

Minnesota

RACQUETBALL



Are All Racquetballers the Same?

by Larry Ernster

As I open the door to the racquetball club, I can tell that the big guns, the top players, are here. I hear the sharp crack-splat, crack-splat from the courts. In my mind I see the racquet whip down, and connect with the ball---Crack! The blue ball filled with the energy from the whipping strings speeds toward the wall---Splat! The ball changes directions and springs off the wall to return to the racquet's "sweet spot"---it's source of life and energy.

Racquetball is an exciting sport. It's easy to play, good exercise, and low cost. More so than tennis, racquetball is easy to learn, and easy to enjoy. Rather than spending your time retrieving tennis balls hit out of the court, the accommodating walls and ceiling of the racquetball court return the ball to you.

Because of its easy entry, there are a lot of novices, or "occasional" RB players. I throw about 95% of all RB players in this category. They own a racquet and a can of dead balls and they promise themselves that they are going to play at least once a week, but remain content with an occasional game. If they find themselves on a court---fine; if not---fine. The remaining 5% have racquetball as one of the passions in their lives. RB is part of their life, not an intrusion. The game is an equal partner in their schedule of work and family. They realize that recreation revitalizes their creative juices. For these devotees, RB is a source of companionship, a provider of vigorous exercise and health, and pure unadulterated fun.

Within this 5%, the players break down into four distinct categories that are defined by what each player focuses on during the game.

TECHNICIAN (Ace): The Technician is a student of form. This racquetball player concentrates on developing the technically perfect "form" for each shot. He practices, practices, practices each shot (forehand and backhand). He is convinced that victory is deserved only as a result of good shots. Luck or "slop shots" or unforced errors by your opponent do not count. The Technician will be happy only with a clean win. Win or lose, no amount of praise will lift his spirits after a poorly played game. Technicians are like golfers---they play the course and play against themselves more often than against an opponent. The problem with Technicians is that they give up on poor or marginal shots. They don't try to recover from their errors. If they make a bad shot, they feel they don't deserve the point even if their opponent misses.

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"Team Minnesota Benefit Pro-Am"

by Kelly Kirk

Northgate Racquet Club, Rochester, January 3-5, 1992

When Northgate's Tournament fields 165 entries, you know that Friday now is the time evening's matches will roll into Cinderella's pumpkin hours. Among those grumbling about eleven o'clock draw times were the Women's Open doubles teams. The combination of Tina Lamb/Kim Fortman found themselves playing Kelly Kirk/Cindy Telstad without the benefit of a referee. Eight points into the match the wandering ref returns and despite making a gallant attempt to convince the players that perhaps his services are not needed at 11:30 in the evening, he found himself refereeing. The first two games showed the teams to be evenly split - the exception being a Kim Fortman's hot backhand. Into the tiebreaker they ventured. Easily jumping to an 8-4 lead, Fortman/Lamb were feeling comfortable and confident until they went dry in a service rotation. Telstad and Kirk found a couple of

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From the "Pres"

by Peggy Clark

Wow! We're approaching our big spring tournaments and I'm still trying to figure out what the names of all those new racquets are! Look for an old name in racquetball racquets to reappear under new leadership.

Inserted in this newsletter is a player survey. Several significant issues face our Board of Directors over the summer, and we are trying to get as many responses as possible in order to make decisions which truly reflect the majority membership opinion. Please send your completed survey to the PO Box, turn it in at a sanctioned tournament, or phone your comments to the office. If we receive enough response before State Singles, we'll have a summary available at the tournament.

Junior news includes a couple of exciting tidbits: Jim Murphy, who runs a high school league of **NO KIDDING - 500 KIDS** wants to bring his kids up here for an exhibition road trip. It looks like they will be here around State Singles, so if you are an interested parent/coach, club owner/manager who wants to fill your afternoon courts, or pro who wants to learn about how to make working with kids fun and profitable, call the office to get all the details of the visit.

The University of Minnesota is building a new facility scheduled for completion in spring/summer of 1993 with 16 racquetball courts, 2 of which will be exhibition courts! Programs and facilities like this, coupled with some scholarship development, can really help the growth of our sport.

On the other end of the spectrum, the 1993 National Masters Tournament plans to make the Twin Cities one of their stops. We have also been asked to host a Midwest Senior/Master Invitational Tournament in the spring of 1993. Our NEW sanctioned tournament committee consists of Nancy Bennett, Peggy Clark, Dave Hart, Kelly Kirk and Dennis Ring. They will be faced with the task of coordinating these events into a busy schedule. Issues regarding sanctioned tournaments which are not addressed in the enclosed survey should be directed to one of these people.

Any old or new people who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors should send a paragraph about their interest and qualifications in serving to the PO Box. You should also indicate which open position you are interested in filling: State Games Commissioner, Publicity/Media Coordinator, Collegiate Commissioner, Club Rep Commissioner, Grant Coordinator, Womens Commissioner, Sponsorship Coordinator, PARI Certification Coordinator, Junior Development Board of Directors.

Order in the Court!

by Dick Sommer

Some time ago, Minnesota racquetballers established an "unwritten rule" with regard to serving in mixed doubles. The "rule" required the server to the player of the same sex on the receiving team. Unfortunately, as is the case with most unwritten rules, it has been interpreted differently by different people.

This subject is not addressed in the AARA rulebook as there is no rule requiring men to serve to men and women to serve to women.

The same sex service rule was started in this state in the interest of safety and fair play. The consensus seems to be that it

should be continued for the same reasons. With that in mind the MSRA Board has agreed to the following rule, as a guideline for tournament directors and referees, for the rest of this tournament season.

Mixed Doubles Service Rule

In mixed doubles the server must serve to the player of the same sex on the receiving team.

The ball must contact the floor, on the side of the court where the receiver of the same sex is located, after passing the short line. The receiver must have a rea-

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Kids Korner

February Clinic Update

The Junior Clinic held February 22nd was a HUGE success! We had 44 kids in the clinic. Though it was hectic at times, everyone had a great afternoon. Thanks to Hart Johnson and Todd Stead and all of the instructors---Dave Zabinski, Sandy Gross, Jane McLain, Brett Beugen, Mike Hiles, Harral Chastain, Darcy Chastain and Peggy Clark.

Next Clinic - Saturday, March 28th

The clinic is open to any Juniors---beginner to open player, age 6 - 18. The cost is \$5.00 and will be held at the Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club at Hiway 100 North France in Brooklyn Center. The clinic will be limited to 45, so get your Clinic Registration Form in early.

Minnesota State High School Championships

Our first official State High School Championship Tournament was held Sunday, February 23rd. We had 6 girls and 19 boys participating, representing 10 high schools! The results of the Team competition were as follows:

1st Place

Apple Valley HS

Andy Gross
Sadie Gross

2nd Place

Virginia HS

Michelle Anderson
Eric Perko
Vallana Perrault
Nick Petrack
John Softich
Shannon Strle
Josh Tamminen

3rd Place

Ricori HS, St. Cloud

Jon Hofer
Jason Krantz
Shelly Mick
Cal Svihel

Centennial HS

Nick Lavalley
Steve Thode

Columbia Heights HS

Brad Matteson
Dan Newquist
Todd Peterson
Robb Shaw

Jefferson HS Bloomington

Jeff Andrews
Casey Elder

Monticello HS

Scott Overby

Osseo HS

Aimee Chastain

Robbinsdale HS

Andrea Beugen

White Bear Lake HS

Chad Dafiell

***In the Girls Division, 1st Place went to Sadie Gross, 2nd Place to Andrea Beugen. In the Boys Division, 1st Place went to Andy Gross, 2nd Place to Todd Peterson. Congratulations to everyone who played!!!

Upcoming Events

Junior Regional Tournament - May 8-10, Northeast Racquetball Club, Columbia Heights. Forms will be in the next Minnesota Junior Racquetball newsletter.

1992 AARA/Ektelon Junior Olympic Championships - June 20-25, Salt Lake City, Utah. Tournament hotel is: Snowbird Resort Lodge, Salt Lake City, Utah. \$59 per room. 18 minutes from tournament site. Shuttle will be available. Reservations will be limited, so reserve your room early, 1-800-453-3000.

Order/Court-Con't

sonable opportunity to return the serve from his/her own side of the court or the ball must bounce twice on the receivers side of the court.

A fault serve results when,

a) The served ball does not contact the floor on the correct side of the court.

b) The served ball neither bounces twice, nor provides a reasonable opportunity for the receiver to return the ball from his side of the court.

If the server fails to return the serve, his/her partner may not return it.

This rule will be reviewed over the summer and revised, if necessary. Comments and suggestions with regard to this rule are encouraged. You may put comments on the enclosed "Survey."

On the Senior Side...

Next season there will be several racquetball events in the state which will focus on Seniors (35+) and/or Masters (45+) players. The sport of racquetball has been added to the US National Senior Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in June of 1993. Two regional and national events are on the drawing board for the 92-93 Minnesota calendar. Most of the national and regional senior/master tournaments feature a round robin format, and players referee their own matches. Participants enjoy the ability to play so many others from around the country, and a great deal of socializing occurs during these events. Watch this column for future details. Les Dittrich of Eagle Lake, a member of the National Masters Council as well as the Metro Regional Director, can answer many questions. You can also call John Mooney at the AARA National office 800-234-5396 with questions.



Rankings

As of February 1, 1992

MEN

MEN'S OPEN

STEAD, TODD	+145	1490
LOCKER, MIKE	+64	1458
HAYENGA, GREG	+29	1367
BEUGEN, BRETT	+59	1363
FERRIS, DAN	+46	1362
STINSON, BRETT	+67	1359
DITTRICH, MIKE	-2	1356
KOLAR, STEVE	+7	1347
STALLINGS, TROY	+42	1342
NEUMANN, IRV	+20	1341

MEN'S A

GRIMMER, RAY	+59	1182
GROSS, ANDY	NC	1175
RIVIERE, DAVE	+73	1165
SELKE, GEORGE	+48	1162
MOES, JOHN	NC	1159
HAINES, DAVID	+56	1154
FEY, MIKE	NC	1149
GUETTLER, NICK	+48	1148
NICKELSON, JEFF	+35	1146
PRODZINSKI, DAVID	+46	1146

MEN'S B

PEARSON, BRIAN	+56	956
HAAG, GARY	+54	954
CRANSTON, RICK	+33	953
CHARNO, BRUCE	+52	952
LEDIN, JERRY	+52	952
COLLINS, STEVE	+51	951
TSCHIDER, TOM	+40	950
BERNIER, ROBERT	+47	947
WITSCHEN, CLAR.	+47	947
CHRISTENSEN, TODD	+29	945

MEN'S C

UNTERBERGER, J.	+22	776
CLYNE, BRUCE	+48	763
UPPMAN, DAVID	+63	763
KOHLER, KEN	+47	747
NELSON, DAVID	+45	745
LAU, STEVEN	+55	744
TUSA, DOUG	+43	743
ADAMS, MICHAEL	NC	741
WARNER, SHANE	+39	739
LOVETT, JOE	+39	739

MEN'S D

JANSEN, JASON	NC	554
NISTLER, SCOTT	+20	539
LOCH, HAROLD	NC	536
STORLIE, RICK	+36	536
LARSON, TREVOR	+30	530
BEAUDETTE, JEFF	NC	526
HOFER, JON	+21	521
NEWCOMER, CHRIS	+21	521
HAMPLE, JON	+21	521
LINDSTROM, DICK	NC	520

MEN'S 19+

WERSHAY, DAVE	+22	1343
LOCKER, MIKE	+6	1336

DAUGAARD, SCOTT	+31	1334
HENDERSON, MIKE	+28	1327
MCCARTHY, PETE	+20	1320
STINSON, BRETT	+18	1318
HENDERSON, ERIC	NC	1313
GERLACH, RICH	+14	1309
FRAUTSCHI, JIM	+8	1308
EIKEN, BRETT	+7	1307

MEN'S 25+

JOHNSON, HART	+47	1358
ERDMAN, SAM	+28	1331
TOMPKINS, TIM	+25	1330
EDSTROM, RICK	+19	1329
FITZGERALD, DAN	+19	1319
CROWSON, BILL	-2	1316
SHELDON, MIKE	+26	1315
HAYENGA, GREG	NC	1315
GRADY, ED	+12	1312
JUNKER, JAIME	+5	1310

MEN'S 30+

HAYENGA, GREG	+115	1429
STEVENS, SCOTT	+20	1346
PETERSEN, SCOTT	+24	1338
MARTENS, DAVE	NC	1337
CHASTAIN, HARRAL	+37	1337
DITTRICH, MIKE	+36	1336
FERRIS, DAN	+30	1330
DANIELS, TERRY	+30	1330
SCHACHT, RICK	+27	1327
BERGQUIST, BOOGS	+26	1326

MEN'S 35+

GROSS, DAVE	+67	1399
STALLINGS, TROY	+87	1387
PAGE, PAT	+17	1363
GORMAN, MIKE	+47	1347
DANIELS, TERRY	+42	1342
LAVOI, TIM	NC	1340
CHASTAIN, HARRAL	NC	1337
THOVSON, KEVIN	+39	1336
KOLAR, STEVE	+36	1336
MCLAIN, JON	+34	1334

MEN'S 35+ B

BERQUIST, RON	+51	967
JOHNSON, RONALD	+63	963
TURNER, LORNE	+52	952
HOOSER, LEW	+43	950
SIMENSEN, JOHN	+40	940
SIPLE, JOHN	+19	940
HENDERSON, GENE	+50	939
THOMPSON, DAVE	NC	936
CHARNO, BRUCE	+33	933
MOORE, STEVE	+30	930

MEN'S 40+

PETERSON, GARY	+35	1377
LAVOI, TIM	NC	1352
WITHROW, GLEN	+45	1345
GROSS, DAVE	+41	1341
MARCUS, PHILIP	+29	1337
PEDERSEN, ALAN	NC	1334
WALKER, KERN	+20	1320
PEARSON, BILL	+16	1316
WALTZER, STEPHAN	NC	1316
EIKEN, EV	+16	1316

MEN'S 45+

PROKOPIUK, S.	+26	1359
CHASTAIN, HARRAL	+53	1353
GRAY, BOB	+39	1339
TOMLINSON, JIM	NC	1333
RIENTS, LELAND	NC	1330
DITTRICH, LES	NC	1325
FOSTER, TOBY	+22	1322
AULWES, TOM	NC	1322
STRABLEY, RALPH	+21	1321
JOHNSON, GREG	+20	1320

MEN'S 50+

CARPENTER, DICK	+33	1349
DITTRICH, LES	+39	1339
HOWELL, MIKE	+34	1334
RIENTS, LELAND	+32	1332
HALL, BILL	+30	1330
BLAIR, MARVIN	+14	1326
BANFIELD, FRED	NC	1320
ZABINSKI, DAVID	-12	1314
SCHAFFER, CHARLIE	+7	1307
CORCORAN, DICK	+2	1302

MEN'S 55+

KLEINSCHMIDT, B.	+23	1339
MCMAMARA, BOB	+28	1334
STILLMAN, RALPH	+20	1320
GOLDETSKY, NORM	+14	1314
SLACK, ROYAL	+3	1313
BRANDRUP, JOHN	NC	1300
LEBRUN, DUANE	NC	1298
LAFOND, JOHN	+8	1297
SNESRUD, DALE	NC	1292
KENNEDY, JOHN	NC	1289

MEN'S 60+

FALLEK, MAX	+27	1343
MCMAMARA, BOB	+40	1340
STILLMAN, RALPH	+16	1316
WILSON, ROBERT	+16	1316
ENGLUND, ROBERT	+7	1307
BRANDRUP, JOHN	-1	1299
LAFOND, JOHN	-4	1296
RICE, JOHN	-14	1296
LEBRUN, DUANE	-10	1290
KIRCHER, BOB	NC	1289

WOMEN

WOMEN'S OPEN

SIBELL, DANA	+166	1331
KRIEGLER, CAROL	+94	1244
KIRK, KELLY	+59	1154
GEBHART, CONNIE	+30	1142
VALLIE, PAULA	+7	1132
LAMB, TINA	+28	1128
PROBST, ANGIE	+37	1127
STRAKA, TERRI	+26	1126
STOMBERG, CAROL	-12	1125
WHALEN, KELLY	+5	1125

WOMEN'S A

GROSS, SADIE	+107	998
HEILMAN, LISA	+78	965
DAVIS, LORI	+37	963

AULVES, CATHY	NC	954
KLOSTER, JULIE	+54	954
SOUTHWICK, LORI	+30	940
DAHLIN, DESIREE	+39	939
GENIN, AMY	+13	937
THEIS, ANNE	+36	936
ECK, PEGGY	+34	934

WOMEN'S B

MERTEN, CHRISTINE	+60	775
MCCOY, MICHELLE	+54	769
BENSON-EGGERICH	+56	764
THIESSE, VICKI JO	+21	764
TRACHSEL, JAIME	NC	762
KULLAS, DIANE	+19	747
KLINGSPORN, STACEY	+7	734
MICK, SHELLY	+24	733
WARNER, AMY	+32	732
TANIS, LAURA	+5	732

WOMEN'S C

BEEAMAN, KRISTI	+50	552
KRANTZ, MEADOW	-4	543
HAHNE, NATALIE	+40	540
SHANKS, DIANE	+39	539
MARKHAM, ROSE	+35	535
CAREY, LYNNE	+30	530
RODBERG, CARRIE	+12	524
NIELSON, SUE ANNE	+13	524
ROGALSKI, JACKI	+23	523
TEKAUTZ, JUDY	-12	520

WOMEN'S D

TEKAUTZ, JUDY	NC	421
SCHAKE, RENEE	-20	420
STRAKA, ANGIE	NC	410
HAHNE, NATALIE	NC	409
STRLE, SHANNON	NC	400
FROST, JACKIE	-4	396
MITCHELL, MERRIE	-7	393
GOULD, SHERI	NC	392
STEWART, PATTI	NC	389
STRAKA, AMY	NC	389

WOMEN'S 19+

PROBST, ANGIE	+30	1130
LAMB, TINA	+24	1124
BEUGEN, ANDREA	+17	1117
SOUTHWICK, LORI	-31	1069
MICK, SHELLEY	-40	1060

WOMEN'S 25+

VALLIE, PAULA	+28	1151
PUTNAM, CINDY	+37	1135
WHALEN, KELLY	+14	1129
PEIFER, KELLI	+15	1124
SIMMERER, SHERI	+30	1119
FORTMAN, KIM	+6	1117
SCHUTZ, MARCIA	NC	1113
DAHLIN, DESIREE	-3	1101
FISHER, WENDY	+10	1099
MERTEN, CHRIS	-2	1098
LEAVITT, SHANNON	NC	1098

WOMEN'S 30+

STOMBERG, CAROL	+51	1151
GEBHART, CONNIE	NC	1145

Rankings - Continued



HILL, MARGARET	+ 22	1130
KIRK, KELLY	+ 10	1124
NAUGHTON, TERRI	+ 19	1119
LIU, ANSULA	+ 8	1117
GROSS, SANDY	NC	1117
WARFIELD, SHERYL	- 8	1113
PETERS, JANE	+ 23	1112
MOORE, DANETTA	NC	1104

GROESS, MARTA	NC	1110
WILLERSHEIDT, MARY	+ 8	1108
KIEFFER, SUE	+ 6	1106
NORBY, PATRICIA	+ 3	1103
PEDERSEN, CAROL	- 4	1096
WANDZEL, NANCY	NC	1089
VACEK, LISE-LOTTE	- 7	1088
JACOBSON, DONNA	- 20	1080

HAHNE, CHAD	+ 22	622
SIPLE, JOE	+ 22	622
CAREY, ROB	NC	619
LARSON, TREVOR	+ 18	618
LOCKER, CHRIS	NC	613
JERABEK, MIKE	+ 16	610
ANDERSON, CHRIS	NC	609
LICHTY, BRENT	- 1	605

WONG, TOM	NC	1206
GUSTAFSON, JON	NC	1200
PETERSON, TODD	- 1	1199
JOHNSON, CHRIS	NC	1198
STEINER, KYLE	NC	1192
WANDZEL, TROY	NC	1189
PEREZ, TONY	- 32	1168

WOMEN'S 35+

SHIRK, BECKY	+ 35	1135
GEBHART, CONNIE	+ 19	1119
GROESS, MARTA	NC	1111
CLARK, PEGGY	+ 10	1110
STOEKE, ARDIS	+ 9	1110
CHASTAIN, DARCY	+ 4	1104
TELSTAD, CINDY	- 12	1102
HEDDEN, ELAINE	NC	1100
THEIS, ANNE	NC	1110
VOIGHT, ROXANN	- 2	1098

WOMEN'S 35+ B

SELKE, CHERI	+ 45	745
HALVERSON, JANE	NC	725
BLAIR, JANET	NC	716
STEPHENS, LINDA	NC	715
TEKAUTZ, JUDY	+ 8	708
EDWARDS, LEE ANN	+ 5	705
NEWQUIST, JEAN	NC	700
NELSON, SHAROLYN	NC	695
SMITH, BARB	- 7	693
ARRADONDO, M.	+ 17	692

WOMEN'S 40+

HEDDEN, ELAINE	+ 39	1145
GROSS, SANDY	+ 17	1133

JUNIORS

BOYS

BOYS 8 & UNDER

RODBERG, JIMMY	+ 45	245
BICKFORD, ANDY	+ 24	224
DEHMER, NATHANIEL	+ 6	221
SINERUS, SEAN	NC	195

BOYS 10 & UNDER

JANSEN, JASON	+ 69	484
LEHTINEN, MATTHEW	+ 14	414
SIMONES, TOM	+ 10	410
RODBERG, JOHN	+ 6	406
HAHNE, CHAD	NC	405
DEHMER, CHRIS	- 2	398
LICHTY, DAN	- 4	391
BAHR, MAX	- 17	383
ANDERSON, JUSTIN	- 8	377
GORMAN, DEREK	- 28	372

BOYS 12 & UNDER

HEURUNG, TROY	+ 31	643
JANSEN, JASON	+ 23	623

BOYS 14 & UNDER

ANDERSON, CHRIS	+ 83	883
VOIGHT, CASEY	+ 73	862
FINKE, RYAN	+ 62	862
PEARSON, BRIAN	+ 41	860
KRANTZ, JASON	+ 15	828
CAREY, ROB	+ 25	825
SVIHEL, CAL	+ 21	821
LARSON, TREVOR	+ 18	818
HEURUNG, TROY	+ 29	818
IANFOLLA, JASON	+ 17	817

BOYS 16 & UNDER

GROSS, ANDY	+ 37	1037
BEUGEN, BRETT	NC	1020
PETERSON, TODD	NC	1015
NEWQUIST, DAN	+ 15	1010
ANDERSON, SCOTT	+ 4	994
HANLEY, RYAN	- 9	991
TAMMINEN, JOSH	+ 9	989
SOFTICH, JOHN	- 17	983
MICK, BRIAN	- 39	961

BOYS 18 & UNDER

KNUTSON, JUSTIN	+ 37	1253
BEUGEN, BRETT	+ 37	1237
WEINERT, CHRIS	NC	1210

GIRLS

GIRLS 8 & UNDER

CHERNE, KELLY	NC	185
CARLBLOM, ASHLEY	- 20	180
LEHTINEN, JESSICA	- 48	152

GIRLS 12 & UNDER

TRACHSEL, JAMIE	+ 62	472
KRANTZ, MEADOW	+ 17	417
STRAKA, AMY	- 8	387
RODBERG, CARRIE	- 18	382
CHERNE, JACKIE	- 53	336

GIRLS 14 & UNDER

TRACHSEL, JILL	+ 32	632
CHASTAIN, AIME	+ 21	621
ANDERSON, MICHE	NC	615
HAHNE, NATALIE	NC	605
GROSS, SADIE	- 5	595
STRLE, SHANNON	NC	585
KRANTZ, MEADOW	- 20	580
STRAKA, ANGIE	- 28	567

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serves and were not retired until the score was 8-8. Fortman/Lamb gave back the serve at 10-8. Somewhere in all of this Fortman switched sides with Lamb (Kim claiming she was tired of being selected for ALL of the service returns). Picking up one point, Telstad left Kirk to catch the last two. Through most of this tie-breaker, Kirk had been opting for a high lob. Despite Lamb's presence on the backhand side, this would be no exception; one high lob tied the match at 10-10. What player doesn't enjoy serving for the match at 10-10? Andrenlin is all well and good, except when a wee surge of it comes on a lob serve. Kirk serves that little blue ball straight into the ceiling. Sideout! So much for a tense moment as Kim Fortman dissolves into laughter! To Fortman/Lamb went the match 11-10.

Looking for a quality match of power and skill? Nineteen competitors started in the Men's Open ... and by Saturday afternoon spectators were being forced to choose which match they really wanted to watch as all of the Open's quarters were scheduled simultaneously. As this was a Team Minnesota Benefit and Brett Beugen is one our most visible juniors, The Court Reporter opted to watch the battle of the Bretts - Beugen vs. Stinson.

Though both players showed a preference for a hard drive serve, Stinson's was the more difficult of the two to read. Early on, Beugen was late responding to Stinson's drive. Forced to react defensively, Beugen would dish the ball to the ceiling to start the rally. If edge goes to service, then this was Stinson's to win, but one got the feeling that with Stinson taking the floor dives while Beugen remained on his feet that the game might tip in his favor. And the first game did - Beugen 15-9. The second game was a re-run: great serves, great gets by both players. But it was Beugen's pinches forcing Stinson to dive repeatedly for the ball that turned the match ultimately in Beugen's favor - 15-9 to Brett Beugen. When Sunday ended, Beugen would capture a respectable third by defeating Bill Crowson 10-15, 15-10, 11-8.

"Believe it or not," said Bev Lichty, by 4 o'clock Saturday, matches were running smoothly and AHEAD of schedule. And woe be to those players who checked in late while Bev was working the tourney desk! Rochester players OWNED the Men's B. Although their division really did include players (total draw of 25) from outside the area - you wouldn't know it by looking at the final results. First be-

longed to Todd Christenson, second to David Richardson, and the next six places (when one includes semis and quarters) all went to Rochester competitors. Winona's Esmond Wong's capture of Conso-lation was the sole prize denied to this Rochester group.

As a player do you feel left out of the mainstream? Then you should know that the M.S.R.A. gossip mill can always be found clustered around the drawsheets. For anyone thumbing the drawsheets for actual names, you may have noticed a name missing in the Men's A - Mark McCoy. In Rochester's November tourney, McCoy found himself on the dark side of luck ... he literally blew out his knee. Surgery has temporarily left him resigned to crutches, with full recovery for competitive racquetball possibly a year away. As racquetball players, nearly all of us have felt the pain and frustration of injury and we wish him success in his rehab program.

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Sanctioned Tournament Results

Team Minnesota Benefit Pro-AM

CLUB: Northgate Racquet Club
ADDRESS: 2901 Pennington Court NW
Rochester, MN 55901
DATES: January 3-5, 1992

Men's Open

Bruce Erickson (Mpls)	1st
Rob French (Ankeny, IA)	2nd
Brett Beugen (Gldn Vly)	3rd
Bill Crowson (Rochester)	4th
Sam Erdman (Eagan)	Qtr
Brett Stinson (Mpls)	Qtr
Ed Graddy (Rochester)	Qtr
Brad McCunniff (Cdr Rpds, IA)	Qtr
Brad Olson (Janesville, WI)	Cons

Men's A

Dean Velzke (Owatonna)	1st
Dave Voight (Pine Island)	2nd
Ron Jansen (Fargo, ND)	Semi
Ken Sourbeck (Richfield)	Semi
Nick Guettler (Eagan)	Qtr
Herb Peter (Mpls)	Qtr
Rich Cyr (Rochester)	Qtr
Mike Barstad (Eau Claire, WI)	Qtr
Jeff Westphal (Rochester)	Cons

Men's B

Todd Christenson (Rochester)	1st
Dave Richardson (Rochester)	2nd
Mark Claussen (Rochester)	Semi
Gary Truex (Rochester)	Semi
Jeff Bertz (Rochester)	Qtr
Mark Bendal (Rochester)	Qtr
Terry Olson (Rochester)	Qtr
Mike Smith (Rochester)	Qtr
Esmond Wong (Winona)	Cons

Men's C

Robert Smigelski (Rochester)	1st
Jason Jansen (Fargo, ND)	2nd
Steve Stremick (Grnd Frks, ND)	Semi
yle Schumacher (Winona)	Semi
Troy Steverner (Rochester)	Qtr
Mark Ostrem (Rochester)	Qtr
Trevor Larson (Stillwater)	Qtr
Ryan Finke (Rochester)	Qtr
Tov Rezabek (Rochester)	Cons

Men's 35+ A

Kevin Thovson (Rochester)	1st
Keith Burke (Rochester)	2nd

Lee Dunfee (St. Paul)	Semi
Curt Mathiowetz (Rochester)	Semi
Mike Bydal (E. Grnd Frks, ND)	Cons

Men's 35+ B

Paul Straka (Brooklyn Park)	1st
Bob Peterson (Oronoco)	2nd
Ted Jensen (Rochester)	Semi
Jim Smith (Plainview)	Semi
Rich Markham (Big Lake)	Qtr
Rick Webster (Rochester)	Qtr
John Rice (Rochester)	Qtr
Rich Markham (Big Lake)	Cons

Master's 45+:

Bob Gray (Rochester)	1st
Jim Graddy (Rochester)	2nd
Paul Froeschl (Winona)	Semi
Laird Tesch (Rochester)	Semi
Jim Calvin (Rochester)	Qtr
Mario Capezzuto (Rochester)	Qtr
Skip Hambright (Rochester)	Cons

Men's Open Doubles

Rob French / Ed Graddy	1st
Bruce Erickson / Pete McCarthy	2nd
Scott Oeltjen / Rick Schacht	Semi
Mark Braaten / Steve May	Semi
Brian Gorman / Ron Voltz	Cons

Men's A Doubles

Erik Anderson / Tim Buswell	1st
Dave Voight / Jeff Westphal	2nd
Bob Peterson / Bob Smith	Semi
Dee Lichty / Kevin Thovson	Semi
Nick Guettler / Joe Nichols	Qtr
Lee Dunfee / Ray Dunfee	Qtr
Curt Mathiowetz / George Selke	Cons

Men's B Doubles

Gary Noser / Jim Smith	1st
Jeff Bertz / Terry Olson	2nd
Mark Bendal / Geary O'Reilly	Semi
Jeff Gorman / David Richardson	Semi
Mike Barnhart / Brad Finke	Qtr
Rick Anderson / Jeff Wright	Qtr
Mario Capezzuto / Bob Craven	Qtr
Joel Koerner / John Rice	Qtr
Ed Fisher / Dean Freiheit	Cons

Women's Open

Margaret Hill (Brooklyn Park)	1st
Terri Straka (Brooklyn Park)	2nd
Kelli Peifer (Plymouth)	3rd
Wendy Fisher (Rochester)	4th
Becky Shirk (Maple Grove)	Qtr
Ansula Liu (Brooklyn Park)	Qtr

Tina Lamb (Eden Prairie)	Qtr
Kelly Kirk (Winona)	Cons

Women's A

Mary Ann Jacobs (Rochester)	1st
Roxann Voight (Pine Island)	2nd
Ruth McDougall (Rochester)	Semi
Pam Benson-Eggeichs(Zmbrta)	Semi
Mary Schulenberg (Oakdale)	Qtr
Jacque Hick (Rochester)	Qtr
Cindy Lund (Scandia)	Cons

Women's B

Amy Warner (Minnetonka)	1st
Stacey Klingsporn (Pine Island)	2nd
Rose Markham (Big Lake)	Semi
Lynn Carey (Rochester)	Semi
Kate Fisher (Rochester)	Cons

Women's Open Doubles

Margaret Hill / Ansula Liu	1st
Wendy Fisher / Sheryl Warfield	2nd
Kim Fortman / Tina Lamb	Semi
Kelli Peifer / Terri Straka	Semi
Becky Shirk / Cindy Tilbury	Cons

Women's A Doubles

P. Benson-Eggerichs/Cheri Selke	1st
Patty Harms / Mary Schulenberg	2nd
Amy Genin / Cindy Lund	Semi
Sharon Kostohryz / Jacque Hick	Semi
Michelle McCoy / Vicki Thiesse	Cons

Juniors 14 and Under

Chris Anderson (Circle Pines)	1st
Jason Jansen (Fargo, ND)	2nd
Trevor Larson (Stillwater)	Semi
Amy Straka (Brooklyn Park)	Semi
Ryan Prodzinski (Winona)	Qtr
Dan Lichty (Zumbro Falls)	Qtr
Mike Jerabek (Rochester)	Cons

Mixed Doubles

George Selke / Sheri Selke	1st
Greg Olson / Amy Warner	2nd

1992 Women's Seniors - Masters National Invitational Championship

February 28-29, 1992
Central YMCA
Charlotte, NC

Sanctioned Tournament Results

5th Annual Hall of Fame Tournament

CLUB: Greenway Athletic Club
 ADDRESS: 1300 Nicollet Mall
 Minneapolis, MN 55402
 DATES: January 10-12, 1992

Men's Open

Dan Ferris (Mpls)	1st
Scott Schaffer	2nd
Todd Stead (Eden Prairie)	Semi
Kevin Graham (Eau Claire, WI)	Semi
Bill Bishop (Mpls)	Qtr
Brett Beugen (Mpls)	Qtr
Brett Stinson (Mpls)	Qtr
Hart Johnson (St. Paul)	Qtr
Hart Johnson (St. Paul)	Cons

Men's A

Dave Riviere (Plymouth)	1st
Bruce Greenbury (Mpls)	2nd
Jack Vanderscaff (Mpls)	Semi
Phil Postlewaite (Collegeville)	Semi
Dan Klem (Arden Hills)	Qtr
Tim Wensman (St. Cloud)	Qtr
Chris Herzog (Mpls)	Cons

Men's B

Phil Rosenbloom (St. Louis Prk)	1st
David Tanner (Moundsview)	2nd
Tom Selly (Eagan)	Semi
Barry Zelickson (Mpls)	Semi
Michael Singleton (New Brghn)	Qtr
Mike Kevlyn (Mpls)	Qtr
Lee Michels (North Mankato)	Qtr
Terry Kisling (Mpls)	Qtr
Mike Justin (Brooklyn Center)	Qtr

Mens C

Vince Bizal (Mpls)	1st
Michael Singleton (New Brghn)	2nd
Art Johnson (Columbia Heights)	Semi
Walter LaRoche (Fridley)	Semi
Dennis Pearson (Mpls)	Cons

Men's 60+:

Bob McNamara (Edina)	1st
Malin Greenburg (Mpls)	2nd
Amos Rosenberg (Mpls)	3rd

Men's 50+:

Mike Howell (Fargo, ND)	1st
Dave Zabinski (Mpls)	2nd

Don Larson (Mound)	Semi
Dennis Olson (Fargo, ND)	Semi
Charlie Schaffer (IOWA)	Cons

Men's 40+:

Steve Prokopiuk (New Brghn)	1st
Mike Howell (Fargo, ND)	2nd
Dennis Ring (Prior Lake)	Semi
Dave Gross (Apple Valley)	Cons

Men's 30+:

K.C. Jones (Eden Prairie)	1st
Dave Hart (Mpls)	2nd
Phil Rosenbloom (St. Louis Pk)	Semi
Jeff Spizale (Mpls)	Semi

Men's 19+:

Pete McCarthy (Bloomington)	1st
Brett Eiken (Winona)	2nd

Men's Open Doubles:

Dan Ferris / Scott Schaffer	1st
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Men's A Doubles:

Wayne Schlucter/Tim Wensman	1st
Toby Foster / Steve Prokopiuk	2nd

Men's B Doubles:

Bill Eiden / Pete Peterson	1st
Josh Lee / Dave Tanner	2nd
Gordy Grimsby / Kevin Leavitt	Semi
Ed Reed / Terry Kisling	Semi
Pam Reimer / Larry Ernster	Cons

Women's Open:

Carol Kriegler (St. Paul)	1st
Carol Stomberg (Cedar)	2nd
Ansula Liu (Brooklyn Park)	Semi
Cindy Tilbury (Plymouth)	Semi
Margaret Hill (Brooklyn Park)	Cons

Women's A:

Julie Kloster (Robbinsdale)	1st
Lori Southwick (Mankato)	2nd
Patti Maes (Mankato)	Semi
Sadie Gross (Apple Valley)	Cons

Women's B:

Kim Renner (Mankato)	1st
Ann-Marie McNamara (Mpls)	2nd

Women's Open Doubles:

Margaret Hill / Ansula Liu	1st
Ann Dalager / Carol Stomberg	2nd

Northeast Snowflake Pro-Am

CLUB: Northeast Racquetball Club
 ADDRESS: 5160 Central Avenue NE
 Columbia Heights, MN 55421
 DATES: January 17-19, 1992

Men's Pro

Todd Stead (Eden Prairie)	1st
Greg Hayenga (St. Cloud)	2nd
Sam Erdman (Eagan)	3rd
Brad Olson	4th
John Legare (Hopkins)	Qtr
Jim Sabin (St. Paul)	Qtr
Mike Flemino (St. Paul)	Qtr
Justin Knutson (Mpls)	Cons

Men's A

Todd Peterson (Fridley)	1st
Rick Vietz (Mpls)	2nd
Paul Giancola (Blaine)	Semi
Tom Tschider (St. Cloud)	Semi
Dave Carlson (Maple Grove)	Qtr
Jeff Nickelson (Lindstrom)	Qtr
Earl Ward (Cottage Grove)	Qtr
Bob Beeman (Rochester)	Qtr
Ron Jansen (N.DAKOTA)	Cons

Men's B

Jerry Ledin (Coon Rapids)	1st
Mark Rochford (Plymouth)	2nd
Cary Shoutz (Little Falls)	Semi
Gary Hoagland (Mpls)	Semi
Mike Ebinger	Qtr
Tim Brannon	Qtr
Josh Lee (Moundsview)	Qtr
Michael Kevlyn (Mpls)	Qtr
Tom Selly (Eagan)	Cons

Men's C

Steve Lau (Winona)	1st
Ricky Michel	2nd
Marc Schubbe (St. Paul)	Semi
Jason Jansen (N. DAKOTA)	Semi
Michael Singleton (New Brghn)	Qtr
Jim Anderson	Qtr
Darrell Nelson (Coon Rapids)	Qtr
Vince Bizal (Mpls)	Qtr
Mike Larson	Cons

Men's 45+

Toby Foster (Mpls)	1st
Skip Hambright (Rochester)	2nd

Sanctioned Tournament Results

Men's 45+	
Jim Miller (Plymouth)	Semi
Ralph Strabley (Coon Rapids)	Semi
Ralph Strabley (Coon Rapids)	Cons

Men's 40+	
Dave Gross (Apple Valley)	1st
Dave Thompson (St. Cloud)	2nd
Rick Aune (Brooklyn Center)	Semi
Kern Walker (St. Paul)	Semi
Robert Born (Shoreview)	Cons

Men's 30+ Open	
Greg Hayenga (St. Cloud)	1st
Larry Spiczka (Coon Rapids)	2nd
Randy Henk (White Bear Lake)	Semi
Dave Hart (Mpls)	Semi
Craig Beauduy (Spring Lake Pk)	Cons

Men's 30+ B	
Duane Jerde (IOWA)	1st
Rich Dilley (Plymouth)	2nd
Mike Buechner (Mpls)	Semi
Ron Berquist (Zimmerman)	Semi
Cary Shoutz (Little Falls)	Cons

Men's Open Doubles	
Paul Giancola / Craig Beauduy	1st
Justin Knutson / Pete McCarthy	2nd

Men's A Doubles	
Jansen / Anderson	1st
Dilley / Mohr	2nd
Lichty / Beeman	Semi
Selke / Voigt	Semi
Vietz / Ouse	Qtr
Foster / Paige	Qtr
Roman / Roman	Qtr
Kennedy / Tschider	Qtr
Madden / Corporal	Qtr

Men's B Doubles	
Lee / Tanner	1st
Howard / Ledin	2nd
Stansfield / Musselman	Semi
Beers / Hodges	Semi
Broberg / Rose	Qtr
Johnson / Olmschenk	Qtr
Foell / Nelson	Qtr
Davis / Ward	Cons

Women's Pro	
Dana Sibell (Windom)	1st
Terri Straka (Brooklyn Park)	2nd
Kelly Kirk (Winona)	3rd

Carol Stomberg (Cedar)	4th
Andrea Beugen (Mpls)	Qtr
Tina Lamb (Eden Prairie)	Qtr
Sheri Simmerer (Lakeville)	Qtr
Kelli Peifer (Plymouth)	Qtr
Tina Lamb (Eden Prairie)	Cons

Women's Open	
Amy Jerdee (IOWA)	1st
Aimee Chastain (Maple Grove)	2nd

Women's A	
Sadie Gross (Apple Valley)	1st
Lori Southwick (Mankato)	2nd
Pam Benson-Eggerichs (Zmbrrta)	Semi
Kerry Stellmach (Coon Rapids)	Semi
Deb Varner (Burnsville)	Qtr
Amy Warner (Minnetonka)	Qtr
Roxanne Voigt (Pine Island)	Qtr
Mary Gabriel-Hirstein (Edn Pra)	Qtr
Julie Kloster (Robbinsdale)	Cons

Women's B	
Sherri Carstens (Coon Rapids)	1st
Heather Poorman (Spring Lk Pk)	2nd
Gretchen Larson (Edina)	Semi
Nancy Kollodge (Mpls)	Semi
Nancy Walstrom	Cons

Women's C	
Claudia Ruddlph (Apple Valley)	1st
Tamara Dennis ((Fridley)	2nd

Women's Open Doubles	
Dalager / Stomberg	1st
Beugen / Straka	2nd
Lamb / Peifer	Semi
Paige / Montang	Semi
Kupka / Jerdee	Cons

Women's A Doubles	
Gross / Chastain	1st
Genin / Lund	2nd
Reimer / Seiberlich	Semi
Coffing / Munn	Semi
Palmer / Stellmach	Qtr
O'Rourke / Zieminski	Qtr
Kostohryz / Selke	Qtr
Palmer / Stellmach	Cons

Mixed Open Doubles	
Brad Olson / Amy Warner	1st
Pete McCarthy / Kelli Peifer	2nd

Mixed A Doubles	
Bredenbeck / Hays	1st
Schulenberg / Schulenberg	2nd
Campbell / Grist	Semi
Christenson / Harms	Semi
Kaiser / Ward	Qtr
Selke / Selke	Cons

Mixed B Doubles	
Bob Hassman / Karen Peckels	1st
P. Benson-Eggerichs/Earl Kellar	2nd

Juniors 16 and Under	
Chris Anderson (Circle Pines)	1st
Casey Voigt (Pine Island)	2nd
Jason Ianfolla (Owatonna)	Semi
Jason Jansen (Fargo)	Semi
Brad Matteson (Blaine)	Cons

Iron Range Open

CLUB: Supreme Court Racquetball
 ADDRESS: 519 1/2 Chestnut St.
 Virginia, MN 55792
 DATES: January 24-26, 1992

Men's Open	
Mike Locker (Duluth)	1st
Aaron Granberg (Superior, WI)	2nd
Chris Weinert (Embarrass)	3rd
Lorne Turner (Virginia)	4th
Jim Rokser (Aurora)	Cons

Men's A	
Rusty Wangerin (Superior, WI)	1st
Jim Rokser (Aurora)	2nd
Boyd Carlblom (Eveleth)	Semi
William Downs (Proctor)	Semi
Steve Bradt (Grand Rapids)	Qtr
Charles Niskanen (Mountain Iron)	Qtr
Steve Tusa (Roseville)	Qtr
Bill Stoeke (Grand Rapids)	Qtr
Josh Tamminen (Virginia)	Cons

Men's B	
Dave Ewens (Grand Rapids)	1st
Joe Bitvich (St. Cloud)	2nd
Rob Dow (Duluth)	Semi
John Countryman (Bemidji)	Semi
Andy Wojo (Superior)	Qtr
Dave Hohl (Chisholm)	Qtr
Ray Potts (Virginia)	Qtr
Brad Spry (Bemidji)	Qtr
John Risse (Virginia)	Cons

Sanctioned Tournament Results - Continued

Men's C

Ken Jonas (St. Cloud)	1st
Nick Petrack (Virginia)	2nd
Chad Hahne (Virginia)	Semi
Gary Richards (Virginia)	Semi
Victor Vanecek (Mora)	Cons

Men's D

Paul Rewertz (St. Cloud)	1st
Shane Engebretson (Virginia)	2nd

Men's 35+ Open

Dave Gross (Apple Valley)	1st
Lorne Turner (Virginia)	2nd
Mike Buccanero (Virginia)	3rd
Tom Ledin (Superior)	4th
Boyd Carlblom (Eveleth)	Cons

Men's 35+ B

Bruce Moore (Saginaw)	1st
Jim Glowacki (Virginia)	2nd
Gerry Donlin (St. Cloud)	Semi
Ray Potts (Virginia)	Semi
Eugene Perrault (Gilbert)	Cons

Women's A

Sadie Gross (Apple Valley)	1st
Cathy B-Pforr (Hibbing)	2nd
Chris Merten (Virginia)	Semi
Diane Buccanero (Virginia)	Semi
Pam Schlee (Becida)	Cons

Women's B

Vallana Perrault (Gilbert)	1st
Michelle Anderson (Virginia)	2nd
Teresa Lehtinen (Virginia)	Semi
Mary Dow (Duluth)	Semi
Val Weinert (Embarrass)	Cons

Women's D

Renee Schake (Virginia)	1st
Jackie Frost (Virginia)	2nd

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STRATEGIST (The Junker): The Strategist is the brains of the RB circuit. He studies his opponent and looks for strengths to avoid and weaknesses to capitalize on. He is a student of body language and a master of deception. He learns to read your intentions by how you place your feet or cast your eyes. He anticipates your movement and then the dirty rotten scoundrel casually dumps the ball just out of your reach. Like a donkey chasing a carrot, the ball is tantalizingly placed just beyond your reach. Even if you get to the ball with enough energy left to weakly return it, you have been maneuvered out of position. You are toast.

The Strategist makes an effort to analyze his opponent. He can cite the strengths and weakness of every major player, but is often blindsided by a new player. In a "stranger" match, the Strategist will often lose the first game. The first game is a give-away as the Strategist works through a variety of shots while studying his opponent's court sense, shot selection, maneuverability, and maturity. The result for the unwary is premature elation. They expect an easy match. Then, in the second game of the match, the Strategist tears you apart. Technicians have a terrible time with Strategists. Strategists aren't really concerned with shooting good, clean shots. Strategists have a wide selection of shots and will shoot a lot of "junk" shots, or dink shots. Rather than overpowering you, they outthink you. Women are often the best Strategists.

IMAGE (The Jerk): I suppose every crowd has to have its less desirable elements. Racquetball has those whose egos are as big as the court. These players can be the nicest guys, but they change like a werewolf in a full moon when they step onto the court. For this small category of players, the only important issue is that they look good, and they can't look good if they lose. If they can't win with skill, they grouse about everything. If a shot isn't to their liking it's a screen, a hinder, or they weren't ready.

Since image is so important for the Jerk, he usually shows up impeccably dressed. His socks, shirt, shorts, headband, and glove all match. When a snazzy dresser meets you on the racquetball court, watch out. He could be a bored tennis player who finally decided to get some exercise, but those spiffy clothes could be hiding the proud ego of a Jerk.

ENERGY (The Animal): Probably the most endearing character on the RB court is the Animal. This player brings energy and enthusiasm to the court. His goal is to have a good time and enjoy the game. He finds no honor or thrill in crushing a lesser opponent. He will slow up the game to let his opponent catch up. He wants a match, not a victory. He will serve to his opponent's strength, or call a time out to allow his opponent to collect his wits, or return "pumpkins" to build his opponent's confidence. With the ball kept in play, the Animal will pursue it with the joy and focus of a dog retrieving balls in a park. He will dig and dive and return the unreturnable. Form and strategy and image are abandoned for the joy of returning the ball to the front wall. His joy is in the rhythm of the game. His heart pounds, and his mind goes unconscious as the hours of training direct his movement. Practice and habit let him play at top speed with no restraint.

The pure form of each player doesn't exist. We all contain elements of each type of player. On occasion we even volunteered to be "the Jerk" and whined, "The sun was in my eyes." Fortunately, we are maturing.

Despite our differences, racquetballers come to "play." Racquetball is our passion, our pastime and our recreation. Others come to the club to "work out." But, anything you do to achieve something else, (for example: aerobics to lose weight; or weight lifting to build bodies; or climbing stairs to firm your buttocks), is only a temporary activity. A life sport must be fun. It must be a joy by itself. We admire the dedication of a workout, but long after they are bored with the "work" in their workout, we will be meeting to "play."

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SUMMARY OF THE TOP 5% OF ALL RACQUETBALL PLAYERS

Category	Goal	Nickname	Preferred Shot	Basic Strategy	Weakness	Strengths
Technician	Perfect Shot	Ace	Kill Shot	May The Best Shot Win	Gives Up Too Soon	Easy Power
Strategist	Win	Junker	Passing Shot	Think "Dink"	Unknown Players	Placement and Shot Selection
Image	Look Good	Jerk	Rollout (An Impressive Kill Shot)	Watch Me! Watch Me!	Easily Upset. Loses Concentration	Trend Setting Wardrobe
Energy	Have Fun	Animal	Good Rally	Endurance Contest	Slows Down When Ahead	Never Gives Up

Team Minn-Con't

In the field of Career Doubles, one finds Cheri Selke. Selke has a penchant for selecting aggressive doubles partners - George Selke for the Mixed and Pam Benson-Eggerichs for Women's A. In the Women's A semis it was Selke / Ben-Egg versus the sister team of Amy Genin/ Cindy Lund. Genin/Lund worked easily to a 12-4 lead only to watch Ben-Egg begin her T. Straka serve style of rocking and bobbing to a 12-12 tie. Genin/Lund escaped with a 15-2 win. The second game found Selke better prepared and surprisingly more aggressive as she began moving to the ball and hitting her favorite forehand. Ben-Egg kept the T. Straka serve and fought Genin/Lund for the split with a score of 15-12. When it comes to crunch time in the tiebreaker, Ben-Egg shouts "Mine!" "Mine!" and "Mine!" If you want a partner who performs and wants the last shot, then Selke must be pleased with Ben-Egg's effort. Selke/Ben-Egg shook the points out of the tiebreaker for an 11-4 win as Genin/Lund appeared unprepared for Ben-Egg's tenacity. Though Cheri Selke denies it, the Court Reporter still thinks she's closer to hyperventilating than not when it comes to crucial points. Selke / Ben-Egg found themselves fighting for first place with Mary Schulenberg/Patty Harms in yet another tiebreaker. With Ben-Egg serving, and Selke hyperventilating along the wall, the match and first place went to Selke/Ben-Egg.

It seems only appropriate in a Team Minnesota Benefit that adult players find themselves hustling for points against junior players. A few of those who crossed into adult divisions were: Chris Anderson, Jason Jansen, Trevor Larson, Brent Lichty, Amy Straka, Angie Straka, Mike Jerabek, and Casey Voigt. Winning ... and losing, it's all part of the game! Next year's 1993 goal for the Team Minnesota Benefit is to draw 25 junior players. Let's do it! Our sport needs young legs!

For Ladies Only...

Lots of women play racquetball, but not all women who play, even in leagues or mixers, choose to enter tournaments. Most of us are simply too busy working, running the house, getting the kids to school, getting the kids to after school activities, and trying to play enough to maintain sanity. Tournaments take a bite of that valuable weekend time if the family has other activities. Are you one of those recreational players looking for a concentrated womens activity, but cannot commit a weekend? If so, drop me a line or call the office with your comments or ideas for the summer or next fall. Possibilities include one day round robin/social events, inter-city or inter-club leagues, mixed doubles or family nights.

For those women who are actively involved in the competitive racquetball world, be sure you are aware of two important groups: the WPRA (Womens Professional Racquetball Association) organizes the Womens Tour, and now has a staff Executive Director, Molly O'Brien. Another organization committed to the growth and recognition of women in sports is the Womens Sports Foundation, a non-profit corporation with many professional athletes as trustees. The foundation offers travel and training grants as well as scholarship opportunities for women athletes. Call their toll-free number for additional information: 800-227-3988.

Note: Anytime there is a contributor for this column or a woman player you'd like to see featured, we'll print it.

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Upcoming Tournaments

(This is the current schedule for Upcoming Tournaments - please use the schedule below -there have been changes since we distributed the MSRA Schedule of Events calendar)

March 20-22

Wilson Minnesota Doubles Championships

Northeast Racquetball Club

5160 Central Avenue NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Contact: Dave Hart & Paul Ikier

(612) 572-0330

March 27-29

Designated City Championship Weekend

(This weekend has been reserved for any clubs/cities that want to have a "City Championship" Tournament)

March 27-29

Mathesen Tire Tournament

Supreme Court

519 1/2 Chestnut Street

Virginia, MN 55792

Contact: Brenda Kochevar

(218) 749-8318

April 3-5

AARA/Ektelon Regional Championships

Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club

*Highway 100 North France

4001 Lake Breeze Avenue

Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Contact: Les Dittrich (507)257-3353

April 2-5

IRF World Intercollegiates

***New Location - Canton, Ohio

Contact: Jim Hiser, AARA

(719) 635-5396

April 10-12

Shoot for the \$\$\$

Northeast Racquetball Club

5160 Central Avenue NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Contact: Dave Hart (612) 572-0330

April 23-26

Minnesota State Singles Championships

Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club

Burnsville - 14600 Burnhaven Drive

Burnsville, MN 55337

Contact: Peggy Clark (612) 920-6652

May 8-10

AARA/Ektelon Region 11 Junior Champ.

Northeast Racquetball Club

5160 Central Avenue NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Contact: Dave Hart & Lois Anderson

(612) 572-0330 / 421-8608

May 20-25

EKTELON U.S. National Singles

Championships

Houston, Texas

Contact: Luke St. Onge (719) 635-5396

June 27-July 1

EKTELON U.S. Junior Olympic

Championships

Salt Lake City, Utah

Contact: Tim Storey

June 18 & 19

PARI Clinic

Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club

*Crosstown - Eden Prairie

Contact: Peggy Clark (612) 920-6652

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