



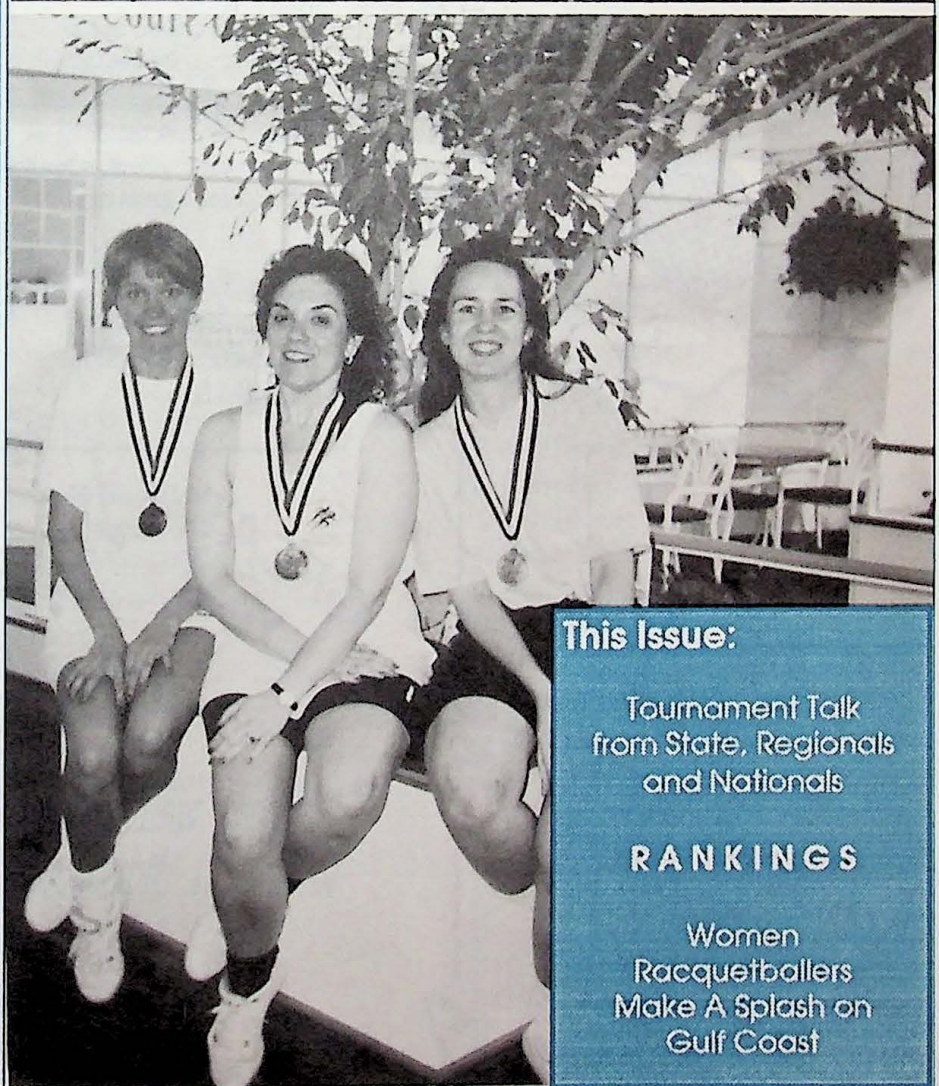
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from State, Regionals
and Nationals

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Tournament Talk: Recapping the Action at State, Regionals and Nationals

Marcia Richards



STATE singles moved eastward from Baton Rouge this year as the Kenner YMCA hosted a great tournament. Over 125 players competed for the state championship singles titles.

On one side, play was hot and furious. On the other side, play was cool and controlled. (note: air conditioning on one side of the "Y" was not working.) But play carried on, many not noticing.

A BIG THANKS to the Kenner Y for the generous hospitality. A special thanks to Matt and the Y staff and all the players that volunteered their valuable time to make this tournament so successful.

The first weekend in May brought the **REGIONALS**, directed by Brian Lowe at Franco's. This tournament gave our local players an opportunity to compete against out-of-state players. While the majority of the players were from Louisiana, some came from Arkansas, Texas and neighboring Mississippi.

Brian was pleased to get help from the AARA with Annie Miniz and friends pitching in behind the desk teaching us some new tricks on tournament organization. Thanks Brian for a great regional event.

Beyond the state singles and regional tournaments, a handful of Louisiana players set their goals on competition at the **NATIONALS**.

For the past 10 years the AARA National tournament has been held in Houston, Texas. This monumental event ran for 6 days, May 20 - 25. This is a tournament experience I'd recommend for anyone -- either as a player or a spectator.

At Nationals, not only do you get to see hundreds of fantastic racquetball players, but the Downtown YMCA is an experience in itself. There are 23 courts -- some courts stacked on top of each other, stacked away on the side of a basketball court or tucked away in what we called "THE DUNGEON."

The following twelve players represented Louisiana at Nationals this year. Next time you see one of them, ask about their trip to Houston. Each of them has a unique story to tell about this year's tournament.

Kim Allen	Open, 25+
Rory Arcement	A, 19+
Jamie Arroyaye	A, 19+
John Davis	Open, 25+
Vicky Garrett	A, 35+
Cyril Hentz	A, 25+
John Pease	45+
Warren Reuther	50+
Marcia Richards	30+, 35+
Shelly Ruiz	Open 19+
Jo Shattuck	Open, 19+
Larry Sharp	A, 30+
Jerry Winsburg	50+

*GREAT.
Yea!*

*I am so fired up
to get back and practice
some of the things I've seen*

*You're playing
You really think so?*

*I played well enough
to win...I didn't earn it*

*I'd rather
play the
49ers.
I am so
nervous*

I was served off the court!

State Singles

1992

Kenner YMCA
April 10 - 12

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's OPEN

1. Marcia Richards
2. Karen DeBlieux
3. Edie Goodwin
4. Jo Shattuck

Women's A

1. Karen Taylor
2. Shelly Ruiz
3. Sondra Maxwell
4. Pattie Schof

Women's B

1. Tracy Shean
 2. Janice Owens
 3. Jackson Rodriquez
- Consolation-Rosie Bloom

Women's C

1. Dee Butler
2. Margie Putnam
3. Ashley Cooper
4. Mandy Farris

Women's D

1. Daren Ladner
2. Deborah Imbragugho
3. Paige Holstein
4. Arlene Bushnell

Women's 25+

1. Karen DeBlieux
2. Shelly Ruiz
3. Edie Goodwin

Women's 35+B

1. Rina Rodriquez
2. Janice Owens
3. Anita Randall
4. Neyda Jackson

Men's OPEN

1. John Davis
 2. David Rahn
 3. Brian Lowe
- Consolation-Charles Pecot

Men's A

1. Jeff Bloom
 2. John Pease
 3. Roy Laudemiey
- Consolation-Chris Ladner

Men's B

1. Mark Strother
 2. Charles DeBertilo
 3. Rick Garrett
- Consolation-David Lindscott

Men's C

1. Tim Buisson Jr.
 2. Charles Goodwin
 3. Chalen Becnel
- Consolation-Herbert Collins

Men's D

1. Kyle Bordelon
 2. Jeff Bayham
 3. David Anastasio
- Consolation-Vaughn Schmitt

Men's 19+

1. James Arroyaye
2. Mark Jardell
3. Roy Arcement
4. Glen Dumun

Men's 25+

1. Charles Pecot
 2. John Davis
 3. Mott Fleming
- Consolation-Gordon Murrill

Men's 35+A

1. Keith Hosli
 2. Ken Hood
 3. Alvin Miles
- Consolation-Joe Henning

Men's 35+B

1. Murphy Carriere
 2. Rick Garrett
 3. Jack Allen
- Consolation-Dan Mock

Men's 45+

1. Warren Reuther
2. John Pease
3. Cyril Hentze
4. C.J. Scarpero

Men's 55+

1. A. Hays Town
2. Jules Sachs
3. Frite Owens

Boys 16's

1. Jeff Bloom
2. Oremo Ochillo
3. D.J. Dozier
4. Brent Sims

Boys 14's

1. Mark Bloom
2. David Anastasio
3. Chris Sherril

Note:

All singles points will be
deleted after final standings
are recorded.

WE'VE GOT

LRA Rankings and Points • LRA Rankings and Points • LRA Rankings and Points • LRA Rankings and Points

WOMEN'S OPEN

Karen DeBlieux	445
Vicki Garrett	364
Marcia Richards	336
Jo shattuck	226
Kim Allen	218
Sandra Zulli	217
Gail Woods	154
Karen Taylor	96
Shelley Ruiz	59
Bonnie Bee	58
Helen Siegel	34

WOMEN'S A

Pattie Schof	435
Phyllis Trahan	195
Karen Taylor	193
Shelley Ruiz	157
Allison Scott	129
Sandra Maxwell	112
Sharon Lester	101
Bonnie Bee	80
Johanna Zuppardo	48

WOMEN'S B

Janice Owens	382
Tracy Shean	230
Rina Rodriquez	162
Helen Ingram	160
Neyda Jackson	110
Rosie Bloom	99
Margie Putnam	85
Candice Chiquelin	78
Anne Meyer	67
Lou Reynolds	45
Claudia Eschete	43
Ellen Cool	42
Anita Randall	36
Donna Embree	34
Anne Schaefer	23
Mandy Farris	21

WOMEN'S C

Margie Putnam	313
Ashley Cooper	174
Ellen Cool	166
Dee Butler	154
Mandy Farris	115
Tracy Munson	56

WOMEN'S D

Daren Ladner	268
April Briley	192
Caroline French	168
Paige Holstein	168
Debprah Imbraguglio	157
Arlene Bushness	124
Celeste Gallegos	118
Laurel Dill	56
Richard Garrett	45

WOMEN'S 25+

Karen DeBlieux	120
Shelley Ruiz	112
Edie Goodwin	80

WOMEN'S 30+B

Rina Rodriquez	179
Janice Owens	157
Anita Randal	112
Neyda Jackson	90
Deborah Imbraguglio	57

MEN'S OPEN

David Rahn	508
Brian Lowe	444
Mike Almerico	342
Brad Hamilton	318
John Davis	310
Charles Pecot	235
Brian Daigle	212
Tim Mazzetti	184
Warren Arnett	154
Scott Davis	115

MEN'S A

Jeff Bloom	1130
Ken Hood	1223
John Pease	1199
Roy Laudemiey	1128
Rory Arcement	1007
Scott Ehret	713
Chris Ladner	680
Cyril Hentze	651
Michael Waller	643
Jeff Bascome	545
Michael Smith	533
Beal Ashby	507
Ted Alvendia	400
Daniel Ory	396
Mark Jardell	389
Jeremy Oliver	360

MEN'S B

Charles Debartolo	1008
Glen Dumun	875
Mark Strother	479
Dario Berrio	456
Dan Pogue	424
Wayne Skinner	377
Richard Garrett	349
Michael Fuselier	218
Damon Baldone	208
Jay Kirkland	205

MEN'S C

Chris Curow	728
Mark Strother	695
Tim Buisson, Jr.	605
Charles Goodwin	451
Bobby Sperandeo, Jr.	396
Chalen Becnel	308
Timothy Buisson, Sr.	353
Clarence Simmons	346
Ken Davis	272
Chuck Duncan	257
Gordon Murrill	255
Roger Anastasio	248
Herbert Collins	245
Dario Berrio	243
Ken Roberts	218
Ken Davis, Jr.	176

MEN'S D

Kyle Bordelon	893
Jeff Bayham	707
David Anastasio	433
Fritz Owens	396
Dwight Fortenberry	389
Todd Dozier	330
Jeff Lebouef	329
Ken Davis, Jr.	267
Mark Burrows	241
Chris Phelps	229
Dennis McCluer	212
Jack Wolf	179
Ronald Buckoltz	173
Jack Villa	171
Tod Raziano	166

MEN'S 55+

Hayes Town	128
Jules Sachs	112
Fritz Owens	80
Ken Roberts	64
Don Ryan	56
Earl Vassan	40

your NUMBER

MEN'S 45+

C.J. Scarroeri	257
Warren Reuther, Jr.	244
Charles Debartolo	168
John Pease	134
Ken Hood	128
Al Reagle	120
Frank Gomila	112
Cyril Hentze	96
James Anderson	94
Edgar Schafer	64
John Peck, Sr.	51
Neil Woodwall	48

MEN'S 45+B

Michael Fuselier	128
Ellis Narcisse	128
Ted Bruning	112
Richard Powell	112
Bill Beyer	80
Richard Garrett	80
Fritz Owens	77
Joel Markert	64
Roger Anastasio	48
Jack Fredine	48

MEN'S 35+A

Keith Hosli	403
Ken Hood	358
Alvin Miles	263
Randy Opotowsky	224
Joseph Henning	134
Jeff Kindl	90
Jay Kirkland	90
Nichael Lester	90
Dennis Lloyd	90
John Pellerin	90
Bill Meyer	78
Ellis Narcisse	78
Warren Reuther, Jr.	77
John Dedeant	67
Adrian Lahare	56

MEN'S 35+B

Richard Garrett	411
Murphy Carrier, Jr.	256
Oscar Rodriquez	166
Dan Mock	138
Bill Meyer	125
Mick Murphy	120
Ted Bruning	104
J.D. Debeant	74
Alan Lahr	32
David Linscott	32
Albert Kovatch	21

MEN'S 25+A

Charles Pecot	256
John Davis	224
Mott Fleming	160
Barry Day	128
Gordon Murrill	96
Scott Bihn	32
Larry Sharpe	32
Mark Strother	32

MEN'S 19+

Jamie Arroyave	154
Mark Jardell	134
Rory Arcement	96
David Anastasio	77
Glen Dumun	77

MEN'S 16+

Oremo Ochillo	179
Mark Bloom	128
Brad Hamilton	128
David Anastasio	112
Chris Sherrill	80
Ben Enault	67
Todd Dozier	26

MEN'S 14+

Jeff Bloom	205
Brent Sims	102
Kenny Tarride	77

DOUBLES MEN'S OPEN

Rory Arcement	202
Scott Ehret	
Keith Brown	179
David Rahn	
Clyde Eschete, Jr.	45
Albert Schof, III	
Mott Fleming	22
C.J. Scarpero	

DOUBLES MEN'S A

Vicki Garrett	134
John Pease	
Freddie Wilkes	90
Jeff Wilks	
Ken Hood	78
Bill Savard	
Barry Day	56
Mark Jardell	
Roy Laudumey	52
Michael Watson	
Vicki Garrett	45
Albert Schof, III	
Mark Bloom	22
Gordon Murrill	
Mike Fibich	22
Daniel Ory	
Jeff Baynam	22
Michael Watson	

DOUBLES MEN'S B

Dario Berrio	102
Mark Strother	
Chuck Duncan	64
Cliff Lasseigne	
Bob Jepson	51
Gordon Murrill	
Stanley Nank	13
Eddie Wilkes	

DOUBLES MEN'S C

Vincent Boudreaux	102
Fritz Owens	
Chalen Becnel	102
Chris Curow	
Steven Dunn	13
Bill Sailors	

The President Makes Some Points . . .

Barry Day
LRA President

A Letter From A Friend

Mike Foley

First of all, I appreciate the support from everyone as we make a leadership transition in LRA with many new people assuming volunteer administrative positions.

We are here to serve you and we need your input and guidance as together we continue to promote the sport of racquetball.

LRA is as good as each club and member wants it to be. This organization is for the

players and is set up to be run by the players -- ALL the players! Your constructive input on tournaments, rankings, education -- ANYTHING related to racquetball, will make us stronger. We are here to implement these ideas and are eager to hear from you.

Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer so far and are ready to play some tourneys. We have some great ones on the horizon with STATE DOUBLES coming up in October. See you courtside!

Michigan has been a dramatic change -- we knew that it would be colder with snow but didn't expect the impact that it would have on our racquetball schedule. People up here DONT PLAY RACQUETBALL IN THE SUMMER! As soon as it is nice out, they are gone from the courts, It's hard to maintain a level of play that way. But after being cooped up all winter, it is becoming easier to understand. I will be playing a bit of three wall outdoor racquetball this summer and will let you know what I think of it.

Tournaments here are expensive, typically running \$45-50 for one person for 2 events and the hospitality just isn't up to levels that I am used to. Sometimes there is only one meal on Saturday and some fruit or juice. There also typically aren't any consolation brackets. There a lot of nice facilities, but there are a lot of clubs that could use some work. The club that has hosted STATE for three years in a

row now, still isn't painted to AARA specs!

Remember the *Super Seven* series that we held up as an ideal? They died this year and the state is back to a bunch of little tourneys, running less than 200 people.

Finally, the people just aren't as open and fun. It's far too serious and not nearly the spirit of camaraderie that existed down south . . . there are a lot of things that I miss about my cajun homeland!

In other news, the biggest item is that Alais is engaged. They won't be getting married for some time, but just the thought is scary. Deni and I will be coming to Nationals and it will be great to see some friendly faces.

Anyhow, Barry, keep the faith and I hope the LRA keeps rolling along. Say hello to everyone for us. We do miss the friends that we had down there.

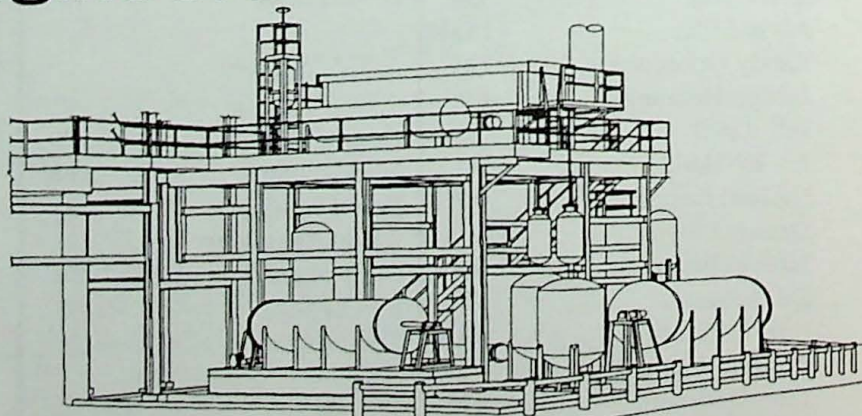


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Women Racquetballers Make A Big Splash On the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Louisiana Women's
Racquetball
Association

Mandy Farris



Jo Shattuck did an excellent job of organizing activities. We had such a great time, we decided to have a repeat performance!

LAWRA's next event will be at Crossgates in Slidell, Louisiana. For more information on the date and time, call the LAWRA representative nearest you. And we'll see all you ladies on the court. Hasta la vista, baby!

New Orleans
Arlene Bushnell
504-456-0117

Baton Rouge

Mandy Farris 504--766-4267

Slidell and Mississippi

Jo Shattuck 601-466-4323

Women's racquetball is alive today as evidenced by the exciting time had by all at our latest Louisiana Women's Racquetball Association (LAWRA) event.

Women from Louisiana and Mississippi gathered at Flexfit, a racquetball and fitness club in Long Beach, Mississippi, and enjoyed a morning of racquetball as well as an afternoon of fun and sun on the beach.

News Note:

Since February, LAWRA joins NOWRA (New Orleans Women's Racquetball Association) in promoting women racquetball events. All women are encouraged to participate. Keep up the good work and *LRA Down The Line* newsletter is happy to publicize these competitions for women. Go get 'em!

A Final Point On Rankings

Brad Hamilton

Since State Singles, many players have moved up a division. If you want to move down, you must petition the LRA in writing and the LRA Board will make a ruling.

If you feel you were moved up unduly, or if you have any questions, please contact Brad Hamilton at the LRA office. Thanks!

The Editor's Passing Shots . . .

Margie Putnam

Yes, I'm the person that Marcia Richards *persuaded* to take over the newsletter duties. I've only been playing racquetball for two years, I guess you can see what a "sucker" I am!

I hope you like the new "face" of the newsletter. I want us to have a professional publication that is also a lot of **FUN** to read. Afterall, racquetball is so much **FUN** to play!

Here's the part where I ask you for your comments, input suggestions and **HELP!** Now, don't be shy . . . I'm waiting . . . OK, just don't forget that we are here to receive you calls and letters about this publication. Send us an article. Send in some **FUN** photos from you club. And let's hear from **ALL** parts of the state (yes, even you folks in north Louisiana).

Hit 'em low and hard.
Over and out.

Member Update: Joe Cousins in Accident

Joe Cousins of Baton Rouge met his match on Tiger Bend Road that runs near Wallbanger-Old Jefferson one night in early June. He was hit, not by the infamous blue Penn ball, but by the ever-so-dangerous drunk driver.

Joe has a double-compound fracture to the tibia and fibula and, after two surgeries, was released from the hospital June 7.

We are happy to report that Joe is in good spirits and will set his goal for playing racquetball again in six to eight months from now. LRA members wish him a speedy and successful recovery.



DOWN THE LINE

Here are the upcoming LRA sanctioned tournaments. Watch your mailbox for entry forms and information.

July
24-28

Go for the gold at the
"Better than Barcelona"
Summer Games tourney
Wallbanger-
Old Jefferson

August
28-30

World Gym

September
TBA

Wallbanger-
Old Jefferson

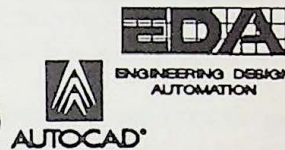
Sept-Oct
TBA

STATE Doubles
Franco's

On the Cover

Elmwood June Classic winners: Men's Open - Mike Almerico, David Rahn and Jeff Bloom; and Women's D - Celeste Gallegos, Arlene Bushnell and Paige Holstein. Look for complete results in the next newsletter.

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