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**THE EUROPEAN
SEASON
2007/2008
HAS NOW
BEGUN!!!**



LOOF WINS IN HAMBURG AND MONTSERRAT WINS FIRST TOURNAMENT IN BARCELONA

The „old“ European Champion Joachim Loof won his third Hamburg Open title this year, while the new European Champion Victor Montserrat won the first international tournament ever in Barcelona!

Loof defeated former European Doubles Champion Richard van Doezum (Netherlands) in the Mens Singles Final 15-8, 15-13, while his successor Victor Montserrat claimed the first international racquetball title in Barcelona against Timothy Hardison with 7-15, 15-8, 11-8.

Ladies Champion in Hamburg became Sallie Benedict (USA) while Anna Ventura defeated Elisabeth Consegal in an exciting Barcelona final 4-15, 15-12, 11-9.

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**More news on the 2008 World
Championships INSIDE!**

RECENT RESULTS:

HAMBURG OPEN 2007:

Mens Open Singles: Joachim Loof (Germany) - Richard v. Doezum (Netherlands) 15-8, 15-13
Ladies Open Singles: Sallie Benedict (USA) - Yvonne Kortes (Germany) 15-6, 15-2
Ladies Novice Singles: Sina Krieger (Germany) - Lara Ludwig (Germany) 15-12, 15-10
Mens Open Doubles: J. Loof/T. Meyer (GER) - P. Matla/R. v. Doezum (NED) 15-8, 6-15, 11-10
Mens A: Arne Schmitz (Germany) - Peter Rakowski (Poland) 15-8, 9-15, 11-6
Mens B: Bjorn Jensen (Germany) - Rene Pierre-Ciura (Germany) 15-5, 6-15, 11-3
"Mens" C: Lara Ludwig (Germany) - Sina Krieger (Germany) 15-12, 15-10
Seniors 35+: Bodo Heinrich (Germany) - Thomas Bobrowski (Germany) 15-7, 5-15, 11-5
Seniors 40+: Timothy Hardison (USA) - Marc Scheffler (Germany) 15-4, 15-2
Seniors 50+: Sallie Benedict (USA) - Ingo Beiler (Germany) 15-5, 15-5

KINGSCOURT OPEN 2007:

Mens Open Singles: Kris Odegard (CAN) - Noel O'Callaghan (IRE)
Ladies Open Singles: Susan Farrel (IRE) - Julie Skehan (IRE)
Mens Open Doubles: L. Hughes/C. Carey (IRE) - O'Callaghan/Pillion (IRE/USA)
Ladies Open Doubles: S. Farrel/A. Neary (IRE) - M. Haverly/D. Ryder (IRE)
Mens Novice Singles: Joe Dillon (IRE) - Daire Gargan (IRE)
Mens B/C Singles: Arlen Ahearn (IRE) - Sean Lyng (IRE)
Mens D Singles: Sean Keane (IRE) - Michael Barnes jr. (IRE)
Seniors 40+: Noel Beggan (IRE) - Anthony Butler (IRE)

TROPHY OF BARCELONA:

Mens Singles Open: Victor Montserrat (CAT) - Tim Hardison (USA) 7-15, 15-8, 11-5
Ladies Singles Open: Anna Ventura (CAT) - Elisabeth Consegal (CAT) 4-15, 15-12, 11-9
Mens Open Doubles: Montserrat/Pérez (CAT/ESP) - Hardison/Serfaty (USA/CAT) 15-13, 7-15, 11-9

FROM THE MEMBERS:



Catalonia (Spain) has officially applied to host the 2009 European Championships in the new facility in Barcelona.



Newport's Ciara McManaman won her first Open Singles title at the Ballinrobe Open. She defeated Donna Ryder in the final.



Dutch Racquetball will again be represented in a national sports fair to promote the game and receive interest from club owners.

LOOF & BENEDICT WIN IN HAMBURG!

Former European Champion Joachim Loof (GER) was the winner of the Mens Open Singles at the 24th Hamburg Open defeating Richard Van Doezum (NED) in the final 15-8, 15-13. In the Womens Open Singles final, Sallie Benedict(USA) defeated Hamburg's Yvonne Kortes 15-6, 15-2. It was a successful start to the European Racquetball Tour attracted players from 7 countries from around the world and showed great European sportsmanship and also some surprises and upsets in the Mens Open Singles division with current European Champion Victor Montserrat going out in the quarter final to Oliver Bertels (GER)

September 21-23

**HAMBURG
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OPEN**



MONTSERRAT WINS FIRST INTERNATIONAL EVENT IN BARCELONA

European Champion Victor Montserrat and Ana Ventura are the winners of the 1st International Trophy of Barcelona 2007. In the Mens Singles Final, Montserrat defeated Timothy Hardison (USA) 7-15, 15-8, 11-5. While Ventura defeated Elisabeth Consegal 4-15, 15-12, 11-9 in the Ladies Singles Final. With his partner Ignacio Perez, Montserrat also won the doubles final.

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The German National Championships have been scheduled for February 1-3 in Hamburg. Players from all over the country are expected for this event.



Good activities in Bella Italia: A Halloween tournament has been held in Brembate and another event before Christmas might be scheduled as well.



Turkey is considered to be the host country for the 2011 European Championships.

NEWS UPDATE FOR THE WORLDS 2008...

Kingscourt gym now open

The Kingscourt gym recently opened. The gym is part of the Kingscourt Handball & Racquetball Club which will be the host venue of the 14th IRF World Championships next year.



Local Organizing Committee met in October

During the 2007 Kingscourt Open the Local Organizing Committee met on site to discuss further matters for the 2008 World Championships. The next meeting will be held January 19th in Dublin.

A few important items that were discussed and will be published for the participating countries shortly:

- All teams will be picked up at Dublin airport
- A hospitality point will be at the airport and the official host hotel
- A Spanish speaking volunteer shall be available
- Several levels of sponsorships have been approved and some major sponsors have already been contacted
- Hotel reservations can now be made via the email address hotelreservation@racquetball-wc2008.com.



14th IRF 2008
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Ireland named friendlies place on earth

Players and delegations who participate in the 14th IRF World Championships 2008 in Kingscourt, Ireland may want to hurry up with their travel arrangements.



Not only because the 2008 Worlds will be held in Ireland for the first time and some major interest in this event is to be expected. Even more important: Ireland has topped the list of the World's Friendliest Vacation destinations in the new edition of Lonely Planet BlueList 2008, the annual title which captures the best in travel for the coming year.



January 12th & 13th 2008

28th French Open 2008



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COURTS :

4 closed courts with back glass wall.

DIVISIONS :

Open, B, C, +35, +40 Men's series Open & B
Women series

STARTING TIME :

Saturday January 12th and Sunday January
13th 2008 at 9.00.

ENTRY FEE :

30 euros per player
Any additional event : + 5 euros per player.

TROPHIES :

For each category, first and second finalists
and consolation winner.

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TOURNAMENT HOTEL :

IBIS Hotel.
36/38 Avenue des Champs Pierreux
92000 Nanterre

Reservation : ask for Sophie and mention
"Racquetball tournament" telephone : + 33
(0) 1 47 24 19 910 fax : + 33 (0) 1 47 24 02 40
e-mail : h1544@accor.com

32 euros per night for double bed or 2 beds.
Breakfast not included. (7.5 euros)

ENTRY DEADLINE : Wednesday January 9th
@ midnight. Late entry fee : + 15 euros.

Souvenir of the tournament for all players.
Snack and drinks supplied to all participants
during the event.



THE BELGIAN RACQUETBALL
FEDERATION and
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FEDERATION
Proudly present the

22nd BELGIAN OPEN 2007 17-18 NOVEMBER

Location:

Indoor Sportcenter
Gijzelaarstraat 23, 2000 Antwerpen

Divisions:

Men's Open, Men's B, Men's C, Womens Open, Dbls
Open, Seniors 35+, 40+
Consolation may be offered if court time is available.

Entry Fee:

35 € incl. T-Shirt for 2 divisions

An additional 5 € will be charged for players
entering three divisions.

Entries:

Please mail entries to Niklaas Deboutte:
niklaas.deboutte@meta-architectuur.be

Prices:

First and Second in all divisions.

Deadline:

Wednesday, November 14th.

Starting Times:

Will be mailed Thursday, November 15th

Rules:

Official ERF rules will govern this event,
including the mandatory use of protective
eyeguard. Loser has to ref next match on court.

Accommodation:

Hotel Industrie (5 minutes from club)
www.hotelindustrie.be
Hotel Cammerpoorte (15 minutes from club)
www.hotelcammerpoorte.be
or www.hotels.be

EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2007-2008



2007	EVENT	LOCATION	COUNTRY	CONTACT
Sep 21-23	24th Hamburg Open 2007	Hamburg	Germany	Marcel Czempisz
Oct 13-14	K-Town Open	Kaiserslautern	Germany	Jason Ilie
Oct 27-28	Ramstein Halloween Tournament	Ramstein	Germany	Lisa Tolarchyk
Oct 27-28	Lakenheath Halloween Tournament	Lakenheath	England	Lorraine Botwright
Oct 27-29	Kingscourt Open 2007	Kingscourt	Ireland	Sean Gargan
Nov 01-04	International Trophy of Barcelona	Barcelona	Catalonia	Victor Montserrat
Nov 17-18	Turkey Shootout	Vogelweh	Germany	Bill Gurr
Nov 17-18	Belgian Open 2007	Antwerp	Belgium	Erik Meyer
Dec 01-02	Christmas Angel Tree Rollout 2007	Heidelberg	Germany	James Johnson
Dec 08-09	Schinnen Open	Schinnen	Netherlands	Joe Lewis
2008	EVENT	LOCATION	COUNTRY	CONTACT
Jan 12-13	21st French Open 2008	Paris	France	Jean Pierre Boudart
Jan 19-20	Leinster Open	TBA	Ireland	Susan Farrell
Feb 01-03	German Nationals 2008	Hamburg	Germany	Jörg Ludwig
Fed 09-10	Moylagh Open 2008	Moylagh	Ireland	Paddy Traynor
Mar 08-09	3rd Italian Open 2008	Brembate	Italy	Marco Arnoldi
Mar 08-09	Irish National Singles Championships	Kingscourt	Ireland	Vanessa Barnes
Mar 15-16	Schinnen Tournament	Schinnen	Netherlands	Joe Lewis
Mar 22-23	Grafenwoehr Tournament	Grafenwoehr	Germany	Tony Lee
Mar ?	Turkey Open 2008	Istanbul	Turkey	Ayten Kecerici
Apr 04-06	27th German Open 2008	Hamburg	Germany	Mike Mesecke
Apr 05-06	K-Town Spring Open	Kaiserslautern	Germany	Jason Ilie
Apr 12-13	18th Castlebar Open 2008	Castlebar	Ireland	Michael Haverty
Apr 19-20	Irish Junior Open 2008	Fermoy	Ireland	Liam Hughes
May 02-04	Arklow Irish Open 2008	Arklow	Ireland	Vanessa Barnes
May 10-11	USAFE Championships	Ramstein	Germany	Lisa Tolarchyk
July 19-20	Summer Slam 2008	Heidelberg	Germany	James Johnson

ERT RANKINGS

SEE COMPLETE RANKINGS ONLINE

Ladies Singles

1	Elisabeth Consegal	CAT
2	Sallie Benedict	USA
3	Anna Ventura	CAT
4	Yvonne Kortes	GER
5	Raquel Consegal	CAT
6	Araceli Gutierrez	CAT
7	Renate Hartmann	GER
8	Consuelo del Prato	ITA

Mens Singles

1	Timothy Hardison	USA
2	Victor Montserrat	CAT
3	Joachim Loof	GER
4	Richard van Doezum	NED
5	Oliver Bertels	GER
6	Ignacio Perez	CAT
7	Alberto Serfaty	BOL
8	Bruno Bouillac	FRA

PICTURE OF THE MONTH:

Touraneena Racquetball Club (Ireland) put on a special evening for their junior players at Halloween. Colourful and Scary!!



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