



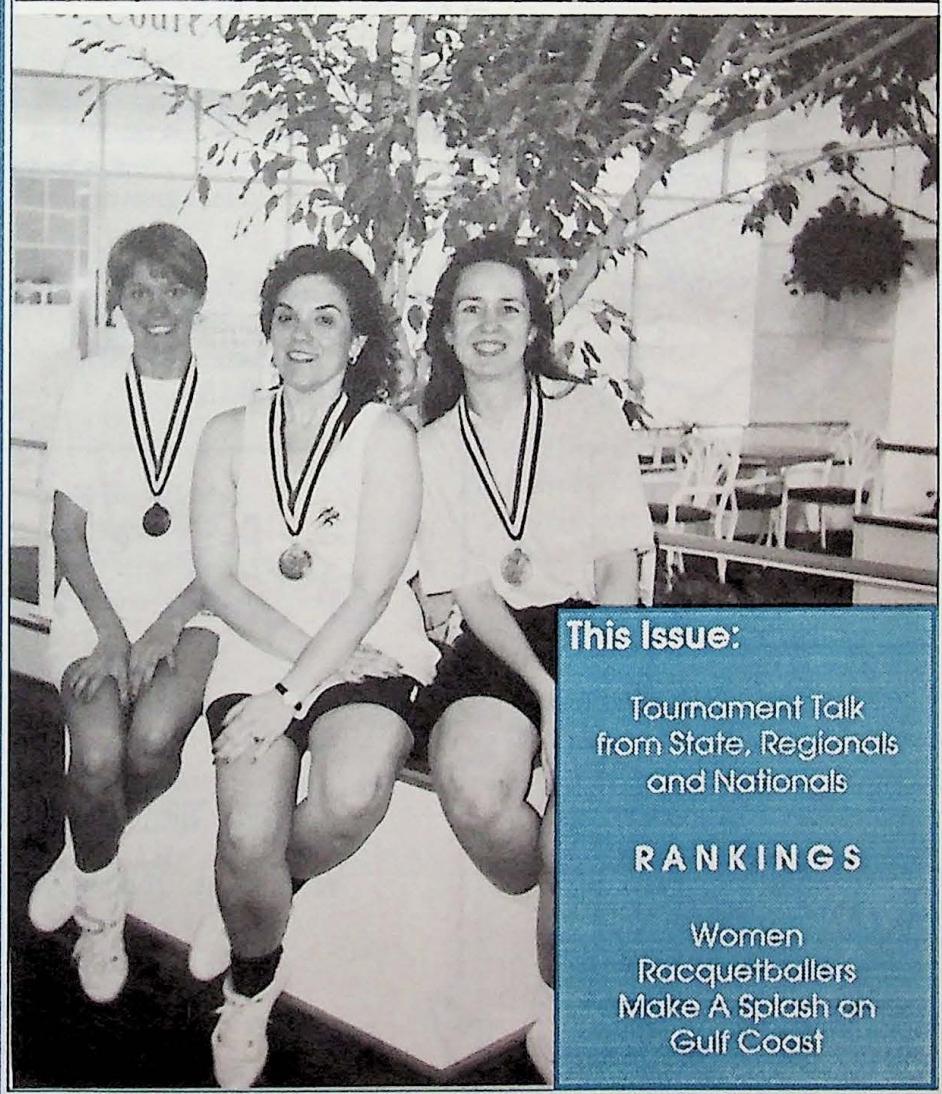
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from State, Regionals
and Nationals

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

Marcia Richards



You're
You really playing
so?

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

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.

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

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

I was served off the court!

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+

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

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 Rodriguez
- 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 Imbraguglio
3. Paige Holstein
4. Arlene Bushnell

Women's 25+

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

Women's 35+B

1. Rina Rodriguez
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 Rodriguez 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 Laudemey 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

MEN'S 25+

Ken Davis, Jr. 267
 Mark Burrows 241

MEN'S 30+

Chris Phelps 229
 Dennis McCluer 212

MEN'S 45+

Jack Wolf 179
 Ronald Buckoltz 173

MEN'S 55+

Hayes Town 128
 Jules Sachs 112

MEN'S 65+

Fritz Owens 80
 Ken Roberts 64

MEN'S 75+

Don Ryan 56
 Earl Vassan 40

YOUR NUMBER

MEN'S 45+

C.J. Scaroeri	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 Dedeabant	67
Adrian Lahare	56

MEN'S 35+B

Richard Garrett	411
Murphy Carrier, Jr.	256
Oscar Rodriguez	166
Dan Mock	138
Bill Meyer	125
Mick Murphy	120
Ted Bruning	104
J.D. Deebant	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 Bihm	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	

DOUBLES MEN'S B

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 C

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

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

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

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 DON'T 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.

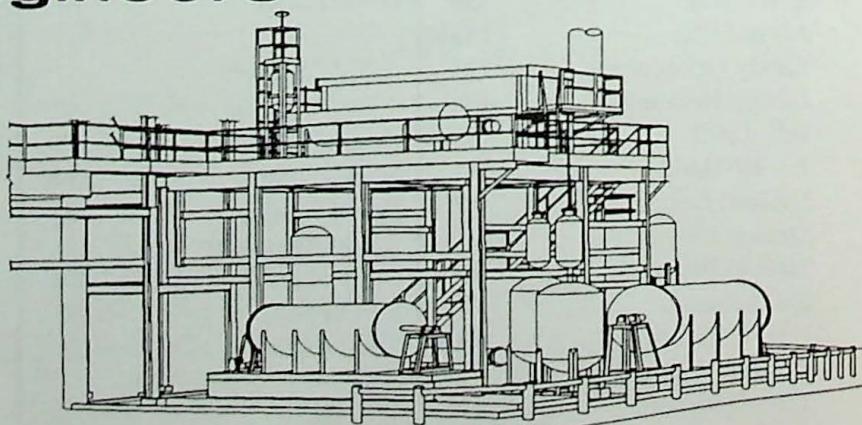


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Women Racquetballers Make A Big Splash On the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Louisiana Women's
Racquetball
Association

Mandy Farris



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.

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

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.



LRA Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at 3609 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge.

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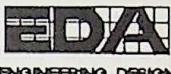
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Here are the upcoming LRA sanctioned tournaments. Watch your mailbox for entry forms and information.

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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