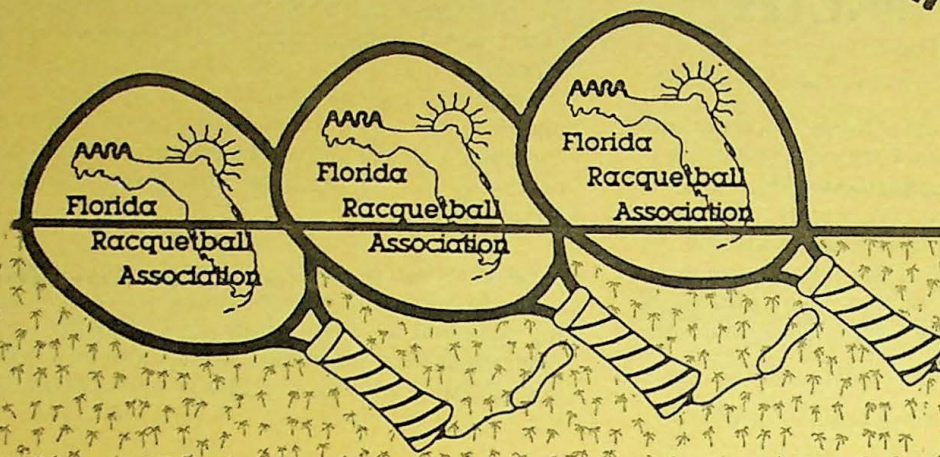


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TEAM FLORIDA TAKES NATIONALS BY WIDE MARGIN

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With a total of 148 points, 5 gold medals, 4 silvers, 4 bronze, and ten quarterfinalists, "Team Florida" clinched the overall title at this year's Ektelon/U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston by a convincing margin. California trailed by 54 points with a total of 94 in the final tally, followed by Virginia with 87 and Ohio with 71. Not only did the team do well collectively, several of Florida's most outstanding players made history by qualifying for the first official USOC event for racquetball — the 1989 Olympic Festival in Oklahoma City.

To qualify for the one-time Olympic Festival Team (as opposed to being appointed to the US National Team for the entire year), players had to reach the quarterfinals of the Men's and Women's Open divisions. Regional champion Susan Morgan and state winner Fred Calabrese did just that by meeting stiff early round competition head on to advance into Saturday play.

Seeded #29 in a field of 100 Men's Open players, Fred Calabrese set to work early against Texan Terry Creekmore in the first round, taking an easy 15-3, 15-0 win. Setting out on a collision course with #1 seeded Andy Roberts, Fred defeated John Kleinschmidt of Missouri 15-3, 15-6 before going to his only tie-breaker of the tournament against Doug Ganim of Ohio. Evenly matched games of 15-12, 13-15 set up the 11-5 win for Calabrese, who went into overdrive on service to defeat the former US Team member.

A quick win over Bruce Erickson of Minnesota (15-9, 15-7) set up the crucial quarterfinal match against Rick Bezousek of Nebraska for the US Team spot. At MSU, Bezousek's doubles partner is our own Sergio Gonzalez, but Florida players became his nemesis by the end of this tournament. To reach Calabrese in Men's Open, he won his one and only match against a Floridian by defeating Tim Hansen (who broke his demo Mirada at 7-7) in an 11-8 tiebreaker. Later, in Men's 19+, Bezousek lost to Charlie Nichols in the semi-final, then to Curtis Winter for third. He fared no better against Calabrese in two games of 15-12, 15-10, which set the stage for the semi-final match between Fred and #1 defending champion Andy Roberts.

For the first time in the tournament, and perhaps in years, Fred seemed distracted and out of sorts on a racquetball court. Long time friend and sideline coach Mark Morrison observed that "it took him too long to read the serve . . . and Roberts is a ball machine." Even against the blazing drive serves, Calabrese would periodically become his old self, get into a rally, anticipate well and execute his favorite shots. Those rallies were his winners, but were overturned on several occasions when Roberts appealed his own foot faults on serve.

Late in the second game, Fred initiated his own service attack by driving along the right wall glass, then keeping his shots to Roberts forehand. That strategy, and an increasing ease in his play, might have pulled out the second game in his favor, but a six point run was all he could muster before Roberts took the match 15-3, 15-9.

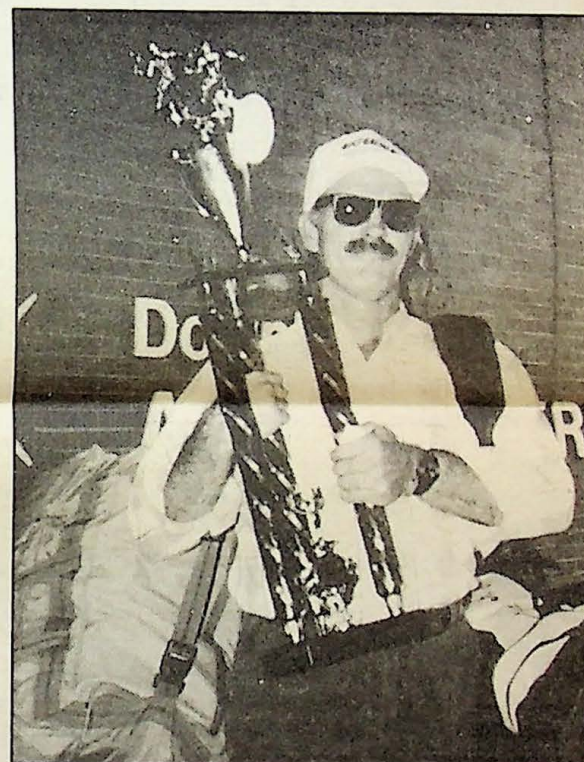
Just missing the "top ten" with a #11 seeding in a 66-person Women's Open draw, Susan Morgan wasted no time in heading straight for the all important quarterfinal qualifier. Marcia Richards of Louisiana was the first to fall (15-4, 15-6), followed in short order by Robin Petrini of Illinois (15-12, 15-4) and left-hander Peggy Ludwig of Kentucky (15-14, 15-10) in the Festival Team qualifier.

At this point last year, Morgan narrowly missed a spot on the National Team in an 11-10 tiebreaker against Lisa Anthony. This year her opponent was Kaye Kuhfeld of Indianapolis, who spared Morgan that particular pressure, but applied a different version of her own.

Ranked #5 on the Women's Pro Tour in March, Kaye Kuhfeld is known for her ability to concentrate and stick to the business at hand. Against Morgan, she used a combination of excellent serves and strategic shots to earn the US Team spot. After the match Susan agreed, "Her serves were just too good, she's very consistent and knows just which shots to take." No slouch in the smarts department herself, Morgan was able to show off some of her well-known pinch shots to the pro before the match was over in two games of 15-7, 15-7.

Jim Fanning might have argued the term "non-championship" event for the Men's A division after he charged through five rounds of fevered play just to be in the running for third. He was successful in that play-off against Matt Brenny of Minnesota, and added his name to the list of Florida medalists. In the Men's age divisions, Florida's "bad boys" picked up their fair share of points: Charlie Nichols took the title in 19s with Curtis Winter adding the bronze; in the 25s Sergio Gonzalez picked up a third; Mark Morrison won the 30s; Nick Sans took a silver in M60 and Bill Duckworth snagged a bronze in M75.

Florida ladies began their "medal collection" in the Women's 30+ division, where a deja vu final between Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons guaranteed a gold one way or another. On the lower half of the draw, Lyons played the more colorful matches, including a series against two Davises in a row. Laurel Davis of Illinois showed up in the second round, followed by US Team Coach Fran Davis in the third. Point hinders, controversy and raised voices characterized the match against Fran, which went to Mary in close games of 15-14, 15-13.



New FRA President Gene Owen brings home the "Team Florida" trophy! Photo: Jo Kenyon



A winning group (left to right): Eileen Tuckman, Agatha Falso, Jo Kenyon, Jan Smith, Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons.

In the semi-final round against Malia Bailey, both players were at low tide. Mary even went so far as to pitch two of her favorite high lob-Zs into the side wall before digging out the match 12-15, 15-13, 11-8. More familiar territory followed in the final against Susan, but the outcome held true to their overall head-to-head record. Susan successfully defended her 30+ title in two games of 15-10, 15-11.

Remaining division action featured silver medalists Eileen Tuckman in W35 (losing to Janell Marriott 15-9, 15-5) and Janis Smith in W40 (both she and bronze medal winner Agatha Falso were defeated by Carol Frenck of Virginia). The only other gold medalist for Florida women was Jo Kenyon, who defended her dual titles against challengers Marion Crawford of New York in W50+ and from Mary Walker of California in the 55s. Remaining quarterfinalists were Britt Engel (WA) Kersten Hallendar (4th place/W19), Lori Basch in W19+ and Pat Alt in W45.

Men's division quarterfinalists were: Brent Huber (25+); Mitt Layton (30+ and 35+); Gene Landrum (50+); Ed Busigo (65+); Jack Murphy (4th/70+); Bill Duckworth (70+) and Robert Wise (4th/75+).

Fifty-eight players made up Team Florida, and each and every one, from first-round losers to titlists, made a contribution to this year's team win. During the final awards presentations, Gene Owen accepted the three foot tall championship trophy on behalf of the FRA — and then wondered if he would need to buy a seat for it on the plane. Among the crowd in attendance, several other state directors looked as though they would have loved to have the same problem!

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM FLORIDA:

Stacey Aaronson	Mitt Layton
Don & Pat Alt	Mary Lyons
Oscar Alvarez	Kenny McLeod
Arsenio Amat	Eugene Melton
Lynne Balthazor	Linda Mojer
Lori Basch	Susan Morgan
Fred Blaess	Mark Morrison
Roxanne Bonilla	Jack Murphy
Ed Busigo	Charlie Nichols
Fred Calabrese	Gene Owen
Tony Conti	Randy Pfahler
Mike Distefano	Pat Powers
Van Dubolsky	Jerry Rand
Shirley Elgaway	Scott Reiff
Allan Engel	Mal Roberts
Britt Engel	Tom Rumsey
Agatha Falso	Jose Sanchez
Jimmy Fanning	David Segal
Pam Garcia	Joanna Serabia
Danny Garza	Joe Serabia
Sue Giliberti	Barbara Simmons
Geri Goldfine	Jan Smith
Sergio Gonzalez	Butch Thoerner
Kersten Hallander	Eileen Tuckman
Tim Hansen	Robby Walden
Brent Huber	Harry Weiman
Jo Kenyon	Curtis Winter
Jeff Kristjansen	Robert Wise
Gene Landrum	

AARA NATIONALS: A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

As racquetball becomes more firmly established as a full-fledged group-A Olympic sport, U.S. National Championship titles will come to represent far more than they ever have in the past. Florida champions can expect to qualify (or at least be considered) for some form of Olympic, Pan American or international event each time they give an outstanding performance at an AARA National.

Along with this honor comes the responsibility of upholding international competitive standards. This year's National Championship was the first AARA event to also serve as an Olympic event qualifier, and the USOC moved swiftly to implement its drug testing policy in compliance with International Olympic Committee regulations. As part of the larger amateur sports scene, all competitors at the national Open level can expect to be subject to random drug testing in all future events which serve as Olympic qualifiers.

1989 Adult & Junior REGION 4 SINGLES

Jacksonville, FL — RacquetPower
April 20-23

After scrambling to find a site at the last moment and combining the adult and junior regional events on a single weekend in April, Racquetpower drew one of its largest groups of southern competitors to Jacksonville for the Region Four Singles Championships. As usual, the club did an excellent job of providing hospitality for the hundreds of participants and keeping matches on-time and the courts filled hour after hour.

By Saturday afternoon, all the upsets in the Men's Open division were finished, spectators were predicting a possible event winner, and Charlie Nichols had been razed repeatedly about being the oldest player in the semi-finals. Youngsters were everywhere — Jason Waggoner had taken a tie-breaker win from Tim Hansen 4-15, 15-8, 11-7; Allan Engel slipped past Sergio Gonzalez 15-3, 15-9; and Robbie Walden had turned the tables in a re-match against Fred Calabrese, winning the tiebreaker 11-4. Charlie, on the other hand, must have been relieved to see that his opponent, Curtis Winter, was at least old enough to drink legally.

In the semi-finals, no one was to be taken lightly and both matches went to tie-breaker. Allan Engel stayed on his winning streak against Jason Waggoner (who seriously dehydrated himself in the process) to take the match 10-15, 15-14, 11-7. Nichols also had to work to defeat Robbie Walden with scores of 15-11, 6-15, 11-4. "My serves were off, especially in the first game" said Charlie "but I was able to use the short junk-Z to the backhand. He couldn't get aggressive with it."

In his final against Engel, Nichols employed the same game plan he had used against Walden. In the fishbowl, Charlie tried to keep everything in play against the darker forehand side of the court and keep Engel on the run. Playing a waiting game, Nichols observed "if you leave the ball up on the run, he'll leave it up too." More often than not, it was Nichols who put the ball down to make the final shot of a rally, and end the match with scores of 15-12, 15-14. Overall, Charlie gave Allan credit for "serving really well, cracking out alot and using a serve-and-shoot style."

The Women's Open division also held some surprises for those expecting the traditional Jacksonville final between Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons. Seeded #1 and #2, each received a bye in the first round. In the second, Morgan drew Lori Basch for a 15-6, 15-7 win, but Lyons was not as fortunate in running into Barbara Simmons of Sarasota on a hot streak.



Susan Morgan and Barbara Simmons break between games in the Women's Open final.

Although Simmons has been playing exceptionally well over the past months, she dismissed her 15-6, 15-6 win over Lyons by saying "she seemed distracted and didn't play her usual game." The observation rang especially true after a rematch in the semi-final of Women's 30+ went the other way, with Lyons winning 15-7, 15-9. Even so, Barbara had no problem advancing past Vicki Luque of Georgia in straight games of 15-14, 15-7 to reach her first Open final against Susan Morgan.

Faced with a newcomer, Morgan didn't hesitate to demonstrate her brand of control game, and the winning style that has kept her in the #1 ranking spot for over a year. That, combined with a more than nodding acquaintance with RacquetPower's glass court, made for a quick match of 15-11, 15-3 in her favor.

With up to six matches scheduled into the finals of the Men's A, B, C and D brackets, endurance awards were more in order for division winners Steve Hull (MA), John Welton (MB), Barney Revuelta (MC) and Bob Bravo (MD). The Women's skill brackets were no less strenuous for Britt Engel (WA), Pam Garcia (WB), Lydia DuBose (WC) and Debra Derr (WN).



Lyndsi Patton gets a congratulatory hug from tournament director Mary Lyons.

In previews of racquetball yet to come, the Junior divisions showcased exciting talent across the board. Walden and Waggoner will certainly be serious contenders for this year's Junior National Boys 18 and under title, while Allen Engel, Chris Conway and Scott Reiff should more than hold their own in Boys 16 and under. Amanda Simmons, Britt Engel and Theresa Gross can also gain some points for "Team Florida" in Girls 16-, as well as Debra Derr, Kim O'Connor and Lyndsi Patton in G12-.

REGION FOUR ADULT SINGLES RESULTS:

MO: Charlie Nichols def. Allan Engel
MA: Steve Hull def. Kenny McLeod
MB: John Welton def. Gene Sullivan
MC: Barney Revuelta def. David Wayne
MD: Bob Bravo def. Danny Frye
MN: Mark Nisbit def. Ernest Neil
M19: Charlie Nichols def. Curtis Winter
M25: Tim Hansen def. Brent Huber
M30: Mark Morrison def. Mitt Layton
M30B: Walter Schimmel def. Sal Perconti
M35: Mitt Layton def. Jay Schwartz
M40: Jay Schwartz def. Mike Winslow
M40B: Bill Winowitch def. Orrie Cherasia
M45: Roger Wehrle def. Ron Clark
M50: Tom Rumsey def. Frank Shumer
M55: Don Alt def. Robert Harper
M60/65: Mal Roberts def. Ed Busigo
M70/75: Jack Murphy def. Bill Duckworth

WO: Susan Morgan def. Barbara Simmons
WA: Britt Engel def. Kathleen Cartland
WB: Pam Garcia def. Rachel Smith
WC: Lydia Dubose def. Mary Stuart Knight
WD: Debra Derr def. Cyndi Berry
WN: Stacey Aaronson def. Virginia Frost
W19: Pam Goddard def. Ceil Clark
W30: Susan Morgan def. Mary Lyons

W35: Eileen Tuckman def. Vicki Luque
 W30B: Pam Garcia def. Meg Ripley
 W40: Agatha Falso def. Janis Smith
 W45: Mildred Gwinn def. Jo Kenyon
 W50: Jo Kenyon def. Maria Hagain

REGION FOUR JUNIOR RESULTS:

B18: Robbie Walden def. Jason Waggoner
 B16: Doug Eagle def. Chris Conway
 B14: Craig Czyz def. Jay Hamilton
 B12: Mark Hurst def. John Stanford
 B10: Gator Wooten def. Beau Briggs
 B 8: Rusty Moulton def. Clem Reid
 8MB: Rusty Moulton def. Clem Reid

B18D: Aaron Metcalf/Derek Lee def.
 Paul Haines/Derek Newcomer
 B16D: Chris Conway/Allan Engel def.
 Chris Thomas/Chad Bailey
 B14D: Matt Isenhower/Peter Cleyman def.
 Paul Grivas/Jay Hamilton
 B12D: Mark Hurst/John Stanford def.
 Pete Kezar/Trevor Looby

G16: Amanda Simmons def. Britt Engel
 G12: Debra Derr def. Kim O'Connor



Jerry Wyckliff (L) and Davey Bledsoe (R) are congratulated by fellow Georgian Otto Dietrich at Regionals. Photo: Mary Lyons.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS AROUND THE STATE

LAKELAND FAMILY YMCA

Ned Gordon Classic: March 17-19
 Reported by Grace Page

MO: Fred Calabrese def. Jimmy Fanning
 MA: Mike Winslow def. Dante Fabbro
 MB: Craig Czyz def. Robert Warren
 MC: David Orne def. Greg Carr
 MD: Wayne Watts def. Kelly Chee
 M19: Jimmy Fanning def. George Cooks
 M30B: Sal Perconti def. John Fanning
 M35: Gene Owen def. Bob Christ
 M40: Mike Winslow def. Bill Foresman
 M45: Tom Rumsey def. Gene Landrum
 M65: Bob Wagner def. Bill Duckworth

WA: Corinne Mueller def. Jane Worden
 WB: Susan Bednar def. Gail Hardy
 WC: Diane Biggs def. D.D. Landrum

MOD: Binnix/Reiff def. Peyton/Owens
 MAD: Segal/Fabbro def. Patterson/Gassaway
 MBD: Wolf/Czyz def. Miller/Zinser

BLUEWATER RACQUET & FITNESS

Spring Break Classic: March 17-19
 Reported by Bob Hurst & Steve Hancock

Entrants from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee gathered on March 17-19 for the

Spring Break/St. Patrick's Day Racquetball Classic at the Bluewater Racquet and Fitness Center near Niceville.

In the Men's Open semi-finals, an interesting collegiate match developed between Dave Simonette, co-captain of the Memphis State racquetball team, and Bobby Blanchard, former captain of the now defunct University of Florida team. Even before the match started, the differences between the collegiate programs were clear. MSU supports its team with courts, coaches and scholarships, yet the University of Florida has no such interest, despite the fact that our state is a hotbed of amateur racquetball. As if testifying to the superiority of the MSU program, Simonette easily defeated Blanchard 15-9, 15-2.

Maurice Sweet of Niceville was the only other remaining Florida semi-finalist, and was taken out in a tiebreaker by Will Epperson of Montgomery, Alabama, 15-14, 9-15, 11-3. Epperson wasn't as fortunate in his next tie-breaker, losing to Simonette 15-4, 9-15, 11-4. In the Women's A final, former pro Babette Bell steadily advanced against her opponents to take the division with ease.

MO: Dave Simonette (TN) def. Will Epperson (AL)
 MA: Nasser El-Amad def. Rich Calano
 MB: John Gray (AL) def. Adam Kendig
 MC: Mark Hurst def. Mike Shoop
 MD: Mike Shoop def. Charles Pulley
 M25: Sonny Harmon (GA) def. Jim Gillhouse (AL)
 M30B: Frank Morrow (GA) def. Terry Wilson
 M40: Rich Calano def. Jimmy Townsend (GA)
 WA: Babette Bell def. Kimme Allison
 WB: Alisa Blanchard def. Ellie Barker

THE QUADRANGLE

St. Patty's Day Tournament: March 17-19
 Reported by Fred White

MA: Steve Chapman def. Tim Rausher
 MB: Eileen Tuckman def. Mitch Cofman
 MC: Keith Ellison def. Julio Junki
 MD: Lou Exline def. Mitch Goodman
 M19: Greg Diaz def. Tim Rausher
 M30B: Bob Shaw def. Sid Bird
 M40: Steve Chapman def. Jerry Rand
 B14: Morgan Silver def. William Sarmiento

WA: Pam Garcia def. Cari Kresa
 WB: Sandy Reiff def. Rena Baer
 WC: Min Taroreh def. Mary Seiler
 W35: Jo Kenyon def. Pam Garcia

MIAMI COURT CLUB

Budweiser Classic: March 31-April 02
 Reported by Oscar Alvarez

MO: Fred Calabrese def. Scott Reiff
 MA: Javier Aguilar def. Jose Sanchez
 MB: Randy Enos def. David Perez
 MC: Barney Revuelta def. Juan Abreu
 MD: Ismael Gonzales def. Peter Fernandez
 M25: Greg Diaz def. Jeff Kristjansen
 M35B: Bob Harper def. Pedro Gomez
 M45: Silvio Morales def. Orrie Cherasia
 MOD: Ross/Diaz def. Miller/Fontana
 MBD: Perez/Rodriguez def. Biondi/Rand

AUBURNDALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Outdoor 4-Wall Championships: April 01-02
 Reported by Marilyn Buffum

MO: Vinnie Ganley def. Joey Moody
 MA: Dave Beck def. Randy Forrest
 MB: John Franklin def. Mark Volterre
 MC: David Orne def. Wayne Gant
 MD: Mike Birthesel def. Victor Pattison
 MN: Geoffrey Wartell def. Rick Gregory
 M25: Mike Reynolds def. Randy Forrest

M30: Paul Owens def. John Stanford
 M40: Bob Christ def. Bill Miller
 B18: Greg Carr def. Steve Eichenberger
 B12: John Stanford def. Todd Dunham
 WB: Wanda Mar def. Carrie College
 MOD: Reynolds/Owens def. Forrest/Ganley
 MAD: Alderman/Dale def. Ambrose/Widner
 MBD: Black/Wall def. Frye/Bufum
 MCD: Franklin/Franklin def. Orne/Frye

WO: Eileen Tuckman def. Mary Jo Murray
 WA: Jo Kenyon def. Claudia Andrade
 WB: Min Taroreh def. Wendy Breslow

FIRST ANNUAL FRA/AARA TOURNAMENT FOR THE DEAF

Lakeland Family YMCA: May 6
 By Gene Owen

The 1st Annual FRA/AARA Tournament for the Deaf was held May 6th at the Lakeland Family YMCA. David Ritchie, Lakeland-based sports activist for the deaf, suggested the event to Grace Page and Gene Owen of the YMCA staff last fall and the three pursued the idea to a successful conclusion this spring.

Formerly of Wisconsin, Ritchie shared his knowledge of tournaments for the deaf in that state, and the news that national tournaments for the deaf have been held since 1984. Florida, along with the rest of the south, has been slow in organizing such events, primarily due to the low level of state funding for the deaf in general, but especially in athletics. Under those circumstances, the FRA should be proud to have gotten the ball rolling in Florida!

This first event boasted players from throughout the state, along with a father-daughter team from Alabama. Entrants competed in two double elimination divisions all day Saturday and definitely got their money's worth. It was a typical Lakeland YMCA tournament, with friendly people and good hospitality.

The athletes shared their enthusiasm for racquetball among each other, and were excited about relating their experiences to friends and family back home who were unable to attend. They were also pleased to know that the event will be a regular addition to the spring FRA calendar.

Tournament founder David Ritchie won the B Division, defeating Santiago Monge in two games to take the championship. Roxanne Dawes of Huntsville, Alabama made the long trip worthwhile by defeating Michael Schlubatis of Ruskin in the Novice finals. Our congratulations and thanks to the winners and participants: Manny Golden (St. Augustine), Richard Dawes (Huntsville, Alabama), Robert Cagle (Tampa), William Corbett (Bradenton) and Edwin Miller (Lakeland).

JACKSONVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB

Pro/Am Cash: May 05-07
 Reported by Susan Morgan

MO: Charlie Nichols def. Tim Hansen
 MA: Glen Lillycrop def. Doug Van Dyke
 MB: Emmett Jenkins def. Francois Rioux
 MC: Steve Brooker def. Wayne Gant
 MD: Gene Pope def. Rik Blanz
 MN: Jay Cohen def. Roy Rodriguez
 M19: Norman McNutt def. Eric Alexander
 M30: Jeff Kristjansen def. Mike Distefano
 B16: A.J. Witt def. Conrad Centeno

WO: Susan Morgan def. Mary Lyons
 WA: Diane McConnell def. Laura Kliemeyer
 WD: Stacey Aaronson def. Liz Harden

MOD: Waggoner/Metcalf def. Lyons/Alvarez
 MAD: Green/DeLoach def. Brown/Gainer
 MCD: Hurst/Cohen def. Barnett/Stalvey
 WAD: Bledsoe/LaFata def. Ross/Ripley
 WBD: Brooker/Watson def. McDaniel/Simpson
 MXAD: Pope/Kleimeyer def. Ross/Story
 MXBD: Barnett/Phillips def. McDaniels

LAKELAND FAMILY YMCA

Onomatopoeia: May 19-21

Reported by Grace Page

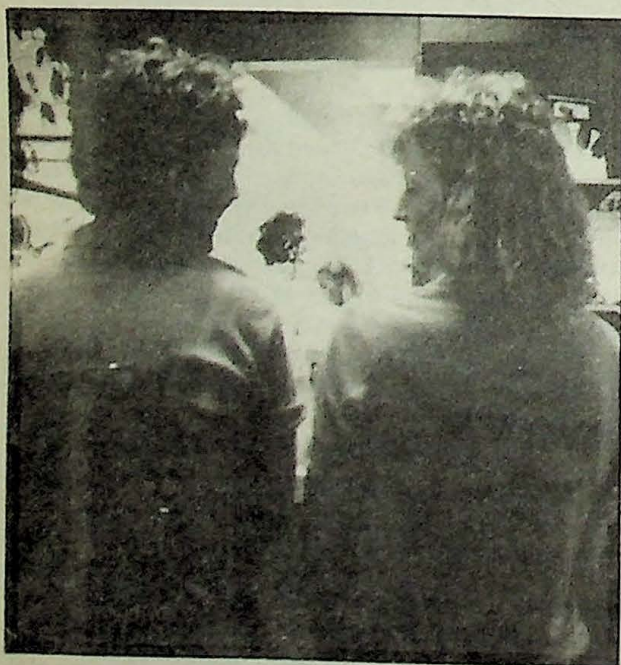
MO: Brian Rankin def. Jimmy Fanning
 MA: Randy Forrest def. Larry Maleskey
 MB: Archie James def. Steve Rojo
 MC: Steve Eichenberger def. Huelan Grier
 MD: Lawrence Sutton def. Matthew Moran
 MN: Dave Spurrell def. Lawrence Sutton
 M19: Jimmy Fanning def. Paul Owens
 M35: Bob Christ def. Bill Foresman
 M45: Don Woodington def. Earl Black
 M40B: Frank Scanlon def. Jim Free
 MOD: Owens/Peyton def. Levy/Rodriguez
 MAD: Lupola/James def. Gassaway/Macaluso
 WA: Susan Bednar def. Cindy McManamon
 WC: Debra Derr def. Carrie College
 WN: Michele McKean def. Terry Onderko
 W40: Teresa Chaffin def. Cindy McManamon

FLORIDA JUNIORS INVADE ALABAMA

by Jim O'Connor

Following their success at the Region Four Junior Championships in Jacksonville, several of our junior players traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to participate in the Region Five Championships. John Stanford made the trip all the way from Indian Harbor Beach, while Kim O'Connor, along with Mark and Cy Hurst had a much shorter journey from Panama City.

At the tournament, Kim O'Connor won the Girls 10 and under title, finished second in the G12-, then paired with John Stanford to take the 12- Mixed Doubles crown. Mark Hurst took second in the B12-, then also teamed up with Stanford to win the B12-Doubles. Stanford was also kept busy in B12singles, where he took the bronze.



in presentation for their Women's 30+ final, Mary Lyons tailored her own personalized shirt, noting that she was "not Susan Morgan."

JUNIOR PROFILE: Toby Jobson "A Ballerina on the Court"

by Bob Hurst

Twelve year old Toby Jobson is quick-footed on the court, perhaps because of her eight years of experience in dance. Between the separate classes of ballet, tap, pointe and jazz that she takes, and four others that she teaches, Toby has precious little time for racquetball.

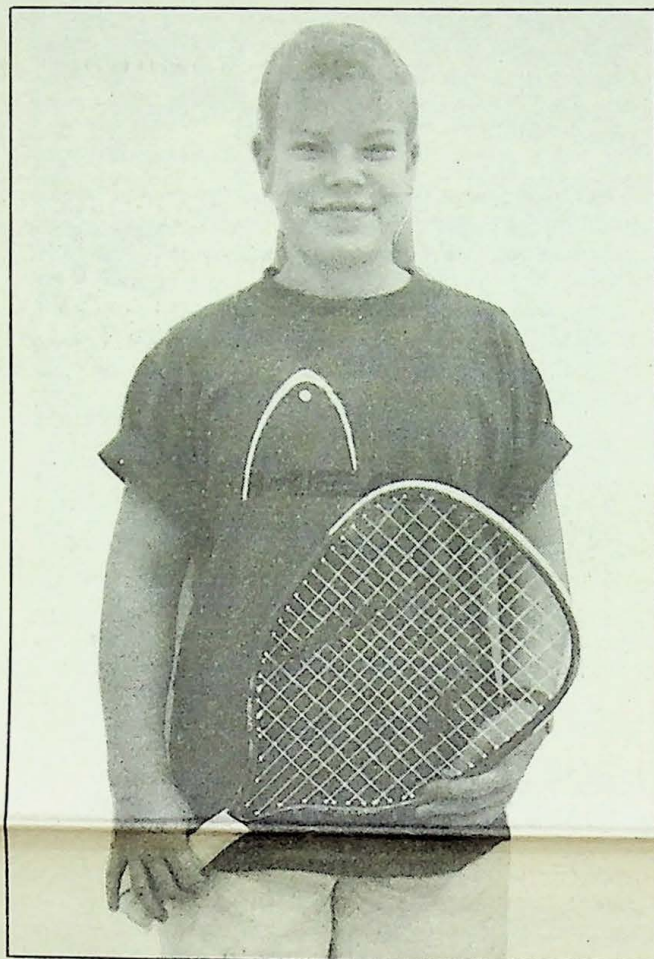


Photo: Bob Hurst

Fortunately her mom works at the Nationwide Fitness and Racquet Club, so Toby just happens to be around courts often enough to log 2-3 hours of practice time at least three times per week. She is a member of "Applause", the local jazz company, and the Power Court Players junior racquetball team.

Toby's power and speed have won her many awards in tournaments. She holds one Regional Girls 12-singles title, and she often wins in doubles with teammates Mark Hurst or Kimmi O'Connor. She is currently #14 in Girls 12-, and her ambition is to be the #1 ranked women's open player in the world.

Toby is an A-B honor student in the seventh grade. She was captain of her school volleyball team and was the only seventh-grader to make the County Middle School all-star volleyball team. And in case any of the boys think that dance is a bit sissy for a racquetball player, how about karate? She has the black belt in that sport as well!

EKTELON INTRODUCES NEW LINE

From Press Release by Judy Piercey

On June 5th Ektelon introduced a breakthrough in racquet technology — the innovative Racquetball Taper System (RTS). The new Ektelon RTS racquets feature a 20% stiffer tip to add power, with a moderately stiff midsection for more control and longer ball dwell time on the strings. To reduce racquet torque and improve accurate, the throat is stiffened, and the moderately flexible shaft lessens vibration to add comfort and playability.

"The Ektelon RTS racquets will dominate our 1989-1990 line... and dominate the court," said Bob Feinberg, Ektelon product manager. What do players have to say about the RTS technology? "Solid power" was the phrase most used. Five-time professional champion Mike Yellen, club pros and demo testers like Tim Hansen have all agreed that they could feel a definite improvement in their play.

From the simple wood frames of 20 years ago, the Ektelon racquet has evolved into a masterpiece of engineering, combining high modulus materials with state-of-the-art technology. The new RTS design utilizes high-tech materials such as specially formulated graphite, Kevlar and boron, hand-laid at critical points on the frame to taper the racquet side profile. The result is a performance advantage for players.

The 1989-1990 line of Ektelon RTS racquets are now available, with suggested retail prices ranging from \$70 to \$250. Ektelon is a subsidiary of Prince, a worldwide leader in the tennis industry, and is the official sponsor of the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA).

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Norm Blum and Agatha Falso.

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FOR WOMEN ONLY

by Jo Kenyon

At State Singles in February, I distributed a questionnaire to 32 female entrants, in the hope of gaining some insights about women's racquetball in Florida. In the next few newsletters, I would like to share some of the findings with you and invite your comments about any of the issues raised.

Of the 32 respondents, 72% were in the 20-40 age group, with an additional 15.5% over 40 and 12.5% in the junior category. All skill levels were equally represented in the survey.

Of their training schedules: 18% play every day; another 18% play five times a week; 49% are on the court three times a week; 14% are twice weekly players and only 2 women played less often.

In competition: 28% have been competing for one year or less; 22% for 2-3 years; 29% for 3-5 years; 11.5% for 6-8 years, and 9.5% for 8 years or more. 81% of the women play in both age and skill divisions, whereas 19% play only in skill brackets. The latter group was comprised of the newer, less experienced players.

At higher levels of competition: 75% had entered a State Championship and 71% had played in a Regional event. A substantial 59% had already competed nationally, and 51% indicated that they would play at both the 1989 Regional and National Championships. In addition, 22% said they were considering going to the Regionals and another 16% might go to Nationals.

At Nationals, "Team Florida" was made up of 34% women (20 of 58), 12 of whom showed up in quarter-final rounds of their respective divisions. With 3 gold medals, 3 silvers and one bronze to their credit, Florida women added their fair share of points to the final team total of 148.

In the next issue, we'll look at the responses that have to do with tournament play in Florida, and how to increase women's involvement locally.

[Editor's Note: Jo Kenyon recently received a well-deserved appointment to the National AARA Women's Commission.]

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MEN'S DIVISIONS

FLORIDA STA

MEN'S OPEN

1	CALABRESE F	640
2	NICHOLS C	580
3	WALDEN R	355
4	HANSEN T	305
5	GANLEY V	275
6	ENGEL A	270
7	WAGGONER J	267
8	WINTER C	217
9	MORRISON M	185
10	GONZALEZ S	157

MEN'S "A"

1	FANNING J	450*
2	WINSLOW M	260*
3	HARTMAN M	255*
4	CALL C	250*
	HULL S	250*
5	AGUILAR J	197
6	NEIMEYER G	185
7	MCLEOD K	160
8	SEGAL D	157
	SNIPES A	157
9	ARROWSMITH K	155
10	VAN ARSDALL J	150

MEN'S "B"

1	WELTON J	350*
2	SULLIVAN G	255*
3	FOX J	250*
5	CAETANO J	150
	SIGEL N	150
6	MARTINO M	120
7	MOORE D	110
	PERCONTI S	110
	ZAJIC W	110
8	BONY H	105
9	JAMES A	100
	PATTERSON M	100
10	CRAFT Z	90
	PUSEY C	90

MEN'S "C"

1	REVUELTA B	300*
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2	GORDON T	180*
3	HIRVELA L	170*
4	FLORES M	150*
	LEWIS J	150*
	PATTERSON M	150*
	WAYNE D	150*
5	RIFKIN K	135*
6	ORNE D	120
	SOLIVEN M	120
7	ABREU J	105
8	MCENANY M	100
	SHAHIN G	100
9	YIBIRIN S	95
10	CARR G	92

MEN'S "D"

1	METLIN P	255*
2	BRAVO B	250*
3	RICCI E	230*
4	CARR G	200*
5	FRYE D	175*
6	BYERS B	150*
	FLING S	150*
	GONZALEZ J	150*
7	LANDRY A	100*
	MORAN J	100*
	MULLINS D	100*
8	POPE G	84*
9	JUNKI J	80*
10	CLEYMAN P	75
	RODRIGUES J	75

MEN'S 19 +

1	NICHOLS C	850
2	WINTER C	700
3	WARREN G	217
4	FANNING J	142
5	BINNIX R	125
6	ENGEL M	100
	REYNOLDS M	100
	SCHNEIDER J	100
7	WAGGONER J	95
8	BINNEX R	75
	GALLAGHER K	75

BOY'S 14-

1	ENGEL A	1300
2	CZYK C	530
3	HAWKINS M	250
4	HAMILTON J	215
5	XYNIDIS N	150
6	CHAFETZ M	125
	CLEYMAN P	125

9	MCNUTT N	75
	TAYLOR R	72
10	WELLS J	67

MEN'S 25 +

1	HUBER B	500
2	GANLEY V	400
3	GONZALEZ S	300
4	SCARGLE J	280
5	HANSEN T	250
6	LEVY D	200
	REYNOLDS M	200
7	TAYLOR R	152
8	HODGKINSON M	80
9	FARRAND C	65
	FORREST R	65
10	COOKS G	55
	MCKINLEY D	55

MEN'S 30 +

1	MORRISON M	1000
2	MCKINLEY D	350
3	KRISTJANSEN J	307
4	LAYTON M	250
5	OWENS P	185
6	HINES R	150
	SIMON B	150
7	SNIPES A	142
8	ARROWSMITH K	110
9	CLARKE B	90
10	BLACK T	75

MEN'S 35 +

1	LAYTON M	660
2	OWEN G	322
3	DISTEFANO M	180
4	CHAPMAN S	160
5	BORGES R	150
	SCHWARTZ J	150
	SIMON B	150
6	BECK D	120
7	FLAGG J	100
	WICKLIFF J	100

MEN'S 40 +

1	WINSLOW M	590
2	CHRIST B	424
3	SERABIA J	285
4	FORESMAN B	260
5	SCHWARTZ J	250
6	CHAPMAN S	225
7	HELLER B	170
8	MATTHEWS B	150
	RILEY B	150
9	RUMSEY T	137
10	MILLER B	132

MEN'S 45 +

1	RUMSEY T	700
2	SHAAK G	267
3	WEHRLE R	250
4	RAND J	192
5	CLARK R	150
6	ROSS J	125
7	CHERASIA O	122
8	CONTI T	114
9	BLAESS F	100
10	MILLER A	85
	ZINSER B	85

MEN'S 50 +

1	RUMSEY T	700
2	SHUMER F	310
3	LANDRUM G	225
4	VLOCK E	150
5	SCHAFER D	130
6	BILTZ L	120
7	VARONE J	115
8	BLAESS F	100
	MOJER M	100
9	FLORES V	95
10	NUZNOFF K	75

MEN'S 55 +

1	ALT D	375
2	ROBERTS M	250
3	HARPER B	150
4	MOJER M	130
5	SOLIO J	80
6	HURRELL L	75
7	NATHAN H	50
8	WOODINGTON D	45
9	LONDON S	35
10	KENYON J	25
	ZETROUER T	25

MEN'S 60 +

1	ROBERTS M	550
2	BUSIGO E	250
3	GORMAN P	150
4	ANTIGA A	75
	SENA C	75
5	WALDROP R	25
	ZETROUER T	25
6	WOLSCHLAG D	20

MEN'S 65 +

1	SANS N	400
2	BUSIGO E	300
3	WAGNER B	112
4	SENA C	100
5	PICARD R	82
6	DUCKWORTH B	30
	ELLIOT G	30
7	WALDROP R	25
8	WISE B	20

MEN'S 70 +

1	DUCKWORTH B	250
	MURPHY J	250
2	WISE B	100

MEN'S 75 +

1	DUCKWORTH B	300
2	WISE R	200

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

BOYS 18-

1	WALDEN R	400
2	METCALF A	250
3	WAGGONER J	250
4	LORELLO J	200
5	HUNDLEY J	175
6	LEE D	125
7	GREENBERG R	100
8	MCLEOD K	75
	RANKIN B	75
	SMITH M	75
9	CARR G	50
10	CENTENO C	30
	HAINES P	30

BOY'S 16-

1	WALDEN R	850
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2	CONWAY C	255
3	ENGEL A	250
4	REIFF S	175
5	METCALF A	150
6	HUNDLEY J	130
7	AGRESTI J	105
8	HURST C	95
9	OATHOUT J	90
10	CZYK C	75
	KENDIG A	75

7	ISENHOWER M	120
8	WITT A	110
9	NEWCOMER D	95
10	QUINLAN S	75

BOY'S 12-

1	HURST M	400
2	STANFORD J	300
3	LOOBY T	172
4	KEZAR P	150
	QUINLAN S	150
5	XYNIDIS J	100
6	GYSELINCK J	90
7	LAFATA S	65
8	HODGSON T	60
9	LAWHORN M	50
	MILLER J	50
	WOOTEN G	50

BOY'S 10-

1	HURST M	500
2	STANFORD M	400
3	WOOTEN G	400
4	BRIGGS B	225
5	MOULTON R	130
6	FRIEDMAN J	110
7	METLIN S	100
9	GYSELINCK A	85
10	QUINLAN F	80

BOY'S 8-

1	ST. PIERRE T	1250
2	REED C	735
3	MOULTON R	580
4	MCELHINEY M	360
5	LYONS J	100

	WOOTEN L	100
	WUBNETH D	100
6	HAWKINS I	75
7	WEINER J	50
8	CLARKE S	40
9	HARMON M	20
10	JONES J	10
	SVENSON M	10

GIRL'S 18-

1	COX S	160
2	DROSOWECH N	100
	SIMMONS A	100
3	ENGLE B	20
4	PIERCE C	10
5	CASSIDY K	10
	MCGREGOR M	10

E RANKINGS

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

WOMEN'S OPEN

1	MORGAN S	700
2	LYONS M	440
3	SIMMONS B	275
4	TUCKMAN E	235
5	GROSSNICKLE B	192
6	HALLANDER K	151
7	BASCH L	142
8	FIELDS D	92
9	POTTER L	80
10	ENGEL B	65

WOMEN'S "A"

1	ENGEL B	400*
2	BUFFUM M	259*
3	KENYON J	210
4	MOSS R	200
5	CHENEY M	187
6	BALTHAZAR L	185
7	BRENEMAN L	150
	CARTLAND K	150
	HAYES D	150
8	BEDNAR S	135
9	MCNUTT M	100
	MOJER L	100
	OLIVERI C	100
	SCOTT M	100
10	SIMMONS A	95

WOMEN'S "B"

1	GARCIA P	415*
2	SMITH R	310*
3	VISORIA Z	214*
4	YEDINAK K	200*
5	DILL B	190*
6	MAR W	151
7	ROSCIA S	110
8	BAER R	102
9	RICHARD N	100
	SIMMONS A	100
10	GUARINO K	90

WOMEN'S "C"

1	DUBOSE L	300*
2	MAR W	250*
3	CROMWELL P	150*
	KNIGHT M	150*
	SANDERS A	150*
	SMITH R	150*
4	COLLEGE C	135*
	GOLDFINE G	135*
5	SIMPSON D	130*
6	LANDRUM D	110
7	ALDERMAN V	107
8	BAER R	100
	BOATWRIGHT B	100
9	MORRIS J	75

	RITTER L	75
10	CASE G	70
	HART D	70

WOMEN'S "D"

1	DERR D	275*
2	GOLDFINE G	210*
3	SARDZINSKI K	200*
4	BERRY C	150*
	BRESLOW W	150*
5	AARONSON S	100*
	ALFORD C	100*
	EMBERTON K	100*
	SEILER M	100*
6	COLLEGE C	75
	KENDIG P	75

WOMEN'S 19 +

1	HALLANDER K	525
2	BASCH L	250
3	SPROUT L	150
4	SCOTT M	50
5	YEDINAK K	50

WOMEN'S 25 +

1	CLARK C	250
2	GODDARD P	250
3	SCOTT M	170

4	WAKIN M	92
5	BEDNAR S	75
6	GROSSNICKLE B	50
	ROSCIA S	50

WOMEN'S 30 +

1	MORGAN S	950
2	LYONS M	700
3	SIMMONS B	375
4	PINNELL J	150
5	BALTHAZAR L	125
	FIELDS D	125
6	MOJER L	117
7	MURRAY M	100
8	POTTER L	72
9	GURLEY A	50
	LAFATA M	50
10	KENYON J	30
	STUART S	30

WOMEN'S 35 +

1	TUCKMAN E	950
2	FALSO A	475
3	SMITH J	325
4	MURRAY M	150
5	MCMANAMON C	120
6	JENKINS M	75
7	BRENEMAN L	55
8	BONILLA R	50
	FONTAINE J	50

9	GARCIA P	30
10	XYNIDIS E	25

WOMEN'S 40 +

1	FALSO A	850
2	SMITH J	550
3	KENYON J	180
4	MCMANAMON C	130
5	CHAFFIN T	125
6	GWINN M	100
7	BONILLA R	75
8	CASE G	45
9	GILIBERTI S	35
10	REIFF S	10
	TAROREH M	10

WOMEN'S 45 +

1	KENYON J	250
2	ALT P	200
3	SERABIA J	150

WOMEN'S 50 +

1	KENYON J	850
2	ELGAWAY S	100

WOMEN'S 55 +

1	KENYON J	600
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RANKING INFORMATION:

*All individuals marked with an asterisk within the skill divisions are no longer eligible to compete in that division, and must be placed in the next higher skill draw in Florida tournament play. This notation is made to help tournament directors eliminate sandbagging, and as an incentive to players to "move up" in ability by competing in the next skill level.

The "cut-off" levels are: "A" = 230 & up, "B" = 180 & up, "C" = 130 & up, "D" = 80 & up. Once a player has reached the maximum point designation in the listed skill divisions, he/she must play at the next higher level. For details on the "cut-off" list policy and procedures, please contact any Florida Racquetball Association Board Member.

Ranking positions are based upon total points earned by reaching the quarterfinals or higher at AARA/FRA sanctioned events over a constant twelve month period. Point awards are based upon the following schedule:

Event Level =	1	2	3	4	5	6
1st place	30	50	150	250	300	600
2nd place	20	30	100	150	200	400
3rd place	15	20	75	100	150	300
4th place	10	15	50	75	100	200
5-8 place	5	10	25	50	75	100

- Level 1 = Closed State Tournament
- Level 2 = Open Tournament
- Level 3 = State Championship
- Level 4 = Regional Championship
- Level 5 = National Invitational
- Level 6 = National Championship

Current rankings reflect those points earned by singles players over a constant 12-month period, up to and including the events which are either featured in this issue or appear in the "Tournament Results Around the State" section. So, if the results of a tournament you played in are listed anywhere in the FRA NEWS, your points have also been calculated here. Congratulations!

GIRL'S 16-

1	SIMMONS A	400
2	ENGEL B	180
3	SIMONETTA A	150
4	CASSIDY K	75
	COX S	75
5	O'TOOLE R	20

GIRL'S 14-

1	ENGEL B	250
2	CASSIDY K	100

GIRL'S 12-

1	DERR D	700
2	O'CONNOR K	225
3	PIERCE C	165
4	MCGREGOR M	125

5	JOBSON T	100
	PATTON L	100
6	CASSIDY K	60
7	SIMMONS S	50
8	OLIVERI C	15
9	BRENEMAN K	10
	HARMON M	10

GIRL'S 10-

1	DERR D	1200
2	O'CONNOR K	400
3	BRENEMAN K	150
	O'CONNOR K	150
4	WOOTEN L	75
5	HARMON M	30
6	OLIVERI C	20

GIRL'S 8-

1	XYNIDIS C	50
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THE BOOK ON FREDDIE CALABRESE:

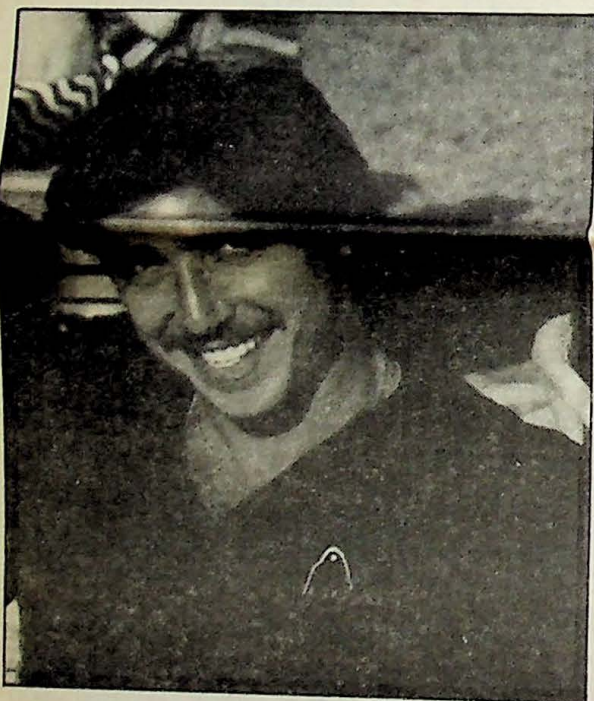
"Are You Ready for Freddie?"

by Mike Mojer & Mike Smith

Freddie who? Astounding as it may seem, we've talked with numerous racquetball players over the past few years who are not familiar with the name Freddie Calabrese. But they learn quickly enough when, like the other Freddie, this young man creates "Nightmare on Court Street" for his opponents.

We were impressed with the quality of Freddie's play about six years ago when he made it into the finals of a Melbourne tournament. He played the #1 seed, Sergio Gonzalez, and came away a winner with apparently little effort. And where do you go when you beat the top player in the state? To the professional tour, of course.

For the past few years, Freddie has been on the tour and has won his share of tournaments. During that time he played Marty Hogan, won the first game and began to think "today is my day, I'm going to beat this guy." But fate had other plans, he lost the match, but continued to make fine showings in pro stops across the country.



Photos: Mike Mojer

While his attitude and prowess on the courts impressed many of his competitors, he was not satisfied. Two years ago, unable to break into the pro top ten, he decided to return to Florida. Back on home turf, he proceeded to defeat each of the state's finest, Tim Hansen, Charlie Nichols, Mark Morrison and the like, on a regular basis. In fact, he holds a two-year record for match wins against Florida players. And still, there are players who ask "Freddie who?"

His relative anonymity comes from the fact that he is very quiet, unassuming and comes to tournaments to win, not socialize. He learned from the older, wiser players to let your racquet do the talking. In that way, he represents a new generation of "quiet giant killers," as opposed to the young braggarts that can be heard extolling their own virtues before, during and after their matches.

In 1976, Calabrese and his brother would pass a local park and stop to watch the older men knock the old Z racquetballs against the walls. The sound of the balls

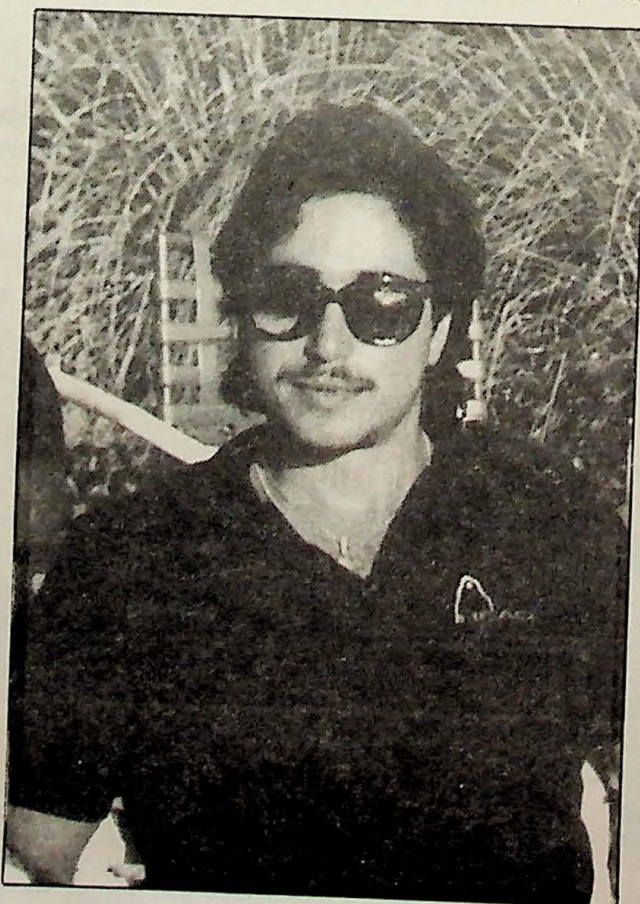
hitting the cement, and the fascinating black marks they would leave behind, intrigued him to the point of obsession. Often, in fact, he would choose racquetball over school and his other chosen sport, baseball. Now, some 13 years later, the twenty-five year old is addicted to this crazy sport we call racquetball.

When asked about his motivation, Freddie remembers that Mike Winslow and several other older Miami players refused to play him when he started out. Instead, they would pat him on the head, tell him to go to school, get his education, and "practice, practice, practice." Determined, he did just that — practiced — until they were forced to play him. They admired his tenacity, let him on the courts, taught him the rules, strokes and the finer points of the game. The rest is history.

Nowadays, one of his most boisterous and supportive fans is Mike Winslow. At any given tournament, you are likely to hear a whale-like bellow from the stands behind a Calabrese match. It's a sure bet that the "huuuuu" is coming from Mike as he shows his appreciation for every perfect shot.

The Book: Freddie Calabrese

Ranking:	# 1, MO/Florida #14, MO/National # 4 Finish/1989 National Singles
Sponsor:	Head Sports
Occupation:	Self-employed
Education:	Broward Community College Business major
Goals:	To win the National Open Singles Championship, and every other tournament he enters.
Strengths:	Mach-2 serves, great anticipation, outstanding backhand, and a "win" attitude. A physical dominator.
Overview:	A very confident player that never thinks "lose." Very strong, quick and methodical. Errors are rare, and he will not beat himself. Opponents have to expend 150% to defeat him.



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RETURN TO THREE WALL

by Gene Owen

Like many of us in Florida, I began my racquetball career on a roaring hot, concrete, three-wall court. It was in Lakeland in March of 1969, and I was well equipped with a cut off Spaulding tennis racquet and some dead Seamco balls that a friend of my brother's had ordered from California.

Now, more than twenty years later, it's time to return to those outdoor courts to promote the growth of the sport. To do so, we need to identify players and volunteers to coordinate events and special programs on the concrete. FRA members need to visit outdoor locations across the state to share the Olympic and "Team Florida" messages. Anyone who has enjoyed short or long three-wall play needs to let us know where the courts are, and who we can contact for more information. Then we'll be able to form a network for reporting results, compile an "outdoor" directory and mail copies of FRA NEWS to each site. Help yourself (there is strength in numbers) by helping the FRA spread the word!

The first of a series of regular three-wall events is scheduled for play on long-wall courts at Rowlett Park in Tampa, July 22-23. Special Note: Tournament Directors Dave Segal and myself have designed the tournament so that FRA/AARA membership is essentially free for first time members! Hope to see you there!

FRA NEWSflash

Mojer Named National Media Director

At National Singles in May, the AARA Board of Directors and Executive Director Luke St. Onge selected Linda Mojer as the AARA's first full-time Director of Media and Public Relations. Formerly the Associate Director of Foundation Relations for Rollins College in Winter Park, Mojer has served as the association's part-time media coordinator for the past two years. With the appointment, she will establish a full-scale information program for amateur racquetball and be responsible for all media communications for the national office, including assignments to the 1989 Olympic Festival in Oklahoma City and all upcoming national championships.



In a corresponding appointment, Jim Hiser of Michigan was hired as the Assistant Executive Director of Program Services, and current National Staffer John Mooney was promoted to Assistant Executive Director of Membership Services. Hiser and Mooney will be based in Colorado Springs, while Mojer will remain in Florida.

Mike Yellen Imposter Hits Orlando

In early June, a local Ektelon-sponsored open player was duped by a personable young man claiming to be Mike Yellen. The imposter initiated an even equipment exchange at a major sporting goods outlet, then signed the sales slip "Mike Yellen." Although our player didn't recognize the face, "Mike" told a compelling tale of an automobile accident and the follow-up corrective surgery, then rattled off an accurate list of Yellen's championship titles and current pro ranking. Convinced, the player invited "Mike" to OTRC for an exhibition and called a number of local players out to watch.

The two entered the building on league night, and the club pro walked right past "Yellen." Our player began to worry. The club pro pointed out that "Mike" was wearing everything but Ektelon clothing, had miraculously grown about four inches, lightened his hair and now had blue eyes. Our open player began to get angry. They took to the court, where "Mike" barely returned serve and quickly gave himself away. Almost in tandem, the open player and club pro did their major league umpire impressions and let the imposter know that he was "out of there."

Since then, the open player has struggled to keep his sense of humor while taking more than his fair share of abuse, the Yellen imposter has tried the same trick in Tampa and Ormond Beach, and Gene Owen has sworn that the real Mike Yellen was in San Diego for an Ektelon sales meeting the entire week that he was supposedly in Orlando. And we hear that Lynn Adams has been trying to get a court for about a week!

Letter-Writing Campaign

Just recently, more and more racquetball productions are being aired on the Sunshine Network (National Singles and Doubles, Pro Stops, etc.). We'd like to thank Mr. Dave Almstead, General Manager and Executive VP, for his interest in racquetball, and urge all Florida players to do the same. With our membership numbers, the FRA can have a positive impact on future programming by writing or calling Mr. Almstead to let him know how much we enjoy seeing racquetball on the tube! So, grab a pen and send your cards and letters to:

Mr. Dave Almstead
General Manager and Executive VP
Sunshine Network
390 North Orlando Avenue, Suite 275
Orlando, Florida 32801
407/648-1150

And more Appreciation

With planning already underway for next year's State Singles, here's another thank you for our major 1989 sponsors: Penn Athletic Products, Head Sports Inc., Burt Sports Technology, Rudi's Mercedes, Ektelon, Bi-Rak-It, Lacers, Marty Hogan Racquetball and Sports Unlimited. Individual supporters were: Paul Hanley, Marshall Weiner, Bob Guerrette, Sarene Willingham, Pete Geisler and Charlie Behar. Thanks again!

FRA Board Elections

At its all-day board meeting in Orlando on April 8th, the FRA Board held its officer elections and made some revisions in the reporting and governance structure of the association. After submitting letters of intent, Gene Owen and Lori Basch were nominated and ran unopposed for the offices of President and Vice-President, respectively. Van Dubolsky was re-elected to the office of treasurer, and began a two-year term along with Owen and Basch. Susan Morgan's term as Secretary has another year remaining.

The Board also voted to incorporate the office of President with the AARA State Directorship, and retitle the former North and South State Director positions. North and South Vice-President positions were created, and filled, by Van Dubolsky and Fred White. In recognition of the major contributions made by the two in establishing the FRA, both Van and Fred were presented with personalized State Singles championship mugs.



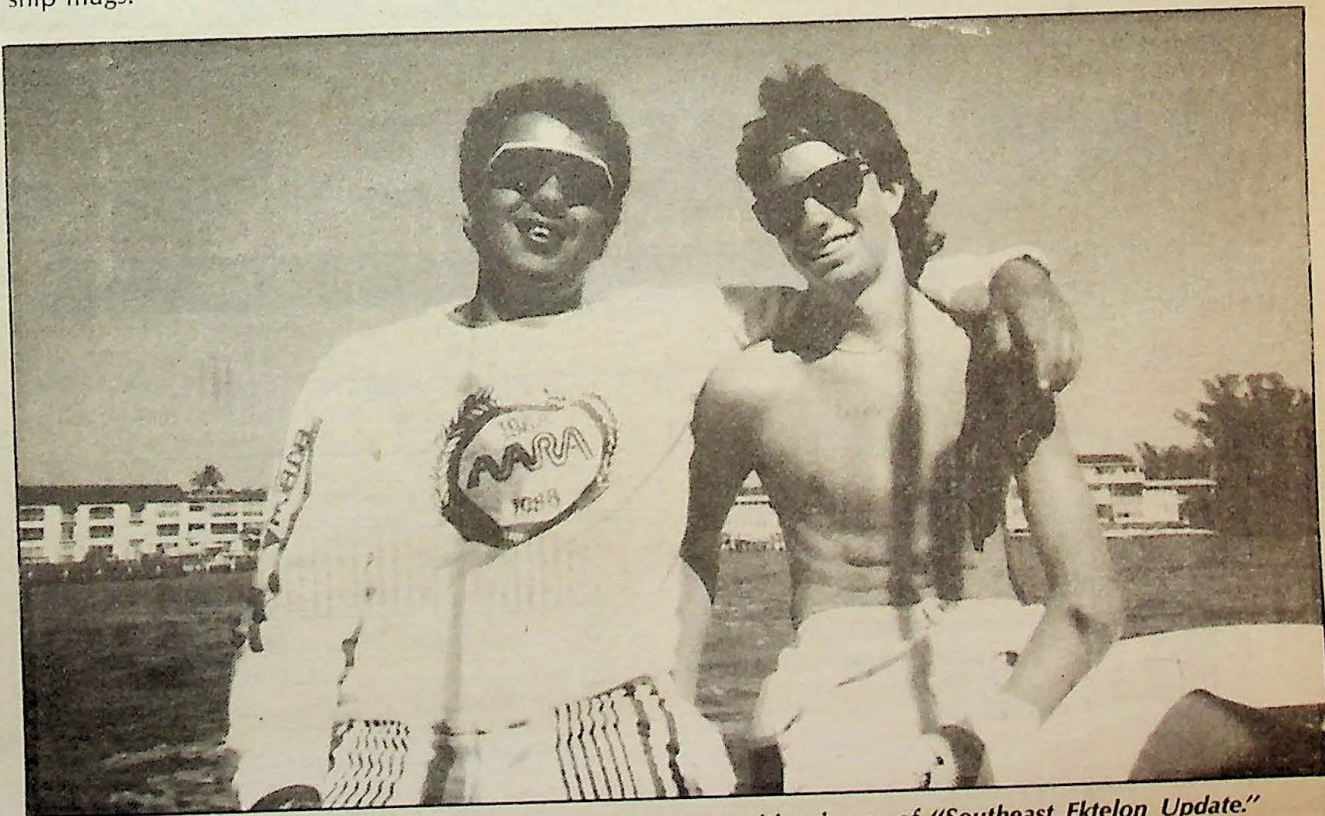
Britt Engel

PRP Court Time

Another special interest newsletter has appeared in Florida, called "PRP Court Time," published and written by Britt Engel. Assisted by managing editors Nancy Engel and Bill Hogue, Britt has already produced two issues and is trying to obtain advertisers and sponsors to offset the costs. The newsletter features PRP members on and off the court, and includes their scholastic achievements, outstanding performances in other sports and individual training tips. Britt also helped out in keeping draw sheets accurate and up to date at Nationals, and deserves congratulations for her talent and enthusiasm. Keep up the good work!

Team Ektelon Update

Tim Hansen's Southeast Ektelon Update reports selected results of the 7th Annual Captain Crunch Tournament in Montgomery, Alabama. Mike Hartman drew the #1 seed from Memphis State in the quarterfinals and played a great match before losing in the Men's A division. Tim won both the Men's Open and 25+ divisions, defeating Dave Simonette in the Open final after meeting Sergio Gonzalez in the semi. Then, in the M25+ final, he again played his good friend and doubles partner Sergio with the same result.



Tim Hansen shows Kenny McLeod how to relax between writing issues of "Southeast Ektelon Update." Photo: Geri Goldfine

Ranking System Clean-Up Complete

Board member Lori Basch has just completed the computer design and implementation of the Florida State Ranking System. Formerly, Lori had to manually recalculate each player's earned points (to the tune of several hours per tournament) and put everyone into their new positions before each newsletter went to press. After six months of development, Lori has her computer ranking program up and running. She is still fine tuning the details (first names will be back in upcoming issues), but is confident that the rankings are now truly accurate. If you don't think so, she'd like to hear from you. Otherwise, we owe her our congratulations and thanks!

Good Copy

Ed Busigo was featured in a Saturday edition of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune in late April, after winning the Men's 65 and over division of State Singles. The paper devoted 18 inches of copy to the story by staff writer Deborah Orazi, and ran a huge picture of the Port Charlotte champ in the Sports and Recreation section. Congratulations on some well-deserved recognition!

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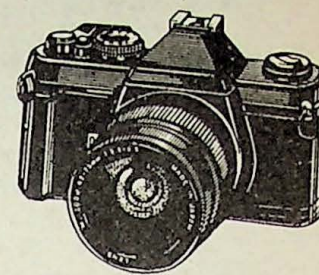
To "The Unknown Racquetball Player and Fan" from Miami: in response to your letter regarding the "stinky" write up on State Singles, your points were well-taken, despite the fact that your immediate prediction hardly came true. When you feel strongly enough about your letters to sign them, we'll be happy to reprint (with "name withheld upon request" if you prefer).

Region Four down to Two States

Florida and Georgia are the only two states left in Region Four. At it's meeting in Houston, the AARA Board of Directors approved a request to form a new region, made up of North and South Carolina, effective immediately. The switch makes it easier for "Team Florida" travelers to plan their required trips to qualifying regionals, but we'll miss our friends from the Carolinas and hope that folks from the new Region 17 will still travel south for regional events whenever they can!

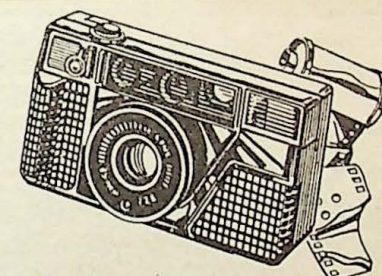


Newcomers Latrina (above) and Tammy (below) signed up for league play at RacquetPower earlier this spring, then promptly beat the socks off all challengers.



PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

Help spice up the next issue of FRA NEWS by sending us a copy of your next set of tournament photos. Write your name and the names of the subjects on the back of the shots, and we'll get some fresh faces in our pages!



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NATIONAL STANDINGS

As of May 20, 1989

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	Vinnie Ganley #14
M30:	Mark Morrison #7
M40:	Jay Schwartz #11
M45:	Tom Rumsey #13
M50:	Sonny Marcus #9
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W19:	Kersten Hallander #7
W25:	Mary Lyons #5
W30:	Susan Morgan #2
W35:	Agatha Falso #10
W40:	Agatha Falso #3
W45:	Judi Schmidt #5
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	Karen Breneman #10
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	Cassie Pierce #15
G14:	Britt Engel #7

COMING IN... President's Message

by Gene Owen

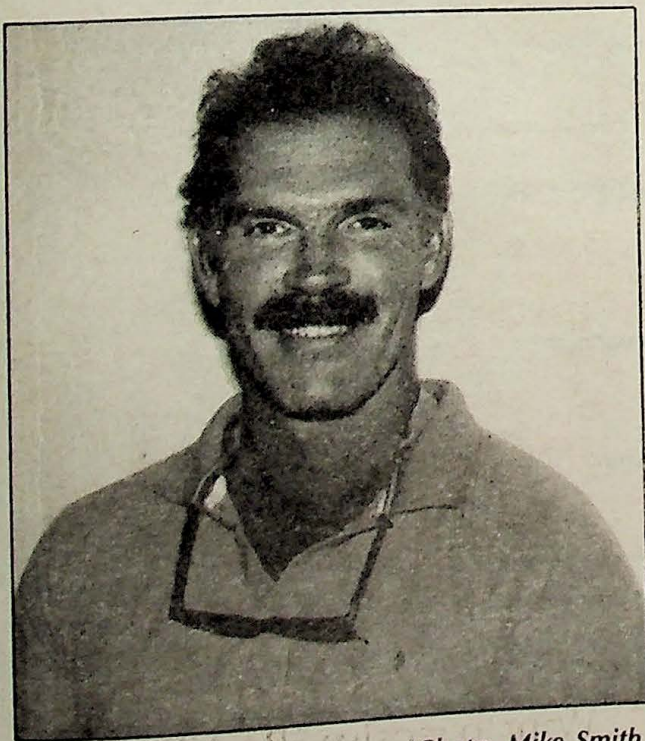


Photo: Mike Smith

I would like to thank the Florida Racquetball Association Board of Directors for electing me President of the Board on April 8, 1989. As President, I will also serve as the AARA State Director for Florida during my two year term of office. In this first column, I'd like to tell you some of our plans for the future and review some of the things we have already accomplished. First, here is where we are:

1. FRA/AARA members provide most of the funds necessary to operating our organization, through dues and fees.

2. FRA/AARA members represent only a small percentage of the total playing community.

3. Non-members benefit from the programs of the association.

4. Without the FRA/AARA, there would be no organized competition in the state, no sanctioned events, no state and regional championships, no state ranking system, no FRA NEWS, no Team Florida — and the list goes on. . .

5. Florida is a dominant force in the sport of racquetball. Let's keep it that way by increasing our numbers and surpassing even California in memberships over the next few years.

6. The Board of Directors was established to govern the FRA by former co-state directors Van Dubolsky (current President of the AARA, Region IV Director and North Vice-President of the FRA Board) and Fred White (South Vice-President/FRA Board). They anticipated that the growth and implementation of AARA programs would involve more people, doing more work, than the two of them could handle alone. Thanks go to Van and Fred for the FRA structure, which today is used as a model by other state organizations across the country.

7. Without former President and board member Linda Mojer, the FRA NEWS would not exist. Her high level of interest, expertise and commitment allows the FRA to qualify for its full share (50%) of all AARA dues. Bi-monthly state newsletters are an AARA requirement for receipt or renewal dues, and her work sets a national standard for state newsletters.

8. The efforts of volunteer FRA members and racquetball employees around the state are vital to our success, but we need more feedback from our members and players in order to improve our services, performance and increase memberships.

9. The FRA is a member of the Florida Amateur Sports Council, a component of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. Among amateur sports in Florida, we are one of the most influential and best organized groups, and we provide a significant economic impact upon the state. However, we can do more. Write the Governor about racquetball!

10. The FRA is your organization. The Board of Directors is charged with acting in your best interest by making policy decisions that satisfy our mutual goals. We need to hear from you.

During my two year term as President of the FRA, I have several general goals that I would like to see reached:

1. Have a considerable increase in the number of FRA members above its current level of approximately 2300.

2. Implement intercollegiate and high school programs to utilize "dead" court club time.

3. Reach out to our thousands of concrete court players who are not members, by creating events and recognition for outdoor players. Over 650 publicly owned courts are operated by city and county recreation departments. Let's get active on these courts!

4. Educate the public. Use the media. Make speeches. Give clinics. Talk to people about the sport that we love. Make racquetball a household word!

5. Increase participation at our state and regional events.

6. Increase sponsorship opportunities at racquetball events to offset costs and bring down fees.

By reaching these goals, we will create a bigger market for racquetball, and thus increase the generous support of industry manufacturers. So, Board Members, Members, Non-Member Players — please help out!!

To reach me in Lakeland, call 813/647-3458 or write to FRA, P.O. Box 6804, Lakeland, FL 33807. Tell me where to go, what to do, how to improve, etc. We especially need to know that you will volunteer for special events in your area. We need for you to talk to everyone you know and invite them to our sanctioned events. Help yourself as you help the FRA, with sponsors for events and growing programs. We need to know where the courts are, and who needs to receive more information from us.

Let us move forward together with racquetball on television, in the Pan Am Games and, before we know it, in the Olympics. I have committed myself to the sport full-time and look forward to serving you well. After guiding Florida into its dominant position, our past Presidents and State Directors are a tough act to follow, but I plan to continue their precedents into the 1990s!

GOING OUT...

Former President's Message

by Linda Mojer

The past two years as President of the FRA have been very fulfilling ones for me, and the decision to step down from that office was not an easy one to make.

The combined time constraints of a full-time career at Rollins College, the possibility of a National Board appointment this year, my duties as AARA Media Director, editor of FRA NEWS, and fewer and fewer opportunities to actually play the game finally convinced me to slow down and take stock.

At the same time, the AARA commitment to expanding its professional staff was solidified by the change in racquetball's Olympic status. With the additional funding made available only to Group A medal sports, the National Office was able to offer me the position of Media/Public Relations Director on a full time basis. Even more fortunately, and not without some consideration of the importance of Florida in the national scheme, Luke St. Onge also approved the creation of an AARA Media Office in Florida.

As anyone who has seen me since Nationals will attest, I am thrilled about this opportunity and on overdrive with ideas to publicize racquetball across the nation. With the continued support of the FRA board and the Florida racquetball community, I expect this project to become one of the most successful ever initiated by the AARA.

All in all, I could not be happier with the outcome of changes on the Florida racquetball scene over the past six months. As new FRA President, Gene Owen's drive and enthusiasm are certain to produce tangible results for every racquetball player in Florida. As new AARA Director of Media/Public Relations, I pledge my utmost effort to each and every National event and their winners, many of whom hail from Florida.

We're entering an era of endless possibilities for racquetball, and the need for reflection is great. Please give Gene and I the benefit of your many years of experience by sharing your thoughts, ideas and suggestions about anything pertaining to the sport. Then stand back and see just how far we can go . . .

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22-23	Tampa — Rowlette Park 813/253-3782	2 Three-wall Championships TD/Dave Segal, Gene Owen
AUGUST		
04-06	Orlando Tennis & Racquet Club 407/644-5411	2 Doubles Warm-Up TD/Mike Mojer, G. Hilton
04-06	Tampa — American Fitness 813/968-6086	2 2nd Annual Summer Sizzler TD/Avilio Hernandez
11-13	Lakeland YMCA 813/644-3528	2 Doubles Warm-Up TD/Grace Page
11-13	Jacksonville Athletic Club 904/724-6994	2 Pro/Am TD/Susan Morgan
25-27	Jacksonville — RacquetPower 904/268-8888	3 STATE DOUBLES TD/Mary Lyons, FRA
SEPTEMBER		
01-03	Labor Day Tournament	2 TD/Gene Owen
08-10	Tampa — American Fitness 813/968-6086	2 Mental Health Assn. Benefit TD/Avilio Hernandez
22-24	Region Four Doubles — Site TBA	4 REGIONAL DOUBLES
OCTOBER		
06-08	Lakeland YMCA 813/644-3528	2 Cool Cucumber TD/Grace Page
13-15	Panama City — Nationwide Fit. & RB 904/769-6184	2 Indian Summer RB Classic TD/Eric Breese
26-29	Burnsville, Minneapolis 612/435-7127	6 NATIONAL DOUBLES TD/AARA
NOVEMBER		
03-05	Auburndale Recreation Department 813/967-6443 OR -7265	2 State Outdoor 4-Wall TD/Marilyn Buffum
10-12	Sarasota YMCA 813/955-8194	2 Kiwanis 10th Annual TD/Barbara Simmons
16-18	Jacksonville — RacquetPower 904/268-8888	2 4th Ann. 1st Coast Classic TD/Mary Lyons

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The 1989 STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held at RACQUETPOWER in Jacksonville and directed by Mary Lyons. To phone in your August entry with Visa/MC, please call 904/268-8888.