. Ed Sword, KY
- 6T. Ray Testasecca, NJ
9. Jim Trammell, MO
10. Bob Siemiatkoski, CT

### Men's 65+

1. Jerry Holly, CA
2. Don Alt, OH
3. Rex Benham, AR
4. Ken Karmel, AR
5. Art Hurley, NM
- 6T. Kenneth Moore, CA
- 6T. Roy Rudichuk, OK
8. Paul Banales, AZ
9. Art Johnson, CO
10. Don Maxey, TX

### Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. John O'Donnell, IL
3. Frank Trask, ME

4. Robert Miller, SC
5. Pearce Grove, VA
6. Ralph Waddington, NM
7. Duane Smith, TX
8. Vance Lerner, CA
9. Antonio Pinos, FL
10. Wendell Hall, NM

### Men's 75+

1. Victor Sacco, NY
2. Dick Kincade, CO
3. Bill Matotan, NM
4. Al Romero, NM
5. Mal Roberts, FL
6. Earl Acuff, NC
- 7T. Cam Snowberger, SC
- 7T. J.W. Studak, TX
- 9T. John Leech, OH
- 9T. Robert McAdam, TX

### Men's 80+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. Robert McAdam, TX
3. Cam Snowberger, SC
4. George Spear, FL
5. Hank Richard, NC
6. Charlie Russell, CA
7. Don Goddard, MT
- 8T. Ben Marshall, TX
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### Men's 85+

1. Harry Steinman, MD
2. Ralph Hoyle, NY

## WOMEN

### Women's Open

1. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
2. Laura Fenton, KS
3. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
4. Aimee Roehler, NJ
5. Doreen Fowler, MD
6. Kersten Hallander, CA
7. Jackie Paraiso, CA
8. Helen Marseco, FL
9. Kim Russell, TX
10. Tammy Brown, ID

### Women's Elite

1. Aimee Roehler, NJ
2. Adrienne Fisher, OH
3. Rachel Gellman, AZ
4. Lauren Deutsch, CA
5. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
- 6T. T.J. Baumbaugh, MD
- 6T. Marie Birmingham, AZ
- 6T. Vivian Gomez, FL
- 6T. Linda Moore, NE
- 6T. Janel Tisinger, CA

### Women's A

1. Tammarran Rogers, WA
2. Karen Morton, PA
- 3T. Candi Hostovich, VA
- 3T. Christine McAlpine, VA
5. Leah Upshaw, GA
6. Esther McNany, CT
7. Nancy Fasano, FL
8. Pat Sims, NH

9. Darcey Martin, FL
10. Elise Wilson, CT

### Women's B

1. Rosario Kelley, KY
2. Thao Le, VA
3. Ashley Darmer, VA
4. Rhonda Kochis, OK
5. Kelly Bruns, VA
- 6T. Not a Member, OH
- 6T. Aimee Perry, VA
8. Sunshine Dryer, AR
9. Cheryl Kirk, IL
10. Lynn Hiorns, IL

### Women's C

1. Sue Hunt, MS
2. Nila Gresham, CO
3. Karen Marzano, IL
4. Claudine Andola, FL
5. Selma Cuadros, MD
6. Tish Rodgers, TX
- 7T. Dyan Anderson, MD
- 7T. Jenny Nelson, ME
9. Linda Bateman, AK
10. Judy LaFrance-Foote, NH

### Women's D

1. Marci Laramée, TN
2. Karissa Sparks, DC
3. Aline Jackson, AR
4. Wesley Toland, AR
5. Jill Rogers, NM
6. Donna Payne, GA
7. Gretchen Gobar, NH
8. Michelle Lexow, IL
9. Gina Cendoya, FL
10. Eva Alle, GA

### Women's Novice

1. Nancy Gager, NJ
- 2T. Julie Arvidson, ME
- 2T. Theresa Brodzik, MI
- 2T. Michelle Key, AZ
- 5T. Natalie Mody, NM
- 5T. Not a Member, ID
7. Jill Jones, VA
- 8T. Kimberly Archer, OK
- 8T. Kim Cochrane, ME
- 8T. Donna Margwarth, NM

### Women's 24-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
2. Janel Tisinger, CA
- 3T. Adrienne Fisher, OH
- 3T. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
5. Brooke Crawford, CA
- 6T. Brenna Bilbrough, OR
- 6T. Lauren Deutsch, CA
- 6T. Melissa Harmon, FL
- 6T. Rachel Mimms, KY
- 6T. Nicole Whitney, NY

### Women's 25+

1. Debra Bryant, NC
- 2T. Rachel Gellman, AZ
- 2T. Aimee Roehler, NJ
- 2T. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
5. Claudine Garcia, FL
- 6T. Heather Dunn, MA



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- 6T. Kim Herrold, SC  
8T. Kelley Beane, NH  
8T. Brenna Bilbrough, OR  
8T. Kristen Fritz, VA

## Women's 30+

1. Lorraine Galloway, NY  
2. Elaine Albrecht, OH  
3. Debra Bryant, NC  
4. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT  
5. Kim Russell, TX  
6T. Lori Lepow, FL  
6T. Kim Wapola, MN  
8T. Kelley Beane, NH  
8T. Annette Gillhouse, CO  
8T. Michelle Lucas, VA

## Women's 35+

- 1T. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT  
1T. Debra Tisinger, CA  
3. Lorraine Galloway, NY  
4. Anita Maldonado, NY  
5. Felicia Mann, MI  
6. Solanna Taragan, CA  
7. Helen Marasco, FL  
8T. Lori Lepow, FL  
8T. Leah Upshaw, GA  
10. Diane Mueller, CA

## Women's 40+

1. Debra Tisinger, CA  
2. Linda Moore, NE  
3. Val Shewfelt, UT  
4. Therese Lewis, OK  
5. Not a Member, AZ  
6T. Malia Bailey, VA  
6T. Cyd Evans, NM  
8. Susan Hann, FL  
9. Roz Petronelli, MA  
10. Marcy Lynch, PA

## Women's 45+

1. Joanne Pomodoro, MA  
2. Susan Pfahler, FL  
3. Marcy Lynch, PA  
4. Jere Luttner, TX  
5. Nan Higgins, NH  
6T. Meena Evans, NC  
6T. Marcia Richards, CO  
8. Laura Patterson, MI  
9. Jean Trimble, FL  
10. Lesley Kishigian, MI

## Women's 50+

1. Agatha Falso, FL  
2T. Sharon Huczek, MI  
2T. Terry Ann Rogers, CA  
4. Not a Member, OR  
5T. Jane Bentley, NM  
5T. Nancy Kronenfeld, IL  
7T. Kathy Dunham, IL  
7T. Meri Jean Kelley, CA  
7T. Hanifah Shabazz, GA  
7T. Karen Weins, FL

## Women's 55+

1. Mary Lou Furaus, NM  
2. Sharon Hastings-Welby, OR  
3. CeCe Palaski, CA  
4. Agatha Falso, FL

5. Gerri Stoffregen, OH  
6. Nidia Funes, CA  
7. Gail Schaefer, MD  
8. Meri Jean Kelley, CA  
9. Mildred Gwinn, NC  
10. Marquita Molina, CA

## Women's 60+

1. Mildred Gwinn, NC  
2. Marquita Molina, CA  
3. Sharon Hastings-Welby, OR  
4. Gloria Piscoran, OR  
5T. Jo Kenyon, FL  
5T. Sylvia Sawyer, UT  
7. Not a Member, NE  
8T. Lola Markus, IL  
8T. Nancy Martin, CA  
10. Janet Dahl, CA

## Women's 65+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL  
2. Lola Markus, IL  
3. Marilyn Hoagland, MN  
4T. Naomi Eads, MO  
4T. Mildred Gwinn, NC  
4T. Louise Kiss, NM  
7. Mary Walker, CA

## Women's 70+

1. Reta Harring, WI  
2. Tillie Davies, AZ  
3. Marilyn Hoagland, MN  
4. Mary Lou Kackert, NM

## Women's 75+

1. Beth Keene, TX  
2. Christine Stephens, TX  
3T. Mary-Low Acuff, NC  
3T. Helen Deysher, PA

## Women's 80+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC  
2. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR

## BOYS

### Boy's 6 & Under

- 1T. Not a Member, VA  
1T. Jackson Rogers, NM  
1T. Zachary Wertz, LA  
4. Tyler Forbus, LA  
5T. Not a Member, VA  
5T. Brandon Waldon, LA  
7. Not a Member, LA

### B6- Multi-Bounce

1. Sam Reid, OR  
2. Marco Rojas, CA  
3. Timothy Lerow, FL  
4. Kyle Walsh, UT  
5. Jackson Rogers, NM  
6. Nathaniel Stevens, CO  
7T. Jonathan Goddard, VA  
7T. Colin Kush, CT  
9T. Not a Member, SD  
9T. Keegan North, KY

### Boy's 8 & Under

1. Jake Bredenbeck, MN  
2. Joseph Lee, LA  
3. Logan North, KY

4. Taylor Regier, OR  
5. Charlie Locke, OR  
6T. Brad Falvey, WI  
6T. Matthew Hunter, FL  
6T. Keegan North, KY  
6T. Dylan Reid, OR  
10. Marty Andrie, CO

### B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Sam Reid, OR  
2. Taylor Regier, OR  
3. Brad Falvey, WI  
4. Miguel Martinez, AK  
5. Chase Stanley, LA  
6. Jackson Rogers, NM  
7. Andrew Boelter, WA  
8. Marty Andrie, CO  
9. Dylan Reid, OR  
10. Zachary Wertz, LA

### Boy's 10-

1. Jose Rojas, CA  
2. Ismael Aldana Jr., CA  
3. John Sanderson, UT  
4. Joseph Lee, LA  
5T. Not a Member, AZ  
5T. Taylor Knoth, OR  
7. Jonathan Stob, WA  
8T. Jake Bredenbeck, MN  
8T. Trevor Smith, OR  
10. Jonathan Doyle, OH

### Boy's 12-

1. Nick Arturo, AK  
2. Andrew Grissom, CA  
3. Chris Coy, OK  
4. Tripp Isley, NC  
5. Sean McGrath, IN  
6. Jonathan Doyle, OH  
7. John Edwards, WA  
8. Brandon Ritschard, IL  
9. Korey Walsh, UT  
10. Christopher Edwards, CT

### Boy's 14-

1. Dan Sheppick, OR  
2. Joey Lakowski, OR  
3T. Charles Pratt, OR  
3T. Drew Toland, AR  
5T. Ben Croft, IL  
5T. Andrew Gale, UT  
5T. Not a Member, NY  
8. Bradley Butler, TN  
9. Sean McGrath, IN  
10. Kyle Chandler, VA

### Boy's 16-

1. Jack Huczek, MI  
2. Bart Crawford, OR  
3. Devin Drury, WA

4. Not a Member, TX  
5. David Hutchins, FL  
6T. Matt Howell, AK  
6T. Dain Taylor, IN  
8. Ben Croft, IL  
9. Jose Flores Jr., CT  
10. Colin Owens, CO

### Boy's 18-

1. Jack Huczek, MI  
2. Shane Vanderson, OH  
3. Zack Miller, CA  
4. Not a Member, AZ  
5T. Bart Crawford, OR  
5T. Sanjay Laforest, NY  
7. Ryan Kofoid, AK  
8. Mike Harmon, FL  
9T. Ross Amundson, AK  
9T. Paul Carroll, ID

## GIRLS

### Girl's 6 & Under

1. Not a Member, VA  
2. Danielle Key, AZ  
3. Courtney Hill, NM

### G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Elizabeth Brenner, OR  
2T. Sierra Adam, CO  
2T. Not a Member, OK  
4T. Megan Cohen, NM  
4T. Casey Wheat, ID  
6. Not a Member, VA  
7. Not a Member, CO

### Girl's 8 & Under

1. Nicole Grundman, MN  
2. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR  
3. Tia Smith, OR  
4. Sierra Adam, CO  
5. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM  
6. Elizabeth Brenner, OR  
7. Stephanie Rojas, OR  
8. Ceara Odell, NM  
9T. Not a Member, NM  
9T. Bailee Painter, ID

### G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Tristyn Trelease, OR  
2. Nicole Grundman, MN  
3. Hannah Edwards, WA  
4. Kali Gottsleben, SD  
5T. Sierra Adam, CO  
5T. Elizabeth Brenner, OR  
7. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM  
8T. Tia Smith, OR  
8T. Shanda Wheat, ID  
10. Not a Member, VA

### Girl's 10-

1. Brittany Legget, OR  
2. Shannon Inglesby, OR  
3. Sharon Jackson, IN  
4. Wesley Toland, AR  
5. Brianna Ho, WA  
6. Holly Hettesheimer, OH  
7. Danielle Key, AZ  
8. Mickey Rogers, NM  
9. Nicole Carrell, WA  
10. Not a Member, VA

### Girl's 12-

1. Ashley Willhite, OR  
2. Kara Mazur, CT  
3. Dannielle Pimental, OR  
4. Sarah Moyle, OR  
5. Sharon Jackson, IN  
6. Holly Hettesheimer, OH  
7. Alyssa Goddard, VA  
8. Michelle Key, AZ  
9T. Rebeka Kopf, NY  
9T. Brittany Legget, OR

### Girl's 14-

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
2. Ashley Legget, OR  
3. Jesi Fuller, NM  
3T. Kimberly Walsh, UT  
5T. Kastle Arturo, AK  
5T. Michelle Key, AZ  
5T. Nikki Winfrey, OH  
8T. Kelley Fisher, OH  
8T. Sarah Moyle, OR  
10. Sarah Hettesheimer, OH

### Girl's 16-

1. Crystal Winfrey, OH  
2. Janel Tisinger, CA  
3. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
4. Cari Mitlitsky, NY  
5T. Da'Monique Davis, TX  
5T. Jesi Fuller, NM  
7. Sarah Moyle, OR  
8. Kelley Fisher, OH  
9T. Felicia Adams, OK  
9T. Linda Knudsen, UT

### Girl's 18-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT  
2T. Krystal Csuk, IL  
2T. Adrienne Fisher, OH  
4T. Elise Wilson, CT  
4T. Crystal Winfrey, OH  
6. Lauren Deutsch, CA  
7. Kelley Fisher, OH  
8T. Lynne Berg, OR  
8T. Laurie Fisk, MO  
8T. Melissa Gransbury, OR

## EVENT LEVEL/DESCRIPTION

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8	9-16
1 = Closed State Tournament	30	20	15	10	5	0
2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10	0
3 = State Championship	150	100	75	50	25	0
4 = Regional Championship	250	150	100	75	50	0
5 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75	25*
6 = National Championship	600	400	300	200	100	50*

\*In draws of 48 or more at Level Five or Level Six events, 9-16th place finishes earn points.



## MEN

### Men's 24-A/B

1. Filip Vesely, NV
2. Brian Feng, TX
- 3T. Shannon Kohl, MI
- 3T. Brian Montgomery, NV
- 5T. Chris Coy, OK
- 5T. Vincent Crazzo, NY
- 5T. Mike Gaffney, PA
- 8T. Not a Member, TX
- 8T. Mike Hester, AZ
- 8T. Andrew Von Gerichten, MO

### Men's 24-C/D

1. Bryan Shaw, MO
2. Kris Robinson, KY
- 3T. Aaron Johnson, MO
- 3T. Drew Toland, AR
- 5T. Joseph Lee, LA
- 5T. Not a Member, VA
- 7T. Daniel Gutierrez, TX
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### Men's 25-A/B

1. Ivan Perry, PA
2. Al Schof, LA
3. Marco Mijares, GA
- 4T. Arturo Burrue, TX
- 4T. Corbin Dirks, NC
- 6T. Derek Izzi, PA
- 6T. Dana Mahar, NM
- 6T. Jay Mathis, GA
- 6T. Shaun Stone, OK
10. Ryan John, CO

### Men's 25-C/D

1. Enrique Loaiza, CA
2. Jimmy Cho, AP
- 3T. Brian Keteltas, NY
- 3T. Curtis Smith, NC
- 5T. Myron Brough, OH
- 5T. John Halpin, CT
- 7T. Jesse Jackson, OK
- 7T. Chuck Myers, GA
- 9T. Troy Barber, IN
- 9T. Richard Campbell, LA

### Men's 30-A/B

1. Kipp Atwell, LA
2. Alok Mehta, MA
3. Curtis Cox, WA
4. Brian Wetcher, MD
5. Dale Durboraw, OR
- 6T. Aldrin De Lara, NY
- 6T. Brad Pashai, VA
- 6T. Tim Wigder, VA
- 9T. Not a Member, VA
- 9T. Steve Graham, MD

### Men's 30-C/D

1. Patrick Knox, DC
2. Barry Gribble, DC
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- 4T. Sniman Chennareddy, TX
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- 6T. Not a Member, VA
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### Men's 35-A/B

1. Bobby Jackson, MS
2. Angelo Perilli, PA
3. Sunny Osagie, AR
- 4T. Bill DiGregorio, NJ
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- 6T. Carl Cook, NC
- 6T. Tom Keogh, NY
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- 6T. John Sanders, GA
- 6T. Jake Skinner, NM

### Men's 35-C/D

1. Alex Morelos, OK
- 2T. Jeff Bell, CT
- 2T. Ralph Nussbaumer, VA
- 2T. Rudy Olivares, TX
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### Men's 40-A/B

1. Steve Myers, MO
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1. Ed Fink, TX
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3. Esteban Lebron, CA
4. Doug Hebert, SD
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- 6T. Jim Brett, MD
- 6T. Pat Duboise, AR
- 6T. Jerry Goodwin, VA
- 6T. Jeff Tack, CO
10. Mark Casey, MI

### Men's 45-C/D

1. Garry Carter, CA
2. John Coaker, MI
3. John Cooper, OK
4. Not a Member, TX
5. Joe Machado, OK
- 6T. Michael Grosse, CO

- 6T. Larry Knetzger, GA
- 6T. Aristides Restituyo, VA
- 9T. Dean Cline, MI
- 9T. Dan Whiston, MI

### Men's 50-A/B

1. Roger Aronoff, DC
2. Leo Klimaitis, IL
3. John Patalano, RI
4. Eric Sigel, PA
5. Norman Hanks, TX
- 6T. John Coaker, MI
- 6T. Gary Duchaine, VA
- 6T. Jerry Goodwin, VA
- 6T. Ric Robles, IL
10. Keith Ellard, VA

### Men's 50-C/D

1. John Coaker, MI
2. Victor Zamudio, IN
3. Ray Meisner, IL
4. Not a Member, PA
5. Terry Ruhlen, VA
6. Peter Kochis, OK
7. Marc Chittam, DC
- 8T. Larry Bobier, VA
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10. Michael Grosse, CO

### Men's 55-A/B

1. Fred Roe, CA
2. Ron Blackmon, TX
3. Mogens Klit Norlem, MD
4. Rog Beaudro, TX
- 5T. Pete Blakeslee, AR
- 5T. Willie Davenport, VA
- 5T. Steve Douglas, GA
- 5T. Luke St. Onge, CO
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### Men's 55-C/D

1. Peter Kochis, OK
2. Ron Maestas, NM
3. Marc Scher, TX
4. Buddy Baldwin, NJ
5. Willie Davenport, VA
6. Dean Hicks, OK
- 7T. Pete Blakeslee, AR
- 7T. William Gill, GA
9. Robert Sholly, TX
10. Stan Boose, GA

### Men's 60-A/B

1. Robert Hill, TX
2. Al Miller, OH
3. G. Kyle Smith, TX
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- 5T. Don Davis, IL
- 5T. George Scheffel, MS

### Men's 60-C/D

1. Robert Sholly, TX
2. Pearce Grove, VA
3. Bill Dunn, TX
4. Clarence Newcomb, CO
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### Women's 24-A/B

1. Jesi Fuller, NM
2. Brenna Bilbrough, OR
- 3T. Kelley Fisher, OH
- 3T. Danielle Mathieu, MO
- 3T. Not a Member, CA
6. Tish Rodgers, TX
7. Stephanie Bird, OK

### Women's 24-C/D

1. Laura Barrera, TX
2. Karissa Sparks, DC
3. Wesley Toland, AR
4. Danielle Jameson, TN
5. Kimberly Archer, OK

### Women's 25-A/B

1. Nathania Stewart, GA
2. Esther McNary, CT
3. Candi Hostovich, VA
4. Stephanie Bird, OK
- 5T. Vivian Gomez, FL
- 5T. Veronica Ramirez, TX
- 5T. Kathy Ropers, TX
8. Not a Member, NC
9. Ramona VonOndarza, FL
10. Danielle Emerson, MD

### Women's 25-C/D

1. Karissa Sparks, DC
2. Cicely Samuel, NC
- 3T. Claudine Andola, FL
- 3T. Katy Rothrock, VA
5. Deanna Newell, AR
6. Abigail Placke, TX
- 7T. Eva Alle, GA
- 7T. Stephanie Jones, OK
- 7T. Jan Stelma, NC
- 7T. Sharon Wilks, NC

### Women's 30-A/B

1. Karen Denu, VA
2. Karen Morton, PA
- 3T. Ashley Darmer, VA
- 3T. Valerie Willis, GA
5. Tammarran Rogers, WA
6. Janice Ryan-Arnold, MD
- 7T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 7T. Maggie Smargon, MA
- 7T. Sharon Steele, SC

### Women's 30-C/D

1. Karen Marzano, IL
2. Not a Member, TX
3. Jennifer Maldonado, PA

### Women's 35-A/B

1. Yuni Cobb, WA
2. Rhonda Kochis, OK
3. Sandy McCall, TX
- 4T. Janice Kennedy, GA
- 4T. Laura Woodbury, VA
- 6T. Maria Delli-Santi, VA
- 6T. Jennifer Ward, OK
8. Aimee Perry, VA
- 9T. Kelly Goddard, VA
- 9T. Cheryl Kirk, IL

### Women's 35-C/D

1. Sue Hunt, MS
- 2T. Felicia Jackson, TX
- 2T. Donna Marx, VA
- 4T. Jill Rogers, NM
- 4T. Josie Taylor, AR
6. Sharon Wilks, NC
7. Molly Hedgecock, NC

### Women's 40-A/B

1. Sandy McCall, TX
2. Kim Skerry, RI
3. Gwen Humphrey, VA
- 4T. Rosie Gonzalez, TX
- 4T. Not a Member, TX
6. Gail Parzygnat, IL
- 7T. Rosario Kelley, KY
- 7T. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 7T. Gennie Salinas, TX
- 7T. Ynez Slaymaker, AK

### Women's 40-C/D

1. Aline Jackson, AR
2. Connie Coile, FL
3. Mary Moreland, FL
4. Maureen Schantz, VA
5. Ping Chu, VA
6. Susan Geers, VA

### Women's 45-A/B

1. Pattie Schof, LA
2. Karen Green, MI
3. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 4T. Kay McCarthy, TN
- 4T. Deb Ullman, OH
- 6T. Vicki Leetch, AR
- 6T. Shirley Sessoms, VA
8. Gail Parzygnat, IL
- 9T. Ly Abbott, AK
- 9T. Cynthia Huge, CT

### Women's 45-C/D

1. Nila Gresham, CO
2. Nancy Gager, NJ
- 3T. Anne Billingham, VA
- 3T. Janet Christie, IL
- 3T. Manifah Shabazz, GA
- 6T. Bonnie Koehne, LA
- 6T. Jan Stelma, NC
8. Bernadette Godwin, AR

### Women's 50-A/B

1. Sharon Huczek, MI
2. Pattie Schof, LA
3. Sharon Brockbank, ID
4. CeCe Palaski, CA
- 5T. Suzanne Storey, TX
- 5T. Veronica Yorski, MD

### Women's 50-C/D

1. Pat Fleming, VA

### Women's 55-A/B

1. CeCe Palaski, CA
2. Gail Schaefer, MD
3. Josine Haustermanns, OK

### Women's 60-A/B

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	Un Handicapped Doubles @ Pojoaque Wellness Center .....	Santa Fe, NM	505-266-8960
July 21	NFC Shootout Series @ Northwest Fitness Center .....	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
July 21-22	Commonwealth Games @ Lancelot Sport Complex .....	Vinton, VA	540-977-1200
July 27-29	Ballard Open @ Olympic Athletic Club .....	Seattle, WA	425-697-6841
	Summer Bluegrass State Games @ Univ. of Kentucky .....	Lexington, KY	859-873-6996
	Summer Classic @ Quad West .....	Clearwater, FL	727-535-4901
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August 9-12	Summer Cooler Pro Am @ Elmwood Fitness Center .....	Harahan, LA	225-766-6167
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August 17-19	Another Leftover Tournament @ Worldgate Sport & Health .....	Herndon, VA	703-527-7785
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August 18	NFC Shootout Series @ Northwest Fitness Center .....	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
August 18-19	Barbecue Blast @ Classic Athletic Club .....	Fairfield, NJ	973-227-4000
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September 1-3	16th Annual Warren Finn @ JCC Of Houston .....	Houston, TX	713-432-0881
September 7-9	American Family Open @ American Family Fitness .....	Richmond, VA	804-330-3400
September 8-10	Maverick Fall Classic @ Maverick Athletic Club .....	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
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	Women's Pro-Am Doubles Reunion @ Nautilus Fitness & Racquet .....	Erie, PA	814-459-3033
September 15	Diez Y Siez Classico @ Racquetball & Fitness Clubs .....	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
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	Virginia State Doubles @ Robious Sports & Fitness [3] .....	Richmond, VA	804-330-2222
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