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The 1987 European Goodwill Racquetball Tour

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DAY 1 — Saturday, February 14, 1987

After an eight-hour flight originating from New York on Friday evening, we arrived in Paris, France at 7:30 a.m. We were tired and disoriented from the six-hour time change and the long flight, so it was nice to be greeted at the airport by Stephen Glasgow, President of the French Amateur Racquetball Association.



Delegates from Holland, Spain and U.S. with team members from U.S., Germany and Holland.



U.S. Team with Mayor of Brussels, front row, 2nd right and Derek Coopman, 3rd from left.

Without any rest, we dropped off our luggage and continued into what became a very long day.

After shopping, lunch and a brief tour of Paris, we were taken to the Squash Racquetball Club de France to perform a series of exhibitions and clinics. The club had one court, the only court in all of Paris.

The team went in shifts; two of us would teach or put on an exhibition while everyone else slept in a small room within the club. The clinics continued until 7 p.m. After showering we were again taken on a tour of the city until 2 a.m.

DAY 2 — Sunday, February 15

At 9 a.m. we made our way to the club once again. Still tired, we team members managed to teach until 12 noon. At that point we shopped, then went to the train station to move onto the second country of our tour.

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Cutting The Ball Off

by Steve Strandemo

When your opponent's offensive attempt has been left up and is coming hard through the heart of the action zone, you must know how and when to cut this shot off — either in the air or after one bounce. Even though the ball will come off the back wall if you let it go by, many times in a match you should capitalize on the situation by intercepting the ball and taking it back down low to score. You can't back off, for this aggressiveness, just like volleying at the net in tennis, will give your game a boost in several important ways.

First, you'll score more easy points as you take advantage of your positioning in the center court area. Instead of moving back to play the ball off the back wall — and giving your opponent a chance to move forward into a prime coverage position — you can end the point quickly with a straight-in kill, a tight pinch, or a pass. Even if you leave the ball up, you're still in good court position to cover your opponent's next shot.

Second, by holding your position and forcing the action, you'll keep a foothold in the center court — where you want to be. You'll also reduce



This is a crucial area that needs regular attention in practice. Instead of always letting a shot like this carry off the back wall, work at cutting it off efficiently at about knee level, especially when your opponent is out of position or on your left hip and you want to kill the ball or drive it away from him for an immediate winner.

your opponent's offensive potential, and draw many weak returns by keeping him constantly on the move and under considerable pressure.

Third, if your opponent is off balance or out of position after hitting, you'll have a variety of scoring options and it will be easier for you to angle the ball away from him, as a pinch or a pass, before he can recover. In addition, you can use your body positioning to legally "block him off" as you snap the ball into the open court area.

When you shy away from cut-off opportunities by letting every possible ball carry into the back wall, you must fight uphill, especially if against an aggressive opponent who understands the importance of controlling center court. Every time you go back to set up in deep court, he'll be moving forward into a prime coverage position and the pressure will now be on you to hit a perfect kill or pass to score points. You may be ripping for winners, but if you miss just a little he's going to be able to cover nearly all of these shots — and most of them from up ahead of you. In short, he's going to control the match.

New Directions

by Luke St. Onge

This spring, three major events have brought us closer to becoming an Olympic sport.

These past columns have dealt with the tremendous expansion of the AARA membership programs and services. There is another phase to our development and that is to spread and support the development of racquetball worldwide. Racquetball is now contested in over 50 countries and the United States is the vanmark and leader in this most important development. The question we receive the most is what's happening to racquetball and the Olympic movement. 1987 may prove to be the year of acceptance for our sport.

In February, the U.S. National Team, headed by Ed Martin as National Coach and Keith Calkins leading the U.S. Delegation, went on a Goodwill Tour of Europe. After traveling through France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland, two of our team members, Andy Roberts and Toni Bevelock, along with the U.S. Delegation, traveled to Barcelona, Spain. There they put on an exhibition for the Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1992 Olympic Games. The sport was extremely well received and was a major step towards the inclusion of racquetball as an exhibition sport in 1992.

At the Annual Awards Banquet

of the United States Olympic Committee, the World Champions of Racquetball, Egan Inoue and Cindy Baxter, were honored in person along with 76 other selected athletes from all amateur sports. It was truly a proud moment when Egan and Cindy received a standing ovation from over 300 of the top sports people in the United States.

I just had the pleasure of attending the Second Tournament of the Americas in Caracas, Venezuela, where Egan Inoue and Mona Mook competed on behalf of the United States. The U.S. Delegation, headed by Michael Arnolt, not only dominated the play by winning the Men's Open, Women's Open - 2nd place, Open Doubles, Men's 40+, and the traveling cup, but made lasting friends amongst the 13 attending countries. A major meeting of the Pan American Racquetball Confederation was held which plotted out strategy for inclusion in future Pan Am Games.

Coming up in the balance of this year will be the Pan American Racquetball Championships at the Olympic Training Center. The September 17-20 tournament will feature the best athletes in racquetball from over 15 countries. The 4th Executive Committee Meeting of the IARF will meet as well as a General Membership Meeting of the Pan American Racquetball

Confederation.

In October, the General Association of International Sports Federations will meet in Colorado Springs. GAISF is the major worldwide body of sports made up of over 63 sports federations, IOC, and many National Olympic Committees. The IARF will host a racquetball exhibition as part of this meeting thus introducing racquetball to over 153 different country officials that may have never seen racquetball before. During the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, a similar exhibition has been planned.

For racquetball to become an Olympic sport one of our major goals, much planning, politicking, and plain hard work, must go on. We are taking all of the right steps and we welcome your enthusiasm for the effort.

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European Tour

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Everyone except Keith Calkins, Secretary General of the IARF, made their way to Brussels, Belgium. Keith remained in Paris until Monday to talk with Joel Delplanque, director of the French Olympic committee which makes recommendations on sports federation funding. Keith, Stephen and Joel met for one and a half hours to discuss funding and racquetball in France. Keith indicated he felt the meeting was a great success; Joel

asked Stephen to submit a formal request for subsidy for further consideration.

After arriving in Brussels we were taken to Antwerp, Belgium where we stayed for two and a half days.

We were taken to Rubens Hof hotel, which was built in 1852. The old rustic building looked the same as when it was originally built. Inside, the building had a narrow staircase that led up to the rooms. After analyzing the baggage (an enormous amount), Toni Bevelock jokingly asked where the elevator was — we still had five flights of stairs to climb. The rooms were small in size and had only a few beds and a sink and the bathroom facilities were at the end of the short narrow halls to be shared by all.

In Belgium, we visited two clubs that had a total of six courts. The locker-room facilities in the clubs were limited compared to most in the U.S. They were simply small rooms with benches, hooks, and showers.

The first evening every one played racquetball and squash — the first real exercise anyone had had in a number of days. That rejuvenated us

interested players of all levels.

Late that evening, after concluding the clinics, we went to an old Belgium pub, where we took exchanged names and other racquetball information. At 2 a.m. we went to a small and unique restaurant where they only made what is called Pitas. It

We all sat and listened as Rene gave us the two-day itinerary and the housing assignments. Tired and fatigue we all split up to go with our hosts to their homes and get our first full nights' sleep.

DAY 5 — Wednesday, February 18

At 9 a.m. the Holland organizers and the U.S. representatives met at the club and were taken by car to the Racketcenter Westvliet in Leidschendam. At 10:30 a.m., Keith Calkins, Ed Martin, Trina Rasmussen, Andy Roberts and I were escorted into a closed press conference with Han van der Heijden, Rene Hehemann, photographers and columnist from various newspapers from Holland. The entire press conference was in Dutch, but we all understood the message being given to the members of the press.

Exhibitions were held on the racquetball courts following the conference. Lengthy articles appeared in the following day's paper, proving the conference a success.

After a politically informative luncheon, the team was transported back over to the club in Zoetermeer, where clinics were held on the four courts for junior players.

Again, there was a break at 5 p.m. for dinner, followed by an instructional clinic for the members of the Holland Racquetball Team.

At approximately 10 p.m., Keith made a presentation to Han, Rene and the club for their hard work and dedication to the sport, and for the time they spent on organizing and promoting the European Tour.

The entire group split up and returned to their hosts' homes for another evening of rest and relaxation.

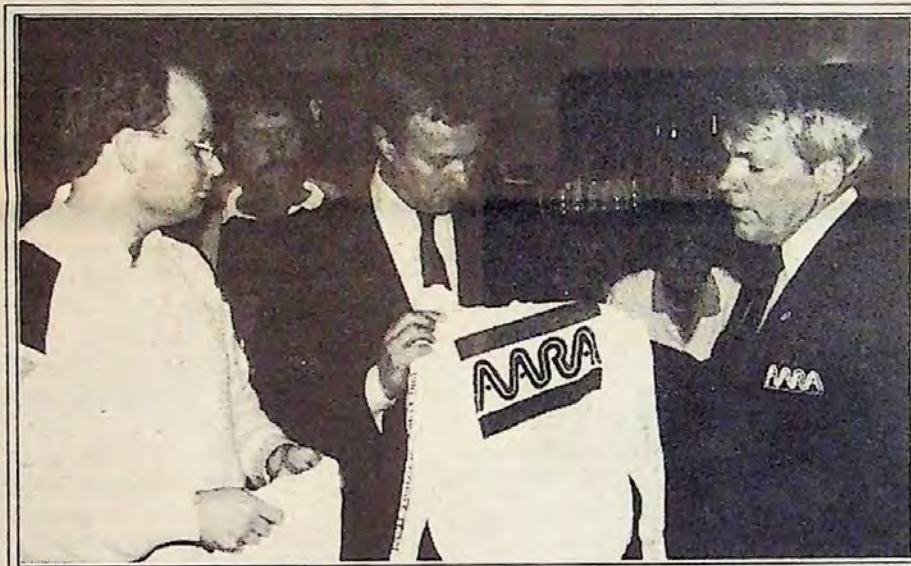
DAY 6 — Thursday, February 19

The day began as we all met at the club in Zoetermeer to begin a partial day of sightseeing. We all boarded the train which took us to Amsterdam. There we went on a tour of the canals throughout the city and then made our way around the city itself. From Amsterdam we took the train to Den Haag and briefly walked the streets, observing as much as we could in a short period of time.

At 5 p.m., dinner was again served at the club. The team split into two groups; one remained at the club



Keith and Gigi Calkins, left with Mr. and Mrs. Uwe Krogmann of Germany.



Keith Calkins presents Han van der Heijden, center and Rene Hehemann, left with AARA Team sweatshirts.

and then we were taken out and entertained by Erik Meyer, Nick Naoum, Derek Coopman, and other members of the Belgium Amateur Racquetball Association.

DAY 3 — Monday, February 16

The team went to the small club in Antwerp to play, then waited to go back to Brussels to teach and put on the scheduled exhibitions.

At 12 noon we arrived at the Brussel's Racquetcenter where we were first fed a delicious three course Belgium lunch, and then we gave three hours of instructional clinics for a number of college students.

At 6 p.m. we again ate a full three course Belgium meal and socialized with the Belgians.

At 7:30 p.m. the mayor of Brussels arrived. A brief ceremony was held along with a presentation to the mayor.

Following that, all the members of the team exhibited our sport to the mayor.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., the team continued with clinics for the Belgium National Team and other

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and worked with the Holland Team members, while the other group traveled to the Tennis en Racketbal Centrum Zwijndrecht to put on an exhibition and instructional clinics.

Once again, everyone split up and returned home.

DAY 7 — Friday, February 20

An uneventful day of travel was spent on the train in our continuing travels to Hamburg, Germany where the team was scheduled to compete in the European Open Racquetball Tournament.

Exhausted and tired, we arrived at the train station in Hamburg at approximately 4 p.m., where members of the German Amateur Racquetball Association picked us up. We were taken to the Racquetball Jenfeld Club in Hamburg (home of the 1988 World Racquetball Championships). The club included 11 racquetball courts, a free weight room, a bar, and full lockerroom facilities. The lockerrooms had a co-ed whirlpool, sauna, and relaxation area.

That evening was spent at the club in a typical tournament atmosphere. We were again split up and stayed at many of the German organizers homes.

DAY 8 — Saturday, February 21

The day was spent at the club, playing, watching, and trying to communicate despite the many different languages there — Flemish, Dutch, German, French, and many variations of the English language.

Again the atmosphere was very similar to a tournament within the U.S. as Armin Schroder and Wolfgang Heese ran the tournament.

Armin, Keith and Gigi, Ed, Larry, Lee, Rene, members of the Hamburg press and I, were all invited to spend time at the home of a club owner and true racquetball enthusiast, Uwe Krogmann, and his wife. Their beautiful home was filled with memorabilia from many years in Germany.

The gathering began with a press photo session at the club and was followed by an interview in their home. After the members of the press left, we were ushered into a dining room with a table filled with cakes, pastries, fresh coffee and tea. Tea-time remains a common German practice.

Two languages were present throughout our visit, English and German. We discussed racquetball within Germany and the U.S., then began to plan for the 1988 World Championships. The conversation carried us into the early evening hours as we excitedly planned for the best championship ever!

We made plans to put together a package trip with airfare, lodging and sightseeing all prepared, available to every racquetball player around the world. Armin and Mr. Krogmann discussed various ways to include the German culture within the dignified event itself, and came up with many great ideas.

We all felt it was important to show and share racquetball on an international level with those who would not ordinarily have the oppor-

tunity to travel abroad. We feel it would be a great experience for many to get a better understanding of what energy can really be felt with others from around the world . . . those who would not otherwise get to know. While discussing the tournament, we all felt the strong bonding that develops at the various other international events.

We all left with a sense of excitement and returned to the club to continue play in the tournament.

DAY 9 — Sunday, February 22

Like any other tournament the final rounds of play were in sight, and many from the U.S. remained in the event.

In the women's open finals, Trina Rasmussen upset Toni Bevelock to receive the first place award. And in the men's open finals Dan Obremski took out Andy Roberts.

Other U.S. delegates that fared well were Lee Frederickson, Larry Liles and Keith Calkins.

That evening a tasty German smorgasboard dinner was held at the club for the Germans and the Americans. This was followed by a memorable tour of the town until the wee hours of the morning.

DAY 10 — Monday, February 23

At this point the team was split in two. Seven of us went to Barcelona, Spain, home of the 1992 Olympic Games, and six remained in Germany through Monday evening to hold clinics at the Jenfeld club.

The team members remaining in Germany included Trina, Dan, Doug, Jack, Tom and Larry. After completing their clinic Monday evening they once again returned to their hosts homes for their final evening in Germany.

The group which traveled by plane to Spain consisted of Keith, Gigi, Ed, Andy, Toni, Lee and me. Also with us was Thoman Knaak of the German Racquetball Team, along to perform in the exhibition for the 1992 Local Organizing Committee.

We were greeted at the airport by the energetic Angel Ortega, a driving force behind racquetball in Spain and president of the Spanish Amateur Racquetball Association. Also with him were Dineke Kool, a Holland team member, and other members of the Spanish Assoc.

We were driven to a local hotel for a four day stay. A few of us went on a quick shopping spree and returned by 7 p.m. in time to be taken out for a true Catalanian dinner. (Barcelona is in the Catalonia region that has their own language based on the Spanish language and their own diet.)

We were taken to a restaurant owned by an individual dedicated to the sport of racquetball. He is building a 23 court racquetball facility in Barcelona.

The picturesque restaurant setting hinted at the Catalanian feast we experienced. The five-course meal was a traditional meal, enhanced by the numerous conversations and various types of wines from their country. Then we traveled back to the hotel for a night of rest.

DAY 11 — Tuesday, February 24

The team members still in Germany continued on their way Tuesday morning, boarding the train headed for Zurich, Switzerland. The long train ride ended in the evening as they were met by the Swiss delegation.

They were driven to a local cafe and given a five-course dinner with wine. They split up and were driven through the beautiful countryside to their host's homes.

The group in Spain met in the lobby of the hotel at 10 a.m. and started out for a day of culture and clinics. We were first taken to the area where the 1992 Olympics will be held. An old historic stadium stood erect with scaffolding all around. Heavy equipment was digging the stadium deep enough to hold 70,000 people. Completion of the project is projected for 1988, in order to host the 1988 Cycling Championships.

We continued touring much of Barcelona, making our way to a club 45 minutes from the town. The club also had a bar, full restaurant, bowling alley, and locker-room facilities. Our time began with a full five-course meal with wine. Extremely full from eating, we managed to get on the courts to begin the series of clinics and exhibitions which extended into the early hours of the evening.

The evening was an important one. The IARF delegates, including Han and Keith, met with Josep Lluís Vilaseca i Guash, who sits on the committee which will make the decision on which sports will become exhibition sports at the 1992 summer Olympics.

The meeting was followed by a singles and doubles exhibition.

The exhibition was one step of many necessary to receive the Class

A status and the Olympic recognition we desire.

The success of the day again ended with a true Catalanian five-course feast including wines, warm fellowship and conversation in a variety of languages.

DAY 12 — Wednesday, February 25

Once again the group in Spain met the Spanish delegates in the hotel lobby at 10 a.m. and began a day of exploring and shopping. The old, rustic city had a variety of modern shopping centers and many small specialty stores along the narrow streets. Cathedrals built in the 1700s stood among the shops and apartments, leaving no open land.

Every street was extremely busy, lined with small noisy cars and people walking and milling around everywhere. Few store clerks understood English, but we managed through motions and broken Spanish phrases to get our questions answered.

In Spain, lunch remains the main meal of the day, so when the shops all began to close down, we understood the importance of a 2 o'clock meal.

We were taken to a restaurant that appeared to be small from the outside, but was much larger on the inside. With the help of our Spanish hosts, we ordered from the menu and once again feasted.

From the restaurant, we went to a small town called Igualada which was up in the foothills northwest of Barcelona. The club, called Squash Igualada, was small with one racquetball court, four squash courts, a bar and restaurant. Exhibitions were done by the French delegates who were traveling with us (the U.S. team members), and the local tennis

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Sacramento State Wraps Up The 1987 Intercollegiate Title

by John Foust

It was the kind of weekend you would expect in Colorado, cold, snowy and a good time to be indoors playing racquetball. Over 400 collegiate players from across the U.S. converged on the International Athletic Club in downtown Denver to sort out who would lay claim to the top men and women's open titles and the coveted 1987 Intercollegiate Team Championship. When the smoke cleared it was the kids from California who were holding their heads high, and with good reason.

Backed against the wall, they had

the number one MSU team of Toni Bevelock and Kim Cooling. Coming from the third seeded position Levine and Pulis destroyed Bevelock and Cooling 15-6, 15-10 to take their team one step closer to destiny.

The women's #2 doubles match had top ranked Trina Rasmussen and Lisa Anthony of Sacramento State taking on Janet Burke and Mischea McCorty of MSU. The Sacramento State team proved to be a little too tough and overpowered Burke and McCorty 15-6, 15-2. The plot thickens.

So it all came down to the men's #2 doubles final featuring, who else, Jim Jeffers and Scott Reid, of MSU

match in two games and allowing no team to register double digits.

It was a battle from the state with the underdogs Arney and Fitzpatrick taking the first game 15-11. Not to be outdone Jeffers and Reid changed strategy and raced back to capture game two 15-8. Going into the tiebreaker both teams knew the outcome of their match would determine the overall team championship.

Although MSU was unable to regain the crown they held for so long there was still a measure of accomplishment as senior Toni Bevelock overcame three years of frustration to capture her first women's #1 Intercollegiate title with a fine performance against Trina Rasmussen. After losing the first game 15-12 it was all Bevelock, who went on to take the second game 15-6 and 11-6 in the tiebreaker.

In the men's #1 singles MSU's Andy Roberts claimed his third National Intercollegiate title in the past four years by playing well to beat a very determined Doug Ganim of Ohio State 15-9, 15-10.

By winning their respective matches both Andy and Toni requalify for the U.S. National Team.

In other action Dave Simonette of MSU chalked up a hard fought 15-9, 15-10 match over Steve Moody of Sacramento State to take home the men's #2 singles award. Todd Stead from the University of Minnesota beat out Herb Thornby of Montana State 15-13, 15-11 for the third place slot.

Shawn Fitzpatrick of Sacramento State turned on the afterburners to



1987 Intercollegiate Champion Team

to win four out of their last five matches, while any one victory by Memphis State would have put them with an insurmountable lead. Well, the Leonard/Hagler fight had nothing on this event as Sacramento State did just what they had to do edging out a very disappointed MSU team to take the title 237-326.

The Sacramento State team got their first boost when Robin Levine posted a 13-15, 15-6, 11-2 win over MSU's Janet Burke in the women's #2 singles. The momentum for Sacramento State was starting to build but the odds were still on MSU's side since they were favored in three out of the four remaining matches.

With this in mind the men's #1 doubles match pitting Hart Johnson and Todd Stead, of the University of Minnesota, against the top seeded MSU team of Andy Roberts and Rick Komistek was taking on a much greater importance. Both teams had played well throughout the tournament but it was Roberts and Komistek who appeared to have the upper hand, having held their opponents to a total of 28 points, including two 15-0 games. But rising to the occasion the Johnson/Stead duo played their best match of the tournament and shocked the Roberts/Komistek team 11-15, 15-5, 11-7. Now the pressure was really starting to build.

Meanwhile Robin Levine, fresh from her singles win, had teamed with fellow Sacramento State player Kelly Pulis in the women's #2 doubles and was preparing to do battle with

against Shawn Fitzpatrick and Matt Arney of Sacramento State. Both teams had shown themselves to be the class of the draw by taking every



Andy Roberts in the #1 singles final with Doug Ganim



Robin Levine and Kathy Pulls set strategy for the women's #1 doubles match.

beat out MSU's Jim Heffers two straight 15-8, 15-11 in the men's #3 singles. While Central Michigan's Mark Heckman posted a narrow 15-13, 15-13 victory over David Leon of MSU.

Rick Komistek, of MSU, put together two outstanding games in the men's #4 singles to beat up Sacramento State's Matt Arney 15-4, 15-12. West Texas State gathered in a third place award as Steve Savac edged out Greg Bedenis of Ferris State College 15-12, 15-13.

Women's #3 singles had Lisa Anthony of Sacramento State coming from the second seeded position to oust number one ranked Kim Cooling of MSU 15-4, 15-3. Montana State had good representation



Kim Cooling of MSU with coach Larry Lyles.

in Annie Blaz as she blasted Tracy Alderman of Penn State 15-1, 15-3 for third place.

Kelly Pulls showed why she was seeded number one in the women's #4 singles as she breezed by MSU's Mischea McCorry 15-8, 15-7 for another Sacramento State triumph. Ferris State, by far the most enthusiastic team in the tournament, had a lock on third with teammates Judy Erickson and Sharon Lintemuth squar-

ing off in competition with Lintemuth coming out on top 15-9, 15-8.

The '87 National Intercollegiate Championship was a huge success with a lot of credit going to the players who participated. They were for the most part very understanding when the matches ran behind schedule and showed the enthusiasm you'd expect from a college event. The American Collegiate Racquetball Association board should be congratulated for organizing this great tournament and promoting such a fine group of players. On a local level Dan Taurillo of the IAC, with the help

of the AARA, put together a fun three days that everyone could enjoy.

A special note of thanks to Penn representative Larry Daub who helped out above and beyond the call of duty and ensured the tournament stayed well stocked with balls. And, of course, thanks to Diversified Products for the support they've shown not only at this tournament but throughout the years.

Overall Team Points

Sacramento State University	237
Memphis State University	236

Ferris State College	79
Montana State	70
University of Texas	70

Men's Standings

Memphis State University	128
Sacramento State University	117
University of Texas	59
University of Minnesota	56

Women's Standings

Sacramento State University	120
Memphis State University	108
Ferris State College	51
Wichita State University	42

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■ June 10-14

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■ July 1-5

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■ July 8-12
■ July 15-19

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■ July 29-August 2

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Europe Tour

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pro and squash champion. Many from the city turned out for the exhibitions and clinics, making it a success. Dinner that evening was served at the local city center.

The group in Switzerland met on Wednesday morning at the club, and

drove to the mountains to ski. The hosts lent them ski equipment; for many of the team members it was a first-time experience.

That evening the team members held a clinic and exhibition in Agertic, a small club with one court. A presentation was made to the club by Larry.

DAY 13 — Thursday, February 26

The final day in Spain was spent in packing, followed by last minute shopping and touring. At 5 p.m. we began a very long two days of continuous travel back home.

The tour was truly one of great success, which was evident almost immediately. Excitement was generated for those already involved with the sport, and many

political leaders were educated and introduced to racquetball who might otherwise never have learned the sport.

The most redeeming portion of the tour came when the European tournament players expressed their gratitude for coming. Many had never seen the game played at such a high level of play. Seeing the exhibitions and participating in the clinics left them with new visions and higher goals that now seem attainable.

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AUGUST: TBA

For more information and applications, contact the AARA, 815 North Weber, Suite 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, or phone: (303) 635-5396.



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Arkansas State Singles & Doubles
Pleasure Park
2302 Highway 70 East
Hot Springs, AR 71901
Tom Wilkins

May 1-3
Auburndale Open
Auburndale Rec. Center
202 W. Park Street
Auburndale, FL 33828
Keith Johnson
(813) 967-7265

May 1-3
Macomb County RB Association
Poncho Gutierrez 7-11 Store
43129 Van Dyke
Sterling Heights, MI 48078
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(313) 463-2465

May 1-3
Coors Light Dogwood Classic
Sports Farm
6001 Leahbun Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919
Julia Vinson
(615) 584-6272

May 1-3
New Jersey State Championships
Kings Court
525 Riverside Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Jon Denley
(201) 851-0070

May 1-3
May Day Open
Cedar Hill Fitness Center
375 E. Cedar St.
Newington, CT 06111
Ed Mazur/Coleen Cote

May 1-3
Ksports Club Open
Sports Club of Asheville
9 Kenilworth Knoll
Asheville, NC 28805

May 2-3
Junior Region 1 Championships
Boston Athletic Club
653 Summer St.
Boston, MA 02210
Jim Daly (617) 773-7367

May 2-4
Blue Point Open
Blue Point Court Club
9 A Montauk Highway
Blue Point, NY 11715
Ron Digiacoia
(516) 363-2882

May 5-8
Body By Schliebe
6100 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67208
J.D. Frederick
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May 5-9
Tri-City
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May 7-9
Adult Region 14 Championships
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May 7-10
Invitational
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May 8-10
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Incline Village, NV 89450
Clint Koble
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May 8-12
Wyoming State Doubles
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May 9-10
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May 13-17
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Evergreen Athletic Club
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Evergreen, CO 80439
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May 13-17
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Aurora, CO 80014
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Houston, TX 77036
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Junior Region 9 Championships
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Madison Heights, MI 48071
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May 15-17
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The Club Olympiad
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Wichita, KS 67208
Bob Piper
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May 16-18
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Racquetball World
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May 16-18
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Provo, UT 84604
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Pac West
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Tacoma, WA 98409
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Arizona Athletic Club
1425 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

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3620 Cleveland Heights Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33803
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Tournament
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Auburndale, FL 33828
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Dallas Golden Masters Singles Tournament

by John Christensen

This was a tournament that had 8000 years worth of players, a traveling trophy that didn't travel, and a dead backhand.

The traveling trophy's only travel for the 1987 National Masters Invitational Racquetball Tournament in Arlington, TX, in February was in the luggage of Paul Banales, Jr. of Phoenix, AZ. He brought it and he took it home.

Last year Paul won the 1986 50-plus championship in his hometown, and he repeated this year as the winner of the Richard Walker Trophy in the 50-plus age category, named for a pioneer in the development of the event.

Paul did it in decisive fashion. He won all seven 21-point games in his group, then he defeated each of the other three group winners. Decisive it was; easy it wasn't. Two group winners Charles Schafer of Pella, IA, and Joe Simon of Red Bud, IL each scored 14 points against Paul in the 15 point games constituting the championship round robin.

One hundred and forty-six men in six age categories played at the Maverick Athletic Club in Arlington. They came from 30 states, from Washington to Florida, New Hampshire to California and Canada. The sum of all the years represented adds to more than 8,000 years.

Injuries, pulled muscles, strains and sprains, fatigue and illness took their toll among the players. One incident will serve to illustrate the dedication:

Jim McPherson of Yukon, OK, was leading Dario Mas of Wilmington, DE in an early game in the 45+ category and with a 7-3 edge felt pain again in his previously injured right shoulder. He played through some painful shots and still held a 10-7 lead when he called time, removed his right glove, put on a left glove, hit a few warmup shots and continued the game. He lost the lead and the game but not the admiration of other players.

The winner of that match, Mas, later had to cater to an injured elbow in the round robin finals. He and his opponent, Lee Humphrey of Olathe, KS, had been undefeated in their groups. Humphrey went 3-1 in the finals; Mas went 0-4.

The fiercest was in the 60+ category. Glenn Melvey of Fargo, ND beat Group 2 winner Al Rossi of San Francisco, CA 15-8 in the championship Round Robin. Group 3 winner Dick Kincade of Woodland Park, CO beat Melvey 15-11. Rossi beat Kincade 15-7. Under the scoring system, with three extra points awarded for winning a game, Melvey ended with 29 points to Rossi's 26 and Kincade's 25.

Rossi had gone undefeated in his group to win his way to the finals, permitting none of his six opponents more than five points. Melvey also had won all the games in the group

competition, holding all but one of his opponents under double figures.

At a Saturday night banquet, Ivan Bruner of Madison, WI was honored for his work in the organizing and maintaining of the tournament, which started modestly in 1971.

Also at the banquet, Jordon Teplitz of Chicago, IL observed a moment of silence for his backhand,

which he said had died the previous day.

RESULTS

45+ (1) Lee Humphrey, Olathe, KS; (2) Michael Howell, Fargo, ND; (3) Mark Wayne, Freemont, CA; (4) Leland Reintz, Willmar, MN; (5) Dario Mas, Wilmington, DE.

50+ (1) Paul Banales, Phoenix, AZ; (2) Charles Schafer, Pella, IA; (3) Joe Jackman, New Castle, PA; (4) Joe Simon, Red Bud, IL.

55+ (1) Lynn Hahn, Whitehill, MI; (2) Red Horton, Peyton, CO; (3) Joe Lambert, Grand

Prairie, TX; (4) Bob Henley, San Bernardino, CA.

60+ (1) Glenn Melvey, Fargo, ND; (2) Al Rossi, San Francisco, CA; (3) Dick Kincade, Woodland Park, CO.

65+ (1) Luzell Wilde, Centerville, UT; (2) Art Goss, Colorado Springs, CO; (3) Frank Lose, Mt. View, CA; (4) E. O. Rodeffer, Corona del Mar, CA.

70+ (1) John Pearce, Waco, TX; (2) James Neal, Fountain Valley, CA; (3) Jerome Singer, Anaheim, CA; (4 - tie) H. E. Minor, Durango, CO and Tom McEachern, Pacific Palisades, CA.

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U.S. National Jr. Championships

The United States National Junior Championships will be held from June 20-24, 1987 at Sawmill Athletic Club in Columbus, Ohio.

The U.S. National Junior Championships have become more prestigious each year as more and more emphasis is placed on the youth of racquetball. Last year's anticipated draw of 500 actually became 800 and the largest Junior Nationals held to date.

Calkins Elected to U.S. Olympic Committee's Exec. Board

Keith Calkins, a board member of the AARA, was recently elected to the U.S. Olympic Committee's Executive Board.

Calkins was elected unanimously by the seven Group C members of the USOC. Group C is developing sports for the Olympics, such as racquetball, bowling, water skiing, curling, badminton, karate, and sports acrobatics.

In addition to his new position, Keith is a current board member of the AARA and the USOC delegate for racquetball.

The Best Of Future Stars

Last year the AARA anticipated 500 juniors at the U.S. National Junior Championships — 800 arrived, despite having to qualify at one of 15 regionals held throughout the U.S. That's what kind of tournament it has become.

But it has always been worth their efforts, and this year's nationals, from June 20-24 in Columbus, Ohio, promises the same rewards.

The national champion in both the boys and girls 18-and-under receive automatic berths on the U.S. National Team to compete at the Pan American games in September, national ranking points are awarded down to eighth place, and the first four places and consolation receive prestigious medals or plaques.

The tournament will be held at the Sawmill Athletic Club at 3111 Hayden Road in Columbus, which along with Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company, are sponsors for the event. The official ball is the Penn Ultra Blue.

Sanctioning bodies for the tournament include the AARA, Ohio Racquetball Association, and the International Amateur Racquetball Federation.

For further information on this event, contact the AARA, Luke St. Onge at (303) 635-5396.

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