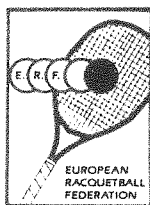
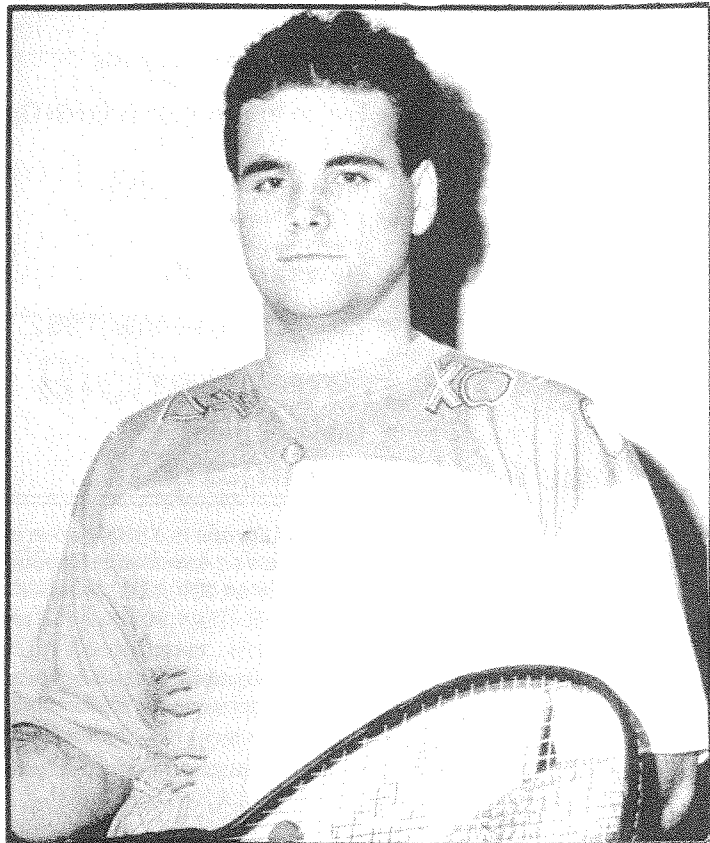
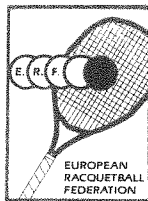


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*The Editors wish all
our readers
A Very Happy and
Prosperous New Year.*

*We look forward to
meeting you all in
Montreal next August.*

— Philip & Liam

Richard van Doezum

Sportsman of the Year

PICTURED on the front cover of this edition of **Racquetball Europe** is Richard van Doezum (Holland) who took the bronze medal at the 1991 European Championships. Richard has been selected as Sportsman of the Year in Zoetermeer. He won the award for his many racquetball achievements during the year. With his latest win in the Dutch Autumn Open in his native city, van Doezum has emerged as the winner of every major European tournament during the past three years.

Richard has been an ever present member of the Dutch squad since 1987 and will participate in Montreal.

An all-round sportsman, he started as a squash player 8 years ago and after a successful career playing squash, he moved to racquetball to become Europe's leading player. His present passion is for golf! He says the game is a great way of relaxing and easy to play as compared to the contrasts of speed and explosive action on the racquetball court.

To us in Europe, Richard is not only known for his skill as a racquetball player. He is equally admired for his superb sportsmanship both on and off the court.

Our congratulations to Richard on his fine achievement and well deserved award as the leading Sportsman in Zoetermeer.

RICHCRAFT



We received many enquiries about Richcraft racquets, so we asked Matthias Drieschner who is the European agent to give us some information including prices on Richcraft and we have set out the details below:

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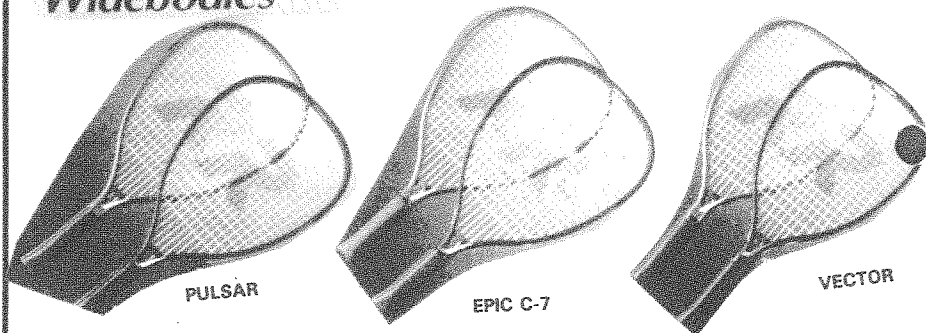
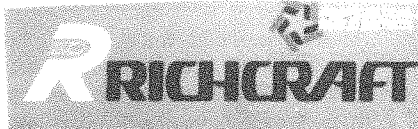
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Depending on the product there might be a delivery time up to 4/5 weeks. It will be sent out the day after I receive the cheque or money. Shipping cost: \$7 for each order.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BELGIUM

Over the years since 1983 Belgian racquetball has been driven through good and bad times by a dedicated and committed group of individual players and club owners who have recognised the value of racquetball as a sport. In the early days there were many tournaments and most of them were overbooked as Dutch, German, US Military and local players came together for Open tournaments in Antwerp, Brussels and Knokke. European Championships have been held in Antwerp in 1985 and 1991, along with the Masters European Championship in 1990.

The BRF are again working hard to promote and develop the sport and have forged excellent links with the Belgian Olympic Committee. At present there are a large number of racquetball players but these are principally recreational players which means that very few new competitors work their way onto the tournament circuit. To overcome this problem the BRF have started working with the young people again and through this work and coaching have now started a new Inter Club competition which has brought many new players into the competitive side of the sport.

So things are again looking up. The commitment of the BRF and the small group of dedicated workers has been tireless and European racquetball is indebted to them.

FRANCE

The 4th European Masters Championships will be held in Strasbourg at the club Le Forum. The event will take place in November, dates have yet to be agreed. We will keep you updated on developments.

A further racquetball club opened in Vierzon in Southern France during September. A tournament was held on October 11 & 12 to tie in with the official opening.

This issue, we have included a few names of French Federation contacts. These are for racquetball in France and not simply *Racquetball Europe* correspondents. They are as follows: 1, Philippe Lecomte, 2, Marc Boulet; 3, Pascal Muller.

Congratulations to Marc, Philippe and the French Racquetball Federation on their excellent and informative "Racquetball Plus"

newsletter. Great presentation, with results, seeding lists and local news. A very progressive step which could be followed by other Federations. Well done.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The EXCO of the ERF have ruled that all Federations must pay their annual dues of US\$50 before March 1, 1992. Countries who do not re-affiliate before that date will be excluded from ERF championships during 1992.

So, please pay your dues and any arrears to Rene Hehemann, general secretary, in time.

HOLLAND

The Floriade Invitational Racquetball tournament will be held in The Hague from June 9 to 14 inclusive. The venue is Racketcenter De Leyens which is a three court facility in Zoetermeer.

Already two world champions have accepted invitations — Egan Enoue and Doug Ganim (both from the US). The Japanese Federation will be sending players while the organisers have indicated that the European lineup will be Holland 5 men and 3 women; Germany 4 men and 1 woman; Ireland 3 men and 3 women; France 2 men; Belgium 1 man and 1 woman; Great Britain 2 women and 1 man; Switzerland, 1 man.

The European invitation list will be for 16 men and 10 women. It is possible that in cases where invitations are not taken up, other European players will be asked to step in.

The following is a list of racquetball centres in Holland:

Racketcenter Westvliet (2 courts), Westvlietweg 55, 2267 AC Leidschendam. Tel. NR 070-386440, Fax NR 070-3874076. Contact: Ron Valkenhoff, Nederlandse Racquetball Associatie.

Racketcentre De Leyens (3 courts), Salomeschouw 154, 2726 JX Zoetermeer, Tel NR 079-414541. Contact: Dineke Kool.

Tennis en Racketbal Centrum Zwijndrecht (3 courts), Bakensteinsezoom 2, 3335 KA Zwijndrecht, Tel NR 078-101318. Contact: Henk Tol 078-121856.

Racketcenter de Wadden, (1 court) Breedweer 53, 1541 AC Koog A/D Zaan, Tel NR 075-313100. Contact: Richard Meulman at 075-176398.

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HOLLAND	Richard van Doezum, Philomine van Pelt, Rene Hehemann
GREAT BRITIAN	Wendy Hackett
BELGIUM	Angelique Baart de la Faille (Leopold 11 laan 187, 1080 Brussels), Erik Meyer, Marÿke Hillen
IRELAND	Philip Duignan, Liam McCarney
AMERICANS IN EUROPE	Jacqie Yzaguirre, Lou Souther

EUROPEAN CALENDAR 1992

DATES	TOURNAMENTS	CITY	COUNTRY	CONTACT
Jan 11/12	TOUR EIFFEL OPEN	Paris	France	Philippe Lecomte 01-48200874
Feb. 14/16	6th EUROPEAN OPEN	Hamburg	Germany	Thomas Knaak 040-6530064
Feb. 14/17	WÜRZBURG OPEN	Würzburg	Germany USM	Mr. Raymond 0931-8892611 CIV
Feb. 21/23	11th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL	Tralee	Ireland	Bertie O'Connor 066-23041
Mar 13/15	14th DUTCH OPEN	Zoetermeer	Holland	Wim Vink 079-317585
Mar 13/15	ST. PATRICK'S OPEN	Kaiserslaut	Germany USM	Ron Hayes 0631-4118289 CIV
April 11/12	SOUTHWEST OPEN	Biarritz	France	Philippe Lecomte 01-48200874
April 16/26	US JUNIORS EUROPEAN TOUR	Hamb/Zoet	Ger/Hol	Rene Hehemann 079-413575
Apr 23/26	2nd ULSTER GAMES	Belfast	Ireland	Liam McCarney 0232-615164
June 9/14	JUNE FLORIADE INVITATION	Zoetermeer	Holland	H. Hehemann 079-413575
Aug. 15/22	6th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Montreal	Canada	IRF 719-635-5396
Sept. 25/27	12th SWISS OPEN	Zurich	Switzerland	Manfred Kaiser 01-7618633
Oct. 9/11	6th TOP GUN TOURNEY	München	Germany	Jurgen Denk 089-4801220
Oct. 23/25	7th AUTUMN OPEN	Zoetermeer	Holland	Jerome van der Holst 079-312118
Nov. 4/8	4th EUROPEAN MASTERS	Strasbourg	France	ERF 079-314575
Nov. 20/22	10th BELGIAN OPEN	Brussels	Belgium	Erik Meyer 03-2318019
1993: July 23/27: WORLD GAMES IV,	The Hague	Holland		IRF, 719-635-5396
1994: Aug 5/13: 7th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	S.L. Potosi	Mexico		IRF, 719-635-5396

Corrections/Additions, contact RENE HEHEMANN. Tel. 079-413575 or Fax 079-310418. Dates for 1992/93 season are most welcome

FRENCH FEDERATION 1992

January 11/12	OPEN TOUR EIFFEL	Paris	France	Paris (City Form)
March	FRENCH OPEN		France	date/venue to be decided
April 11/12	OPEN DU SUD OUEST	Biarritz	France	
May 30/31	FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP	Paris	France	Paris (City Form)

IRISH CALENDAR 1992

Feb. 1/2	LEINSTER OPEN	Arklow		P. Duignan
Feb. 21/23	11th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL	Tralee		B. O'Connor
Mar 14/15	ALL-IRELAND DOUBLES			M. Murphy
Mar 27/29	CASTLEBAR OPEN	Castlebar		M. Haverty
Apr 11/12	CAVAN OPEN	Cavan		S. Watters
Apr 23/26	2nd ULSTER GAMES INT.	Belfast		L. McCarney
May	ARKLOW OPEN	Arklow		M. Murphy
May 30,	ALL-IRELAND OPEN,			
June 1/2	B, C & D SINGLES	Tralee		M. Murphy
Sept.	ALL-IRELAND OVERAGE	Castlebar		M. Murphy

An IRISH OPEN Under-18 and 16 championship will be held alongside the Ulster Games International in April 1992.

EUROPEAN NEWS — continued

MRC Fitness Center (1 court), Lylantseplein 1, 2908 LH Capelle A/D IJssel, Tel NR 010-4592213. Contact: Alfonso Flores en Erik Stam.

Afcnt Fitness Center (2 courts), Borgerweg 10, 6365 CW Schinnen (L), Tel NR 04493-4141. Contact: Ger van der Kleut.

AB Fitness Center (3 courts), Luchtmachtbasis Soesterberg, Soesterberg. Tel NR 03463-54897 or 58219. Contact: Wily Waters 030-312582.

IRELAND

John Comerford, a former president of the Racquetball Association of Ireland and current EXCO committee member with responsibility for Youth Development was awarded a Kilkenny Sports Star award for his work and playing achievements in racquetball. He received his award at the All-Stars banquet which also made similar presentations to outstanding performers from athletics, boxing, hurling, soccer, cycling, horse racing, motor sport and many others. Our congratulations to John on his exceptional achievement.

The Ulster League started on October 15 with the opening game between Newry and Carrichmore. This year there are 10 teams in the league (2 more than last year).

The league finishes next March and is played in a home and away basis. In total, 45 games are scheduled to complete the competition with the holders Queens University expected to have strong challengers in the teams from Newry Sports Centre and the Beechmount Club from Belfast.

At time of writing the joint leaders are Queens University A and Newry followed by Queens University B and Cookstown.

The 1992 Ulster Games event April 23/26 received a great boost when it was scheduled as part of the US Junior teams European tour. They will be taking part in both team and individual events as the final stopover on their four country tour. Indications are that this year's Ulster Games will again be a tough event for national teams with titleholders and European champions Germany taking part along with strong teams from Holland, Belgium, Great Britain and Ireland. The womens event will be equally hectic with the top three teams in Europe — Ireland, Great Britain and Holland likely to lineup against a very strong US trio.

The Castlebar Open, the only open racquetball tournament in the west of Ireland will be staging its second tournament in March. Michael Haverty is once again tournament director and he has secured Baxter Healthcare as the tournament's sponsor. A great tournament last year.

Preparations are well in hand for Ireland's premier racquetball tournament — The Tralee International (Irish Open). This year Tralee looks like attracting another huge influx of players. Already, enquiries from the US have been very promising. The dates for the 1992 event are February 21, 22 and 23. Bertie O'Connor has taken over the reins from former director Tommy King, who has taken a well-earned break from the hot-seat after eight years service. Again the Tralee Club has obtained the services of the Mount Brandon Hotel as their headquarters and with a splendid recreational centre in the hotel, players and guests will certainly be well catered for.

There is an entry form and details of the tournament in this issue of Racquetball Europe.

8th BELGIAN OPEN — Nov. 9 & 10, 1991 — BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

by ANGELIQUE BAART DE LA FAILLE

IT'S a funny thought that this 8th edition of the Belgian Open probably wouldn't have taken place if Rene had not put the dates on the European calendar to see what would happen. Of course everyone wanted to play the tournament and of course it eventually took place. It was a huge success, due to the impeccable organisation of Erik Meyer, who has a reputation for running great tournaments. Erik even succeeded in providing real racquetball trophies (instead of the eternal tennis trophies that crowd our cupboards — perhaps a good idea for future tournament organisers)

Sixty-two participants came to the capital of Europe, where we witnessed outstanding competition in all divisions. Perhaps we would have liked to see a rather more populated Mens Open (only the French team and two members of the Dutch selection ventured into the top division), but in general no complaints about brackets being too empty could be heard. So it is with pleasure we look forward to do it all over again next year, same weekend, same club!

Mens Open: 1, Philippe Lecomte (France); 2, Edwin Schipper (Holland). Cons.: Francois Louvet (France). **Womens Open:** 1, Jan Chayt (USM, Germany); 2, Annick Peeters (Belgium); Cons: Daphne Wannee (Holland). **Mens B:** 1, E. Schonberger (Belgium); 2, Bill Curry (USM, Germany); Cons: D. Bienincki (USM, Germany). **Mens C:** 1, R. Tischler (US); 2, Mr. Loomans (Belgium). Cons: Mr. Gonzales (US). **Doubles:** 1, Lecomte/Boulet (France); 2, Schonberger/Van Marcke (Belgium).

So don't forget to put in your busy racquetball agenda that we all have a rendez-vous in Brussels next year!

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MONTREAL — 1992

WITH the World Championships heading our way, we felt that we should supply you all with some preliminary information on the event. The IRF will be in contact with all the Federations in January 1992 providing more up to date information.

The IRF liaison contact is: **BENOIT TURCOTTE**,
C-202 Corot, Verdun, Quebec H3E 1C2, Canada.
Tel. (514) 762-9308. Fax (514) 844-0894.

The venue is Nautilus Plus (Anjou), 7777 Boulevard Metropolitan, Anjou, Quebec, H1J1J8. The club is approximately 20 minutes from downtown Montreal. There are 16 courts with wood panel walls. Viewing is from above except the main court which has glass backwall and glass left sidewall.

Thirty to thirty-six countries are expected to attend and Europe will be represented by Germany, Holland, Ireland, France, Belgium and Great Britain.

The hotel is Journeys End, approx US\$60 per night (for two sharing). Also, the club itself has a restaurant, pro shop and fitness facility.

NEWS FROM THE US

NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONS CROWNED

Gilman and Paraiso-Gibson take second straight title — Juniors Ellis and Muller earn US team spots.

GILMAN TAKES TWO GOLD MEDALS: Michelle Gilman (Boise, Idaho) came away with two gold medals in open division competition, including a second consecutive title in womens open with Jackie Paraiso-Gibson (San Diego, California), and a second mixed open title with new partner Jeff Evans (Eugene, Ore). Gilman and Paraiso-Gibson were the defending champions going into the event and played a rematch final against Malia Bailey (Norfolk, Va) and Toni Bevelock (Santa Ana, Calif), winning 15-11, 15-5.

JUNIORS TAKE ALL: Junior Team USA members John Ellis (Stockton, Calif) and Eric Muller (Kansas City, Kan) took a major upset win from reigning World Champion Doug Ganim (Columbus, Ohio) and first time partner Jeff Evans (Eugene, Ore) in three games. Ellis is the current Junior Olympic champion in singles and doubles (with Muller).

US OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Mens Singles: 1, Andy Roberts; 2, John Ellis; 3, Tim Sweeney. Womens Singles: 1, Michelle Gilman; 2, Malia Bailey; 3, Jackie Paraiso Gibson. Mens Doubles: 1, Doug Ganim/Brian Hawkes; 2, Mike Guidry/Drew Kachtik. Womens Doubles: 1, Robin Levine/Kim Russell; 2, Kaye Kuhfeld/Lynne Coburn.

WORLD SENIORS — ALBERQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — September

Mens 35: 1, Bobby Corcorran; 2, Dane Crisp. Mens 40: 1, Darrel Warren; 2, Rick Rios. Mens 45: 1, Bill Wolfe; 2, Micky Bellah. Mens 50: 1, Len Corte; 2, Jerry Davis. Mens 55: 1, Paul Banales; 2, Harry Keast. Mens 60: 1, Harvey Clar; 2, Dan Llacera. Mens 65: 1, Tony Duarte; 2, Mal Roberts. Mens 70: 1, Earl Acuff; 2, Luzell Wilde; 3, Nick Sans; 4, William Gillio. Mens 75: 1, Allen Shepherd; 2, John Pearce; 3, Andy Trozzi; 4, Joe Sawbridge.

Womens 35: 1, Terry Latham; 2, Debra Gridley. Womens 40: 1, Janet Myers; 2, Ellen Green. Womens 45: 1, Agatha Falso; 2, MeriJean Kelley. Womens 50: 1, Sharon Hastings-Welty; 2, Jean Tull. Womens 55: 1, Jo Kenyon; 2, Kathy Muller. Womens 60: 1, Lola Markus; 2, Betty Railey. Womens 65: 1, Dorothy Vezetinski. Womens 70: 1, Mary Low Acuff; 2, Eleanor Quackenbush. Womens 75: 1, Eleanor Quackenbush; 2, Zelda Friedland. Womens 80: 1, Zelda Friedland.

International News

ATLANTA OLYMPICS 1996

RACQUETBALL CUT AGAIN!

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) accepted only one new sport for the 1996 Games. Womens Softball, once again locking out racquetball, bowling, taekwando and triathlon from the Games.

The IOC is expected to revamp their programme for the year 2000 but with all the politics involved in international sports, don't hold your breath for racquetball until we overcome the image of being mainly a sport of the Americas.

WORLD MASTERS IN NEVADA — JUNE

A National Masters Association has been established in the United States. Mr. Ivan Bruner wrote to tell us that they intend holding their first International Masters (45+) tournament in Las Vegas next June. The tournament will be on a team basis (national teams) and will consist of two single players and a doubles pair, duplication in singles and doubles allowed.

Ivan has set a deadline for entries by April 15, 1992. All IRF affiliated Federations will receive entry forms and tournament details soon, so keep in contact with your federation.

The tournament is expected to take four days to complete. Entry fee is 120 dollars and this covers club rental, medals, banquet and a 25 dollar return to cover breakfast/lunch or mementos at the club.

They will also take individual entries for the event as well as national team, entries. We will have further details in our next issue.

US RANKINGS

MENS DIVISION

- 1 Doug Ganim, OH
- 2 Tim Sweeney, IL
- 3 Chris Marshall, NC
- 4 Dale Johnson, IL
- 5 Todd Stead, MN
- 6 James Lorello, FL
- 7 Louis Vogel, NM
- 8 Dan Fowler, MD
- 9 Brian Simpson, IN
- 10 Andy Roberts, TN

WOMENS DIVISION























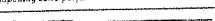
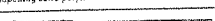









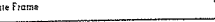
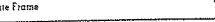
- 1 Michelle Gilman, ID
- 2 Elaine Hooghe, OH
- 3 Robin Levine, CA
- 4 Kim Russell, GA
- 5 Dot Fischl, PA
- 6 Lynne Coburn, MD
- 7 Marcy Lynch, PA
- 8 Chris Deer, MO
- 9 Malia Bailey, VA
- 10 Cheryl Gudinas, IL

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NEW EXTELON RANGE NOW AVAILABLE

Rene de Jong wrote during the week to tell us that Nova Tec who import Ektelon into Europe have the new range of Ektelon racquets available. The Strobe is the latest oversize available from Nova Tec at a cost of \$199. While we have included the pricelist below, we have also included separately the racquet selection guide which includes playing level which should help you in making your selection. Remember, you can use Access, Visa and Mastercard with Nova Tec and order by phone or fax.

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	Graphite RTS™ Continuous Graphite, Kevlar® 49, vibration dampening solid polymer core	
EXPERT	New Strion™	
	Graphite RTS™ Continuous graphite, Kevlar® 49, vibration dampening solid polymer core	
EXPERT	Precis™	
	Graphite RTS™ Continuous graphite, vibration dampening solid polymer core	
EXPERT	Serex™	
	Graphite RTS™ Continuous graphite, fiberglass, vibration dampening solid polymer core	
ADVANCED	New Optime™	
	Graphite RTS™ Continuous graphite, fiberglass core	
ADVANCED	Lexis™	
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INTERMEDIATE	New Montro™	
	Graphite Continuous graphite, fiberglass core	
INTERMEDIATE	New Axcel™	
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Unisex sizes XS S M L XL	

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New Olympus	- 29,50

ACCESSORIES

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FAIR PLAY

by Keith Calkins

THE idea that 'fair play' exists simply in the presence of sports participation is misleading. Fair play is a quality that is fundamental to all sports competition and needs to be demonstrated by each person who participates in sport, whether as a player, coach, official or spectator. The major role of participation in competitive sport, particularly racquetball, is to develop positive character qualities.

Today many people suggest that competitive sports are not important in society because many of the outcomes for the participants are not always aligned with accepted standards of fair play. We sometimes fail to remember the basic principle that, through sport, one can be a good person and still be a competitive athlete. Being straightforward and honest is where it all begins.

The respect you demonstrate for your team members, opponents, officials and spectators is where the true character expressions surface.

The individuals who participate in our sport must always adhere to the fair play principles that I have mentioned. My personal observations have been quite positive and I generally believe that we stand tall as a sport in our understanding and application of fair play.

But as in all aspects of life, we can all appreciate an occasional review of our own standards.

Unfortunately there are always the limited few who demonstrate that they know nothing of the concepts of fair play, nor care to learn.

Hopefully, this message will reach home and have an impact where needed. Racquetball players at all levels should always show proper respect for the sport, as was intended by Joe Sobek when he invented it many years ago.

There is nothing wrong with giving your all, yet still failing to be the winner at the end of a match. We must all remember that the beauty of the game is that there is always tomorrow. Be quick to address the rules of the game and call your double bounces and skip balls.

Admit that you carried the ball or that it hit a wet spot on the floor. Let the referee do his or her job as an official and you do yours as a player. When you play without a referee, follow the rules regarding 'How to referee when there is no referee', and above all, respect the play of your opponent and reward them with a sincere hand shake at the end of a match and acknowledge the work of the referee and others who appreciate your play.

Sometimes we do not fully appreciate the values that can be gained through trying to be the best person we can be while competing. We fail to recognize that no matter what our playing level, someone is watching and will react to how we exercise the fair play concept. The character we demonstrate as players, officials or spectators must be of the highest standards. When they are, we can all stand tall and be proud of what we have done for our sport.

NOTE: Keith Calkins who wrote this item for us is Secretary General/Treasurer for the IRF. He is also President of the AARA and a most respected member of the World Racquetball community.

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 MENS NOVICE . . . M. Walsh bt B. Welsh, 2-0. MENS 40+ . . . P. Duignan bt J. Comerford, 2-0
 MENS OPEN DOUBLES . . . A. Butler/N. O'Callaghan bt C. Slattery/M. Mulhall, 2-0
 MENS C/D DOUBLES . . . M. Barnes/G. Barnes bt B. Burke/M. Kinsella, 2-1

IRELAND TAILTEANN GAMES October 19/20, 1991

BOYS U-15 . . . A. McNamara bt K. McGrath; 3, B. Noonan & N. Lardner. Cons G. Sherlock
 GIRLS U-15 . . . 1, K. Grumbridge; 2, A. O'Flynn; 3, C. O'Donoghue & M. Corcoran. Cons. T Ryan

IRELAND TEMPLEDERRY OPEN October 26/28, 1991

MENS OPEN . . . N. O'Callaghan bt A. Butler, 2-0. WOMENS OPEN . . . M. Duignan bt B. Farrell, 2-0
 MENS B/C . . . J. McGarvey bt P. Loy, 2-1. WOMENS B/C . . . P. O'Brien bt B. Finnerty, 2-1
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 WOMENS C/D DOUBLES . . . A. Barnes/C. Barnes bt B. Finnerty/P. O'Brien, 2-1

IRELAND NATIONAL UNDERAGE C'SHIPS Fethard, Nov 9/10

GIRLS U-16: . . . 1, K. Grumbridge; 2, C. O'Donoghue; 3, J. Corcoran and T. Ryan
 BOYS U-16 . . . 1, A. McNamara; 2, K. McGrath; 3, A. O'Brien and F. O'Gorman
 GIRLS U-14 . . . (final to be played); 3, E. O'Donnell and Lia Santry
 BOYS U-14 . . . 1, B. Noonan; 2, I. O'Mahony; 3, E. Fenton and J. Crowley

IRELAND MUNSTER OPEN — FERMOY Nov. 30/Dec 1

MENS OPEN . . . N. O'Callaghan bt A. Butler 2-0. WOMENS OPEN . . . B. Brennan bt J. Lynch 2-0
 MENS B/C . . . B. O'Connor bt J. Ramsbottom 2-1. MENS D . . . P. Ryan bt M. Walsh 2-1
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Monday 13/Thursday, April 16 (6 pm — 10 pm).

COURSE FEE:

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Please note: This course will be based at Beechmount Leisure Centre, Belfast.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR:

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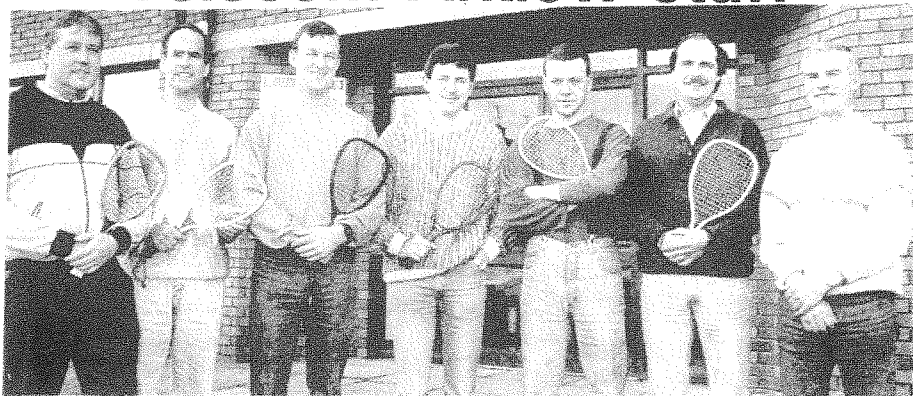
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THE game of racquetball came of age in Arklow when a competition was held by Telecom Eireann employees in the local sports centre when 24 staff played in a three team round-robin. Twenty-four games later after four hours of hard hitting, team two, captained by Des Brennan, emerged winners, with the competition being decided on the last game in which Anthony Moran beat Paul O'Neill — who picked up a special prize. If you are a racquetball fan and in the Arklow area on holiday and wish to arrange a game, contact Michael Barnes on (0402) 39592.

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One of the main features of this tournament, is the annual banquet held on the Saturday night. Every year this is one of the main highlights of the tourney when all racquetballers of different nationalities get together and socialise with each other. A great night is guaranteed by all with many highlights in store for this year's banquet. By the way, you don't have to be a racquetballer to enjoy the weekend. Bring your wife, bring your girlfriend, all are welcome. After the finals we have presentations on Sunday afternoon after dinner. Every year we make new friends and meet old ones, and most of them come back to Tralee to savour our hospitality and friendship which we are renowned for.

Recent winners of the Open include Lou Souther (1982, 83), Carl Jones (USA) (1984) both USAF players; Irishman Brendan Doyle (1985, 86, 87); Simon Roy (Canada) 1988, Dutchmen, Rudy deZwigger was victorious in 1989 and his fellow countryman, Richard vanDoezum took the 1990 title. Last year's winner was Ireland's newest racquetball sensation, Noel O'Callaghan who defeated many top class players from different nationalities to take his first title. Ireland's Ladies have dominated the womens section, namely with Marie Duignan, Anne Marie Whelan, Ma Ryan and Geraldine Byrne sharing the spoils between them. Last year's winner was Bobbi Brennan from the USA.

We look forward to meeting our friends at home and abroad, and for those who will be travelling for the first time — if you want to visit one of the most beautiful sceneries in the world, come to Ireland, and especially the Vale of Tralee in the County of Kerry for a weekend of top-class sport and hospitality, Tralee is the place to be on February 21, 1992. I can guarantee you, when you come to Tralee, as we Irish say, C ad M ile F ilte — a thousand welcomes.

Tralee is well catered for in transport, with mainline trains from Ireland's main cities, Dublin and Cork operating daily. I enclose a map which I hope will be helpful. Farranfore Airport, 10 miles from Tralee caters flights by Ryanair and Aer Lingus, via London.

The tournament will be held mainly in Tralee Sports Centre, where facilities are in abundance. At the Centre, there is a heated swimming pool, saunas, squash courts, gymnasium, weightsroom, sunbed room, tennis courts.

If you need any assistance in travel arrangements, maps, etc., please let us know, we will only be to willing to assist you in any way.

BERTIE O'CONNOR, Tournament Director

TRALEE RACQUETBALL CLUB



TRALEE INTERNATIONAL OPEN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1992

- AT -

TRALEE SPORTS CENTRE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, February 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 1992

*** EVENTS *** MENS 'A' (Open); MENS 'A' DOUBLES; MENS OVER-45; MENS OVER-35; MENS 'B' + 'C'; MENS 'D'.
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Mens grades 'C' and 'D' confined to the first 32 entrants.
Consolations, depending on time will be of a 10 minute duration.

*** VENUE *** TRALEE SPORTS CENTRE, TRALEE, CO. KERRY, IRELAND.

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• *Entry fee must accompany entry forms — they should be sent to:—*
MR. BERTIE O'CONNOR, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, TRALEE RACQUETBALL CLUB,
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***** ENTRY DEADLINE: Last Post FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1992 *****

★ ENTRY FORM ★

I wish to enter the following event/s and I enclose IRE\$..... Stg.£..... US\$.....

MENS 'A' (OPEN)		Please state size Tournament T-Shirt Medium Large X-Large / / /	LADIES 'A' (OPEN)	
MENS 'A' DOUBLES (Partner's Name/Grade)			LADIES DOUBLES (Partner's Name/Grade)	
MENS OVER-45			LADIES OVER-45	
MENS OVER-35			LADIES OVER-35	
MENS 'B' + 'C'			LADIES 'B' + 'C'	
MENS 'D'			LADIES 'D'	

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CLUB: TELEPHONE NO.:

★ The draw is to be made on Sunday, February 10th, so that all competitors will be notified on times ★

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Tralee Racquetball Club, or their respective agents, representatives, successors, assigns, or sponsors for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament. I am legally eligible according to I.A.R.F. guidelines and Insh Racquetball Association's gradings to play in the division I have entered.

SIGNATURE: DATE: