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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Through the courtesy of a badly timed flu epidemic which hit the southeast in February, the 1989 Florida Racquetball Association State Singles Championships quickly became one of the smaller state events in recent memory. Still, a respectable turnout of 350 of the "fittest" Florida players appeared, bright and early, at the doorstep of the Orlando Tennis and Racquet Club on Thursday, February 16 to compete in a total of forty-five adult and junior age and skill divisions. Once inside, the sound of balls pounding front walls was interrupted only by the occasional "bless you" as brackets across the board were filled with dedicated players in various stages of catching, fighting, or recuperating from nasty cold symptoms. Nonetheless, spirits remained high as matches got off on time, then ran ahead of schedule for the entire weekend.

In the Men's Open, the defending champion and #1 seed Tim Hansen was one of the first to succumb after an uninspired win over Derek Lee in the first round. That short trip to the quarterfinals placed Hansen squarely against up and coming PRP star Robby Walden who quickly noted, and took advantage of, the situation. With no-nonsense precision, Walden stuck to business and gave Tim the rest of the weekend off, with match scores of 15-6, 15-10.

In the following semi-final round, Walden made an even more impressive showing against Fred Calabrese, but let a first game lead slip to a 15-14 loss. The youngster rallied in the second for a 15-4 win, but couldn't regain momentum in the tie-breaker, losing by a wide margin of 11-4.

On the lower half of the draw, #2 seeded Jason Waggoner appeared to be in good health as he advanced through a first round forfeit and a second round tie-breaker against another PRP junior, Allan Engel. But it was a more familiar opponent, late-comer Charlie Nichols, who took Waggoner out of the running in the semi-final with straight game scores of 15-11, 15-7.

In a classic finals match-up with highly vocal spectators, Calabrese and Nichols gave an exhibition of value to all players. The exacting backhand of Nichols gave visual instruction to the left-handers in the stands, while the intensity of Calabrese provided everyone with a clearcut lesson in concentration. Both started out slowly and had exchanged near-similar scores after the two game split, with Calabrese taking the first 15-10, Nichols earning the second 15-11. But, as he had done with Walden the round before, Calabrese then turned on the heat in the tie-breaker, limiting Nichols to four total points and a second place trophy by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

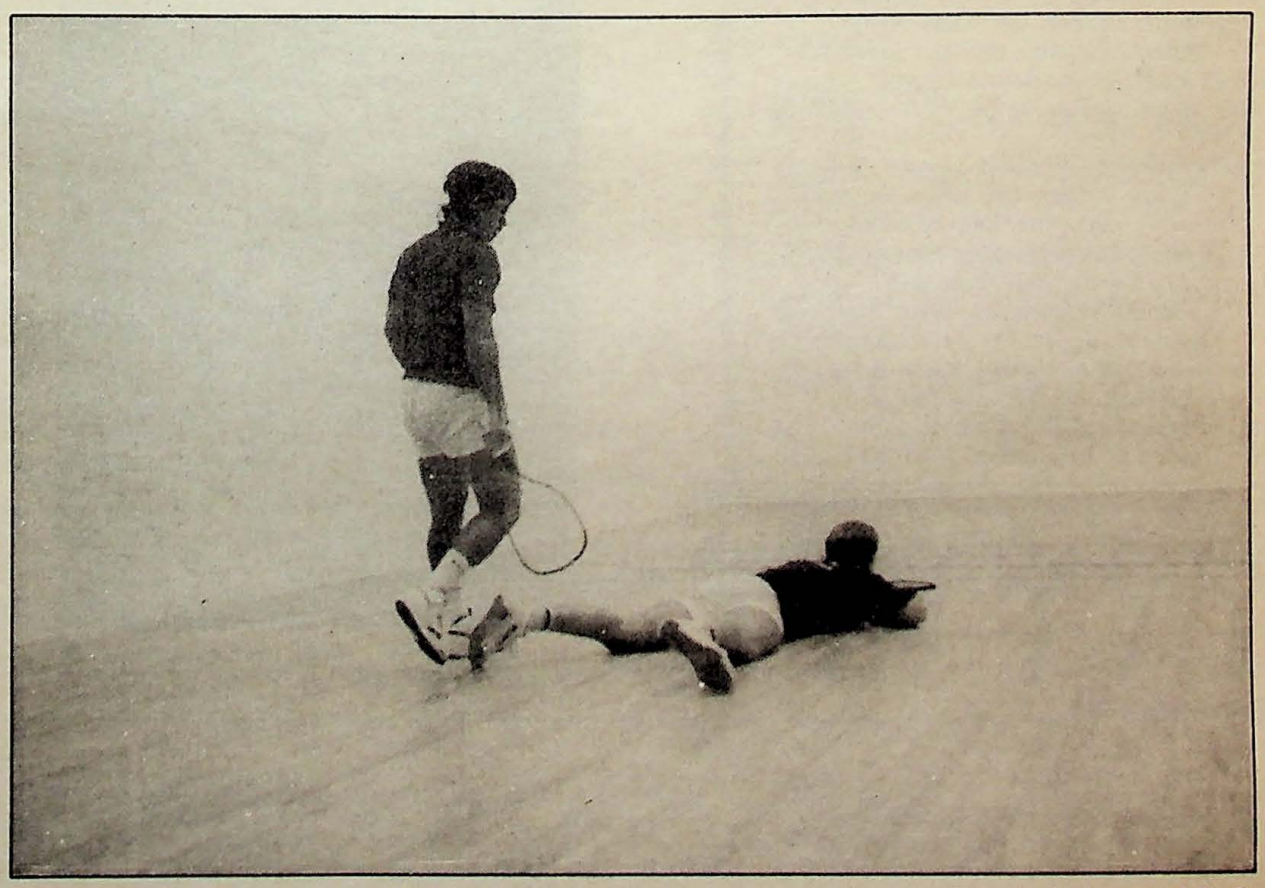
Epidemic aside, several noteworthy wins were recorded in the early rounds of the Men's Open, particularly where the younger players were concerned. Straight game wins by Aaron Metcalf over Mark Morrison and Allan Engel over Vinnie Ganley in the round of sixteen gave each of the youngsters a boost in confidence, even if they did make it only to the following round.

The Women's Open division also drew a fair number of new faces, many of them younger, but the results were not quite as unpredictable. Yet, relative newcomers Michelle Scott and Ceil Clark went to tie-breakers in the round of sixteen before falling to the respective strength and superior court sense of opponents Laurie Potter and Brenda Grossnickle.

By the quarterfinals, three of the top four seeds were still positioned for the win. Defending champion and #1 seed Susan Morgan took a swift win over Laurie Potter in straight games of 15-6, 15-4 while doubles partner and #2 seed Mary Lyons deftly manuevered past Diane Fields with slightly more effort. Brenda Grossnickle (#4) also needed only two games to advance against Britt Engel, and Barbara Simmons disappointed #3 seeded Kersten Hallander with a tie-breaker win of 9-15, 15-7, 11-8. It was Simmons and Grossnickle who played off for third on Sunday afternoon, however, after taking running starts at Lyons and Morgan in the semi-finals.

If it's not hard enough just reaching the finals of Women's Open in Florida, imagine how difficult it must be to face your doubles partner time after time. And in Women's 30s. Over and over. Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons have to know each other's games by now, yet the two still manage to put on an exciting match for the benefit of uninitiated spectators and long-time fans alike. And this year, the wins were reversed.

Like her Pokey t-shirt claims, Mary Lyons likes it "sloooow good." Her well paced shot-making, seemingly effortless court coverage and hairline accuracy make the game seem easy. You won't find Mary making the type of extravagant, diving retrievals that are Susan's trademark (and resulted in a pulled calf muscle during an earlier 30+ match). But, in this particular repeat of any Women's Open final in the past year, Mary used every one of the more basic skills to take the title from her partner in straight games of 15-6, 15-13, then go for a follow-up win in Women's 30+ with scores of 15-13, 15-9.



Fred Calabrese looks on as Charlie Nichols recovers from a diving retrieval in the Men's Open final. Photo: Zack Craft.

States (cont.)

Thanks to the expert control desk management of Gene Owen and Bill Clarke (combined with an early Thursday start), this year's state singles didn't "run into overtime." Thanks to the many court and general sponsors, the Saturday drawing offered over $1500.00 in prizes to entrants. Thanks to the club lounge, everyone was well fed. And thanks to the players it was a championships without mishap, filled with fun, good competition and surprises. And sniffles.

In sickness and in health, each of the winners of the 1989 FRA State Championships deserves a hearty round of applause and congratulations for a job well done:

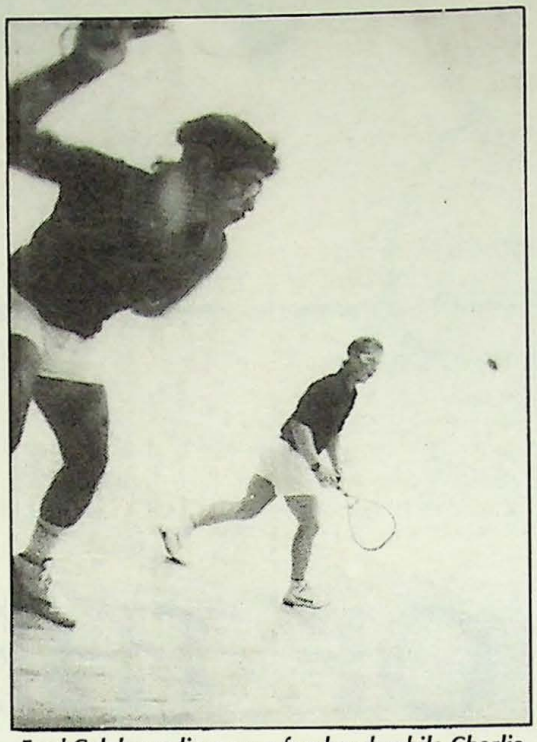
1989 FRA STATE SINGLES RESULTS
Orlando Tennis and Racquet Club

MO: Fred Calabrese def. Charlie Nichols
MA: John Van Arsdall def. Ken Green
MB: Jorge Caetano def. Mike Patterson
MC: Lincoln Hirvela def. George Shahin
MD: Greg Carr def. Paul Metlin
MN: Pat Keeler def. Jeff Salzman
M19: Glenn Warren def. Curtis Winter
M19B: William Zajic def. Jorge Caetano
M25: Vinnie Ganley def. Brent Huber
M25B: Glen Lillycrop def. Paul Hanley
M30: Mark Morrison def. Bill Simon
M30B: Sid Bird def. Bill Bernick
M35: Bill Simon def. Mitt Layton
M35B: Mike Gainer def. Archie James
M40: Bob Riley def. Bob Matthews
M40B: Jim Clark def. Patrick Larkin
M45: Tom Rumsey def. Fred Blaess
M45B: Jim Clark def. Sam Sprout
M50: Tom Rumsey def. John Varone
M55: Mal Roberts def. Mike Mojer
M60: Mal Roberts def. Ed Busigo
M65: Ed Busigo def. Carlos Sena

WO: Mary Lyons def. Susan Morgan
WA: Ruth Moss def. Lois Breneman
WB: Pam Garcia def. Stephanie Roscia
WC: Anita Sanders def. Brenda Boatwright
WD: Wendy Breslow def. Carla Alford
W19: Lynnette Sprout def. Lori Basch
W19B: Laura Kleimeyer def. Rachel Smith
W25: Michelle Scott def. Ceil Clark
W30: Mary Lyons def. Susan Morgan
W30B: Anita Sanders def. Mary Seiler
W35: Eileen Tuckman def. Jan Smith
W40: Agatha Falso def. Jo Kenyon
W40B: Roxanne Bonilla def. Shirley Elgaway

B8: Rusty Moulton def. Daniel Wubneth
B10: Gator Wooten def. Rusty Moulton
B12: Mark Hurst def. John Stanford
B14: Craig Czyz def. Matt Hawkins
B16: Allan Engel def. Scott Reiff
B18: Robbie Walden def. Jason Waggoner

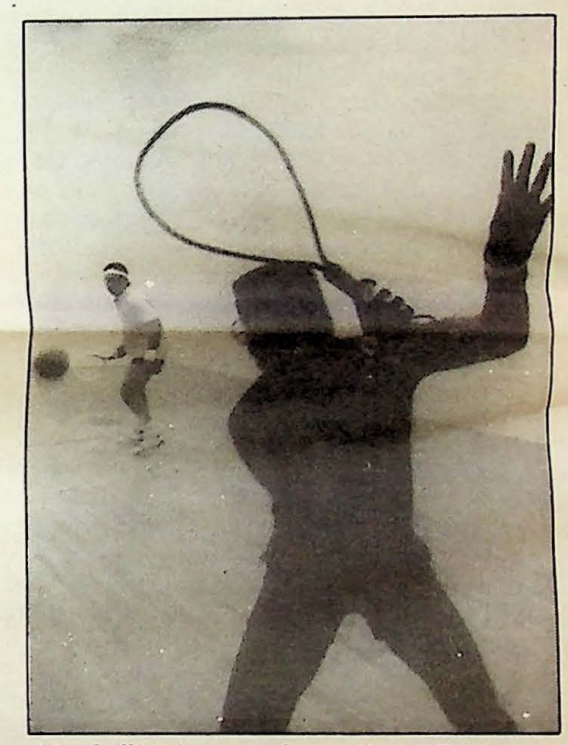
G10: Kim O'Connor def. Karen Breneman
G12: Debra Derr def. Toby Jobson
G14: Britt Engel def. Kathy Cassidy
G16: Amy Simonetta def. Amanda Simmons



Fred Calabrese lines up a forehand, while Charlie Nichols looks on. All photos this page: Zack Craft.

Susan Morgan does the same against Brenda Grossnickel in the Women's Open semi-final.

Tournament directors Bill Clarke, Linda Mojer and Gene Owen head into the home stretch on Sunday morning . . . begging for quiet and dimmed lights.



Marshall Weiner watches as Kenny Green sets up for a stylish backhand winner.

John, from OTRC, slaves over a hot stove all afternoon Saturday.

Rusty Moulton gets first and second place trophies in Boy's 8- and Boys 10-, plus a hug, from Linda Mojer.

NEW MEMBERS

Fred Aarons
Victor Acosta
Henry Alberto
Carla Alford
Jorge Almirall
Jose Almirall
Jimmy Alvarado
Delvis Alvarez
Eric Anderson
Clifford Anderson
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Eduardo Anton
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Jim Ballard
Juan Basto
Anthony Battaglia
Catherine Bauman
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Matthew Bermejo
Alvaro Betancur
Thomas Biddix
Vincent Biondi
Frederic Blaess
Carlos Blanco
Juan Blanco
Tom Blanke
Quinn Bledsoe
Gilbert Borges
Yvette Bostick
Eric Breese
Karen Breneman
Beau Briggs
Denise Brooker
Roy Buell
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Gabriel Caballero
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS AROUND THE STATE

SUNCOAST FITNESS
SunFiesta: October 21-23
Reported by Bill Clarke

MO: Robbie Walden def. Alan Engel
MA: Dave Segal def. Conrad Colaco
MB: Kenneth Brown def. Jay Kautzman
MC: Dave Redding def. Shane Sowers
MD: Adam Gyselinck def. Peter Kezar
MN: Tom Hodson def. Ryan Frenz
25: Ken Arrowsmith def. Mike Hodkinson
40: Bill Foresman def. Gene Landrum
16: Robbie Walden def. Chris Conway
12: Steve Quinlan def. John Gyselinck
10: Adam Gyselinck def. Frank Quinlan
MOD: Engel/Walden def. Segal/Arrowsmith
MXOD: Engel/Cox def. Conway/Engel
WC: Robin O'Toole def. Dee Dee Landrum
18: Amanda Simmons def. Sue Cox

JACKSONVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB
Pro/Am Cash: January 6-8
Reported by Susan Morgan

MO: Curtis Winter def. Mark Morrison
MA: Rick Taylor def. Steve Chapman
MB: John Weldon def. William Zajic
MC: Charles Katz def. Ray Ward
MD: Paul Metlin def. Matt Isenhower
MN: J.J. Gonzalez def. Sigmund Ringoen
25: Brent Huber def. Dana Levy
30: Dan McKinley def. Mike Distefano
30B: Jay Caffey def. Walter Schimmel
40: Steve Chapman def. Bob Heller

WO: Susan Morgan def. Mary Lyons
WA: Mary McNutt def. Marilyn Buffum
WB: Kim Yedinak def. Pat Caffey
WC: Denise Brooker def. Vicki Sauls
WD: Donna Hoffman def. Kim Hill

SCANDINAVIAN COURTROOMS
Bash for Cash: January 27-29
Reported by Jo Kenyon

MO: Fred Calabrese def. James Lorello
MA: Tom Jobe def. Fred Aarons
MB: Alfred Perez def. Todd Gordon
MC: Don McNeil def. Steve Gold
MD: Rob Mijares def. Robert Fakler
16: Scott Reiff def. Stewart Smith
19: Armando Alonso def. Paul Newport
19B: Robert Schmeltzer def. Francois Rioux
30: Steve Chapman def. Tom Strang
40B: Fred Stallworth def. Jerry Rand
45: Jack Ross def. Bob Harper

WO: Eileen Tuckman def. Mary Jo Murray
WA: Jo Kenyon def. Vivian Hurtado
WB: Claudia Andrade def. Pam Garcia
WC: Anita Sanders def. Geri Goldfine
WD: Yvette Bostick def. Mary Seiler
30B: Anita Sanders def. Min Taroreh

MOD: Hansen/McLeod def. Nystrom/Reiff
MAD: Hartman/Lewis def. McCarr/Strang
MBD: Denson/King def. DiSalvo/Spennato
MXBD: Baer/Cofman def. Taroreh/Reiff

PARK AVENUE RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB
Cash Tournament: February 3-5
Reported by Curtis Winter

MO: Mark Morrison def. Curtis Winter
MA: Larry Malesky def. Eddie Sanders
MB: Mark Warren def. Tim Bryant
MC: Kerry Rifkin def. Louis Hancock
MD: Peter Cleyman def. John Nalley
M19: Herb Weaver def. Gary Harrell
M35: Mitt Layton def. Robert Borges
M40: Ron Clark def. Joe Kinsey
M50: Frank Shumer def. Dan Schafer
B14: Matt Hawkins def. A.J. Witt

WA: Kathy Hole def. Terry Manz
WB: Kim Yedinak def. Patti Cromwell
WC: Debbie Simpson def. Alicia Blanchard
WD: Linda Ploegert def. Treva Maricle

MOD: Winter/Warren def. Morrison/Huber
MAD: Smith/Story def. Malesky/Beck
MBD: Santoro/White def. Sussman/Burt
MCD: Metlin/Allen def. Gilevich/Smith
WAD: Hole/Manz def. Smith/Silva de Ruiz

MIAMI COURT CLUB
MCC Classic: February 3-5
Reported by Oscar Alvarez

MO: Fred Calabrese def. Tim Hansen
MA: Corey Diaz def. Mike Winslow
MB: Frank Fernandez def. David Perez
MC: Juan Abreu def. Lincoln Hirvela
MD: Steve Gold def. Peter Fernandez
19: Armando Alonso def. Oscar Alvarez
30B: Pedro Gomez def. Dan Druckman
40: Steve Chapman def. Jack Ross
40B: Tony Murguia def. Jerry Rand
45: John Varone def. Ron Tabin

WO: Eileen Tuckman def. Mary Jo Murray
WA: Vivian Hurtado def. Jo Kenyon
WB: Pam Garcia def. Geri Goldfine
WC: Min Taroreh def. Sandy Reiff
WD: Maria Perez def. JoAnn Laney
40: Jo Kenyon def. Min Taroreh

MOD: Hansen/Nystrom def. Gonzalez/Reiff
MAD: Diaz/Ross def. Ramos/Ramos
MBD: Bermego/Fernandez def. McNeil/McCarr
MCD: Anderson/Spadone def. Correra/Bravo

GOLDENROD ATHLETIC CLUB
City Challenge: March 10-12
Reported by John Linde

MO: Chris Smith def. Terry Fluharty
MA: Jeff Jones def. Aaron Snipes
MB: Gene Sullivan def. Ron Zitza
MC: Ron Zitza def. John Linde
MN: Matt Alberti def. Earnest Neil

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RACQUETPOWER
JAX City Championship: March 10-12
Reported by Mary Lyons

MO: Aaron Metcalf def. Curtis Winter
MA: Andrew White def. Sam Sprout, Jr.
MB: Elliott Gamsey def. Mark Warren
MC: Bobby Isaac def. Paul Metlin
MD: Fran Mucciolo def. Ken Hoeve
MN: Bobby Wingate def. A.J. Witt
19: Charlie Krestul def. Sam Sprout, Jr.
30B: Jay Portnoy def. Dan Bleich
35: Mike Distefano def. Robert Borges
40B: Harvey Sussman def. Jack Sussman
45: Jim Clark def. Sam Sprout, Sr.
50: Tom Curry def. Dick Wolschlag
B12: A.J. Witt def. Matt Isenhower
MOD: Parkes/Torrance def. Winter/Winter
MAD: Hess/White def. Sussman/Ussach
MBD: Hawkins/Blawn def. Hayes/Bleich
MCD: Stophel/Warner def. Waters/Hodges

WO: Ceil Clark def. Millie Jenkins
WB: Lydia DuBose def. Sharon Burt
WC: Valerie Schmaltzreid def. Jackie Smith
WAD: Clark/Jenkins def. Ross/Hunter
WBD: Smith/Simpson def. Schmalzreid/Holland

MXAD: Borges/Woods def. Sprout/White
MXBD: Warner/Davis def. Barrell/Phillips

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Sergio Gonzalez Sr.
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Edward Gonzalez
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Alex Graham
Steven Guion
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Robert Guthrie
Luis Gutierrez
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Don Hellkamp
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Robert Hernandez
Eduardo Herrera
Ronald Hidalgo
Robert Hidalgo
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Kenneth Hoeve
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John Honnen
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Juan Jimenez
Julio Jorge
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Patrick Keeler
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Laura Kleimeyer
Astrid Kluck
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Jose Miranda
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Reinol Montes de Oca
Marcos Moran
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Patricia Nunez
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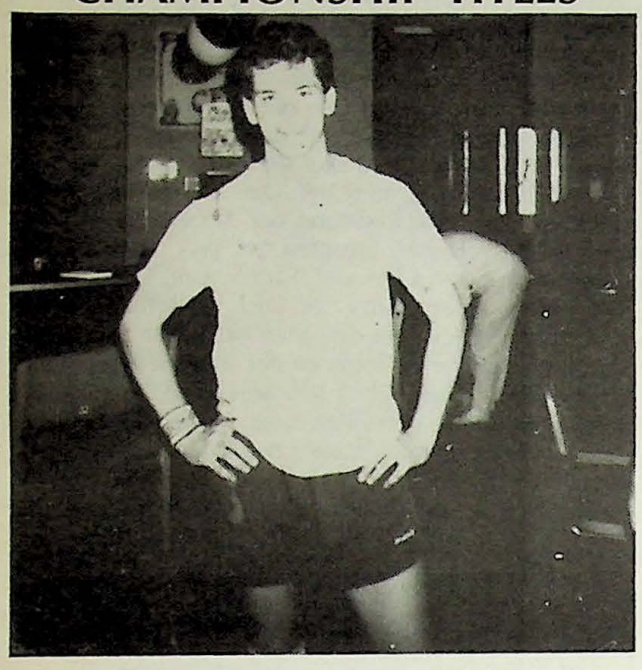
WAGGONER, ENGEL & MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL WIN NATIONAL HS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES



Jason Waggoner of Fort Myers High School, along with a team of ten PRP players from Manatee High School, were among over 70 high school athletes who "cut classes" on Friday, March 10 to attend the second annual Ektelon/US High School Racquetball Championships in Noblesville, Indiana. The Florida contingent made an outstanding bid for several national titles, with Waggoner claiming the individual Boys #1 with a narrow defeat over Robbie Walden in the final, Allan Engel earning the Boys #2 championship, and the Manatee HS group clinching the overall Boys Team and Combined Team titles by convincing margins.

Thirty-six high schools from fifteen states across the country were represented by the group of well-behaved truants, whose performance at the Indiana Athletic Club was clearly equal to that of any varsity football squad. Players earned points for themselves and their teammates as they competed in an early round-robin format. The winners of each division flight then earned a seeding position for single-elimination play on Sunday. In this way, entrants were not only guaranteed several matches per day on Friday and Saturday, but also assured of a starting match on Sunday.

For the second year, Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida fielded the largest team, and combined strength in numbers with a solid training program to successfully defend both its Boys Team and Overall Team titles. Robbie Walden and Allan Engel did an excellent job in adding points to the team scores, with a series of wins leading to finals in both Boys #1 and #2 divisions, plus a championship doubles win.

The sole member of the Fort Myers High School "team," Jason Waggoner reached the finals of the Boy's #1 bracket after defeating everyone in his seeding flight without going to a single tie-breaker. Earning the #2 spot for that performance, Waggoner then repeated the straight game winning streak by defeating Josh Messina of Belmont High School (Belmont, Massachusetts) 15-2, 15-11 in the quarterfinal, and last year's runner-up Bart Turner of Robert S. Rogers High School (Toledo, Ohio) 15-4, 15-8 in the semis. Facing a familiar opponent in #1 seed Robbie Walden of Manatee, Waggoner came from behind in each game to win the final with close scores of 15-14, 15-13.

Waggoner is a senior this year and will graduate from junior-level competition entirely in 1990. He has quite naturally set his sights on intercollegiates as his next level of national competition, and plans to enter Santa Fe Community College in the fall. In the meantime, he plans to make a good showing at National Singles in May and at Junior Nationals in June, before going into serious training for his national team try-out. By winning the High Schools, Waggoner gets an expense-paid trip to the Elite Training Camp, and an opportunity to qualify for one of the available spots on the US Team in 1990.

As an indication of the growing importance of racquetball as it begins to establish itself firmly as an Olympic sport, Indiana board vice-president Rick Killion was able to interest ESPN in the tournament, and a local cable production company was contacted to film both finals for use in an upcoming "Scholastic Sports America" segment. Waggoner gives an excellent display of racquetball "dives" as well as an on-camera interview after the match.

1989 Ektelon/US High School
Racquetball Championships
FLORIDA RESULTS

Boy's #1 Championship:
Jason Waggoner (Ft. Myers) def.
Robby Walden (Bradenton)

Boy's #1C:
Chad Bailey (Bradenton) def.
Donald Bonneau (Carlisle, PA)

Boy's #2:
Allan Engel (Bradenton) def.
Justin Peterson (Virginia, MN)

Boy's #3:
Chris Conway (Bradenton) def.
Mark Weinberg (Louisville, KY)

Boy's #1 Doubles:
Robby Walden/Allan Engel (Bradenton) def.
Bart Turner/Kevin Williams (Toledo, OH)

Girl's #1B:
Britt Engel (Bradenton) def.
Nikki Sloan (South Bend, IN)

Girl's #3:
Rusti Icenogle (Auburn, CA) def.
Theresa Gross (Bradenton)

Girl's #1 Doubles:
Elkova Icenogle/Hayden May (Auburn, CA) def.
Britt Engel/Theresa Gross (Bradenton)

Allan Engel and Robbie Walden.

LYONS AND MORGAN HIT THE PRO CIRCUIT

Just lately, Jacksonville's own Mary Lyons and Susan Morgan have been saving diligently, then slipping out of town to compete in Women's Pro Tour stops. Their most recent jaunt to Pennsylvania was one of the best, in which the Florida twosome defeated several pairs of the pro tour's finest to win the Open Doubles — and a cash award of $1,000!

Charlie Nichols and Curtis Winter help Mary Lyons and Susan Morgan celebrate!

On the women's pro tour, matches are best three out of five games to eleven, with points scored on each rally. In their first round, Mary and Susan faced the team of Chilcoate/Ingram for a three-game win of 11-3, 11-5, 11-9. The #1 seeded team of Caryn McKinney and Molly O'Brien were next in line, and made a full match of it before losing 5-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-6. Cindy Doyle and Janell Marriott followed with another straight game win of 11-2, 11-6, 11-7, which put the Jax pair in the finals against Marci Drexler and Jackie Paraiso, where they made quick work of another three games with scores of 11-2, 11-2, 11-9.

Individually, Mary and Susan are still working their way up the pro singles brackets, and each can still count on playing the #1 or #2 seed in the first round. Drawing repeat match-ups, Mary faced Caryn McKinney and Susan went up against Marci Drexler right off the bat. Despite a straight game loss, Mary was clearly warming up in her match, as her mounting scores of 11-3, 11-5, 11-7 indicated. Susan also steadily gained momentum, pouring it on in games two and three, making Drexler very nervous in game four, then finishing up the fifth game just a little short with final match scores of 3-11, 11-6, 11-10, 10-11, 8-11.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST JUNIORS

by Bob Hurst

At the 1988 Junior Orange Bowl in December, two girls, a French-speaking 12 year old from Canada and an 11 year old Floridian think they will have difficulty playing together in their doubles matches. But when they realize that they have scored the final point in their championship match, the language barrier falls and the two squeal for joy as they embrace each other.

During another doubles match, an 11 year old PRP player takes a time out to encourage his American viewers to cheer for his victory in the same way the extremely vocal Costa Ricans have been doing for their own team. The "locals" comply with great enthusiasm. The same scene plays itself out between American and Canadian audiences during the critical Boys 18 and under singles final.

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NEW MEMBERS

Sheri Perrotta
Mike Peyton
Cassie Pierce
Paul-Jean Pitre
Alexander Plana
Jonathan Plumb
Gene Pope
Pat Powers
Amaury Pupo
Craig Pusey
Steve Quinlan
Rene Ramon
George Ravani
Jeff Reamer
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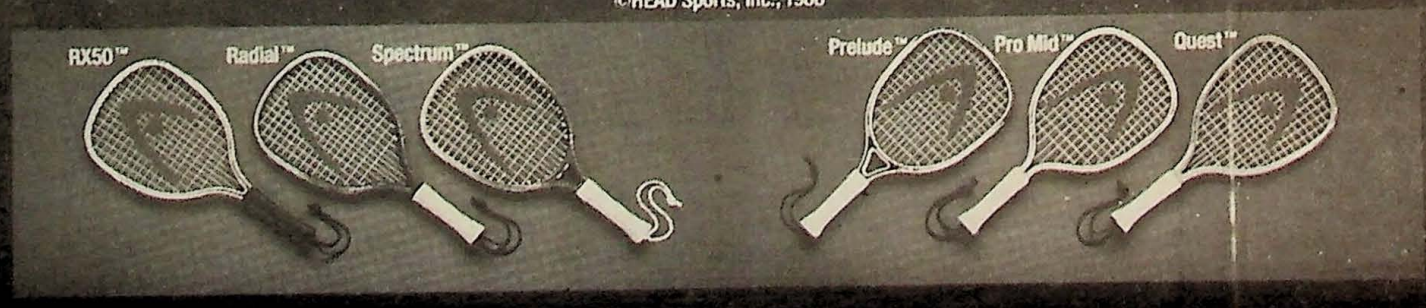

JUNIORS (cont.)

Elsewhere, three 12 year old boys sit in the stands talking and laughing during an important Boys 16 and under semi-final match. Why isn't anyone scolding them to pay attention to the game? Perhaps it's because one is an American, another Costa Rican and the third Venezuelan. The two are teaching the one how to speak Spanish, and all three are exchanging t-shirts, addresses and knowledge. It's Christmastime and they are sharing some of the greatest gifts they will each ever receive — those of international friendship and understanding.

Jody Friedman, Tyler Siggins (CA), John Stanford and Mark Hurst. Photo: Bob Hurst.

It is moments like these that I have come to cherish the most from my experience as a reporter and coach at the World Junior Racquetball Championships in Miami this past December. These are the things that make this tournament an exhibition of the world's greatest juniors.

As the host state, Florida should also cherish this opportunity to offer our kindest hospitality to foreign teams, and use the event to promote racquetball around the world. Tournament directors Jim Hiser and Scott Winters certainly did their part, and thanks go to the entire Junior Orange Bowl Committee and sponsors Eastern Airlines, Head Sports, Penn Athletic Products and the Miami Lakes Athletic Club.

Sue Cox and Britt Engel.

Florida juniors did an exceptional job of earning championship titles in singles and doubles for the "home team" with a total of 8 first place awards for the boys, and 2 golds for the girls. Congratulations to:

Mike Altman	4th, B16D
Chris Conway	1st, B16D
Allan Engel	1st, B14 & 2nd, B14D
Jody Friedman	2nd, B10D
John Gyselinck	4th, B12D
Jay Hamilton	2nd, B14D
Mark Hurst	4th, B10 & 1st, B10D
Todd King	3rd, B16D
James Lorello	4th, B18 & 4th, B18D
Aaron Metcalf	3rd, B16
Mathew McElhiney	4th, B8MB
Frank Quinlan	Con.B10D
Scott Reiff	3rd, B16D
Clem Reed	3rd, B8MB & 4th, B8
Toby St. Pierre	1st, B8MB & 1st, B8
John Stanford	2nd, B10 & 1st, B10D
Jason Waggoner	4th, B18D
Robby Walden	1st, B16 & 1st, B16D
Sue Cox	3rd, G18
Debra Derr	1st, G10, 1st-G12D, 3rd-G12
Britt Engel	3rd, G14D
Toby Jobson	2nd, G12D
Melissa MacGregor	3rd, G12D
Christie O'Connor	3rd, G16D
Kim O'Connor	2nd, G10 & 2nd, G12D
Cassie Pierce	3rd, G12D

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK TO JUDI SCHMIDT — THE NEW EDITOR OF NATIONAL RACQUETBALL!

THE BOOK ON DIANE FIELDS: "THE COOL KITTEN"

by Mike Mojer & Mike Smith

While visiting a health club about ten years ago, our featured player of the month started to play racquetball with some friends and immediately got hooked. She enjoyed the game for its challenge and as a great workout, then started playing in local tournaments. Soon afterwards she became one of the best female players in Minnesota.

After winning several second place tropies in state tournaments in Texas and Illinois, she returned to Minnesota to take the 1987 Women's Open State Championship. This was one of the most important matches of her life. She played an old adversary, her doubles partner, and won in the tie-breaker 11-7.

Diane's foot speed and fluid motion on the court seem effortless, but she admits that she adheres to the old sports adage "get in shape to play, not play to get in shape." A very interesting philosophy that will make a champion out of any gifted athlete!

Also helpful is her love of running. She enters as many 5K and 10K races as her very busy work schedule permits, and also tries to make time for cross country bike racing, aerobics and the occasional game of golf. As a result of all this activity, her racquetball opponents have discovered that you have to hit outstanding shots when you play this dynamo, since she doesn't tire easily.

We're certain that Diane would be ranked amongst the top five women in the Open and 30+ divisions (one and the same?) if she only played in more tournaments.

As it is, when she plays in the Men's A League at OTRC she always draws a crowd. She very seldom loses a match in two games, if at all, and often beats the macho types that only see a slim, good-looking "girl" in their opponent, rather than a very steady and intelligent racquetball player.

Her intensity and knowledge of the game, coupled with her athletic ability makes this young lady an outstanding role model for younger players to emulate.

The Book: Diane Fields

Ranking:	Women's Open #10 (Florida) Women's 30$ #6 (Florida)
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Occupation:	Branch Manager, Communications Supply Corporation
Education:	University of Texas at Arlington Governor's State University, Illinois
Strengths:	Strong serves, great anticipation, speed and an outstanding backhand. Always seems to play "under control."
Weaknesses:	Her forehand return of serves and passes sometimes disappear during the tough matches. Has developed a bad habit of shooting hard front wall shots, forgetting about the pinch. She readily admits that she sometimes loses her concentration during a match.
Goals:	Wants to keep playing competitively and eventually win the Women's Open and 30+ division Championships in Florida.
Overview:	A very serious and tenacious racquetball player. Many hard hitting male players have been surprised when playing this lady.

Diane Fields with Randy Forrest at OTRC.

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MEN'S DIVISIONS

MEN'S OPEN

1	NICHOLS, CHARLIE	785
2	HANSEN, TIM	730
3	CALABRESE,FRED	492
4	GONZALEZ, SERGIO	475
5	WINTER, CURTIS	455
6	WAGGONER, JASON	355
7	LORELLO, JAMES	375
8	MORRISON, MARK	290
9	GANLEY, VINNIE	255
10	WALDEN, ROBBY	230

MEN'S "A"

1	REIFF, SCOTT	430 *
2	HARTMAN, MIKE	280 *
3	CALL, CHUCK	250 *
4	MILLER, STEVE	225
5	TAYLOR, RICK	200
6	NEIMEYER, GREG	195
7	DIDONATO, JOE	180
	GREEN, KEN	180
	SEGAL, DAVE	180
8	FANNING, JIM	150
	VAN ARSDALL, JOHN	150
9	WALKER, BILL	140
	WINSLOW, MIKE	140
10	SANCHEZ, Jose	125

MEN'S "B"

1	CHASE, DOUG	280 *
2	MOORE, DOUG	210 *
3	GREEN, KEN	155
4	JACKSON, RANDY	210
5	CAETANO, JORGE	200
6	FOX, JAMES	150
	SIGEL, Neil	150
7	PEREZ, ALFRED	145
8	MCLEOD, KENNY	130
9	SULLIVAN, GENE	130
10	MARTINO, Mike	120

MEN'S "C"

1	CLARK, JIM	250
2	ROJO, STEVE	210
3	PATTERSON, MIKE	200
4	GORDON, TODD	190 *
5	LEWIS, JOSH	180 *
6	RIFKIN, KERRY	155 *
7	HIRVELA, LINCOLN	150 *
	MOSS, STEVE	150 *
8	WARREN, ROBERT	125
9	JENKINS, EMMETT	100
	McENANY, Mike	100
10	BREU, JUAN	95

MEN'S "D"

1	CARR, GREG	150 *
2	METLIN, PAUL	130 *
3	SURLES, CHESTER	100 *
4	CLEYMAN, PETER	85 *
5	RICCI, EDDIE	80
6	GONZALEZ, J.J.	75
7	RODRIGUEZ, JACK	70
8	FRANK, TOM	60

MEN'S 19 +

1	WINTER, CURTIS	500
2	WARREN, GLENN	450
3	SCHNEIDER, JOHN	255
4	ALVARADO, JIM	235
5	BINNIX, ROBBIE	210
6	ALONSO, Armando	150
7	ALVAREZ, OSCAR	110
8	GALLAGHER, KEVIN	90
9	PEYTON, MIKE	80
	SHECK, MARK	80
10	CORRENTE, PHIL	75

MEN'S 25 +

1	MORRISON, MARK	875
2	HUBER, BRENT	700
3	SCARGLE, JOHN	615
4	LEVY, DANA	485
5	GANLEY, VINNIE	380
6	PFAHLER, RANDY	285
7	HANSEN, TIM	250
8	JOHNSON, JEFF	170
9	PHILLIPS, BRIAN	110
10	WALKER, BILL	107

MEN'S 30 +

1	MORRISON, MARK	550
2	OWEN, GENE	320
3	CHAPMAN, STEVE	315
4	SIMON, BILL	275
5	ANDERSON, KENNY	260
6	ARROWSMITH, KEN	250
	McKINELY, Danny	250
7	DISTEFANO, MIKE	200
8	TURNER, RICK	150
	HINES, RANDY	150
	KRISJANSEN, JEFF	150
	LAYTON, MITT	150

MEN'S 35 +

1	LAYTON, MITT	650
2	CHAPMAN, STEVE	510
3	OWEN, GENE	500
4	DUBOLSKY, VAN	350
5	SIMON, BILL	150
6	WATSON, JIM	135
7	BORGES, ROBERT	125
8	CLARKE, BILL	115
	FLAGG, JIM	115
9	DISTEFANO, MIKE	90
10	DEROBERTIS, BOB	80

MEN'S 40 +

1	SCWARTZ, JAY	650
2	WINSLOW, MIKE	560
3	LEON, JEFF	400
4	FORESMAN, BILL	285
5	SERABIA, Joe	255
6	HELLER, BOB	220
7	SHAAK, GRAIG	195
8	RILEY, BOB	170
9	CHRIST, BOB	155
	WOOD, BOB	155
10	MARSOCCI, LEO	150
	MATTHEWS, BOB	150

MEN'S 45 +

1	RUMSEY, TOM	835
2	SHAAK, GRAIG	350
3	MILLER, ALAN	250
4	DELLANINI, RICHARD	180
5	ROSS, JACK	175
6	SCHAFER, DAN	130
7	BLAESS, FRED	120
8	LEON, JEFF	100
9	DAVIS, TOM	90
10	AVERSA, ALEX	80
	BIONDI, VINCENT	80
	MARCUS, SONNY	80
	RAND, JERRY	80
	STALLWORTH, FRED	80

MEN'S 50 +

1	MARCUS, SONNY	855
2	RUMSEY, TOM	500
3	VLOCK, ED	405
4	MOJER, MIKE	250
	SHUMER, FRANK	250
5	VARONE, JOHN	215
6	WOODINGTON, DON	160
7	KERSHNER, NORMAN	130
8	SCHAFER, DAN	80
9	BILTZ, LOU	50
	LANDRUM, GENE	50
	SPROUT, SAM	50
	WINTER, AL	50
10	LORES, VICTOR	40

MEN'S 55 +

1	ROBERTS, MALCOLM	575
2	ALT, DON	370
3	MOJER, MIKE	180
4	WOODINGTON, DON	120
5	HARPER, ROBERT	100
6	MINICUS, LEE	60
7	HALLAM, JOHN	50
	NATHAN, HERB	50
	SOLIO, DON	50
8	LONDON, SHELDON	35
9	KENYON, JO	25
	ZETROUER, TOM	25
10	ISHKING, RON	15

MEN'S 60 +

1	ROBERTS, MALCOLM	850
2	BUSIGO, ED	325
3	CLAUSEN, CLAUDE	150
4	GORMAN, Paul	150
5	DUCKWORTH, BILL	100
6	ANTIGA, Alberto	75
	SENA, CARLOS	75
	ZETROUER, TOM	75
7	ABERNATHY, NELSON	50
8	WALDROP, RAY	25

MEN'S 65 +

1	BUSIGO, ED	250
2	GLAVAN, JOE	200
3	FRANK, HERB	150
4	SENA, CARLOS	100
5	WAGNER, BOB	75
6	WISE, BOB	70
7	ELLIOT, GENE	60
8	PICARD, RAYMOND	50
9	WALDROP, RAY	25

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

BOYS 18-

1	LORELLO, JAMES	450
2	WALDEN, ROBBY	150
3	GONZALEZ, OSCAR	125
4	WAGGONER, JASON	100
5	KOSS, PHIL	80
6	HUNDLEY, JIM	75
7	LEE, DEREK	75
	METCALF, AARON	50
	HAINES, PAUL	30
	KENDIG, ADAM	25
	McLEOD, KEN	25
	VANARSDALL, JOHN	25

BOY'S 16-

1	WALDEN, ROBBIE	650
2	REIFF, SCOTT	300
3	ENGEL, ALLAN	150
4	CONWAY, CHRIS	125
5	OATHOUT, JEFF	115
6	HURST, CYRUS	110
7	HUNDLEY, JIM	100
8	AGRESTI, JASON	60
9	KENDIG, ADAM	50
	MOTTI, MIKE	50
	SPECTOR, LEE	50

BOY'S 14-

1	ENGEL, ALAN	1050
2	CZYZ, CRAIG	30
3	REIFF, SCOTT	305
4	CONWAY, CHRIS	245
5	HAWKINS, MATT	175
6	WITT, A.J.	110
7	CHAIFETZ, MARSHAL	100
8	AGRIESTI, JASON	80
	SMITH, STUART	80
9	QUINLAN, STEVE	75
10	WEICHOLZ, TODD	70

BOY'S 12-

1	CZYZ, CRAIG	505
2	HURST, MARK	150
3	SMITH, RYAN	125
4	QUINLAN, STEVE	100
	STANFORD, JOHN	100
	XYNIDIS, JOHN	100
5	KEZAR, PETER	75
6	LOOBY, TREVOR	62
7	GYSELINCK, JOHN	60
	MILLER, JEFF	60
8	WOOTEN, GATOR	50
9	FRENZ, RYAN	30
	LAFATA, SHAWN	30
10	HODGSON, TOMMY	27

BOY'S 10-

1	HURST, MARK	555
2	FRIEDMAN, JODY	255
3	WOOTEN, GATOR	150
4	MOULTON, RUSTY	130
5	GYSELINK, ADAM	70
	QUINLAN, FRANK	70
6	MILLER, JEFFREY	50
7	BRIGGS, BEAU	25
8	WARNER, MATTHEW	20
9	KEZAR,	15
	LAFATA, SHAWN	15
10	CLARKE, S.	10
	ELLIS, JIMMY	10
	GROSSBARD, B.	10
	HOUGHTON, CHAD	10
	McELHANEY,	10
	ST. PIERRE, TOBY	10

BOY'S 8-

1	MOULTON, RUSTY	530
2	HUGGINS, SCOTT	280
3	CONWAY, JOHN	230
4	WOOTEN, GATOR	130
5	CLARKE, SEAN	115
6	WUBNETH, DANIEL	100
7	REED, CLEM	85
8	DOWNING, JUAN	75
	SMITH, ERIC	75
	VILA, ADAM	75
9	McELHINEY, MATTHEW	60
10	ST. PIERRE, TOBY	50

GIRL'S 18-

1	COX, SUSAN	16
3	SIMMONS, AMANDA	10
5	ENGLE, BRITT	
6	PIERCE, CASSIE	
7	CASSIDY, KATHY	
8	MCGREGOR, MELISSA	

GIRL'S 16-

1	COX, SUSAN	2
2	SIMONETTA, AMY	1
	SIMMONS, AMANDA	1
3	ENGEL, BRITT	
4	O'TOOLE, ROBYN	

GIRL'S 14-

1	ENGEL, BRITT	3
2	CASSIDY, KATHY	1

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WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

WOMEN'S OPEN

1	MORGAN, SUSAN	1070
2	LYONS, MARY	530
3	GREEN, DIANE	325
4	HALLANDER, KERSTEN	272
5	GROSSNICKEL, BRENDA	225
6	McDONALD, MARTHA	150
7	TUCKMAN, EILEEN	250
8	SIMMONS, BARBARA	195
9	BASCH, LORI	130
10	MURRAY, MARY JO	80
	RASMUSSEN, TRINA	80

WOMEN'S "A"

1	MURRAY, MARY JO	300 *
2	MOJER, LINDA	280 *
3	SCOTT, MICHELLE	260 *
4	BUFFUM, MARILYN	250 *
	MOSS, RUTH	250 *
5	KENYON, Jo	215
6	OLIVERI, CAROL	200
7	CLARK, CEIL	170
8	MCNUTT, MARY	160
9	HAYES, DONNA	165
10	BRENEMAN, LOIS	150

WOMEN'S "B"

1	GARCIA, PAM	295 *
2	VISORIA, ZELDA	245 *
3	BALTHAZAR, LYNNE	230 *
	ROSCIA, STEPHANIE	230 *
4	ALLEN, RANDEE	225 *
5	MUELLER, CORRINE	200 *
6	DILL, Beverly	180 *
7	GUARINO, KAREN	165
	KISNER, CASEY	165
8	BAER, RENA	142
9	SMITH, Rachel	135
10	SILVA, MARIA	130

WOMEN'S "C"

1	LEON, DENISE	250 *
2	SEITTER, COLEEN	250 *
3	SMITH, RACHEL	250 *
4	BAER, RENA	200 *
	SANDERS, ANITA	200 *
5	BONILLA, ROXANNE	185 *
6	SILVA, MARIA	175 *
7	BOATWRIGHT, Brenda	150 *
8	CROMWELL, PATTI	130 *
	MAR, WANDA	130 *
9	HARDY, GAIL	125
	O'TOOLE, ROBYN	125
10	BRETT, BARBARA	100

WOMEN'S "D"

1	GOLDFINE, GERI	100 *
2	BOSTICK, YVETTE	50
	WING, MELINDA	50
3	AQUINO, TERESA	30
	D'ACCARDI, PAIGE	30
	KALL, Deborah	30
	ONDERKI, TERRY	30
	SEILER, MARY	30
4	HANCOCK, SHERI	20
	HOSTE, VALERIE	20
	OLACICEGUI, NANCY	20
	PIERCE, CASSIE	20
	SARDZINSKI, KAREN	20

WOMEN'S 19 +

1	HALLANDER, KERSTEN	800
2	BASCH, LORI	270
3	GROSSNICKEL, BRENDA	100
4	HURTADO, VIVIAN	100
5	PAEZ, VICKIE	50
6	BRETT, BARBARA	10

WOMEN'S 25 +

1	LYONS, MARY	650
2	CLARK, CEIL	200
	GROSSNICKEL, BRENDA	200
3	SCOTT, MICHELLE	170
4	ALLEN, RANDEE	80
5	WAKIN, MARGARET	75
6	PITTS, TERESA	50
	POTERFIELD, JAN	50
	ROSCIA, STEPHANIE	50
	SCOTT, MICHELLE	50
7	BLEDSOE, QUINN	30
8	DEGROVE, DEBBIE	20
9	MOJER, LINDA	20
10	BALTHAZOR, LYNN	15
	BUFFUM, MARILYN	15

WOMEN'S 30 +

1	MORGAN, SUSAN	1070
2	SIMMONS, BARBARA	325
3	MOJER, LINDA	272
4	FIELDS, DIANE	225
5	POTTER, LAURIE	217
6	LYONS, MARY	150
	McDONALD, MARTHA	150
	PINNELL, Julie	150
7	FONTAINE, JANE	125
	SMITH, BRENDA	125
8	BALTHAZOR, LYNNE	110
	FISH, RENEE	110
	KENYON, JO	110

WOMEN'S 35 +

1	TUCKMAN, EILEEN	625
2	SMITH, JANIS	525
3	FALSO, AGATHA	470
4	MURRAY, MARY JO	350
5	FISH, RENEE	240
6	McMANAMON, CINDY	205
7	LEE, CHERYL	150
8	FONTAINE, JANE	90
9	CHAFFIN, TERESA	85
10	BRENEMAN, LOIS	80

WOMEN'S 40 +

1	FALSO, AGATHA	1200
2	KENYON, JO	365
3	SCHMIDT, JUDY	345
4	BONILLA, ROXANNE	175
5	RUSSEL, EVA	150
6	McNUTT, MARY	100
	SERABIA, JOANNA	100
7	CHAFFIN, TERESA	75
	McMANAMON, Cindy	75
8	REIFF, SANDY	55
9	BALTHAZOR, Lynne	50
	FROST, MARGARET	50
10	TAROREA, MIN	45

WOMEN'S 45 +

1	SCHMIDT, JUDY	800
2	KENYON, JO	615
3	McNUTT, MARY	350
4	SERABIA, JOANNA	275
5	ELGAWAY, SHIRLEY	145
6	ALT, PAT	75

WOMEN'S 50 +

1	KENYON, JO	900
2	ELGAWAY, SHIRLEY	150
3	ACUFF, MARY LOU	100

WOMEN'S 55 +

1	KENYON, JO	600

WOMEN'S 60 +

1	MINICK, LILIJAN	150

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GIRL'S 12-

1	DERR, DEBRA	325
2	ENGEL, BRITT	250
3	JOBSON, TOBY	175
4	O'CONNOR, KIM	75
5	PIERCE, CASSIE	70
6	SIMMONS, SAMANTHA	50
7	CASSIDY, KATHY	30
8	McGREGOR, MELISSA	25
9	OLIVIERI, CHRISTY	15
10	HARMON, MELISSA	10
6	NEWSOME, KELLY	20
	OLIVIERI, CHRISTY	20
7	XYNIDIS, CHRISTY	15

GIRL'S 8-

1	QUINLAN, JULIE	35
2	WOOTEN, LESLIE	180

GIRL'S 10-

1	DERR, DEBRA	950
2	MacGREGOR, MELISSA	160
3	JOBSON, TOBY	150
	BRENEMAN, KAREN	150
	O'CONNOR, KIM	150
4	WOOTEN, LESLIE	75
5	HARMON, MELISSA	30
	TYDIR, MICHELLE	30

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!

NATIONALLY RANKED IN FEBRUARY

MO:	Tim Hansen — #5
	Charlie Nichols — #6
MA:	Scott Reiff — #4
	Chuck Call — #9
MB:	John Cee — #9
	Doug Chase — #10
MC:	Jim Clark — #6
MD:	Paul Metlin — #8
	Sergio Yibirin — #10
MN:	Paul Bogardus — #13
M19:	Curtis Winter — #8
M25:	Mark Morrison — #1
	Vinnie Ganley — #8
	Brent Huber — #9
	Dana Levy — #15
M30:	Mark Morrison — #11
	Mitt Layton — #15
M35:	Mitt Layton — #4
	Gene Owen — #8
M40:	Jay Schwartz — #3
	Mike Winslow — #9
M45:	Jack Ross — #10
M50:	Sonny Marcus — #3
	Tom Rumsey — #10
	Ed Vlock — #13
M55:	Don Alt — #9
	Malcolm Roberts — #14
M60:	Malcolm Roberts — #9
M75:	Bill Duckworth — #2
WO:	Susan Morgan — #3
WC:	Denise Leon — #3
WD:	Geri Goldfine — #2
	Cathy Brickell — #15
W19:	Kersten Hallander — #4
	Lori Basch — #10
W25:	Mary Lyons — #2
W30:	Susan Morgan — #1
	Barbara Simmons — #14
W35:	Agatha Falso — #3
	Janis Smith — #8
	Eileen Tuckman — #12
W40:	Agatha Falso — #2
	Judy Schmidt — #10
	Mary McNutt — #15
W45:	Judy Schmidt — #2
	Mary McNutt — #6
	Jo Kenyon — #8
	Shirley Elgaway — #14
W50:	Jo Kenyon — #2
	Shirley Elgaway — #5
W55:	Jo Kenyon — #1
B8:	Toby St. Pierre — #3
	Scott Huggins — #4
8NB:	Scott Huggins — #4
	Rusty Moulton — #9
B10:	Mark Hurst — #2
	Jody Friedman — #8
	John Stanford — #13
B12:	Jon Xynidis — #7
B14:	Allan Engel — #1
	Craig Czyz — #15
B16:	Robbie Walden — #3
	Scott Reiff — #10
B18:	Jason Waggoner — #4
G10:	Debra Derr — #1
	Michelle Tydir — #10
	Kimberly O'Connor — #11
G12:	Toby Jobson — #3
	Debra Derr — #5
	Melissa MacGregor — #9
G14:	Britt Engel — #4
	Amanda Simmons — #9
G16:	Amanda Simmons — #7
G18:	Susan Cox — #2

DO'S AND DON'T FOR WINNING TOURNAMENTS

by Mike Mojer

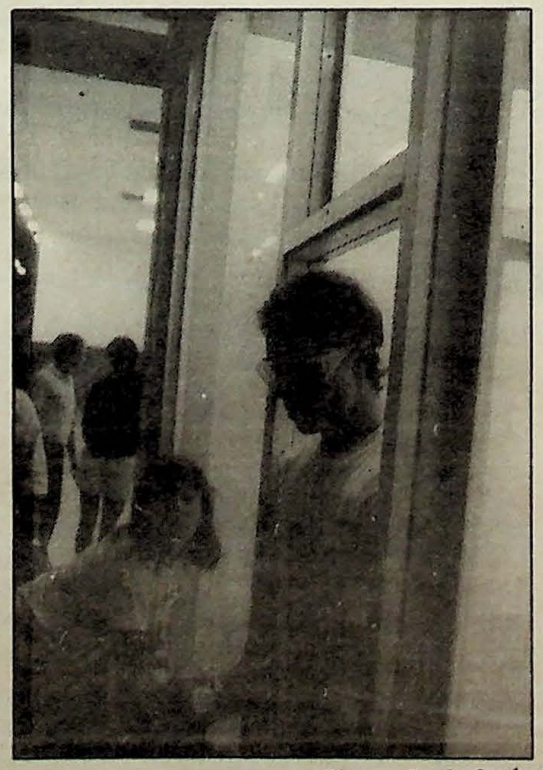
Photo: Zack Craft

Have you ever started worrying about your game strategy for the finals of a tournament before you played the first game? Or started thinking about how you're going to beat "Joe so and so" in the second round after your first match is over? It's funny (actually not so funny) that thinking about the next match often prevents us from ever getting there. Have you ever heard this one . . . "How could I have lost to that guy? He's never beaten me before. I was trying to conserve my energy for the next match, but once I let up, I couldn't get back into the game."

DO Concentrate

When competing, the good racquetballer plays each match point for point and stays in the here and now. He or she also doesn't dwell on past points or errors, worry about the score or hope their opponent runs out of gas. That's because, odds are that the same opponent will gain strength while you waste time thinking about "history" or what's to come.

Let's say that you manage to concentrate successfully throughout your first match; your attention was focused solely on the ball; you were simply aware of everything that was going on and didn't waste any time criticizing or commending yourself (or your opponent) for past points. You trusted your body to hit the ball; you were relaxed, yet made an effort to play every point without consciously forcing your shorts or trying too hard. It all came together and felt great!



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DON'T Psyche yourself Out

But you still can't celebrate yet . . . it's time to scout your next opponent and sure enough, one of two situations unfolds.

As you squeeze into the crowd, you hear the score called at 11-1 in the second game. The person winning also took the first game 15-3. Right away you figure you're in trouble, having narrowly beaten your first opponent 15-12, 15-13. To make matters worse, the guy beside you turns to a friend and says "This guy is playing great, no one will touch him in this bracket." From that point on all you'll see is your opponent's strengths. He looks confident and relaxed. He seems to shoot well from anywhere on the court. You begin to hope that he won't sleep that night from nerves, aching muscles or nightmares, but what are the chances? Next you hope he's a party animal who will go out, celebrate too hard, get drunk and be hung-over by morning when you see him again. Then you wonder why you were competing in the first place.

The second situation sets up when your scouting trip heads you over to a back court where no one is watching except the referee. Both players are weaker than you. You watch for a couple of minutes and leave thinking that your next match will be a breeze. Again, chances are that your opinion about having an easy match will take you right back where we started.

Photo: Zack Craft

DO Cooperate as you Compete

Maybe it's time to look at competition as a form of true cooperation. In his book "The Inner Game of Tennis," Timothy Gallwey states that "your opponent is a friend to the extent that he does his best to make things difficult for. . . only by doing this do you give each other the opportunity to find out to what heights you can rise. . . Each player tries his hardest to defeat the other, but in this use of competition it isn't the other person we are defeating; it is simply a matter of overcoming the obstacles he presents."

Perhaps you should start scouting your opponents with awareness instead of judgement — just as you should be observing yourself. Note both their strengths and weaknesses as they actually are.

Then you enter the court hoping that both you and your opponent will play your very best, and learn as much as you can as a result of the experience. But above all, ENJOY IT. After all, that's probably why you entered the tournament in the first place.

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Referees: $5 will be charged for each division entered ($2.50 for juniors playing doubles) and $5 will be payed to the referee of each match. Certified referees will be given priority.

RULES: *Age Requirement-age as of 1st day of Tournament. All A.A.R.A. Official rules will apply. Only amateurs may participate. Amateur Status is governed by ART III, AARA Constitution and By-laws and defines that any player (male, female junior) who has not accepted prize money regardless of the amounts in any pro sanctioned event (N.R.S., P.R.A., W.P.R.A., I.P.R.O., N.A.R.P., R.M.A.) or any other association so deemed by the AARA Board of Directors. Reinstatement of amateur status may be requested if no money has been accepted for the past 12 months. All participants must be current A.A.R.A. members or purchase a membership at registration.*

NOTE: Any division may be combined as deemed necessary by Tournament Director. Where 3 or less contestants enter a division, a playoff will be held to establish a winner for that division and points will be awarded. If only one enters a division the Division Championship will be awarded to that entrant.

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___ 25+	___ C	___ 25+	___ C
___ 30+	___ D	___ 30+	___ D
___ 35+	___ Novice	___ 35+	___ Novice
___ 40+	___ 30+B	___ 40+	___ 30+B
___ 45+	___ 40+B	___ 45+	___ 40+B
___ 50+	___ 50+B	___ 50+	___ 50+B
___ 55+		___ 55+	
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16 and under	___	16 and under	___
14 and under	___	14 and under	___
12 and under	___	12 and under	___
10 and under	___	10 and under	___
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Boys Doubles

18 and under ___
16 and under ___
14 and under ___
12 and under ___
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Girls Doubles

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FLORIDIANS TRAVEL TO OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER IN JANUARY — SEE SNOW!

For the third consecutive year, Florida AARA representatives were lured to the Olympic Training Center in the dead of Colorado winter to see snow and witness endless hours of Olympic brainstorming and late-night fund-raising. At the annual State & Regional Directors Leadership Seminar, Van Dubolsky, Linda Mojer, Pat Powers and Fred White each contributed their fair share of opinion, experience and hard-won cash to the three-day meeting.

Fred White, Linda Mojer, Pat Powers, Luke St. Onge and Van Dubolsky freeze up and smile in front of USOC flag plaza and Pikes Peak. Photo: John Foust.

Florida made up almost ten percent of the group of fifty dynamic and active AARA leaders who spent the better part of 72 hours in a concerted effort to make racquetball a stronger and better organized sport in the next decade. One of the first bits of news shared at the conference was the announcement that racquetball was indeed expected to become a Group A Olympic sport in a matter of weeks. That has since proven true, and the thrill of being among the first to hear the announcement from an Olympic official has yet to fade for the Florida crowd.

In the many hours of discussion that followed, it became apparent that the national office is beginning a transformation which will result in a tightening of its organizational structure and a renewed sense of purpose. As one of the strongest state associations in the AARA network, Florida is expected to take the lead in accepting added responsibilities in the promotion, development and administration of sanctioned events, as well as taking increased responsibility for outreach and communication to its membership.

As editor of the AARA in Review section of National Racquetball and media director for the national office, Linda Mojer gave several presentations to the group, informing state directors of eligibility requirements for renewal membership funding and establishing routine communication between newsletter editors from each state. Thus far, response has been positive and the results encouraging. Beginning in September, the AARA in Review section will move to the center of National Racquetball and additional copies will be printed for direct mail to those AARA members who do not subscribe to the magazine. As president of the FRA and editor of FRA NEWS, she handily convinced the faint-hearted of how easy it is to do a newsletter. And they believed her. . .

As president of the AARA Board of Directors, Van Dubolsky provided insight into nearly all of the topics which packed the meeting agenda, many of which were affected by the upgraded Olympic status of racquetball. His involvement in the entire process of gaining Group A status for the sport was clearly appreciated by the group, and his untiring enthusiasm for the AARA was inspirational to many. In recognition of his hard work, he was presented with a special memento by Luke St. Onge and with an Olympic Training Center towel autographed by the entire group.

As one of the founders of the Florida Racquetball Association, former President of the FRA Board of Directors and South Florida State Director, Fred White was a valuable resource for many of the participants who were seeking guidance in how to organize state associations. He also offered his poker expertise to the traditional, late-night fund-raising marathon, in which a portion of each hand was donated to the US National Team.

Pat Powers, recently named as the Junior Regional Director for Region Four, also dazzled the crowd with his description of PRP training methods, his efforts to work with local school boards to promote racquetball affiliations and special programs, plus a series of personal success stories which were heartfelt as well as heart-warming. Junior representatives from other states took notes furiously as he spoke, and many needed extra time to fully grasp the extent of his work in Florida.

After a brief welcome address by Casey Clark of the OTC, the first morning was filled with detailed explanations of the administrative functions of the national office. John Mooney gave the group the definitive rundown on membership processing, reporting deadlines and ranking procedures. Luke St. Onge then followed up with information about the upcoming Olympic Festival, National Singles, US National Team policy, state games programs and fund-raising plans for the coming year.

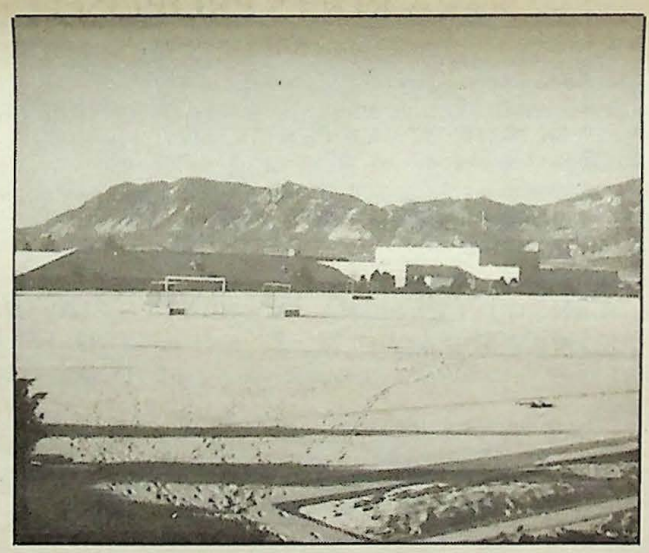
Other topics included the re-structure of the regional directorships (they are now on a two-year rotation schedule, rather than appointed indefinitely); the Elite Training Camp opportunities; referee certification; Masters & Seniors Councils; PARI; High School and Intercollegiate programs; publicity and media coverage; the Women's Commission and the State Hall of Fame program. Program coordinators of each of these programs were in attendance and used the time to clarify and promote their associated AARA goals.

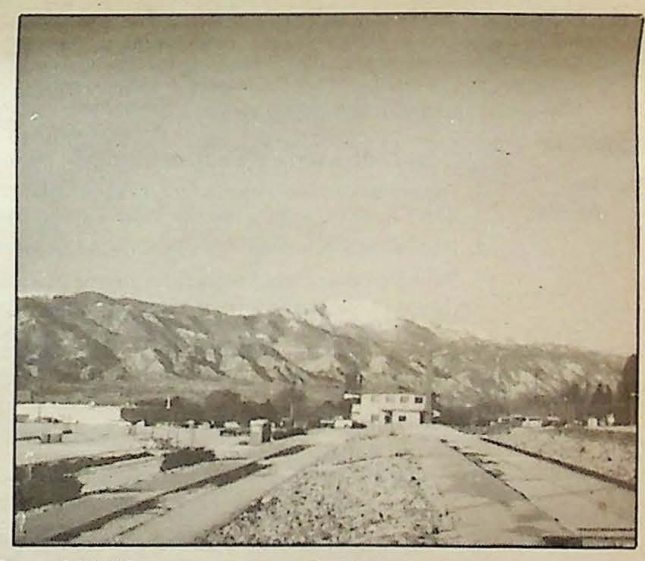
To assure prompt returns from breaks, Jim Hiser offered surprise incentives to participants who were on time for the start of each new session. These included the 1989 US National Team pin, copies of the AARA promotional videotape plus the taped coverage of the 1988 National Doubles, souvenir sweatshirts and posters. All the Florida people were on time. . .

After the final session on Saturday, the entire group dressed up for a night on the town, beginning with a tour of the national office, followed by dinner and a show. In an amazing show of restraint, the crowd did not take to the stage and stayed off the tables (but not out from under them). Otherwise, the evening out in the company of a highly vocal group of racquetball enthusiasts was predictably fun, loud and full of laughter.

Next year, the national office hope to expand this program to include greater numbers of interested racquetball administrators from across the country. Other officers and members of the FRA Board will be considered for attendance in 1990, based upon what a good job they do for Florida racquetball over the coming year. The wealth of information to be gained is well worth the time off; the view is well worth the introductory snowstorm; and the inspiration gained by seeing racquetball grow by leaps and bounds across the country is well worth the cost — at twice the price.

And Florida helps make it all happen — pat yourselves on the back, please. . .





View of Olympic Training Center track and field at the base of Pikes Peak.

Luke St. Onge and Van Dubolsky hide Jim Hiser behind OTC souvenir towel.

Linda Moore of Nebraska and Fred White put their heads together. Photo: Penny Missirlian.

RACQUETBALL ADDED TO PAN AMERICAN GAMES AND GAINS GROUP A OLYMPIC STATUS IN 1989

Over the past three months, racquetball has made a series of incredible advances in the world of amateur sport. Recently approved as a full-medal sport of the Pan American Games, racquetball has also just been awarded Group A membership in the United States Olympic Committee. With only twenty years of growth to its credit, racquetball is the youngest sport ever to have achieved this status.

These important developments will have a direct result on the promotion of the sport across the country in many ways. Some of the most immediate will include:

1. Grass roots development of the sport will receive $750,000 in revenue and in-kind services from the USOC.
2. Racquetball will make its first full-medal appearance in the 1989 Olympic Festival in Oklahoma City in July.
3. Three AARA National Championships will be televised in 1989.
4. The AARA will gain a full-time staff member to implement twenty developmental programs.
5. The AARA will gain a full-time Media and Public Relations officer to promote the sport outside the association.
6. $35,000 will be made available to AARA affiliate state organizations in the form of grants for local *programming and development.*
7. *$200,000 will be returned to the operating budgets of state associations in the form of rebates.*
8. Eight major councils will receive financing for development (Womens, Juniors, Masters, etc.)
9. All Junior National winners will receive expense paid trips to the 1989 World Championships.
10. A Canadian/American challenge series will be held in major metro areas to promote the sport.
11. Racquetball has an excellent chance of becoming an exhibition sport in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

ENTER THE GREAT AMERICAN PHOTO CONTEST!

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2. Submit, on the back of the mounted print, a caption (50 words or less) giving the year, name of player(s) [if possible], tournament and club. Your name, address and telephone number should also accompany the entry.
3. Fifty dollars will be awarded for first place, twenty-five for second in each of the two categories.
4. Entry deadline is MAY 5th.
5. The contest is NOT open to working, professional photographers, AARA staff or members of the National Board of Directors.
6. All photos will be displayed and judged at the 1989 Ektelon/US National Singles in Houston.
7. Photos will be judged on subject matter, technical quality, composition and visual impact. The decisions of the judges are final and all photos submitted become the property of the AARA.

Submit your entries to:

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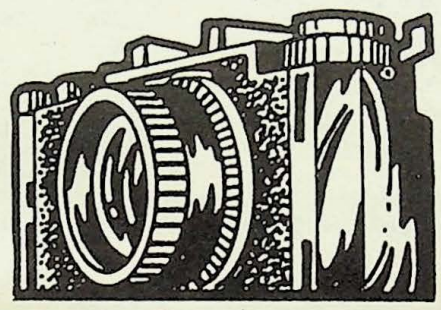

NEW AARA RULES PROPOSED

Our friend, Georgia neighbor and AARA National Rules Commissioner Otto Dietrich informs us that the following rule change proposals will come before the Board of Directors in May. You may want to take a quick look at them, see how they might affect your game, then give him your opinion at any one of the upcoming regional events.

Proposal #1: Simplify the readiness and delay rules (4.4 and 4.5) as follows:

Rule 4.4 READINESS

A serve shall not be made until the referee has called the score. The referee shall call "point" or "sideout" as soon as a rally ends. The receiver then has up to 10 seconds to assume a receiving position. When the receiver has assumed a receiving position, or 10 seconds have elapsed, whichever occurs first, the referee shall call the score and the server must serve within 10 seconds. If the first serve results in a fault, the referee shall give the defensive player a reasonable time to take a receiving position and then the referee shall call "second serve," after which the server must serve within 10 seconds.

Rule 4.5 DELAY

If the server fails to serve the ball within 10 seconds of the referee calling either the score or "second serve," an automatic "side out" will be called against the server.

Proposal #2: Revise the "failure to move" point hinder rule to read as follows:

Rule 4.16 (a) FAILURE TO MOVE

A player does not move sufficiently to allow an opponent a shot straight to the front wall as well as a cross-court shot directly to the front wall at an angle that would cause the ball to rebound directly to the rear corner farthest from the player hitting the ball. Also, when a player moves into such a position that it prevents an opponent from taking either of these shots.

Proposal #3: Add a limit to the number of times the ball may bounce during the service motion.

Rule 4.11 (c) OUT SERVES (Missed Serve Attempt)

Any attempt to strike the ball that results in a total miss or in the ball touching any part of the server's body, or allowing the ball to bounce more than one time during the service motion.

Proposal #4: Make the technical foul for profanity a discretionary call by the referee, by deleting the second sentence of the rule.

Rule 4.18 (a) TECHNICAL FOULS

1. *Profanity. Profanity is an automatic technical and should be invoked by the referee whenever it occurs.*

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FRA NEWSflash

Unusual Tournaments

Judi Schmidt of the Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club recently announced the Third Annual Good Time Classic, April 7-9 by stating that it's the perfect prescription for those who have begun taking their racquetball too seriously.

The sanctioned Level two event features all the traditional divisions plus a quartet of "just for fun" events open to the first 64 tournament participants to register at check-in. Those single elimination, blind draw events include "Battling Bottles," "Siamese Doubles," "Pegleggers," and "Strangeball." These events will be played on Saturday evening while regular play is suspended. Winners of each event will receive special Good Time Survivor sweatshirts. A tournament ad appears in this issue, and you can get more information about entering by calling Judi at 813/921-6675.

The Eighth Annual Chuck Prince Charity Diabetes Racquetball Tournament will be held at the South Florida Racquet Club in early June to benefit the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Mr. Prince is actively involved in the promotion of racquetball as an aerobic sport which can be therapeutic in maintaining controlled blood sugar readings for the diabetic. For more information about the tournament, please contact tournament chairman Seymour Gladstone at 305/987-6410.

If you are a firefighter or policeman, Oscar is interested in hearing from you. The Third Annual Racquetball Showdown Tiebreaker Tournament is being planned at the Miami Court Club. The date has not been set, but you can get more information by calling 305/226-4014 and leaving your name and number.

Junior Corner

The Florida Amateur Sports Council has recently announced a state scholarship program through the Glendale Federal Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles. Since Glendale Federal operates branch offices in Florida, juniors between the ages of 12-18 are eligible to apply for up to $4,000 in scholarship support. Applicants must demonstrate potential for excellence in a sport that is part of the Olympic Games or Pan American Games (racquetball IS a Pan Am sport, by the way). The deadline for applications is APRIL 30, 1989 and forms can be obtained by calling Linda Mojer at 407/647-4298 and leaving your name and address on the machine.

Scott Reiff has been successful in starting a racquetball team at Taravella High School in Coral Springs and is very interested in finding out if there are other high school squads in the state. The twenty-five member Taravella Racquetball Team practices twice a week for one and half hours on outdoor courts, until they get enough money to join the Quadrangle.

Their early win record is good, and they have begun doing some fundraising to attend local tournaments and the High School Nationals, plus get some team shirts and jackets made up. To let Scott know if you have any leads on other teams, you can contact him at 10937 NW 14th Street, Coral Springs, FL 33065.

Team Ektelon

Tim Hansen has gone into the newsletter business with the "Southeast Ektelon Update." The piece goes out to all Ektelon players and includes information about clinics, outstanding performances and tournament results.

Like Ektelon players Susan Morgan and Mary Lyons, Hansen has also been making appearances out of state, most recently in Florence, Alabama where he defeated current National Champion Andy Roberts in a tiebreaker before losing in the semi's to Ruben Gonzalez. In early January, Tim beat former pro champion Davey Bledsoe in a South Carolina tournament which was taped for rebroadcast by ESPN.

Kenny McLeod also traveled to South Carolina and was bumped into the Open and A's (from A's and B's) by a tournament director who Kenny had beaten in a tournament a few weeks earlier. Kenny lost in the quarterfinals of the Open and won the A's.

Regional News

In a last minute scramble for a suitable site for the 1989 Region IV Singles Championships, the Georgia State Racquetball Association and the FRA settled on the ever-popular RacquetPower in Jacksonville. The Atlanta Sporting Club "changed its mind" about holding the Level 4 event, with only weeks to spare, and the two state associations negotiated frantically to make sure that the change would not spoil a normally good turnout. Since regional competition is required for entry into the Nationals in May, it was important to keep the site relatively central for the large numbers of Florida players who go to Houston each year. The GSRA is sorry for the mix-up, and looks forward to the next cycle of regional competition in Georgia!

Speaking of rotation cycles, the state directors of the Region Four states recently met to decide the state sites for regional events all the way through 1994. The following schedule gives a tentative listing of Region Four events over the next five years:

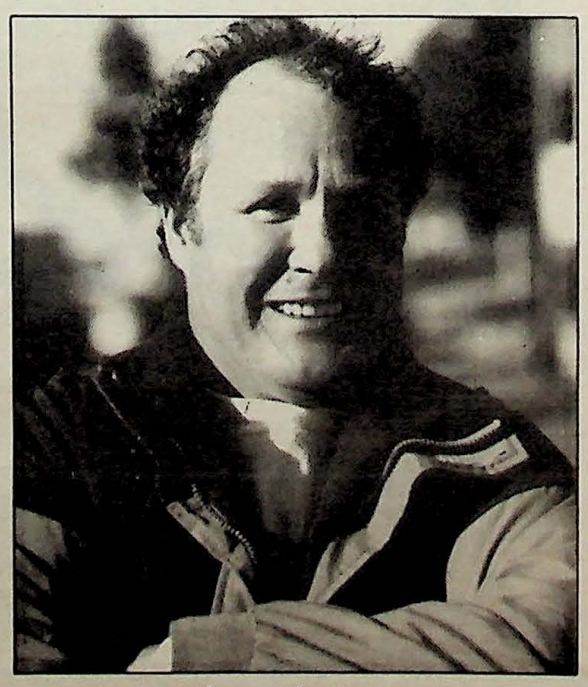
Regional	Singles	Doubles	Juniors
1990	NC	SC/FL	FL
1991	FL	GA	NC
1992	GA	FL	SC/FL
1993	SC/FL	NC	GA
1994	NC	SC/FL	FL

Notations of "SC/FL" mean that South Carolina has the first option of hosting the event, and Florida has second choice.

National Appointees Named

Jo Kenyon has been asked to serve as a co-chair of the AARA Women's Commission. As its east coast representative, Jo will work closely with Mary Walker of California to help promote racquetball to women across the country. Her efforts have already included increasing the number of women entrants to the World Senior Racquetball Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In Florida, Jo has been circulating a questionnaire designed to identify some of the motivators and hinderances to women's racquetball development. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Pat Powers, of Power Racquetball Plus, has been appointed for a two year term as the Junior Regional Director of Region IV. Pat generated a good deal of interest in the PRP junior program at the annual AARA Director's Seminar at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in January, where he dazzled a roomful of state directors with his unique training and fundraising methods.



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Reminders & Tips

If you are reading a copy of the FRA NEWS that you picked up at the club because you never seem to get it at home — check your address listing on the AARA membership roster at the next sanctioned tournament you attend. If the address is incorrect or hasn't been changed since your last move, your newsletters are being trashed by the Post Office because they don't forward bulk mail. Notify the National Office of your address changes to make sure you get all that's coming to you as an FRA member.

Want to know where your membership fees go? The issue of FRA NEWS in your hands is one of six that the FRA will produce this year. Each one costs approximately $250 for content/design, $375 for photos and typesetting, $350 for printing and $275 for postage . . . or a total of $1,250.00. And that doesn't count the many hours of pick-up, delivery, sorting, labeling and sacking that Lori Basch and Linda Mojer "volunteer" to do every other month. After 3500 copies, newsprint ain't pretty. . .

1989 FLORIDA CLUB DIRECTORY

So, here it is. . . the first run of the Florida Club Directory. Requests for this information went out a year ago to over forty active clubs on the FRA mailing list , and the managers and pros noted below are applauded for their prompt responses. The directory will be updated periodically, and shared with Florida visitors, other state racquetball associations, the AARA national office, and corporate sponsors with an interest in hosting events in specific areas.

Any corrections should be sent directly to the FRA NEWS (by April 20) to insure accuracy in the final 1989 edition. Additions to the directory must also be received no later than April 20, and should include all the information reprinted here.

ANASTASIA ATHLETIC CLUB

1090 Anastasia Boulevard St.
Augustine, FL 32084
904/471-4300

Club Mgr: Pat Wiley
Club Pro: Dan Winn
Courts: Four
Type: 2 Ellis Pearson glasswall, 2 enclosed
Extras: Nautilus, aerobics

ATA BEACHES CLUB

450 Atlantic Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32233
904/241-5252

Club Mgr: Susan Cole
Courts: 6 at Beaches, 6 at Regency
Type: Hardwall/Beaches, Panel/Regency
Extras: Nautilus, pool, aerobics

AUBURNDALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

202 Wiley Drive
Auburndale, FL 33823
813/967-6443, 813/967-7265

Club Mgr: Chris Shelton
Club Pro: Marilyn Buffum
Courts: Eight
Type: 4-wall, outdoor, lighted

BATH & RACQUET CLUB
2170 Robinhood Street
Sarasota, FL 34231
813/921-6675

Club Mgr: Scott Olson
Club Pro: Judi Schmidt
Courts: Ten
Type: Block, hardwood floors, 3 exhibition courts, 7 w/overhead and glass backwall viewing
Extras: Restaurant/Lounge, junior Olympic pool, Nautilus, stairmaster, aerobics, 28 tennis courts, Pro shop, nursery, big screen TV, steam/sauna, jacuzzi, massage therapist

BLUEWATER RACQUET & FITNESS CENTER
4400 Highway 20 East
Post Office Box 5129
Niceville, FL 32578
904/897-4376

Club Mgr: Steve Hancock
Club Pro: Maurice Sweet
Courts: Four
Type: Panel, 2 w/glass, 2 enclosed
Extras: Snack bar, weight room, Nautilus, aerobics

COURT HOUSE HEALTH & ATHLETIC CENTER
3216 West Highway 390
Panama City, FL 32405
904/769-6184

Club Mgr: Gail Morris
Club Pro: Eric Breese
Courts: Six
Type: Fast masonry, parquet floors
Extras: Nautilus, heated outdoor pool, aerobics, Body Masters, tanning beds, basketball, sauna, whirlpool

GOLDENROD ATHLETIC CLUB
7355 Aloma Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32792
407/671-4083

Club Mgr: Larry Gergley
Club Pro: John Linde
Courts: Two
Type: Strongwall, 1 w/glass backwall
Extras: Nautilus, free weights

JACKSONVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB
6651 Crestline Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32211
904/724-6994

Club Mgr: Lawrence Pope
Club Pro: Susan Morgan
Courts: Seven
Type: Panel w/overhead & backwall viewing
Extras: Nautilus, Olympic weights, pool, aerobics, tanning

LAKELAND FAMILY YMCA
3620 Cleveland Heights Boulevard
Lakeland, FL 33803
813/644-3528

Club Mgr: Phil Wortman
Club Pro: Grace Page
Courts: 4 indoor, 4 outdoor
Type: Concrete
Extras: Nautilus, free weights, pool, aerobics, gymnasium, basketball, men's & women's fitness centers

MIAMI COURT CLUB
9395 Bird Road
Miami, FL 33165
305/226-4014

Club Mgr: Dino Michaels
Club Pro: Oscar Alvarez
Courts: Eight
Type: Panel, Honeycomb wood flooring
Extras: Nautilus, free weights, aerobics, tanning booth, steam/sauna, whirlpool

MIAMI LAKES ATHLETIC CLUB
15150 Bull Run Road
Miami Lakes, FL 33014
305/821-1150

Club Mgr: Bill Higgs
Courts: Nine
Type: Panel, hardwood floors
Extras: Restaurant/Bar, Nautilus, aerobics, tennis, gymnasium, nursery, sauna/steam, whirlpool

NEW LIFE FITNESS WORLD
2531 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
813/337-1981

Club Mgr: Roger Desjarlais
Club Pro: Teresa Stoddard, Alan Bean
Courts: Seven
Type: Panel, 2 w/glass backwall, all w/viewing from restaurant
Extras: Nautilus, Universal, free weights, Lifecycles/rowing, aerobics, running track, sauna/steam, whirlpool, ice room, pool, restaurant

THE ORLANDO TENNIS & RACQUET CLUB
825 Courtland Street
Orlando, FL 32804
407/644-5411

Club Mgr: Gordon Hilton
Club Pro: Mike Mojer
Courts: Ten
Type: Concrete, hardwood floors, 2 exhibition courts, 3 glass backwall courts, 5 w/overhead viewing
Extras: Nautilus, free weights, basketball, volleyball, aerobics, restaurant/bar, nursery, sauna/steam, whirlpool, salon, massage therapist, pool

THE OUTBACK
3050 Satterfield Road
Titusville, FL 32780
407/269-3763

Club Mgr: Gerard Knatz
Courts: Three
Type: Indoor, strongwall
Extras: Tennis, aerobics

PARK AVENUE RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB
714 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
904/269-8000

Club Mgr: Terry DeLoach
Club Pro: Connie Smith
Courts: Six
Type: Fast, indoor
Extras: Nautilus, free weights, tennis, aerobics, sauna, whirlpool, bar

PENSACOURT SPORTS CENTER
Post Office Box 4716
Pensacola, FL 32503
904/478-1400

Club Pro: Jay & Babette Schwartz, Pat Tomerson
Courts: Five
Type: Panel
Extras: Snack bar, weight room, tennis

RACQUETPOWER
3390 Kori Road
Jacksonville, FL 32217
904/268-8888

Club Mgr: Peter Tinnesz
Club Pro: Mary Lyons (PARI certified)
Courts: Eleven
Type: Fast concrete, parquet flooring, w/overhead, backwall or fishbowl viewing
Extras: Nautilus, pool, aerobics, sauna/steam, whirlpool

RICHEY RACQUET
8836 US 19
Port Richey, FL 34668
813/842-1455

Club Mgr: James & Robin Adamek
Club Pro: James Adamek
Courts: Eight
Type: Concrete, parquet floors
Extras: Nautilus, aerobics

SARASOTA FAMILY YMCA
1075 South Euclid Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34237
813/957-0770

Club Mgr: Barbara Simmons
Courts: Eight
Type: Concrete, indoor, a/c
Extras: Nautilus, pool, tennis, aerobics, hot tub

SOUTH FLORIDA RACQUETBALL CLUB
5555 Ravenswood Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
305/987-6410

Club Mgr: Seymour Gladstone
Club Pro: Mike Winslow
Courts: Ten
Type: Indoor
Extras: Bar/Lounge, Basketball, Volleyball, Walleyball, Jazzercise, sauna, whirlpool

THE SPORTS PARK RACQUET & FITNESS CENTER
15238 West Highway 98
Panama City Beach, FL 32407
904/235-1081

Club Mgr: Ron Weber
Courts: Three
Type: Panel
Extras: Indoor pool, weight room, tennis

SUNCOAST FITNESS CENTER
581 Venice Bypass
North Venice, FL 34292
813/488-7255

Club Mgr: Gary Ehlert
Club Pro: Bill Clarke (PARI certified)
Courts: Six
Type: Block, hardwood floors, a/c
Extras: Nautilus, Universal, free weights, aerobics, sauna/steam, pool, lounge, day care, tanning, nutritional counseling, massage therapy

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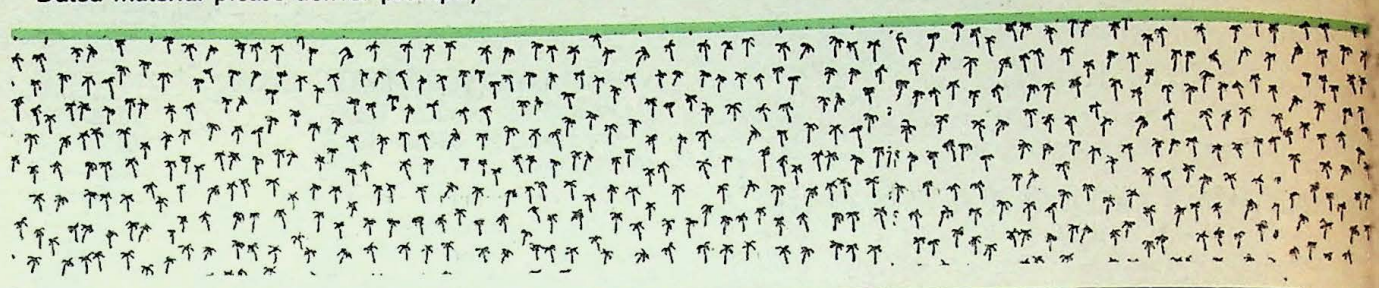

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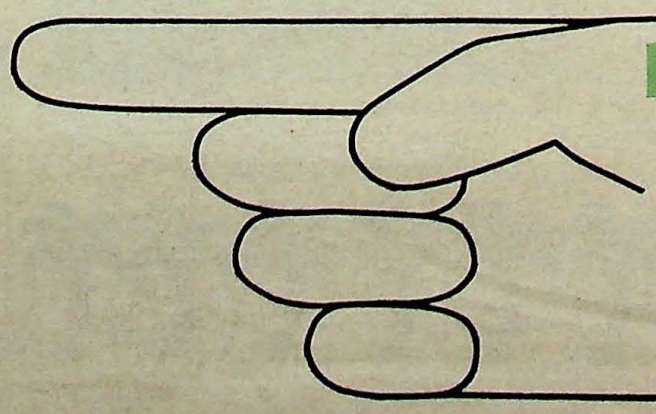
Last Entry Dated: March 9, 1989

Date	City & Club	Level & Comments
MARCH		
10-12	Goldenrod Athletic Club	1 City Challenge
10-12	Indiana Athletic Club	6 HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALS
10-12	Jacksonville — RacquetPower	1 City Championship
17-19	Lakeland YMCA	2 Ned Gordon
17-19	Niceville — Bluewater Fitness	2
17-19	Coral Springs — Quadrangle	2 St. Patty's Day Tourney
31-02	Auburndale Recreation Dept.	2 Outdoor Four Wall
31-02	New Orleans — Kenner YMCA	6 NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATES
31-02	Miami Court Club	2 Budweiser Classic
APRIL		
07-09	Sarasota Bath & Racquet	2 Good Times Classic
07-09	Panama City Courthouse	2
14-16	Ft. Meyer's Athletic Club	2 Regional Warm-Up
20-23	Jacksonville — RacquetPower	4 ADULT/JR. REGIONAL SINGLES
28-30	Clearwater — Suncoast Ath. Club	2 Seminole Sertoma Smash
MAY		
05-07	Jacksonville Athletic Club	2 Cash Pro/Am
19-21	Lakeland YMCA	2 Onomatopoeia
25-29	Houston YMCA	6 NATIONAL SINGLES
JUNE		
09-11	South Florida Racquet Club	2 Chuck Prince/Diabetes
17-19	Goldenrod Athletic Club	1 Summer Doubles
24-28	Indianapolis, Indiana	6 NATIONAL JUNIORS
JULY		
TBA	Sunshine State Games — Site TBA	3 SUNSHINE STATE GAMES
AUGUST		
11-13	Lakeland YMCA	2 Doubles Warm-Up
25-27	FRA State Doubles — Site TBA	3 STATE DOUBLES
SEPTEMBER		
22-24	Region Four Doubles — Site TBA	4 REGIONAL DOUBLES
OCTOBER		
06-08	Lakeland YMCA	2 Cool Cucumber
26-29	Burnsville, Minneapolis	6 NATIONAL DOUBLES
NOVEMBER		
03-05	Auburndale Recreation Department	2 State Outdoor 4-Wall
10-12	Sarasota YMCA	2 Kiwanis 10th Annual
16-18	Jacksonville — RacquetPower	2 4th Ann. 1st Coast Classic



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