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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MATCH START TIMES & DIVISION DRAWS

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Friday, September 30, 2022

Registration/Info Desk
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

USAR Amateur and Pro Matches
University of Minnesota
Student Rec Center (UMN)
8:00 a.m. – 10:10 p.m.

IRT Singles Quarterfinals
4:10 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.

IRT Doubles Quarterfinals
10:10 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

LPRT Singles Quarterfinals
2:10 p.m. / 3:10 p.m.

LPRT Doubles Semifinals
6:10 p.m. / 7:10 p.m.

Informal Late-Night Player Gathering
Graduate Hotel
Beacon Restaurant
10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.



PRO SINGLES & DOUBLES HEAT UP THE COURTS FRIDAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA!

IRT Singles Quarterfinals

4:10 p.m. Eduardo (Lalo) Portillo vs. Alejandro Landa
5:10 p.m. Samuel Murray vs. Conrado Moscoso
8:10 p.m. Rocky Carson vs. Andree Parrilla
9:10 p.m. Rodrigo Montoya vs. Jake Bredenbeck

IRT Doubles Quarterfinals

10:10 a.m. Portillo/Acuña vs. Moscoso/Keller
11:10 a.m. Parrilla/Murray vs. Franco/Garay
12:10 p.m. Bredenbeck x 2 vs. Mar/Montoya
1:10 p.m. Beltran/De La Rosa vs. Fernandez/Manilla

LPRT Singles Quarterfinals

2:10 p.m. Jessica Parrilla vs. Natalia Mendez
2:10 p.m. Carla Muñoz vs. Alexandra Herrera
3:10 p.m. Paola Longoria vs. Brenda Laime
3:10 p.m. Erika Manilla vs. Angelica Barrios

LPRT Doubles Semifinals

6:10 p.m. Manilla/Mendez vs. Herrera/Parrilla
7:10 p.m. Longoria/Salas vs. Martinez/Rodriguez

Selected matches will be live streamed tomorrow by the LPRT (Facebook: LPRT) and the IRT (Facebook: International Racquetball Tour).

The information you've come to expect over many years is still right here: the 2022 US OPEN Event Program, The Daily Racquet (in blog form), and social media posts by USA Racquetball, the IRT, the LPRT, and many players who are keeping in touch with friends and family back home. The **program and blog** are not printed but rather offered online at usaracquetball.com, with a **convenient QR code** for everyone here prominently displayed around the Rec Center. Saving trees while at the same time conserving resources feels great, and if anyone would like to print, have at it!



QUESTION OF THE DAY (QOTD) – IT'S BACK!

Now it's time to resurrect this wildly popular feature where one can read answers that can only conjure up a tagline of the past: *enquiring minds want to know*. Sort of. Thanks to "boots on the ground" Dream Team members Carrie Reitmeier and Cindy Tilbury for gathering the responses!

What do you like most about this US OPEN (so far)?

Name, State or Country, # of US OPENS: Answer

Cesar Vazquez, California, first: Meeting new people

Jorge Rodriguez Garcia, Costa Rica, 12: The weather

Alvaro Guillen, Costa Rica, 2: The club location

Glenn Martineau, Texas, 4: The venue

Eddie Vann, Texas: Starbucks location

Susan Acoymo, Iowa: The hotel and the club

Renee Lampkin, Iowa: Food the first night

Israel Torres, California: Courts are better

Amy Pivovar and **Carrie Reitmeier**, Nebraska: The apparel (tournament shirt)

Bryce Newbold, Arkansas, first: Watching the Pro-Am Charity Doubles

Diego Gonzalez, Guatemala, 4: The whole experience

Billy Cannon, Alabama, 13: Seeing friends

Troy Vanbemmelen, Nebraska, 10: The weather

Edward Kelley, Pennsylvania: Watching sons play and central location makes it reasonable

Martha Cernicchiaro, Pennsylvania, first: The Rec Center

Jim Corrigan, Alabama, first: Facilities and people

Pam Leary, Texas, volunteer for 20 years: Seasoned players

Jennifer Briglia, Oregon, 3: Camaraderie

Sandy Rios, Texas, 10: The atmosphere here in our little racquetball village; the courts, the HOTEL, the food, the happy players

Claude Crocker, Tennessee, 17: Getting to play two people I've always wanted to play – Martineau and Gilmore

Shuttle driver **Brooke** (shuttle driver, volunteer for the city the past three years): Better and easier route between clubs. *Thank you, Brooke!*

What will the QOTD be tomorrow? Well, that's up to **Cindy and Carrie**. Find them and secure your 15 minutes of US OPEN fame in the Saturday edition of *The Daily Racquet!*

The tournament shirt is a hit!
Here, modeling this year's *camiseta*, is Cindy Tilbury!



Now, That's Dedication!

T. J. Baumbaugh shared on Thursday morning that Janet and Gary Tyler of Palm Harbor, Florida, found out their Tuesday flights to Minneapolis were canceled due to Hurricane Ian. After trying unsuccessfully to rebook at a few other airports, even checking as far north as Tennessee, they decided the US OPEN was worth the 25-hour drive! They arrived in Minneapolis on Wednesday evening, joining their son and daughter-in-law, Garrett and Linda Tyler. The four are entered in eight different divisions. Good luck, Tyler Family!



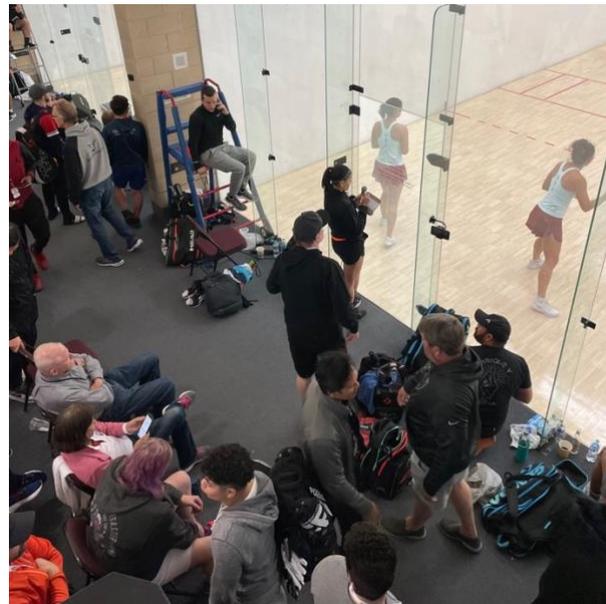
**Garrett, Janet, Gary, Linda...and their own
Team Tyler Head Cheerleader!**
Photo by T. J. Baumbaugh



Alabama Represents! Billy Cannon, Jim Corrigan, Mick McGuire, Craig Herr, Detry Everhart, Bob Frazier, Jeremy Scarpace, Will Epperson

Photo Courtesy of Alabama Racquetball Association

University of Minnesota Student Rec Center on Thursday Night



Photos Courtesy of Cindy Tilbury

Meanwhile, over at Life Time Fitness Fridley...



Photo Courtesy of Stewart Solomon



PRO MATCH COVERAGE – Thursday, September 29, 2022 **by Evan Pritchard, *The Racquetball Blog***

Montoya Upsets De La Rosa in Round of 16 at US OPEN

Rodrigo Montoya defeated defending US Open champion **Daniel De La Rosa**, 10-15, 15-14, 11-9, in the [International Racquetball Tour \(IRT\)](#) Round of 16. The win almost guarantees a new man will be IRT US OPEN champion. Almost, because 2007 champion **Rocky Carson** is still alive in the draw, as he came back from a game down to defeat **Adam Manilla**, 13-15, 15-7, 11-5.

In the quarterfinals on Friday, Montoya will play Jake **Bredenbeck**, who was a winner over **Mario Mercado**, 15-9, 15-12, and Carson will play IRT #2 **Andree Parrilla**, who beat Eduardo Garay, 15-9, 15-8.

The **Montoya vs. De La Rosa** tiebreaker started slowly. There were 11 side outs at 1-1. De La Rosa broke the tie and went up 5-1. He maintained that lead through 7-3 and 9-6 at which point Montoya called a timeout.

Montoya hit a great backhand pinch shot to get the serve back when play resumed, but then committed a penalty hinder as he moved forward as De La Rosa was swinging and was unintentionally hit by De La Rosa.

But Montoya got the serve back with another backhand winner and then got four points on as many rallies. After the first three, which tied the game at 9-9, De La Rosa called a timeout. He'd gifted Montoya his 8th and 9th points with two skipped shots.

After the timeout, De La Rosa skipped another shot to put Montoya on match point at 10-9. A hinder was called at the point, though it seemed like a penalty hinder might have been called on Montoya. De La Rosa hit a forehand winner on the next rally so maybe the ball knew better.

De La Rosa's joy was short lived though, as Montoya hit a backhand pinch winner on the next rally and got his 3rd match point. That was enough, as De La Rosa tried to force a forehand shot that skipped. It wasn't even clear what shot De La Rosa was attempting to hit.

The IRT comeback of the day was **Samuel Murray's** win over **Javier Mar**, 10-15, 15-3, 11-8, as Murray was down 7-0 in the tiebreaker but still managed to pull out the victory.

Top seeds all win in LPRT Round of 16 at 2022 US Open

All the higher seeds won in the [Ladies Professional Racquetball Tour \(LPRT\)](#) Round of 16 at the 2022 USA Racquetball US OPEN at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, but not all of them advanced easily. Three of the eight matches went breaker, and two others were doubles digits in both games.

Seventh seed **Carla Muñoz** had the biggest hurdle, as she lost the first game of her match against 10th seed **Samantha Salas** but then rallied to win in three games, 8-15, 15-8, 11-7. In the other three-game matches, the higher seeds lost game two.

Fifth seed **Jessica Parrilla** needed three games to get past 12th seed **Valeria Centellas**, 15-12, 8-15, 11-7, and 8th seed **Brenda Laime** went the distance with 9th seed **Kelani Lawrence**, winning 15-7, 11-15, 11-5.

The **Muñoz-Salas** match was a slugfest, as both are power players, so they were trying to hammer the ball past each other. After dropping the first game, Muñoz went out to a big lead in game two at 11-2. But Salas dug in and made it interesting when she got to 11-6, and 13-8. However, Muñoz held on to force a tiebreaker.

She carried the momentum over into the breaker, going up 7-1. But again, Salas dug in and this time came all the way back to tie the game at 7-7. They exchanged three side outs, and then with the serve back, Muñoz called a timeout.

When play resumed, she won the next two rallies with forehand shots from the left side to the right. Salas then called a timeout.

On the next rally, Muñoz had a chance to get to match point, but she skipped a forehand shot to give Salas the serve. But she made up for the error with a backhand cross court winner on the next rally to again serve at 9-7.

A backhand pinch shot made it 10-7. Then on the first match point, Salas hit a backhand shot that was high and came off the right-side wall and back wall. Muñoz set up for a forehand shot but misjudged where the ball was going. But in moving for the ball, she forced Salas to move to the left side, and then made an awkward forehand shot that pushed the ball into the front right corner for a winner.

Probably not a play she and her coach Cliff Swain had drawn up.

In the **Laime versus Lawrence** match, Lawrence had a lead in game two at 8-4 after losing game one, 15-7, but Laime came back to tie it at 9-9, leading to a Lawrence timeout.

Lawrence got the serve back when Laime was assessed a penalty hinder, and she then scored two points to regain the lead at 11-9. After several sideouts, Laime was able to again tie the game at 11-11 and looked like she might win in two straight games.

However, Lawrence hit a forehand shot down the left side to get the serve back and then hit a drive serve ace to the right side to lead 12-11. Three forehand winners later, she'd won the game, 15-11, and forced a tiebreaker.

Unfortunately for Lawrence, the wheels came off her bus early in the breaker as Laime won the first five rallies to lead 5-0. Lawrence called timeout.

She got the serve back on the next rally and scored a couple points but still trailed Laime 5-2. Then Lawrence skipped a shot, and that led to five more points for Laime and match point at 10-2.

But Lawrence dug in and fought off match point three times while scoring three points of her own to get within five at 10-5 down. However, when she skipped a forehand shot - an unforced error - to give

Laime match point a fourth time, it was one time too many. A Laime backhand into the front left corner ended the game at 11-5, and the match, 2-1, in favour of Laime.

Laime's win sets up a rematch with LPRT #1 **Paola Longoria**, as Longoria beat 16th seed **Cristina Amaya**, 15-7, 15-2, Thursday. The two played in the last LPRT event in Maryland, where Laime handed Longoria her first loss in the quarterfinals since 2008.

You know that Longoria will not want to lose to Laime twice in a row.

Mendez/Manilla vs. Laime/Muñoz in the LPRT Doubles Quarterfinals:



Mar/Montoya vs. Saraceno/Rankin in IRT Doubles Round of 16:



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