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FERRIS, BAXTER WIN U.S. CROWNS

By Carole George

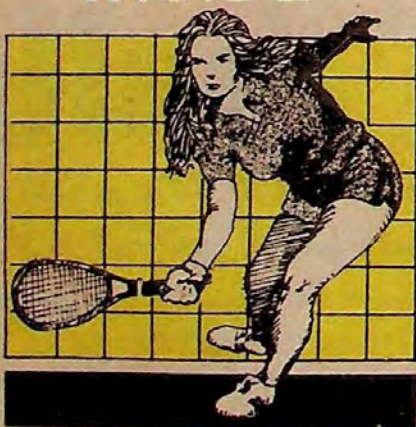
Over 750 of the top amateur players in the country converged at the Houston YMCA May 26-30 to do battle for 21 national titles. Danny Ferris of Minnesota and Cindy Baxter of Pennsylvania took top honors, but a good time was guaranteed for all.

Not only was there breath-taking action on the court, but off-court things were happening as well. Local football hero Earl Campbell showed up to sign autographs, challenge Ben Davidson to an exhibition match, and then tell the TV cameras how much he loves racquetball. Practically the entire entourage of tournament players and fans commuted to the Houston Astrodome for the banquet and baseball game, all compliments of the AARA and sponsors. And AARA members got to vote for next year's board members.

The volunteer staff at the "Y" did an excellent job of keeping things running smoothly—even with third place playoffs and consolation rounds in every division. And the facility was great for spectating, with the six Twin-Vue glass courts surrounding a large central area.

The grandstands were packed for the Open Finals on Memorial Day. First Baxter's match against Malia Kamahoahoa, and then Ferris' match with Jimmy Cascio, went to the tie-breaker to decide the title.

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Baxter should have been beat by Monday. She hadn't known that the games would be to 21 points, plus she was winning the newly-added Pre-Veteran 25 plus division. But her stamina looked just fine. After swapping games 17-21, 21-10, Baxter came back stronger than ever in the tie-breaker, allowing Kamahoahoa only one point.

Current Junior National Champion Marcie Drexler of California took out top seed Dot Fischl of Pennsylvania in the quarters, 12-21, 21-9, 11-2. Drexler had a chance to take Kamahoahoa to a tie-breaker in the semis after losing the first game 16-21, but then leading 19-16 in the second. However, Kamahoahoa seemed determined to better her third place finish from last year, coming back to win it in two. Drexler topped Mary Lynch for third, and will join Baxter and Kamahoahoa for a chance to play on the U.S. team in the Pan-American Games in Costa Rica this October.

While Baxter is well-known at AARA tournaments as the two-time national champion and winner of the first World Games in the summer of '81, the winner of the men's open was relatively unknown. In every round that Danny Ferris played—all seven of them—he was treated like the underdog. But at 23, Ferris is a 12-year veteran of the sport and should have been in the running for the title before this—if he had entered.

"I never entered the AARA Nationals before this year," revealed Ferris, who came into the tournament totally unseeded because he hadn't competed in the regionals either. "It was always too far to travel for nothing." In Minnesota, Ferris is able to play semi-pro tournaments to supplement his income as a financial planner. While he was earning a degree in business he did travel to the Intercollegiate Nationals three times, but never placed higher than third.

Ferris also competed in the 1977 Junior Nationals where he lost to Larry Fox. He and Fox never played since then, until they met in the quarters of this year's Nationals. Fox had been seeded number one while Ferris had already had several tough matches. Still he was able to take his revenge in two games, while everyone kept wanting to know,



The volunteer staff from Cenikor worked long and hard to make sure that the 1983 Nationals in Houston ran smoothly.

"Who is this kid?"

This year there were several never-before divisions: Men's and Women's Pre-Veterans (25 plus), Women's 50 plus, and Women's Wheelchair. Even in divisions where there were only a round robin of four competitors, there were medals for the top three places, just to encourage a larger draw the following year.

That's exactly what happened in the wheelchair division. Last year was the first time it was offered and all three entries went home as winners. This year 22 players entered the wheelchair division so that they could be separated into men's and women's. Most of the entries were locals who were recruited by Bob Kafka, the president of the Southwest Wheelchair Athletics Association. DP Leach sent the racquets, the Houston YMCA offered the courts, and with some quick lessons the players were rolling—literally.

Not too many players can earn a national title after playing just a few months, but that's exactly what 14-year-old Stacie Norman did. She's a natural athlete who competes in track and field and in a men's

wheelchair basketball league. For fun she skis, plays tennis, and now has added racquetball to her repertoire. Says her father, "Once we got her on the racquetball court we couldn't get her off."

While most of the men in the wheelchair division hadn't been playing any longer than Norman, the two finalists, Jim Leatherman and Tony Dean, have been playing for several years. They kept the competition from even scoring double figures, until their finals which seemed like a replay of last year. Leatherman retained his title with a 21-9, 21-11 victory.

"I think it'd be good experience for every player to try it in a chair one time," suggests Leatherman. He convinced Eric Foley, a top open player in his area, to enter both the wheelchair and open divisions of a Maryland tournament. After losing to Leatherman, Foley said he actually thought it helped his stand-up game because he had to concentrate and anticipate better.

"Plus the chair is already low to the ground, so it's easier to hit a kill shot," says Leatherman. The

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rules for wheelchair players allow two bounces between shots, but Leatherman has even won a "C" class tournament with only one bounce.

It's also exciting to see more older players every year. Even though the Golden Masters can't exactly enter the Opens on a national level, it's just so inspiring to see what terrific shape those players are in. John Pearce, 72, was the oldest player to enter, yet he plays racquetball and runs track and field between three and five hours a day, five times a week.

The older age divisions are also exciting to watch because of the experience and strategy exhibited. In the 50 plus the winner was Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who holds more national titles than any other racquetball player dead or alive. The runner-up in the 55 plus was Bud Held, the founder of Ektelon.

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Luke St. Onge, Executive Director of AARA and Steve Forsyth, Representative from Lite Beer from Miller meet with Men's Open winners, Danny Ferris who defeated Jimmy Cascio.

Charlie Garfinkel was the runner-up in the 40 plus and is also the inventor of the reverse "Z" serve, sometimes called the Garfinkel serve. Charlie has been nicknamed "The Gar,"—among other things.

A few other bits of trivia for the people who are into those kind of things: Renee Hebert, the winner of the 40 plus division, has seven children, all athletes. Jim Austin from Houston (not Austin) TX didn't let down his hometown fans. He had been seeded third in the 40 plus because of a fairly recent injury, but finished as number one. The player who came the farthest was Lou Souther who's stationed at the Wiesbaden Air Force base in West Germany. Souther finished third in the 25 plus and is the top player in Europe. Joe Wirkus of Madison, WI, who won the 30 plus, had his picture on the Ektelon Rogue owner's manual many, many moons ago (when he was just a kid). Al Ferrari, who won the 45 plus, used to compete in the Coors All-Pro tournaments and do quite well against other non-racquetball players. The tournaments were set-up for pro athletes in other sports who also happened to play racquetball. Ferrari was a veteran basketball player at that time, but now he's a national champion in racquetball. Luzell Wilde, winner of the 65 plus division, and his wife Georgia are rarely at home in Utah. They spend a good deal of their time travelling from tournament to tournament in their motor home. Georgia faithfully copies down the draws from every tournament and collects them in a mountainous binder. They're forced to leave the binder at home, otherwise it would reduce the number of miles per gallon...any other bits of trivia can be addressed to "Carole's Gossip Column."

Now for the statistics: **Men's Open:** Danny Ferris (MN) d. Jimmy Cascio (NJ) 21-14, 12-21, 11-7. Evan Terry (AZ) d. Gary Mazroff (NM) for third. **Women's Open:** Cindy Baxter (PA) d. Malia Kamahoa (NC) 17-21, 21-10, 11-1. Marcie Drexler (CA) d. Marcy Lynch (PA) for third. **Men's 25 plus:** Mark Morrison (FL) d. Dennis Aceto (MA) 21-12, 21-5. Lou Souther (W. Germany) d. Ken Teape (NY) for third. **Women's 25 plus:** Cindy Baxter (PA) d. Molly O'Brien (PA) 21-17, 21-4. Terri Gatarz (NJ) d. Linda Porter (TX) for third. **Men's 30 plus:** Joe Wirkus (WI) d. Greg Maloley (MA) 16-21, 21-17, 11-8. Gary Mazroff (NM) d. Herb

Grigg (IL) for third. **Women's 30 plus:** Brenda Loube (MA) d. Helene Burden (NY) 20-21, 21-13, 11-9. Terri Dickerson (KA) d. Holly Ferris (CA) for third. **Men's 35 plus:** John Henon (TN) d. Ed Remen (VA) 21-18, 21-11. Tim Lavoie (MN) d. Dent Taylor (OK) for third. **Women's 35 plus:** Barb Tennesen (MN) d. Mildred Gwinn (NC) 21-3, 21-7. Judi Schmidt (FL) d. Gwen Young (ARK) for third. **Men's 40 plus:** Jim Austin (TX) d. Charlie Garfinkel (NY) 21-11, 21-10. Junior Powell (PA) d. John Dolby (IL) for third. **Women's 40 plus:** Renee Hebert (LA) d. Barb Smith (ID) 21-18, 21-8. Mildred Gwinn (NC) d. Kathy Mueller (MN) for third. **Men's 45 plus:** Al Ferrari (MO) d. Steve Silverman (OR) 21-12, 21-17.

Women's 45 plus round robin: Kathy Mueller (MN) 1st, Colleen Sloan (CA) 2nd, Cleata Ching (PA) 3rd, Bette Covington (TN) 4th. **Men's 50 plus:** Bud Muehleisen (CA) d. Jay Krevsky (PA) 21-17, 21-9. Dave Bowersock (KA) d. Otis Chapman (OH) for third. **Women's 50 plus round robin:** Noel Dingman (MD) 1st, Bette Covington (TN) 2nd, Janet Kettman (CT) 3rd, Mary Low Acuff (VA) 4th. **Men's 55 plus:** Floyd Swenson (CA) d. Bud Held (CA) 21-14, 21-15. Fintan Kilbride (Canada) d. Earl Dixon (IN) for third. **Men's 60 plus:** Floyd Swenson (CA) d. Earl Acuff (VA) 20-21, 21-17, 11-4. Luzell Wilde (UT) 3rd. **Men's 65 plus:** Luzell Wilde (UT) d. Ike Gumer (KY) 21-8, 21-8. John Pearce (TX) d. Allen Shepherd for third. **Women's Wheelchair round robin:** Stacie Norman (TX) 1st, Kathy Donoho (TX) 2nd, Gretchen Hogan (TX) 3rd, Laurie Gerkin (TX) 4th. **Men's Wheelchair:** Jim Leatherman (MD) d. Tony Dean (MD) 21-9, 21-11. Bill Duff d. Will Clark for third. **Women's B:** Paula McDermott (PA) d. O'Neil (MA) 21-17, 21-12. Roby Saraceni (NY) d. Connie Gebhart (MN) for third. **Men's B:** Mitch Nathanson (MA) d. Peter Wong (PA) 8-21, 21-17, 11-7. Chris Buckner (FL) d. Paul Thiel (CT) for third.

Time Out For Thanks

After every "Nationals" we print a side bar thanking those individuals who made it happen. The Houston Nationals was no ordinary "Nationals," but one that will serve as the blueprint for those to come. Four major forces came together in a spirit of togetherness and cooperation to show that racquetball has truly arrived as a major sport in the United States.

First, there was the Houston Organizing Committee headed by Dick Bagby and John Watson. To name each of their committee

heads, not to mention the committee members, would fill pages. It is sufficient to say that they were the most professional staff we have ever worked for, bar none. Each one has made a major contribution to the sport of racquetball and to the spirit of amateur competition. The YMCA Staff, composed of Rod Brown, Executive Director, Jim Ferber, Associate Executive Director and Jerry Sampson, Program Director, literally opened their

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AL SEITELMAN WINS JOHN HALVERSON AWARD: Al Seitelman of East Northport, New York received the John Halverson Award which is given each year to the individual in the United States who has contributed the most to the sport of racquetball. "Big Al's" credentials go on and on, but just for starters, Al is Region II Director, State Director for New York, Region II Junior Director and serves on the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors as Vice President.

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NEW DIRECTIONS

BY LUKE ST. ONGE -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The sport of racquetball is maturing. We have gone through the painful growing years of the late 70's and early 80's and have entered an era of stabilization and positive direction for the sport.

Nothing could exemplify this maturation process more than the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships and the U.S. National Singles Championships. The intercollegiate, sporting over 200 entries from 40 universities, and the National Singles, features 750 entries (500 individuals), were historic events in and of themselves. Anyone who attended either of these events realized the electrifying atmosphere generated toward our sport.

It is further gratifying to know that our major sponsors - Lite Beer from Miller, DP Leach, and Penn Athletic Products Co. - are making long-term commitments toward the sport, not one-year-wait-and-see decisions that have been so prevalent in the past.

I don't mean to imply that there

aren't rough roads ahead for us, but I definitely feel that the sport has turned the corner and has a bright and exciting future.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the report to the membership by the A.A.R.A. Board, fall report on the Intercollegiate Championships, and the U.S. National Account.

We would like to welcome Hugh Morgan, Publisher of **National Racquetball Magazine**, as the publisher of "A.A.R.A. Racquetball in Review". With Hugh's expertise in publishing we look forward to a rapid growth of "A.A.R.A. Racquetball in Review".

Be sure to put the National Doubles on your agenda: Tyrone Racquetball Club, St. Petersburg, FL - October 27-29, 1983. See you there.

Regards,
Luke St. Onge
Executive Director



Wilson Joins Penn

John M. Wilson has been named Vice President-Marketing of Penn Athletic Products Company, an operating unit of The General Tire

& Rubber Company and the nation's largest manufacturer of tennis balls and racquetballs.

Wilson, who will be based at Penn headquarters in Monroeville, Pa., formerly was associated with Fox-Stanley Photo Products, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, as President of the Special Marketing Division.

He has also held marketing positions with AMF Harley-Davidson and General Foods.

A native of Norwalk, Conn., Wilson was graduated from Brown University. He is a member of the American Marketing Association, Direct Mail Marketing Association and the Tennis Manufacturers Association.

DP Discontinues Relationship With Hogan

Diversified Products Corporation, manufacturer of DP Leach Racquetball Racquets, has discontinued its long-standing relationship with Marty Hogan, according to Jimmy Thompson, Vice President - Sales and Marketing at DP. Hogan is one of the premier players in professional racquetball.

Mr. Thompson explained that DP's approach to promoting racquetball has changed considerably during the past year as the company became more involved in supporting amateur racquetball events at the "grass roots" level, sponsoring more amateur and professional tournaments, and sponsor-

ing additional players. "Although we had worked to develop a mutually beneficial long term arrangement with Marty for the past year, an agreement couldn't be reached," explained Thompson. "Certainly we are disappointed that Marty will no longer be associated with the DP Leach Line of Racquetball, but we wish him well in his future endeavors. DP's commitment to promoting consumer interest in racquetball remains firm and we feel that our direction is extremely positive and for the betterment of the sport and DP," stated Thompson.

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Lite Beer from Miller put up \$8,000 in prize money at the AARA Intercollegiate Championships held in Memphis. Each winner received \$500 in scholarship money.

By Carole George

Memphis State University made it seven straight national titles April 10 in the AARA Intercollegiate Championships held at the Racquet Club in Memphis, TN. The Tigers brought home five out of a possible six gold medals and two silver medals to rack up 96 team points. In second place was University of Illinois with a mere 17 points, and third went to Cortland, NY with nine.

The awesome racquetball team may be Memphis State's best kept secret and according to Coach Larry Liles, "Our team is known better outside of the state than inside Tennessee." However, Mark Hayden, the sports editor of the school paper, seemed quite impressed. He stated in his opening paragraph of an article dated April 12, that Coach Liles already knew that he had the best men's and women's players as well as the best overall team: "But, they still held a championship to see if things had changed. It turned out to be a waste of time, though."

For the more than 200 entrants in this year's 11th Annual Intercollegiate Championships, it was hardly a waste of time. There were consolation rounds in each of the six divisions to insure that everyone got to play at least two matches. There was a big banquet Saturday night, complete with hundreds of raffle prizes. Players were able to meet other players from all over the country. The tournament committee housed the players with local families.

Lite Beer from Miller put up the \$8,000 in scholarship prize money, so that each winner, whether men's, women's, singles or doubles, would receive \$500. The runners-up received \$300 and third place was worth \$200.

Memphis State made off with more than its share of the wealth. Even though there were 44 univer-

sities represented in the championships, MSU players were awarded just about half of the prize money. Only six schools brought complete teams—four men and four women—while MSU had two men's teams and one women's. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in NY brought 22 players in a fleet of cars, travelling 3,000 miles round trip. A handful of players from California flew in at their own expense, representing themselves, more than their universities.

Even though intercollegiate racquetball has a long way to go before it catches up with intercollegiate tennis, there is now one player who is going to school on a fully paid racquetball scholarship. That player is Jack Newman, current AARA National Champion, two-time intercollegiate national champion, and number one on the American team in international competition. Newman, who is a sophomore at MSU, received \$2,000 from Coca-Cola and William B. Tanner, a former president of the international Racquetball Association (now the AARA).

Newman and his teammates receive warm-ups, tournament entry fees, travel expenses, some equipment sponsorships, and national notoriety. Coach Liles receives \$3,000 a year for his team out of MSU's athletics budget, but raises another \$35,000 from tournaments, local donations, and other fund raisers. By next year he hopes racquetball can go varsity which will make them eligible for more school funds.

Memphis State also has one of the best racquetball facilities of most colleges, with 15 courts, one of which has side glass walls with stadium seating. The William Tanner/Coca-Cola Classic has been televised in the past. MSU can also boast several past champions, including David Fleetwood, Sarah

Green, and John and Keith Dunlap. Jack Newman's name will now be added to their hall of fame.

Although not nearly as famous, Kathy Gluvnal, a freshman in commercial arts at MSU, is on her way up. She had a tough semi-finals match, winning 16-21, 21-17, 11-10 against Carole George (University of California at Santa Cruz). Afterwards she did a lot of praying and "asked God for patience and confidence and concentration. I knew believing in Him comforted me, helped me to play the game I knew I could play."

must have paid off. In the finals she took care of Mo Nard from Sacramento State, CA 21-26, 21-11.

In the Men's No.2 Singles division, Memphis State was even more dominating, with two teammates meeting in the finals. Richard Smith, who Liles described as "possibly the most improved player on the team," hadn't improved quite enough to overturn fellow Tiger, Brian Dieghan. Dieghan looked strong and confident as he won 21-7, 21-8.

Colleen Brint (MSU) played No.2 singles for Memphis, but could have just as easily played No.1 for most other schools. No one was able to take a game off of her as she plowed her way to the finals, beating former teammate Beverly Bell who now plays for Florida. Brint won the \$500 easily enough, 21-7, 21-5.

Santa Fe College, FL, was the only school except you-know-who, to take home a gold medal. Top-seeded Tim Hansen and Bubba Gautier took out MSU's second string team of Peter Wong/Keith Blackmon 21-5, 21-9 in the semis. Then in the finals Hansen/Gautier

came up against MSU's first stringers and knew they were for trouble. After losing the first game 17-21, the Floridians came back 21-10, 11-7 in one of the longest matches of the tournament.

At a special coaches' meeting, everyone had one question: How does Larry Liles do it? Besides the last seven consecutive AARA championships, the Tigers also have two USRA and one other AARA titles, all of which were directed by Liles except one by Harriet Lavenue who's been teaching racquetball at MSU since 1967.

Besides coaching the team three hours a day, five days a week, plus tournaments on the weekends, Liles teaches four of the 37 racquetball classes at MSU.

Liles is also tournament director for two major fund-raisers each year—the Jack Fullton Open and the Union Planters National Bank/Coca-Cola Open. They have Coke sales and raffles and receive donations from individuals in the community. Liles himself is an excellent player, beginning with handball in college, took second in the 1976 Nationals for "Killer" B's, and holds the 1982 doubles title for 30 plus.

However, Liles isn't willing to take all the credit himself: "Probably the success of the team was largely due to good players who came up locally. Their success opened it up for other youngsters." Now his top players are transferring to MSU from other parts of the country because of the reputation he's built up. As Gluvna says, "This is the place to come if you want to learn how to play tough racquetball."

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President's Column

By Paul Hendrickson

Recently I was honored to be re-elected to a three-year term on the National Board of Directors of the AARA, at the 1983 AARA National Singles held at the Downtown YM-CA in Houston, Texas.

I feel my re-election was a vote of confidence on the direction the AARA has taken while I have been serving as president. I will continue to stress the development of strong state associations and benefits to the membership as I have over the past three years.

I will continue to stress the involvement of all the members of the AARA in the growth and direction in which the AARA is to proceed in the next three years. In that light, I am pleased to announce that as of the next election of board members all the membership of the AARA (for the first time) will be allowed to vote for their choice through a printed ballot to be mailed out in advance of the election in May.

We have also, for the first time, scheduled one board meeting a year to be held at the national headquarters in Colorado Springs instead of being held in conjunction with the national doubles championships. This will allow board members to attend the meeting without being concerned with tournament management or playing at the time of the meetings.

In addition to myself, I am pleased to announce that Jim Austin, of Houston, Texas, was re-elected to a three-year term and will continue to serve as National Rules Commissioner. Also elected, and serving for the first time on the National Board will be Clint Koble of Wyoming.

I am looking ahead with great anticipation to the next three years of my term. Being a part of the administrative development of our sport is a challenging, but rewarding position. I continue to offer my services to members, and am interested in any problems or suggestions that concern our association.

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SEPTEMBER 2-5

1983 Invitational (3)
Danbury Racquetball Club
Rt 6 Stoney Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801
Allison Sharett
203-797-1244

SEPTEMBER 7-9

Open Gran Prix Finals (3)
Northwest Tennis And Swim Club
5525 Cedar Lake Rd
St. Louis Park MN 55416
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SEPTEMBER 9-11

Bellevue Open (3)
Bellevue Racquetball Club
Bellevue, Washington
Sid Williams
5227 Puget Sound Ave
Tacoma, WA 98409
206-473-2266

Third Annual Dr. Pepper/Easter
Seals Courthouse Classic (3)
The Courthouse
300 Goucher St.
Johnstown, PA 15905
Bob Thomas
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SEPTEMBER 16-18

March Of Dimes Scramble (3)
The Racquet Club of Meadville
Corner of French and Poplar Sts.
Meadville, PA 16335
Nancy Manning
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3rd Annual Kettering Klassic (3)
Suburban Athletic Club
5660 Kentshire Dr.
Kettering, OH 45440
513-435-3113

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Open
Supreme Court
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Hospitality will be provided throughout the entire tournament. Saturday evening with cash bar and dinner to follow. Free to all PLAYERS; nominal fee for guests.

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National Champions in men and women's open become members of the U.S. National Team.

NOTE: Men's and women's B divisions may be limited to 64 players per event. Due to the anticipated large turnout B's will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

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MEN'S DIVISION

- () Open
() Jr. Vets - 25 +
() Seniors 30 +
() Seniors 35 +
() Seniors 40 +
() Masters 45 +
() Masters 50 +
() Golden Masters 55 +
() Golden Masters 60 +
() Golden Masters 65 +
() B (non-championship event)

() Mixed

WOMEN'S DIVISION

- () Open
() Jr. Vets - 25 +
() Seniors 30 +
() Seniors 35 +
() Seniors 40 +
() Masters 45 +
() Masters 50 +
() Golden Masters 55 +
() Golden Masters 60 +
() Golden Masters 65 +
() B (non-championship event)



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facility to 560 strangers and said "welcome" with Houston hospitality.

The volunteer group from Cenikor worked long hours under the guidance of Pat Gerity, Floor Manager, and made certain that all matches were on time and that registration ran smoothly. We really appreciated their help.

Also, we thank the Whitehall Hotel for making us all feel at home away from home.

It often seems obligatory to express appreciation to the sponsors of an event such as the Houston Nationals. Honestly, without them our sport would only be a shadow of what it is today. Our two major industry sponsors, Penn Athletic Products Company and D P Leach, are the only companies who have made a total commitment to amateur racquetball in the United States. They have spent literally thousands of dollars to see our sport grow, and much of this money has been spent in areas with little return. They deserve and have earned your respect and patronage.

Lite Beer from Miller is the only company outside of the racquetball industry who has made a long-term commitment to our sport. The dollars that Lite invests are significant, but it is Lite's logistics and planning that are its real worth. In Houston five local distributors were involved, along with a full compliment from Corporate. Lite leaves no stone unturned as it works entirely to give the Nationals full media coverage. Judy Puma of the Ketchum Agency worked tirelessly under the watchful eyes of Steve Forsyth, Public Relations Specialist, Lite Beer from Miller. All media, both national and local, were focused on the Ben Davidson, Lite Beer from Miller Celebrity, and Earl Campbell, Houston Oiler, challenge match. Lynne Heintz, Young Adult Project Coordinator for Lite, was on hand throughout the Nationals lending her expertise and support to the event.

It has been a pleasure to work with such good people as those from Lite, Penn and D P Leach over the years and with their continued support the sport is in good hands.

Last, but not least, were the 550 plus athletes who are most deserving of applause and who spent thousands of dollars in order to come to Houston and participate in the Nationals. It was truly a "happening" and anyone who was there can sincerely say that the future of our great sport is just beginning. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.

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