

MSRA NEWS

Minnesota State Racquetball Association

November - December 1988

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State Doubles Titles Repeated

The 1988 Minnesota State Doubles Championships have been awarded. The competition was held October 21-23, at the Hwy 100 club in Brooklyn Center. This tournament was the largest State doubles tournament conducted by the MSRA. There were 371 participants and 273 teams. The first matches began at 11:00 a.m. Friday morning--the last matches were scheduled for 4:00 Sunday afternoon. Titles were earned in 12 men's events, 5 women's events and 4 mixed divisions.

Competitors came from throughout the state (our state championships are limited to Minnesota residents only.) The State Doubles is the major "Kick-Off" of the racquetball tournament season.

There were some familiar teams, new teams and "interesting" teams. In the mixed events, there were several teams with the same names. These "family" affairs were usually husband/wife teams, like Stoekes, Pedersons, Gustafsons, Blairs, and Chastains. However there were also two brother/sister teams: Andy and Sadie Gross (certainly the youngest team), Dana and Dan Sibell. There was a father/daughter team, Mike and Andrea Beugen and a mother/son team, Linda and Todd Samarzia.

HIGHLIGHTS

The "center stage" on Sunday was of course, the stadium courts, #1 & #2, where the top players competed in semi-final and final matches. In the women's semi's, defending champions, Lynn Cardwell and Gina Waldron met Peggy Clark and Darcy Chastain. Peggy and Darcy have probably logged more matches as partners than any other team competing this weekend. However, despite their experience, Lynn and Gina won in two.

The other women's semi-final was between Dana Sibell and Lynn Kadlec and Kim Peterson with partner Katrina Zabinski. Kim and Carol Krieglger took 2nd in 1987. Despite the fact that Carol was 5 months pregnant, she intended to compete in this year's championship, hoping to duplicate their first place finish of '85 when Carol was also pregnant. However, a back problem developed days before the tournament and Carol wisely chose not to compete.

Katrina stepped in at the "eleventh hour" to be Kim's partner. Though young athletes, Dana and Lynn have been partners for several years. This "team" experience helped them defeat Kim and Katrina.

One men's Open semi-finals was between Todd Stead and Mike Locker, last year's second place team, and Dan Ferris with Pat Page, probably the oldest team (29 & 37 respectively) in the men's Open division. The first game went to Todd and Mike, but in the second game Dan and Pat won by an identical score. Todd and Mike won first serve in the tie-breaker, but Dan and Pat kept their momentum going and won the tie-breaker. Ironically the match was refereed and line-judged by 3 women with no complaints from the players.

On court #1, Hart Johnson and Gus Farell, defending 1987 State Doubles champions were securing their place in the finals by defeating the younger, less experienced team of Brandon Hartinger and Jon Calder. Brandon and Jon were definite underdogs. They came from the unseated ranks playing a team that has won state and national titles. The top-seeded team was victorious, winning in two games. An interesting observation is that 3 of the 4 teams in the semi-finals had left/right teams.

The stage was set for the finals. Lynn Cardwell and Gina Waldron were there to defend their title against a team hungry for victory. This was hardly a game of youth against age & experience, the oldest player was only 25. Dana and Lynn rolled to a 15-8 victory in game 1. Then Gina and Cardwell countered with a 15-13 win. In the tie-breaker Cardwell's quick reflexes and the lefty/righty situation may have given the edge to the defending champions as they grabbed an early lead then continued to control the match--winning 11-3.

The men's finals must have been a familiar setting for Hart Johnson. He has won 7 of the last 8 State Doubles titles with various partners. In this match, Hart and Gus won the first game 15-6. In the second game, Dan and Pat kept the match tighter losing finally 15-10. Perhaps the strang-

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MSRA Board Talk

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

A successful State Championship Tournament would be impossible without the assistance of the many volunteers.

Desk elves include:

Darcy Chastain	Ann Dalager
Mike Dittrich	Tim Glynn
Jay Kuivinen	Bev Lichty
Becky Shirk	Mickey Shirk

At check-in and hospitality:

Jaime Baker	Mike Beugen
Aimee Chastain	Les Dittrich
Tom Golden	Jill Griffiths
Lori Groess	Liz Johnson
Joe Paar	

And helpers of miscellaneous chores:

Cindy Groess	Barb Melville
Pete Peterson	Todd Peterson
Marcia Schutz	Cindy Tilbury

Some of these volunteers could be found at any station, where ever they were needed.

The MSRA board members volunteer their time and effort year 'round, planning and preparing for the State Championship Tournaments as well as their other MSRA responsibilities. They worked before, during and after the tournament!

Dee Lichty	Greg Hayenga
Katrina Zabinski	Marta Groess
Linda Samarzia	Kim Peterson
Al Olson	Gina Waldron
Hart Johnson	Don Griffiths

HATS OFF TO PEGGY CLARK! As tournament directory (and board member) the tournament ran smoothly with no major problems. No matches were held in the wee hours of the morning, and most players enjoyed the competition as a participant and as a spectator of other matches.

Special thanks to Dave Hart who was a sponsor, conducted the "Speed Gun Challenge", brought roses to lift the spirits of tired workers, and simply "pitched in".

State Doubles Titles (cont'd)

est shot occurred when Hart fell in the back court after hitting the ball. Dan moved up to cover the shot but sent it deep into the court where Hart was able to return the ball while still sitting on the floor.

Other Finals:

The 40+ division had familiar names if not familiar teams competing for the '88 title. Gary Peterson with Al Pedersen played Hall of Famer, Bill Schmidtke partnered with Tim LaVoi. The game was a match of wits as well as skill and control. The match was won in two games by Peterson/Pedersen, but the scores were close in each. Behind 14-10, Al hit an overhead splat (a patented Pedersen shot) to win a side-out. Uncharacteristically, Tim and Bill each missed a game winning opportunity at 14-14.

Bill Schmidtke and Tim LaVoi were also in the 35+ finals where they met Pat Page and Brian Heeb. Pat and Brian jumped to a tremendous lead (11-0) in the first game only to have Bill and Tim battle back to within 2 points. Pat and Brian won the first game 15-10 but Bill and Tim came back with a squeaker at 15-14 in game two. At 10-9 in the tie-breaker, Bill crashed into the backwall head first. After an injury time-out, Bill was unable to continue. Pat and Brian won by default.

On the glass were the men's and women's A finals also. The men's finals were between Jim Tomlinson and John Dargan of Duluth against top seeded Steve Landgraf and Frank Hess from St. Paul. Last year Landgraf and Hess won the 25+ division, but was defeated in the quarter-finals by Hartinger and Brenny. This year the men's A title was for Landgraf and Hess.

The women's A finals was another case of "change partners and dance". Sharon Kostohryz's regular partner (for B division) tore a ligament in her foot shortly after sending in her entry. Sharon still wanted to play and asked Bev Lichty. Since Bev is an A player, they had to play in the A division. Sharon rose to the occasion. "I've never played better," she commented. Sharon and Bev took second to Kelly Whalen and Susan Mezzenga in a tough match.

The mixed open finals were between Hart Johnson and Kim Peterson, defending champs and Gus Farell with Gina Waldron. At least one player would be going home with 2 Open titles. Gus and Gina won the first game, then Hart and Kim came back to win the second. Gus and Gina had a "comfortable" lead in the tie-breaker but Kim and Hart mounted a counter-attack and won 11-9.

DE JA VU! in the Open divisions championships:

Men's Open: Hart Johnson & Gus Farell

Women's Open: Lynn Cardwell & Gina Waldron

Mixed Open: Hart Johnson & Kim Mays/Peterson

All successfully defended their '87 titles!

On display at the State Doubles Tournament was the second place trophy won by Team Minnesota in Denver at the Junior Nationals. With the display was a collage of pictures from the tournament. It was impressive to see the size of the team and the wide range of ages. There is real pride among these young players. Although some of the players will be unable to compete next year (past 18 years) many will continue to work with the other young players to prepare for next year's competition.

At the State Doubles, junior players did some fund-raising for Team Minnesota. The equipment and apparel donated to the team was sold to help defray the costs involved in competing at national tournaments.

Another opportunity to support junior racquetball was the number boards. Each board had 100 squares and people could buy a square for \$1 each. They wrote their name in the square(s). If a person had the winning number, he/she received \$25 (the proceeds went to the junior team.) There were three boards, and the winners were:

Gale Stead
Bill Zins

Barb Melville (who bought the remaining squares to finish the board, but donated the winnings back to the junior team.)

THE SPEED GUN CHALLENGE

Dave Hart contacted the Minnesota Twins and provided a speed gun to "clock" the speed of the racquetball. Players could get 6 shots for \$1 and time their forehand or backhand. Many players had fun just testing themselves. Some players were a little hesitant to try, but the juniors were all anxious. The proceeds went to the junior programs.

The top female "hitters" were:

- 1st Peggy Withrow 116mph (forehand)
87mph (backhand)
- 2nd Cindy Tilbury 114mph & 82mph
- 3rd Mary Harrity 104mph (forehand only)

The top male "hitters" were:

- 1st Brett Hartinger 139mph (forehand)
- 2nd Bruce Erickson 137mph (forehand & backhand)
- Tim LaVoi 137mph (both)
- Scott Daugaard 137mph (both)
- Brandon Hartinger 137mph (forehand)
- Scott Stevens 137mph (forehand)
- Brett Stinson 137mph (forehand)

The juniors would like to thank all the players who went around and "sold" the numbers and especially all the people who donated to the junior program.

A special thanks to:

- . Dave Hart for the speed gun
- . MSRA for donating merchandise
- . Mr Electric (Matt Heff) for donating the Burt racquet
- . Patty Erger & Barb Melville for coordinating the number boards.

**IS THE JUNIOR PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB LACKING,
OR PERHAPS NON-EXISTENT?**

Have we got good news for you! Linda Samarzia who coordinated successful junior clinics at the River Valley Club in Stillwater is willing to contact club managers or interested parents to explain what can be done to get a junior program off the ground at your club. In the next issue, we will highlight the steps she suggests, but if you can't wait to get started, contact Linda through the MSRA (see pg 8).

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Tournament Results

*RESULTS of 1988-89 Minnesota
Sanctioned Tournament Series*

NORTHEAST PRO AM
Northeast Racquet Club
Sept 23 - 25

Men's Divisions

Open 1st Dan Ferris
2nd Mike Locker
3rd Kevin Graham (WI)
Con Bruce Erickson

A 1st Jon Calder
2nd Sam Erdman
Con James Elke

B 1st Keith Dixon
2nd Chris Corporaal
Con Bruce Moore

C 1st Chuck Simmons
2nd Scott Anderson
Con Mike Lust

Women's Divisions

Open 1st Dana Sibell
2nd Roxanne Goblish

A 1st Julie Zieminski
2nd Terri Straka
Con Donna Salmi

B 1st Pam O'Brien
2nd Sandra Taube
Con Cheryl Tanis

Doubles Divisions

Men's

Open 1st Farell/Johnson
2nd Locker/Schramm
3rd Hartinger/Hartinger

A 1st Dahlgren/Wrzos
2nd Roman/Roman (WI)
Con Knutson/Peterson

B 1st Osier/Paar
2nd Fye/Karels
Con Harein/Parsons

Women's

Open 1st Dalager/Stomberg
2nd Hill/Tilbury

B 1st O'Brien/VanHouser
2nd Christensen/Sly
Con Burtness/Wrzos

Mixed

A 1st Zieminski/Stich
2nd Pedersen/Pedersen

B 1st Eilbracht/Goodwin
2nd Garcia/Hales
Con Madden/Madden

MIDWEST DOUBLES

INVITATIONAL

Northgate Racquet Club
October 7 - 9

Men's Divisions

Open 1st Mark Braaten/Steve May
2nd Dave Graddy/Ed Graddy

A 1st Dan Corcoran/Pete Cole
2nd D. Prodzinski/Ron Zeise

B 1st Dan Bittman/J. Madden
2nd Patti Erger/S. Warfield

Women's Divisions

A 1st C. Olive-Kasson/C. Gathje
2nd Terri Straka/Amy Genin

Mixed Divisions

O/A 1st Paula Vallie/J. Tomlinson
2nd Pam O'Brien/R. French

HALL OF FAMER: Who Was the First Minnesota State Champion?

In 1973, the first State Championship tournament was held in Rochester, Minnesota. It was sponsored by Kahler's motel. The competition was tough. In the semi's, "he" defeated Bill Schmidtke. In the finals, "he" defeated Steve Strandemo to win the State Championship title...and the winner was--Ron Strom!

Ron is a native Minnesotan, the youngest of three children. He is from Two Harbors, MN probably better known for the starting point of Grandma's Marathon. After he graduated from high school, he began working for Reserved Mining, a taconite plant, but it didn't take him long to decide this wasn't what he wanted for his future. In '65 he married Mary Ann and moved to Rochester.

While attending school, Ron worked at the YMCA where he was first introduced to racquetball. He began playing with a wooden racquet using the black Seamco ball. He joined a league with doctors from the Mayo Clinic. Ron had immediate success at this "new" sport and won his first league.

In '67 the Stroms moved to St. Cloud. Ron continued to play racquetball in college. After he graduated in '70, Ron joined the Elk's club and began playing in tournaments. Although Ron had met Steve Strandemo in school, it wasn't until they played at the Elk's club that they became friends, competitors and partners. Southpaw Ron with right-handed Steve made an awesome doubles team.

Ron took a teaching position in Sauk Rapids, but he continued to play in racquetball tournaments whenever possible. In '74, Ron and Mary Ann moved to the Twin Cities and Ron took a job at Kings Court. He managed the



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October 21 - 23

Women's Divisions

- Open 1st Gina Waldron/Lynn Cardwell
 2nd Dana Sibell/Lynn Kadlec
 3rd K. Peterson/K. Zabinski
 Con A. Dalager/C. Stomberg
- A 1st Susan Messenga/Kelly Whalen
 2nd S. Kostohryz/Bev Lichty
 3rd J. Price/D. Montang
 Con A. Probst/K. Crawford
- B 1st Linda Wenger/Lois Almendinger
 2nd S. Kieffer/D. Fomshell
 3rd A. Beugen/A. Eilbracht
 Con L. Vacek/D. Dahline
- C 1st S. Kivi/N. Kollodge
 2nd Helen Peterson/L. Anderson
- 30+ 1st Sandy Gross/Peggy Withrow
 2nd Page Kern/Deb Roforth



Men's Divisions

- Open 1st Gus Farell/Hart Johnson
 2nd Dan Ferris/Pat Page
 3rd Mike Locker/Todd Stead
 Con T. Schramm/S. Daugaard
- A 1st Steve Landgraf/Frank Hess
 2nd Jim Tomlinson/J. Dargan
 3rd J. Easton/J. Stilwell
 Con M. Becker/T. Glynn
- B 1st Ken Croat/Geoff Partridge
 2nd Ralph Ianfolla/D. Steele
 3rd K. Collias/D. Bittman
 Con G. Sturm/D. Flom
- C 1st R. Villones/S. Renier
 2nd B. Traynor/J. Schenz
 3rd S. Trongard/S. Hennessey
 Con F. Musbach/M. Dunn



- 19+ 1st Bruce Erickson/Dan Ferris
2nd Chris Helle/Paul Aune
- 25+ 1st Greg Hayenga/Mike Dittrich
2nd Skip Moritz/J. Johnson
3rd S. May/M. Braaten
Con S. Stevens/P. Cote
- 30+ 1st Jon Schwartzman/ Steve Kolar
2nd S. Lorch/T. Sabin
3rd D. Hart/D. Klemm
Con D. Schulenberg/S. Britton
- 35+ 1st Brian Heeb/Pat Page
2nd Tim LaVoi/Bill Schmidtke
3rd G. Withrow/D. Gross
Con M. Beugen/G. Christensen
- 35+B 1st Terry Pedersen/Al Yeelitt
2nd P. Gallaher/Mark Cohen
3rd R. Jacobson/B. Waller
Con M. Prince/C. Loisel
- 40+ 1st Al Pedersen/Gary Peterson
2nd Tim LaVoi/Bill Schmidtke
3rd T. Foster/S. Prokopiuk
Con J. Pastor/R. Leeman
- 45+ 1st Bill Hall/Marv Blair
2nd R. Bernier/J.M. Brunke
3rd L. Dittrich/D. Carpenter
Con L. Kinney/K. Dutton
- 50+ 1st Dick Carpenter/Fred Banfield
2nd C. Riggs/B. Kleinschmidt
- 55+ 1st Bob McNamara/Norm Goldetsky
2nd Max Fallek/Jim Fitzharris



Mixed Divisions

- Open 1st Kim Peterson/Hart Johnson
2nd Gina Waldron/Gus Farell
3rd L. Cardwell/D. Overkamp
Con L. Kadlec/M. Locker
- A 1st Linda Arford/Jamie Junker
2nd Lynn Nonhof/D. Landstrom
3rd C. Pedersen/T. Pedersen
Con A. Dalager/J. Larson
- B 1st Pam O'Brien/Jay O'Brien
2nd Ardis Stoeke/Bill Stoeke
3rd D. Dahline/C. Carlson
Con C. Olive/K. Burke
- C 1st Sadie Gross/Andy Gross
2nd M. Olsovsky/Don Griffiths
3rd L. Anderson/S. Anderson
Con K. Velzke/D. Velzke

HALL OF FAMER: Ron Strom

(continued)

Roseville club and was program director for both the Edina and Roseville clubs.

Because of success in "money tournaments", Ron Strom and Bill Schmidtke were excluded from the State Championship tournaments from '75-'78. However, in 1979, Ron was no longer competing in "Pro" tournaments and was eligible for the premier amateur event, the State Championship. That year the tournament was held in Blaine. Ron won the State Open crown again.

Ron is probably best known now as the coordinator of the racquetball and gym programs at the Northwest clubs, where he has worked since 1975. At that time, there were only 2 clubs with racquetball facilities. Today Ron travels among the 6 clubs with racquetball courts (5 with gyms) and 3 or 4 more clubs may be added in the next few years.

Ron has long been a supporter and promoter of racquetball as well as an outstanding player. It is easy to see why he was selected for the Minnesota Racquetball Hall of Fame.

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Tournament Schedule

November 11 - 13

* Southview Spectacular
Southview Athletic Club
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Turkey Shoot Tournament

Duluth Racquet Club
Duluth, MN

November 18 - 20

* 6th Annual Fall Shootout Pro-Am
Kandi Kourts
Willmar, MN
(612) 235-1212

7th Annual Jesse James Shoot-Out

Northfield Racquet & Health
Northfield, MN

Tom Turkey Fall Classic

Bemidji Fitness Centre
Bemidji, MN

November 25 - 27

* 12th Annual Turkey Tourney
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November 25 - 27

* Mankato Thanksgiving Pro/Am
Mankato Athletic Club
Mankato, MN
(507) 345-8833

December 2 - 4

* Northtown Racquetball Super-
star Athletics Pro-Am
Northtown Racquetball & Fitness
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 780-2322

December 9 - 11

* Frosty Pro-Am
Kings Court - Edina
Edina, MN
(612) 941-6391

January 6 - 8

4th Annual Winter Rollout
Dino's Owatonna Racquet Club
Owatonna, MN

January 13 - 15

* 2nd Annual Hall of Fame
Greenway Athletic Club
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 343-3131

January 20 - 22

* Northeast Snowflake Tourney
Northeast Racquetball Club
Columbia Heights, MN
(612) 572-0330

Stillwater Classic

River Valley Racquet Club
Stillwater, MN

Open Tourney

Patton Pro Sports Club
Bemidji, MN

January 27 - 29

* Iron Range Open Tournament
Supreme Court Racquet & Fitness
Virginia, MN
(218) 749-8318

February 3 - 5

* St. Paul Winter Carnival Pro-Am
Carlton Fitness Club
Maplewood, MN
(612) 738-3559

February 10 - 12

* Country Courts Pro-Am
Country Courts
Fairmont, MN
(507) 235-6691

* Sanctioned Series Tournaments

MAKING THE CALL

(Crossing the 5' line)

The server lob serves the ball. The receiver moves up to make a "fly" return (hit the ball before it bounces). The ball is contacted behind the 5 foot line. However, the player's racquet breaks the plane of the 5' line on the follow-through.

The referee should:

A) Stop play by calling "hinder". The receiver could not make a safe shot. Player reserves the ball.

B) Stop play by calling "point". The receiver entered the safety zone illegally. A point is awarded to the server.

C) Allow play to continue. Make no call because no infraction has occurred.

Correct call is "C" - allow play to continue.

Rule 4.12 RETURN OF SERVE, section a.2

On the fly return attempt, the receiver may not strike the ball until the ball breaks the plane of the receiving (five-foot) line. The follow-through may carry the receiver and/or his racquet past the receiving line.

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STRANDEMO CLINIC: JAN. 20-22

Steve Strandemo, the eminent racquetball instructor, will again be returning to Minnesota to conduct a three day clinic. Steve, originally from Minnesota, has written instructional books and has conducted clinics across the United States for many years. He has competed as a professional, but his greatest success has come as a teacher of racquetball.

The clinic will be held at Kings Court in Edina on Friday evening (6:00-9:00 pm), Saturday (9:00-5:00) and Sunday (9:00-5:00). The class size will be limited to 25 players and will include lectures, videos, demonstration and personal evaluation.

Cost: \$250

For details, call Kings Court (612) 941-6391.

Referee Clinic

Oops! We fumbled the ball. At the State Doubles Tournament we intended to conduct the Referee Clinic as promised. Due to a variety of circumstances and scheduling problems, we regret that this clinic did not take place. We do believe there is a need for this information. In this and subsequent newsletter issues, we will address some of the issues that would have been covered (using the clinic's outline). We will also try to schedule the round table discussion format for other sanctioned tournaments.

I. Referee responsibilities

A. Maintain an objective, unbiased atmosphere

B. Assist players

1. Making the calls

a) Be knowledgeable of rules including recent changes

b) Be quick, loud and clear in calls

c) BE CONSISTENT!

2. Keep the score

3. Promote a safe environment for competition

C. Assist tournament director

1. Keep games on time

a) Report to assigned court promptly

b) Be aware of time used

1) Time-outs (30 seconds)

2) Between games (2 & 5 minutes)

3) Between rallies (10 seconds after serve is called)

c) Report results & next referee

d) Return ball, card, pencil, etc.

Rule 3.5.b During the match, the referee shall make ALL DECISIONS with regard to the rules.

"Fault", "Hinder", "Point", "Side-out" are clearly a referee's responsibilities. Players may make a call on themselves (ball touched his/her body or a double bounce) and any referee appreciates the help since these are difficult calls to see. A player may call a "hinder" because he/she feels screened, encumbered, or restricted in his/her opportunity to hit the ball, but these calls are subject to agreement by the referee. If, in the refs judgment, the player had sufficient time or room to safely take a reasonable shot, the ref may disallow the player's "hinder" call and award a point or side-out. However, generally a referee is inclined to agree.

It is the responsibility of a referee to stop a player from taking an unsafe shot! If a player is concentrating and watching the ball, he/she may not be aware of the opponent's position. The referee, looking from above or behind has a better view of the players' positions and should call the hinder early enough to prevent a player from being struck by the ball or racquet, if possible.

NEWS and VIEWS

STATE DOUBLES COMMENTS:

Bill Hall, "If I'm not playing well and I'm winning, I think that's great, because I know when I play better I'm sure to win."

Barb Hopson, "Get this, Pat's knee almost hit the ground in one rally!"

Sandy Gross, "Am I the only one who smokes at this tournament?"

Les Dittrich, "I don't know what happened to Greg. At 2:30 I woke up and he took his cot and left."

Only a few players tried to play with improper eyeguards, and only one person tried to play with none. (The situations were corrected.) Tim LaVoi, while refereeing, noticed players using "altered" eyewear. He stopped play and required the players to get proper eyeguards before the match was allowed to continue. Good job, Tim!

Cryptic messages:

Patti's disappearing "Captain".

Who was the "Saturday Night S---"?

Margaret's map!

The "little flipper".

Refills for a buck!

EDITOR'S Note: National Doubles Update

The editorial for this issue was written, in fact, the newsletter was ready for the press...but this news can't wait! I just returned from the 1988 National Doubles and it was GREAT-19 Minnesotans competed & 16 medals were won.

- 7 won gold medals
- 4 won silver medals
- 1 won a bronze medal
- 2 won 4th place medals
- 2 won consolation medals

In Mixed Open doubles, Dana Sibell won 1st with partner Mike Guidry of Texas. They defeated the #1 seeded team in the semi's and stayed tough to win the title. Unlike the state doubles, there are no restrictions on serving. Dana received most of the serves from the top female AND male players. It was an impressive performance.

Hart Johnson & Gus Farrell reclaimed the 19+ title. In '86 they took 1st place and 2nd in '87. They met Cline & Rodriguez (#1 seeds) in the finals and won in 2 games.

Pat Page with partner Stan Wright (CA) were #1 seeds in the 30+ and 35+ divisions. They played back-to-back final matches. First they won the 30+ 11-10 in the tie-breaker. Then on the same court, they played for the 35+ title, but lost 10-11 in another tie-breaker.

Becky Shirk and Cindy Tilbury took home gold in Women's A division and Consolation medals in 30+.

Kathy Mueller with Jo Kenyon (FL) won 1st in 50+ and 2nd in 40+ with Marta Groess.


Dan Ferris & Jack Nolan (AZ-former MN) won silver in 25+.

Norm Goldetsky with Mas took bronze in 50+.

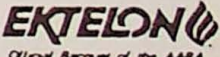
Margaret Hill and Patti Erger took 4th in 30+.

Also competing were Aimee Melville, Dave Werschay, Lynn Kadlec, Mike Locker, Bruce Erickson, Les Dittrich and Mark Ramlo. Other Minnesotans were in Baltimore just to cheer on the players - thanks for your support. Congratulations to all 19 players, they represented Minnesota well!

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MINNESOTA WILL HOST
THE 1989 AARA NATIONAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT!

The official declaration of the site came at the 1988 National Doubles Tournament held this year in Baltimore. The announcement was made at the banquet on Saturday evening and the Minnesotans cheered loudly.

The MSRA submitted a bid to the AARA (American Amateur Racquetball Association) for this prestigious event. People have been laying the groundwork for this national tournament, but this is only the beginning. As hosts we want to make the tournament a memorable event for all involved. If anyone is interested in helping, contact the MSRA.

This will be a rare opportunity for players in the upper-midwest to see and compete with some of the finest players in the nation. Players who are just pictures in the racquetball magazine will be here, plus the top players in every age division. Minnesotans may be surprised at how well we compare. So players get ready, MARK YOUR CALENDAR! October 26-29, 1989 Plan to play in Burnsville in the AARA National Doubles Championship.

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