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Sudsy Monchik was focused and driven throughout his run to a second Promus U.S. OPEN title in Memphis. Photo: Vicki Hughes.
Well, Happy New Year to you, too! If you’re reading the January/February issue and it’s not just a dozen or so black and white copied pages stapled together at the top left corner, it will be a very good sign. You see, for Christmas, we decided to give you a brand new magazine.

Oh sure, it looks the same (I swear I’m getting a new picture taken!) but it really is all new. Since the holidays are traditionally so stress-free for me (like most people, right?), we first decided to acquire Killshot and incorporate former content from the publication into RACQUETBALL. That negotiation, successfully finalized and announced at the U.S. OPEN, opened the door to a whole new world of cross-platform file transfer issues, frantic emails and computer-babble that continues to make my head spin. You’ll see a re-design of the PROfile pages in this issue that reflect some of that “new world order” as we begin to selectively adopt some of the neat-o graphics and artwork that jazzed up Killshot’s pages in the past. As part of the deal, former Killshot editor Marvin Quertermous will be authoring pro tour coverage in the coming year as a regular contributor, and RACQUETBALL will take over newstand space in selected markets served by major booksellers like Barnes & Noble. Oh! And RACQUETBALL has now become the official publication of the pro tours, too! Just a few little extras to make life more interesting in 1999.

Secondly, I guess I was getting a little too cozy with the folks who help us produce the magazine in the pre-press stages (helping with design, scanning photos, generating film, that sort of thing), and the crew who actually put the ink on paper every eight weeks, so ... we changed all our production/support services heading into the holidays. All new people to convince that if I’m at work on Christmas Eve, everyone else should be too! Tell me again about that nine-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs? I think I finally got that move down ...

So, we’re hoping that all this frantic change will result in more of the type of improvement that you’ve come to expect in the pages of RACQUETBALL. We’re heading into our tenth year, counting down the millennium, and making big plans. But be forewarned. The first person to ask (even jokingly) when RACQUETBALL is going to start coming out monthly had better be able to duck, and fast!
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THANKS, ALL AROUND!
<< As a manager for the Hampton Inn-Anchorage I would like to thank Mr. Ray Schultz and Promus Hotel Corporation for putting their enthusiastic stamp on the sport of racquetball. I was truly proud to represent Promus Hotels, Stonebridge Companies and Hampton Inn-Anchorage.

I would also like to thank the USRA and the IRT for making my time in Memphis truly spectacular. I have been to many tournaments in many different states and I must say that the U.S. Open is a first class event. I take my hat off to Doug Ganim and everyone involved. An absolutely fantastic job!

I came to the tournament not really caring if I won or lost. I just wanted to see some old friends and watch some great racquetball. Well, I got everything and more. I returned to Alaska feeling like I truly won something special. I am not talking about the fact that I won my division, but the fact that I spent a wonderful week with old friends, made new friends and played some great racquetball players. I have renewed confidence in my abilities and a new desire to better my game, and help others better theirs. I would like to dedicate my win to my beautiful 10 month old son Antonio. He is my life and my inspiration. This was for you Tonyo!

On behalf of all of the Alaska Racquetball players I want to say thank you to everyone in Memphis for their outstanding hospitality. We all go back to the frozen north knowing that we have been a part of something wonderful.

Tony Rosales
Hampton Inn-Anchorage, Alaska
'98 U.S. Open Men's 25+ A/B Champion

<< I want to personally thank you and the entire staff for the coverage Doug and I received from the National Doubles. It's also an honor for me to appear on the cover of RACQUETBALL magazine.

When I retired from the tour four years ago, I thought I'd never venture into competitive play again. But the lure of becoming a U.S. Team member again, and the benefits that come with it, have inspired me to compete again with enthusiasm. I look forward to representing the United States in next year's Pan Am games, along with partner Doug Ganim. Thanks for the opportunity!

Dan Obremski
North Versailles, Pennsylvania
"USRA Athlete of the Year"

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending a clinic directed by Lynn Adams, the Hall-of-Famer, who unfortunately had to leave the game in the early '90's due to illness. Lynn came to our little club, a YMCA in Staunton, Va. with only two courts, but with a dedication to the game rarely seen in clubs three times that size.

I want to thank her, on behalf of everyone who attended, for a fun, informative session that enhanced all of our skills. While it would be easy for a player of Lynn's stature to simply rest, basking in her achievements, she took the time to come to our little club and spend two hours teaching us hacks how to play better racquetball. It showed a true love of the game and a desire to promote the sport that I consider to be the best game in the world.

I was impressed, not only by her skill as a player which, I believe, has not diminished one bit since she won her last championship, but by her ability to explain the most fundamental and the most complex aspects of the game to both our beginner players and those of us who have worked hard to climb the club ladder.

Thank you Lynn for your time, and thank you for your contribution to the game. And thank you most for telling me I had a "good forehand." It was the best compliment I have ever received.

David Meeks
Staunton, Virginia

Thank you so much for allowing me to go to the [Elite] camp. It was the best experience of my life. I called my father after the first day and told him what we did and that I did about 700 pushups. Then I told him "this was heaven." My game as improved tremendously since the camp.
The drills we learned are awesome and the exercises are great. I am trying hard to reach my goal of getting to the quarters in the Worlds. So I would just like to thank you again for a great learning experience.

Josh Epstein  
Great Neck, New York

### 1999 intercollegiate regional qualifiers [level 4] ... nationwide

| February 13-14 | Indiana University | Bloomington, Indiana | 440-886-2286 |
| February 19-21 | Southeast Intercollegiate Regionals | Tallahassee, Florida | 518-463-1352 |
| February 26-28 | Northeast Intercollegiate Regionals @ Court Club | Albany, New York | 518-463-1332 |
| March 5-6 | ORA State Championships | Canton, Ohio | 614-890-6073 |
| March 18-20 | BYU Regionals | Provo, Utah | 801-378-5301 |

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| April 8-10 | Glass Court Swim & Fitness | Chicago, Illinois | Geoff Peters | 773-935-9685 |
| April 15-18 | Lakewood Athletic Club | Denver, Colorado | Marianne Alonzi | 303-422-5703 |
| The Quadrangle East | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida | Fred White | 954-528-2311 |
| Southern Athletic Club | Atlanta, Georgia | Liz Lyon | 770-293-5400 |
| Merritt Athletic Club | Baltimore, Maryland | Molly O'Brien | 410-315-7900 |
| Cedardale Health & Fitness Club | Haverhill, Massachusetts | Bill Cargan | 603-367-8533 |
| Missouri Athletic Club West | St. Louis, Missouri | Bill Crist | 314-539-4428 |
| Hall of Fame Fitness Center | Canton, Ohio | Doug Ganim | 614-896-6073 |
| Cascade Athletic Club | Portland, Oregon | Connie Martin | 503-665-4142 |
| Northwest Athletic Club | Houston, Texas | Ange Muniz | 713-432-8081 |
| Eau Claire Athletic Club | Eau Claire, Wisconsin | Ryan Graham | 715-552-5382 |
| Las Vegas Sporting Club | Las Vegas, Nevada | Mike Coulter | 702-733-8999 |
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### 1999 junior regional qualifiers [level 4] ... nationwide

| February 19-21 | Region 7 - Northwest Athletic Club | Houston, TX | Annie Muniz | 713-432-0881 |
| March 19-21 | Region 14 - Garden Health & Fitness | Monterey, CA | Margo Daniels | 831-372-7224 |
| March 27-28 | Region 2 - Club Fit | Briarcliff, NY | Jennifer Mayadas Dering | 914-763-5466 |
| April 9-11 | Region 16 - Courts Plus | Jacksonville, NC | Jan Stelma | 919-633-2221 |
| April 15-18 | Region 6 - Missouri Athletic Club | St. Louis, MO | Bill Crist | 314-439-4428 |
| April 15-18 | Region 12 - Lakewood Athletic Club | Denver, CO | Marianne Alonzi | 303-422-5703 |
| April 15-18 | Region 3 - Merritt Athletic Club | Baltimore, MD | Craig Rappaport | 601-520-0338 |
| April 15-18 | Region 9 - Hall of Fame Fitness Center | Canton, OH | Shelley Ogden | 513-941-7641 |
| April 24-25 | Region 10 - Shelbyville County Athletic Club | Shelbyville, IN | Cathy McGrath | 317-879-8100 |
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| April 30-May 1 | Region 8 - Site TAB | Chicago, IL | Rich Clay | 847-918-7407 |
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| April TBA | Region 13 - Billings YMCA | Billings, MT | Mike Nys/Steve Pinnow | 406-245-6204 |

**CORRECTION**

Last month, I received the magazine and I wanted to let you know that there was a slight error in your published scores for the National Doubles that were held in October at the Merritt Athletic Club in Maryland. First, my partner's name is Russ Montague, not Ross. Additionally, the scores in the 45+ finals against [Gene] Pare and [Stan] Wright were actually 9-15, 15-11 and 11-7. You did get the outcome correct, but the scores you had indicated in the magazine (15-3 and 15-9) were in error and should have reflected a closer finish.

Would appreciate if you would give Russ and I the credit that is due instead of the embarrassing straight game scores indicated. If not, we will just have to set the record straight next time!

Ed Garabedian  
West Chester, Pennsylvania

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January – February 1999
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It's racquetball like you've never seen it before... unless you've been to Memphis to experience the Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN for yourself. Since its debut in 1996, this event has just gotten bigger and better each year.

This past November the sold-out stadium court for the men's and women's pro finals was once again flanked by ESPN cameramen positioned next to the made-for-TV portable court like storm troopers of the airwaves. Spectators and players witnessed surprising runs by Eric Muller and Caryn McKinney to reach the semifinals of their respective pro draws, and a host of other surprises were also in store. With that said, one can only imagine how impressive the Promus' 4th U.S. OPEN might prove to be in 1999. One thing's for sure – better get your tickets early! From the looks of this crowd, they won't be around for long.
One Up, One Down

If Cliff Swain and Sudsy Monchik could ever get on the same page — healthwise — their match would rival any in racquetball’s history.

But their highly-touted rematch at the 3rd Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships only mirrored its ’97 counterpart. Last year, Monchik had entered the event as the top seed and limped his way through the draw. This year, Swain became the hobbled defending champion.

A year ago, it was a hungry Swain who dismantled an ailing Monchik in a three-game final. This go-round, it was a red-hot Monchik who made Swain look like first-round fodder with a humbling 11-2, 11-8, 11-4 championship win.

Why can’t these two just get it on in Memphis? After five days of build-up, crowds were ready for a marathon. But the fact remains, the Promus U.S. OPEN has yet to see anything longer than a three-game finale (men or women) since its inception. Exciting, to be sure, but just too brief!

Getting There

Earlier in the week, Swain had moved past Craig Rappaport (who scored the most points, other than Sudsy, against the lefty; 11-5, 8-11, 11-3, 11-7) and Matt Adesso (11-3, 11-2, 11-4) in the tourney’s first two
rounds, while, on the bottom of the draw, second-seeded Monchik took apart Canada's Francis Guillemette (11-8, 11-8, 11-1) and Mexico's Luis "Nacho" Bustillos (4-11, 11-1, 11-1, 11-2) for his entry into the round of 16.

Early-round upsets included U.S. Junior Team member Josh Tucker's 12-10, 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9 victory in the round of 64 over 13th seed Doug Eagle. In the second round, no one was more shocked than home-town hero and fourth seed Andy Roberts who was put in the deep freeze by Minnesota's Mike Locker 14-12, 11-7, 11-9.

"Andy Roberts is the king," Locker told the crowd after his stunning upset. "I don't care what anybody says, he's the king of racquetball and someone I've always looked up to."

Later, Locker continued, "I play a lot of junk, I play a medium-paced game, if you will, and that tended to throw him off a little. I don't think Andy was on his game, but I'll take that and run with it."

Roberts, who has stated this will be his final season on the tour full-time, said, "I missed some shots in the second and third games that were crucial. I just could not get anything goin'. Normally when I don't play well, it's a physical ailment, but I had no excuses."

Perhaps the most entertaining match of the 32's was between rocket-launcher Rob Dejesus and elder statesman, Ruben Gonzalez. The two split the first four games with Dejesus taking one and two (11-8, 11-6) and Gonzalez the next two (11-6, 11-7). Dejesus eventually won the fifth 11-9.

Referee Todd O'Neil described the match: "Dejesus came out with his noise and funk and Ruben was off-balance. Like the cagey veteran he is, Ruben found a weakness and exploited it for the third and fourth games and most of the fifth. Then, Dejesus made a little quick-fix, got some first serves in and turned the momentum of the match. Dejesus short served in the range of 13-16 times in the match. Ruben only faulted once."

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**The Sixteens**

The round of 16 began and Swain's sore elbow was the talk of the tournament. How bad is it? What is it [tendonitis, pinched nerve, bruise]? Is he really hurt? Can he even get to the finals? And, of course, Swain never let on too far in either direction.

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Next up was expected to be the high-flying circus acts of Ellis and sixth-seeded Mike Guidry. But neither was on their game and Ellis eventually emerged victorious, 7-11, 11-0, 11-2, 11-7.

"I felt somewhat flat and lacked a little motivation, if you can believe it," Ellis said after the match. "I'm thankful that he didn't play his best racquetball either. Together, we kind of stunk it up a little bit, but you gotta do what you gotta do to win the tournament."

The top two seeds, Monchik and Swain finished the evening with wins over 10th seed Tim Doyle (13-11, 11-6, 11-9) and eighth seed Derek Robinson (11-2, 12-10, 11-7), respectively.

"That's as tough as you'll see a three-game match," Monchik said of his match up with friend Doyle. "Out there it felt like it could have been four or five games, easily."

About his current injury status, Swain said, "As I go on, the strength is coming back in my hand. But, I've been compensating for the injury, so other things have been going on in that hand. I felt better today than I did all week... by far."

In the semifinals, no one in the world would have beaten Suds Monchik. After losing game one 11-6 to Ellis, the Staten Island, N.Y., native was relentless. Serve, return, cram it into the left corner. Again and again. The match appeared to flow with Monchik's every will and desire. Ellis was finished. The final three games read: 11-1, 11-1, 11-3.

"I wanted to really make a statement," Monchik said. "John's beaten me the last couple of times out. That was a big match for me mentally. I really wanted to send a message. I'm hoping that I sent it." Like Bose speakers... loud and clear.

Swain overcame a stubborn Muller in the evening's final semi 11-9, 11-5, 11-6 for his second straight U.S. OPEN finals appearance.

"I'd like to just take my hat off to Cliff Swain," Muller told the crowd after the match. "I think he's the greatest player of all-time."

Swain responded by saying, "With all of the practice that Eric and I have done, we've become friends. Since he's going to become a billionaire lawyer in about six months and this is my real job, I think he was just being nice to me today."

So, how's the arm? "The strength's coming back," Swain said. "I haven't really tested it on the (drive) serve yet, but it feels pretty good."

Everything was going well for the five-time tour champion until the finals against Monchik. The most shocking aspect of Monchik's 11-2, 11-8, 11-4 win was the fact that he seemed to play even more powerfully than he did in the semifinals... his serve in particular.

"I went out there and was definitely thinking about last year - thinking about the beating I took and I wanted to change that," Monchik said. "I got my ass kicked and that's not gonna happen again. Play the numbers. I'm not gonna get beat three straight again."

"After the match last year, I knew he (Monchik) was gonna be more hungry," Swain said. "He was going to be focused and wanting to show all of those people that he could do better and he did."

Monchik finished by saying, "Cliff was maybe banged up a little bit this year, I was banged up last year. Maybe you haven't got us both at our best yet. But, I know last year he played his best and, today, I think I played my best. If you would have combined my play this year and his play last year, we would have been out there for another three hours."

Maybe next year...
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Who said that it’s better to be on top? Not in this year’s Promus U.S. OPEN WIRT draw. Among the 16 players in the top-half of the 1998 bracket were: former pro tour champ and top seed Jackie Paraiso, consistent top finisher and ’96 world silver medalist Cheryl Gudinas, current U.S. national singles titleholder Robin Levine and ’98 world singles silver medalist Kersten Hallander.

Although the bottom bracket featured current world champ and winner of the past two WIRT stops, Christie Van Hees, along with former pro tour winner Caryn McKinney, this U.S. OPEN ladies’ draw was most definitely top heavy. One reason for the imbalance was the incredible weight placed on the points per event, combined with only a handful of tournaments on the WIRT schedule.

“I don’t think the way we do our rankings is right,” fourth-seeded Gudinas said after dealing Sadie Gross a quick 11-3, 11-6, 11-2 defeat in the round of 32. “We have players shooting from being in the 20’s up to No. 4 when they do well in one tournament.”

One player that fit such a mold was two-time defending Canadian national champ Van Hees. Winner of last year’s season-ending Tournament of Champions (with no point earnings), and this year’s opener in Baltimore, Van Hees jumped from 19th to 4th on the WIRT ladder.

Van Hees, the tournament’s second seed, began her trek toward a third consecutive pro crown by disposing of an impressive Kristen Walsh 11-0, 11-5, 11-1.

“She (Walsh) was getting to every single ball,” Van Hees said of the youngster from Utah. “No matter if it was a rollout or whatever, she was goin’ for it. That kind of made it tough. She’s an up-and-comer for sure.”

The women’s opening round passed with very few upsets. Nebraska’s Linda Moore shocked eighth-seeded Lorraine Galloway (7-11, 11-13, 11-7, 12-10, 11-2), while the pride of Allentown, Pa., Aimee Roehler, upset tour commissioner and sixth seed Molly O’Brien (11-4, 4-11, 11-9, 17-19, 11-6).

Most of the top seeds found the Sweet 16 to be rather tasty. Paraiso put away Mexico’s Susana...
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Acosta 11-3, 11-2, 11-2 after chipping Acosta’s front tooth with her backswing early in the first game.

“I think it was the first shot, unfortunately,” Paraiso said. “I took my backswing and there she was. If there was any face I didn’t want to hit, it was her’s.”

Van Hees moved past 15th seed Lisa Hjelm (11-2, 11-3, 11-2), while third-seeded Laura Fenton overcame early struggles with veteran Janet Myers to win, 5-11, 12-10, 15-13, 11-6. The only unseeded player to reach the quarterfinals was McKinney. The Georgia native’s experience proved to be too much for Roehler, 7-11, 11-8, 11-3, 11-4.

With the final eight in place, most fans in Memphis were observing how both Paraiso and Van Hees looked solid. Some felt that the experience and savvy of McKinney could lead her to the title. Also mentioned in the title chase was Levine, who shut down Chris Evon (11-3, 11-4, 11-4) for her invitation to the quarters. Nobody seemed to list the third and fourth seeds, Fenton and Gudinas, respectively.

“It’s annoying that nobody gives me any credit,” Gudinas said after her round of 16 win over Michelle Wiragh, 11-3, 11-2, 11-1. “It’s been that way for years.”

To earn that credit, Gudinas would need to beat her next opponent, Levine. After falling behind the current U.S. national singles champ 11-2, 11-8, Gudinas’ shots began to roll. The Chicago native captured games three and four with identical 11-8 scores to tie the match, 2-2. However, Gudinas couldn’t completely shut Levine down and eventually fell in the fifth, 11-9.

Later that same Saturday, a rematch of this past May’s USRA national title playoff between Levine and Paraiso would pack the house, after Paraiso’s 11-7, 11-6, 11-4 quarterfinal victory over Hallander.

When asked about her upcoming rematch with the Sacramento, Calif., native, Paraiso said, “I’m trying to keep an even keel, stay in the now and not get too excited.”

On the bottom-half of the bracket, seventh-seeded Lydia Hammock ran into a Canadian that finally got the best of her. After beating Canadian national team members Lori-Jane Powell and Josee Grand’Maitre in the first two rounds, respectively, Hammock was handled by Van Hees in three straight, 11-5, 11-4, 11-7.

McKinney, who boasts of one semifinal (1996) and one quarterfinal (1997) appearance at previous U.S. OPEN’s, stuck with her game and recovered from a 2-1 game deficit to upset Featon and move into the semis with an 11-0, 9-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-4 win.

“That match with Laura was good enough that I caught myself thinking things that I hadn’t thought of in years,” McKinney said after the match.
When asked what she thought of her next opponent (Van Hees), the cagey veteran said, “I have not seen her hit ball one. I’ve heard that she’s a shooter, rock-n-roll, rip and shoot – which will test me right now. That means you’ve really got to move.”

Van Hees opened the evening’s first semifinal by doing exactly what her opponent expected – rip and shoot. Down one line and then the other. However, McKinney was moving well. After losing the first game 12-10 and the second 11-6, McKinney regained her fire – as if she were playing Lynn Adams in a WPRA final years ago. Van Hees fell 11-5.

When the two came out to begin the fourth game, computer scoreboard operator Ben Simons flashed a picture of McKinney, circa 1984. McKinney caught notice and supposedly asked Van Hees, “How old were you when that was taken?” Van Hees, who was 14 at that time, proceeded to shelve her opponent among the other racquetball legends with a decisive 11-3 win.

McKinney, disappointed with the loss, was pleased with her week’s performance and said of her 21-year-old opponent, “She plays smart and I love seeing that – I really appreciate that. She’s not just rock-n-roll, rip and shoot and that’s it. She started thinking and doing some things. I’m impressed. She hits the ball solid and seems to have a good head on her shoulders.”

The always polite Canadian followed suit, saying, “I had never met her (McKinney) before, but I felt honored to be on the same court with her,” Van Hees said. “She’s an excellent champion and I hope to follow in her footsteps.”

Van Hees continued of her first U.S. OPEN finals appearance, “This is a dream of mine. I’ve been on a roll and don’t want to stop.”

The only roadblock in her way would be Paraiso, who lost to Van Hees the past two times they’ve met. The current world and national doubles champion won an injury-shortened semifinal with friendly rival Levine, 2-11, 11-7, 8-5.

Down 8-5 in the third game, Levine paid dearly for her aggressive, diving style when she landed, not so smoothly, and strained her shoulder.

“I strained my teres minor and will be off the court for three weeks,” Levine said after returning home to California. “I won’t be at the Denver (Lakewood) pro stop, but I’ll be at the other tourneys.”

“It’s a little bittersweet,” Paraiso said. “Like I told the audience, obviously I don’t want to win like that.”

So, for the third consecutive WIRT event, Paraiso and Van Hees met in the final. But this time Paraiso’s experience paid off. With the ESPN cameras running and a packed house cheering her on, Paraiso swept past the young Canuck 11-6, 11-5, 11-5.

According to Van Hees, it was Paraiso’s solid start that set the tone for the match. “Jackie just played a really great game,” she said. “She got out in front right away. She came out on top today, but I’m going to be here next year fighting for that title again.”

But will it be harder? “Making it to the finals is a whole different bag of worms. The environment is completely opposite to any other tournament.” Van Hees admitted.

Following such a convincing victory, one might wonder how Paraiso lost to Van Hees in their previous two meetings.

“The first time I lost to her (Van Hees) it was the end of the season and wasn’t really for points,” Paraiso said. “I think I was overconfident. That gave her a little edge for the last time (Baltimore). This tournament, I prepared better mentally and physically. My goal is to finish No. 1 this year – regardless of who comes to play, Marci (Drexler), Michelle (Gould), whoever.”

Van Hees & Paraiso | Photo: Mike Boatman.
The amazing Sal Perconti!

Sure, his forehand is blazing, his backhand fearless. But for Sal, it’s his humility that shocks racquetball fans.

“Sal is a master of the game,” said Tony Jelso, Sal’s partner in winning the Pro-Am Doubles for St. Jude, 15-11 over IRT pro Dangerous Dan Llacera and Dr. Bill Weiss. “Anytime you play with a master, it’s a learning experience. I just took as much as I could from it. I’m going to go home and work on what I saw from Sal’s game and what he taught me.”

The thoughtful Sal even took time to keep his partner’s fragile confidence intact. According to Jelso, “Every time I got down, Sal would say, ‘Hey, let’s have some fun here.’ He’d roll one out and get me back into it. He’s a great inspiration.”

Humble, yet pleased with his performance, Sal said, “I was hitting the ball pretty good. I thought I learned a lot on the court when I was playing with Tony. But I learned a lot more listening to that last interview.”

The event earned $8,000 for the children of St. Jude, in the first of many fundraising efforts by the Promus U.S. OPEN for the research hospital. “That’s what matters... helping out the kids,” Perconti said.

The Fab Four

For a handful of U.S. OPEN players, the annual Memphis event has been nothing short of successful. Florida’s Mitt Layton and Jo Kenyon, along with Earl Acuff of North Carolina and California’s Debbie Tisinger each have won a record four U.S. OPEN gold medals in the initial three years.

Kenyon and Layton literally “own” their respective women’s 60-and-over and men’s 45-and-over divisions, having won three consecutive titles. Kenyon also won the 1997 women’s 55-and-over, while Layton took the ’96 men’s 40’s. Amazingly, Kenyon won this year’s gold medal with a new titanium hip.

Tisinger captured a pair of first-place finishes in ’98 by winning the women’s 35’s and 40’s. Acuff added to his previous three U.S. OPEN victories by winning the men’s 80-and-over bracket.

Finally...

Jackie Paraíso finally captured her first U.S. OPEN title by downing Christie Van Hees in the women’s pro finals. But Paraíso wasn’t the only one celebrating a first win. The ageless Ruben Gonzalez and Lydia Hammock won their open divisions by defeating Dan Llacera and Kersten Hallander, respectively.

Other first-ever U.S. OPEN winners: Jon Albright, (MB); Nantille Boards, (M24-A/B); Mary Crawford, (W35+A/B); Adrienne Fisher, (W24-A/B); Rex Fisher, (M24-C/D); Ken Foster, (M55+A/B); Phil Gebert, (MC); Lance Gilliam, (M30+); Lee Graff, (M60+); Lance Hudson, (MD); Jennifer Hunter, (WA); Jason Jansen, (MA); Walter McDade, (M45+A/B); Jack Morgenroth, (M45+C/D); Jill Nelson, (W25+A/B); Joanne Pomodoro, (W45+); Warren Reuther, Sr., (M55+); Aimee Roehler, (W24+); Tony Rosales, (M25+A/B); Akiko Saito, (WB); Don Sanderson, (M35+A/B); Nick Sans, (M75+); Juan Soto, (M35+C/D); Ralph Temple, (M55+C/D); Dave Watson, (M35+); Steve Wattz, (M40+); Richard Wells, (M25+C/D); Dominique Winfrey, (WD); Shigemi Yasuda, (W30+); Mukai Youku, (W25+).

Career Highs

Missouri’s Josh Tucker, 18, earned one of his greatest wins at the U.S. OPEN with a 12-10, 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9 victory over 13th-seeded Doug Eagle in the round of 64. Tucker is the current USRA national high school champion and a member of the U.S. Junior National Team.

“That was a little surprising,” he said after the match. “I just wanted to work on
Derek Robinson and Robin Levine win with Ashaway string in their racket.

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hitting down the line shots and cross court. In the pros, I think that's what they use a lot more than just a pinch. It's a lot harder shot to return. I think he (Eagle) sort of had an off day, but that's the way it goes.”

Unseeded and IRT ranked at #44, Minnesota’s Mike Locker upset fourth-seeded Andy Roberts in the round of 32. The straight-game win for Locker marked the first round of 32 loss for Roberts in his ten year career. Locker dealt with the veteran’s power and precision shooting by utilizing off-speed slice serves and refusing to let Roberts get his footing during rallies.

Following what he considered the greatest victory of his career, Locker said, “I hate to be the one to bring him down, but yet it feels great.”

<< Far Out, Far East

Eleven Japanese players made the trip to Memphis and came away with three golds and one silver. Akiko Saito of Kanagawa held off Beverly Austin 15-12, 15-13 for the women’s B title (According to staffer Jen Yokota, Akiko was so excited after the match that she ran all the way to the tournament desk — in tears — to pick up her medal).


Finally … a Rematch!

Lance Gilliam of San Antonio, Texas and Hart Johnson, of St. Paul, Minnesota had been waiting a long time to get back on a court. Their face off in the Men’s 30+ division of this year’s Open was the first time in 20 years that the two had been on the same court. They’d seen each other at plenty of national tournaments over the years, but the last time they’d played had been in a 15 and under junior match. At that time, Hart had come away the victor — Lance said that Hart “whipped me” bad.

So bad, in fact, that Lance’s father had tried to comfort him afterward with a life-saver (remember that commercial?). In their all-grown-up quarterfinal, Lance had his turn, with a straight game victory, and later went on to clinch the division title.

Kochis Attack

Peter and Rhonda Kochis of Edmond, Okla., might catch Mary Low Acuff and her husband Earl’s U.S. OPEN record for most wins by a husband and wife duo (5). In ’97, Peter won the men’s 35+C/D and 45+C/D. At this year’s OPEN, Rhonda duplicated her husband’s effort with wins in the women’s C and 25+C/D.

Duck, Duck, Goose

Chris Wachtel, of Massilon, Ohio had an interesting trip to Memphis, starting with a quick turnaround after his flight left Cincinnati. Just after takeoff, his aircraft went head-to-head with an airborne goose and had to return to the Cincinnati airport for a mechanical inspection before continuing on to Memphis. On arrival, Chris found that his baggage — including all his court gear — hadn’t accompanied him on his trip ... goose notwithstanding. Using borrowed racquet, shoes and playing clothes, Chris still showed up at the University of Memphis for his first round of Men’s A against Georgia’s Mark Brien, but couldn’t pull out the win. Duck!

Eyes & Ears

Tournament directors at the Wimbleton Sportsplex and the University of Memphis did an excellent job of keeping everyone informed, fed and on schedule, plus found time to make several of these reports over the course of the event.

Under the direction of event coordinator Margo Daniels (ably assisted by daughter Erica) — Kay McCarthy and Martha Butler were the eyes & ears of the Wimbleton Sportsplex venue, while Jen Yokota and Craig Rappaport held down the fort at the University of Memphis. Thanks for all their hard work!
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Final Results

IRT Men’s Pro: #2 Sudsy Monchik (Staten Island, N.Y.) def. Cliff Swain (South Boston, Mass.) 11-2, 11-8, 11-4
WIRT Women’s Pro: #1 Jackie Paraiso (San Diego, Calif.) def. #2 Christie Van Hees (British Columbia, Canada) 11-6, 11-5, 11-5.

Men’s Open Ruben Gonzalez (Staten Island, N.Y.) def. Dan Llacera (Newark, De.) 15-10, 15-9

Men’s A
- Jason Jansen (Fargo, N.D.) def. Fernando Gambrizio (Oceanside, Calif.) 10-15, 15-7, 11-7
- Phil Gebert (Gaston, S.C.) def. Juan Soto (Sumter, S.C.) 15-4, 15-3
- Lance Hudson (Langley, S.C.) def. Matthew Stroup (West Orange, N.J.) 15-3, 15-4
- Jeff Hudson (New Orleans, La.) def. Francois Guillemette (Quebec, Canada) 15-9, 15-9

Men’s B
- Nantille McBoards (Memphis, Tenn.) def. Cory Martin (Kenosha, Wis.) 15-11, 15-10
- Rex Fisher (Miamiburg, Ohio) def. Kris Robinson (Berea, Ky.) 15-9, 15-6
- Mike Locker (St. Paul, Minn.) def. Kevin Graham (Fargo, N.D.) 15-8, 15-13
- Richard Wells (Bartlett, Ill.) def. Yasushi Hakoishu (Chiba, Japan) 15-12, 15-4

Men’s C/D
- Rick Fusari (Clearwater, Fla.) def. Richard Bocanegra (Topeka, Kan.) 15-10, 15-13
- Jennifer Hunter (Powell, Tenn.) def. Robyn Mount (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) 7-15, 15-4, 11-8
- Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.) def. B.J. Calloway (Buford, Ga.) 15-14, 10-15, 11-0
- Joanne Pomodoro (East Boston, Mass.) def. Linda Moore (Murrieta, Calif.) 15-9, 15-10
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At press time for the last issue, the results were already in from Birmingham and Riverside, so it's common knowledge that Sudsy Monchik and John Ellis took turns upsetting Cliff Swain in the finals. For those who have become accustomed to expecting the winner in the Swain – Monchik rivalry to pretty much sum up the tour in a nice tidy package, maybe you had better take a closer look. While the Swain – Monchik rivalry is a good bet for the best horse race going, some others from the field have begun to make some movement and post serious title challenges. John Ellis possesses many of the same attributes as Swain or Monchik, including speed and power. And what Mannino may lack in textbook form, he more than makes up for in drive and resourcefulness.

If you will recall the tour of the early nineties — before there was anything or any one called “Sudsy” — seeing Swain play meant going to a professional tennis match. In those days, there was no clearly dominant player or rivalry. A handful of top players could mix it up and shake out four or five different winners in as many weeks. A watchful eye reveals that just below the surface of the top two IRT spots brews a nice pot of “player stew” full of meaty talent ready to threaten the two-man stronghold.

Clearly, Swain and Monchik are still the ones to beat. The difference now is that there are several who, on any given day, can do it. Ellis and Mannino have proved it. Derek Robinson looks to be putting together a breakthrough season that has landed him squarely in the top eight. Dan Fowler finds himself in that same group for the second season in a row. Andy Roberts, more accustomed to the top three than the top eight, still wields a powerful right arm. Still-young players like Adam Karp are honing their skills, while an even younger Rocky Carson has shown glimpses of amazing talent in only a handful of outings.

Tim Doyle claims to be returning to the tour with a renewed sense of purpose and a healthy body. Plagued by injury for the past several seasons, Doyle has tasted the number one ranking on more than one occasion and longs for it again. Now a seasoned veteran, Doyle was the next would-be leader a few seasons back at the dawn of the $200.00 racquet and the obligatory power game.

**Birmingham**

Back in Birmingham, Prime Fitness' Magic City Classic Pro Am offered the traditional final between rivals Swain – the man whose name has meant champion for most of the nineties – and Monchik, the only player who has been able to wrestle that title from his grasp. Since these players cannot stand losing to each other, this is as much of rivalry in reality as it is on paper. In a broad sense, Swain presents an attack with few flaws marked by precision and confidence. Monchik’s attack is more of a flurry that leaves no room for defense. One thing in common is that each will fight bitterly for control, and never surrender it once attained.

In Birmingham, Monchik found the groove, returned some amazing rekills, and served flawlessly to get that control. After falling at nine in the first, Monchik returned to the court fired-up enough to deliver Swain the doughnut and sweep the next three.

On his way to that final, Monchik’s gets and guns were more than enough for his mentor and former...
coach, Ruben Gonzales. With a bit of hesitation in a game one loss to Fowler, Monchik moved on to face the man who (other than Swain) is the best at taking him out of his game. Able to match Monchik with both speed and weapons, Ellis still couldn't seem to get a foothold in Alabama.

Swain, still king of the hill, could do little with Monchik past the first game of the final, but had no trouble at all getting there. With clear wins over the Northeast's Dan Llacera and journeyman pro Mike Guidry, Swain went on to face another onetime rival. While Swain's speed-and-power-based game hasn't suffered with maturity, Roberts couldn't mount enough of an offense in Birmingham to capture a game from Swain. The big man, admittedly in the late stages of a distinguished career, still has the power and mind of a champion, but lacked the getting ability and the mental edge against the undisputed number one player in the world.

In other noteworthy play, Guidry's experience kept him in control for the edge against Karp in the second round. Robinson made short work of Mike Ray, the veteran and former National Champion who cannot be taken lightly. Doyle stayed in control of things, never allowing Mannino into full stride, before falling victim to Ellis' speed and diligence in a very close five that was one of the best matches of the event. And finally, an often-underestimated Fowler knocked out New Mexico's hard-hitting Louis Vogel in three good but decisive games.

The first year event in Birmingham marked a very successful entry into the pro tour lineup for Jim Garner and team. A great event, ample media coverage and all the trimmings clearly showed that even though it was a first time event on the tour, Garner and the folks in Birmingham have a long-standing tradition for hosting first-
the event, children at the Birmingham Children’s Hospital were treated to a visit by the world’s top player and one of the hottest rising stars when Swain was joined by Texas’ Doug Eagle for an afternoon with the kids.

**Riverside**

The tournament in Riverside is one of the longest-standing events on the tour, and one steeped in tradition. Historically, Riverside’s Tournament House has been the home club to a number of touring pros as well as a hotbed for top-level racquetball. What’s more, it seems one step closer to major sport status when the same “Ralph’s” seen on the outfield walls of California ball parks is also the title sponsor on the exhibition court wall at a professional racquetball event.

Players like to turn it up a notch for California crowds, some of the most colorful and most vocal on the tour. But California fans cheer for nobody like they do for their own Ellis. And maybe that was just the extra weapon Ellis needed to knock off both Monchik and Swain in consecutive days ... in only three games each!

Riverside brought it all together for Ellis. The crafty Ray challenged him the most in taking him to 9-11 in the breaker in the quarters. But when Ellis is on, his backhand rips and he appears everywhere at once, little can stop him.

The rest of the draw witnessed few upsets, but a surprisingly good five-gamer between Fowler and Doyle in the second round was worth a second look. While Doyle showed few signs of his recent nagging injuries or the time away from the tour that they caused, Fowler played with the maturity that has now made him a familiar face in the top eight. Always a formidable opponent, Fowler has now added consistency to his bag of tricks.

Carson, the #20 ranked rookie did post the one standout upset over fellow Californian Tony Jelso, only to have to forfeit in the next round due to traffic problems on the way to his next match. With a little more experience, Carson could develop the pro game necessary to play with the best.

**Chicago**

The 1998 Chicago event was, in itself, as much news as the play in the Windy City. From its roots at Dave Negrete’s Woodfield Club, the Chi Town event has long been heralded as a player favorite. This year the event moved to Negrete’s new club, the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale. Still part-and-parcel to the event were the sold-out crowds hungry for racquetball that have become a hallmark of the event, as well as the now famous (or is that infamous) Negrete Halloween parties!

I unwittingly insulted the hospitality of Mr. Negrete (an accomplished professional player himself) in early coverage of the Chicago event several years ago in noting a couple of reasons why that club was not well-suited for pro matches. While I learned over the years that the pluses of that event far outweighed the minuses, I am now happy to report that the new venue offers all of the pluses with none of the minuses. I also stand by something that I’ve said all along, that Dave Negrete is one of the best assets this game has to offer and that he is the personification of the things most players like about racquetball.
Chicago crowds easily rival California’s in their impact on matches, with players knowing full well the value of crowd support in the Chicago suburbs. And never has a character graced the court more-loved by these crowds than Jason Mannino. While Mannino is pure New York bravado with some transplanted Southern California attitude thrown in, he is the object of affection for a Northern Illinois crowd that values guts and cleverness. Say what you will about his abilities or weaknesses, in Chicago he unsettled veterans Ray and Roberts, then red hot Swain and Ellis. While his brashness and determination may be his vehicle for victory, Mannino has honed a solid game on which he can rely against the best in the world. The no-ball-is-ever-really-down mentality and an affinity for low boards have served him well.

In a pattern that is becoming familiar, Fowler, Guidry, Roberts and Robinson rounded out the quarters. I’ve touted Doyle as being back to form, but he retired early from the Halloween event at the hands of Canada’s Sherman Greenfeld. Greenfeld plays with a unique style and carries with him the earmarks of a veteran seasoned by years of international play and the confidence of numerous national singles championships. Few other upsets appeared in Chicago, but there seemed to be an unusual amount of three game matches. Canada’s Brian Istace, a factor last year in Chicago, nearly claimed an upset against Roberts. Rounding out a solid showing by the Canadian contingent, Kelly Kerr advanced to the second round with some very promising play.

With several players gaining ground, Ellis is the one that is really on fire. With the news after Chicago that Swain has a pinched nerve in his left arm coming out of the event, his ability to hold fast to the number one spot may be in jeopardy, especially with so many would-be takers. Check out the US Open feature coverage, and the scoreboard for last-minute news from Denver. You see that the stage is set for some movement in the ranks of the IRT.

**WIRT Baltimore**

*Maryland Open Pro Am “Run for the Roses”*

_by Cheryl Gudinas and Robin Levine_

Following on the heels of the USRA National Doubles, the Merritt Athletic Club in Baltimore once again hosted a major event: the season premiere for the WIRT. A favorite event for many, this tournament proved to open the door to the rest of the season. With Michelle Gould noticeably absent, the number one ranking seemed within the grasp of anyone who chose to step up by the end of the season. It’s still anyone’s game ... Who will prove to be the most consistent? ... Who wants it the most?

While Jackie Paraiso and Cheryl Gudinas have played the most consistent ball of the last couple of seasons, where will Robin Levine fit in to the rankings when all is said and done? She seems to have a new perspective, and continues to entertain with her diving/“retro”, style. If she can update the shoes, she’ll be someone to think about.
Christie Van Hees has some confidence after winning the World Championships this summer in Bolivia. She has obviously been hunkering down and working on the game a bit, and is sporting a “new and improved” bod and drive serve. Does she have what it takes to make the Wall of Fame? Right now, we don’t know, and we can’t be sure she wants it all that bad.

In the sixteens it was just another day at the office for Levine in her victory over Mindy Hartstein. Hartstein is certainly improving, but it’s hard to keep up with the energetic Levine. Lydia Hammock advanced over another up-and-comer, Phyllis Morris, in three straight, handing her a doughnut in the first game. Ouch. Lorraine Galloway defeated Sandy Kubany, in a routine three, as did Molly O’Brien over Bev Supanik, who is also into the fitness thing and has whipped herself into great shape as of late. Michelle Wiragh escaped with a narrow victory over Janet Myers in five games, while Cheryl Gudinas ousted hometown hopeful Angela Burth in three.

In the quarters, Gudinas cruised past Wiragh in three. While some were betting on the experience of O’Brien to hold off Van Hees, it was not to be. Christie rolled by in three straight, and all Molly could do was chuckle about it afterwards. Galloway forfeited to Hammock, advancing Pebbles into the first semi-final appearance of her career. Levine and Paraíso faced off in a matchup which will, no doubt, continue to be thrilling in the future. They split the first four games evenly before Paraíso pulled ahead to win the fifth and advance her into the semis against Hammock.

In that semi, Jackie looked tough and Lydia just tried to hang. In actuality the match was much closer than the low scores indicated, with plenty of sideouts and some serious shot-making from the corduroy queen. But Paraíso and her experience proved to be too much to handle, as she seemed to float around the court to put the ball away with relative ease.

On the other half, Van Hees came out strong early, and capitalized on her opportunities. For some unknown reason, Gudinas’ normal passing style was abandoned in favor of a new splat and pinch game which, time and again, found Van Hees waiting in the center court to put the ball away. Gudinas snuck a victory in the first game, but failed to take advantage of her opportunities in the next three games, falling to Van Hees in four.

Van hees vs. Paraíso ..., hmmm ... Jackie’s earlier play made her the obvious choice to take a win at the season opener. Confidently forecasting that she was in Baltimore fully intending to take over the number one spot in Gould’s absence, it appeared that she wanted it badly.

But we all know the “underdog” story. Van Hees played as if she had nothing to lose, and the longer the match went on, the more heat Paraíso seemed to feel. But, down 0-6 in the tiebreaker, the momentum changed just a bit. Experience again becoming a factor, Paraíso battled back to a much smaller 7-8 deficit. Could Van Hees stay strong? Girl, you know it’s true! Van Hees kept on course to win her first pro stop, 11-9. Congrats!

1997-98 WIRT Awards Announced

By vote of the top sixteen Women’s International Racquetball Tour players, the WIRT selected annual awards for its top tour players. Five awards were voted upon; Player of the Year, Most Improved Player, a Sportsmanship Award, Rookie of the Year, and the Steading Cup for outstanding contributions to women’s racquetball in the past year. The award winning players will be honored at the banquet during the first event of the new season in Annapolis and each will receive a commemorative plaque. The winners were:

- **Player of the Year**: Michelle Gould
- **Most Improved Player**: Marci Drexler
- **Sportsmanship Award**: Lorraine Galloway
- **Rookie of the Year**: Mindy Hartstein
- **Steading Cup**: Molly O’Brien
### IRT Rankings

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### 1998-99 IRT Season

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- **New Orleans**...Monchik def. Swain........................1, (10), 11, 9
- **Stockton**...Swain def. Monchik................................9, (5), 7, 2
- **Birmingham**...Monchik def. Swain............................(9), 0, 6, 9
- **Riverside**...Ellis def. Swain...............................7, 3, 5
- **Chicago**...Mannino def. Ellis.................................7, 3, 5
- **Memphis**...Monchik def. Swain...............................2, 8, 4
- **Denver**...Swain def. Locker..................................4, 4, 5

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- **Las Vegas**...Paraiso def. Van Hees.................................6, 6, 5
- **Memphis**...Paraiso def. Van Hees.................................9, 9, 6

**Bonus Pool Standings**

**IRT Bonus Pools** – The following represents the current standings of the top four ranked professionals using the IRT official products shown.


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- **Pro Penn Glove**: 1. Paraiso, 2. Drexler, 3. Fenton, 4. Hammock
- **Tacki Mac**: 1. Paraiso, 2. Drexler, 3. Fenton, 4. Levine
- **Babolat String**: 1. Paraiso, 2. Drexler, 3. Fenton, 4. Levine

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January – February 1999
<< STRING FOR “CHRONIC” BREAKERS
A new racquetball string has been developed by Ashaway Racket Strings specifically for advanced players who are chronic string breakers. DuraKill Pro String is extraordinarily resistant to breakage and loss of tension, and provides better power and control than typical “durability” strings. The 16 gauge (1.35 mm) string is made to stand up to abuse from the most powerful players, even when strung at up to 55 lbs. of tension in oversize racquets. DuraKill Pro features a load-bearing central, braided vectran fiber, liquid crystal polymer that provides tremendous strength and stability, without the excessive stiffness of aramid fiber. This translates into greater power, plus a limited degree of vibration damping to reduce player fatigue. A spiral-braided outer jacket protects the central core from abrasion, and gives the string a good gripping surface to enhance pinches, kills, and ceiling shots. DuraKill Pro is the only racquetball string with braided Vectran core. (Vectran is a registered trademark of Hoechst Celanese Corporation.) For additional information on DuraKill Pro racquetball string, contact: Ashaway Line & Twine Mfg. Co. Telephone (800) 556-7260. Fax: (401) 377-9091. E-mail: ashawaysales@edgenet.net.

<< WILSON INTRODUCES JUNIOR RAK-ATTAK
Wilson is proud to announce the first racquetball kit specifically designed for players age 4-10. The Junior Rak-Attak features a compact, lightweight aluminum racquet, 18.5 inches long in a “kid friendly” handle size. Also included are a pair of wraparound “Terminator”-style junior eyewear and a multi-colored racquetball. The suggested retail price of the Junior Rak-Attak is $24.95.

“Clubs have talked about having a junior kit for years,” said Terri Graham, Marketing Manager for Wilson Racquetball. “We can’t expect to grow the sport of racquetball at the junior level if we don’t provide the necessary equipment for these players to use.”

IRF & PARC CHOOSE PENN AS OFFICIAL RACQUETBALL
Penn Racquet Sports has been named the official ball of the International Racquetball Federation (IRF) and the Pan American Racquetball Confederation (PARC) for 1999 and the year 2000. The Penn ball will be used in the Tournament of the Americas, Pan American Games, Central American Games and the 2000 World Championships to be held in San Luis, Potosi, Mexico.

IRF Secretary General Luke St. Onge announced the agreement at IRF World Headquarters and stated, “After an absence of two years, it’s great to have the highest quality and most accepted racquetball in the sport as our ‘official ball’ for all of our premier events. It’s great to have Penn back.”

According to Penn National Promotions Manager Amy Wishingrad, “The players might as well play with the best.”

<< NEW MEXICO’S MAZAROFF FILLS USRA POSITION
Gary Mazaroff, of Albuquerque, N.M., recently joined the USRA staff as the Director of Instructor Certification for the American Professional Racquetball Organization (AmPRO). AmPRO concentrates on club programs, coaching and teaching certification, profitability through programming, instruction and the overall promotion of the sport in the nation’s health clubs.
Wilson National Promotions Manager Terri Graham said, “We’re interested in the future of the sport and making sure it goes in the right direction. Teaming up with AmPRO seems to make all the sense in the world.”

“I’m excited,” Mazaroff said. “I’m looking forward to the task of enhancing AmPRO as a major factor in promoting and growing the sport of racquetball.”

**PRO KENNEX RE-SIGNS LOCKER, PICKS UP THREE**

Making a recent splash on the IRT, Mike Locker is beginning to see the fruits of his hard work. Pro Kennex National Director of Racquetball, Mike Martinez, recently announced the signing of Locker to a lucrative multi-year contract along with three new signees.

One of the best doubles players in the world, James Lorello, and one of Colorado’s top players, Brian Pointelin, also signed to multi-year binds. Perhaps Martinez’ best prospect is junior Jack Huczek. The Michigan native is on course to have the finest junior career in the history of racquetball.

“These four players are great assets to Pro Kennex Racquetball and represent a commitment that we all share to the sport.” Martinez said.

**WILSON SPONSORS AMPRO**

The USRA announced recently that Wilson Racquetball and AmPRO have joined forces to help the sport grow through quality instruction, programming and coaching. The agreement between AmPRO and Wilson will run through 2002.

“We believe that this new relationship with Wilson and its vast resources in the field will allow us to further develop the program,” USRA Executive Director Luke St. Onge said. “Together, we can show clubs how to make a profit through racquetball and bring the AmPRO program to the same status that tennis enjoys with the USPTA [United States Professional Tennis Association].”

“We are very concerned about the growth of the sport,” Wilson National Promotions Manager Terri Graham said. “We’re hoping that by supporting AmPRO, more people will be educated on racquetball promotions and development. We’re interested in the future of the sport and making sure it goes in the right direction. Teaming up with AmPRO seems to make all the sense in the world.”

**PARENT COMPANY TO SELL PENN**

GenCorp has initiated the process for divesting its Penn Racquet Sports division, a step which is aligned with the company’s strategy to focus on its core growth businesses. “While Penn is an established, solid performer, it is not a strategic core business for GenCorp,” GenCorp Chairman and CEO John Yasinsky said.

According to Penn President Gregg Weida, “This announcement in no way diminishes Penn’s commitment to the tennis and racquetball industries. We will continue to conduct business as usual to provide the superior quality and service you have come to expect from Penn.”

**U.S. OPEN NOTEBOOK**

**Affairs of State:** Presidents of Federations in attendance at this year’s Promus U.S. OPEN were: David Bell, Canada; Enrique Villagran, Mexico; Manuel Medina, Venezuela; Jennifer Mayadas-Dering, India; Michael Wang, China; Fernando Gambirazo, Peru. Countries represented were: Canada, USA, Mexico, India, Peru, China, Ireland, Japan, Venezuela, Puerto Rico.

**Industry Leaders on Display:** Ektelon, Wilson, Leader, Pro Kennex, E-Force, Penn, Ashaway, Head and Network Marketing were all on hand, with booth display space, at the Open. Stringing was done at Ektelon, Head, and Ashaway booths, and the Wilson booth raised over $300.00 in popcorn sales, which was donated to St. Jude.

**VIP Treatment:** Also on hand were: Ray Schultz - President Promus Hotel Corporation; Cindy Smith - Assistant Vice President Nations Bank; Mac Winker - President/CEO Racquet Club of Memphis; Rudy Reyna - Director 2007 Pan Am Games Bid Committee; Paul Winston - Venue manager Pan Am Games 1999; Shigemi Yasuda - Secretary Japan Racquetball; Jerry McKinnis - ESPN; Fred Smith - President/CEO Federal Express; Dick Hackett - St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

**Miscellaneous** ... Randy Stafford, President The Court Co, and Jim Esterling showcased their collection of racquetball memorabilia throughout the Open ... Based upon the large number of spectators who were on hand to watch the legendary Marty Hogan play at the Open, he’ll still be a main draw when he is 80 years old ... Once again, the hit of the Open was the spectator-friendly portable court which will travel to Winnipeg, Canada, for the 1999 Pan Am Games. The USRA continues to raise money toward the remaining $30,000 debt ... It was great to have the local school children in attendance Wednesday and Thursday - over 150 new players were introduced to the sport ... The Racquetball Manufacturers Association met Friday and discussed the ongoing promotions with IHRSA as well as support for the Pro Tour.
USRA RULES: USRA Official Rules will govern both competitions, including the mandatory use of lensed eyewear tested to ASTM F803 or CSA impact standards. Verify that your eyewear meets "spec" by checking the ASTM list online at: http://www.usra.org/ (via "index" | "eyeguards").

OFFICIATING: Losers will be required to referee, and $5.00 will be paid back for every match refereed in a gold division.

Entries accepted after the deadline will be surcharged an additional $15.00 late fee, including any payments accepted at tournament check-in. Only pre-paid entries are placed into the draw and ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. Absolutely no refunds after entry deadline.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Jim Hiser, USRA Associate Executive Director/Programming @ 719/635-5396, ext. 130 & Margo Daniels, National Tournament Director @ 831/372-7224.

THE U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TRAVEL DESK AND UNITED AIRLINES JOIN THE USRA TO OFFER UNITED’S LOWEST POSSIBLE AIRFARES TO NATIONAL EVENTS • For reservations, phone United’s U.S. Olympic Travel Desk, toll-free, at 800/841-0460 between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm EST weekdays. Then reference the special USRA conference account number — 542HO — to receive your low fare! Your support of this program brings racquetball closer to becoming an Olympic Sport!

WILSON USRA 12TH NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 5 - 7
Sunset Athletic Club | 13939 NW Cornell Road
Portland, Oregon 97229 • 503/645-3535

- ENTRY FEE: $45.00 First event (includes referee fee), $20.00 second event, $15.00 third event. • DIVISIONS: Singles, doubles and mixed doubles are offered. In doubles, both players must be from the same school, except in the non-championship mixed doubles event. • ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received no later than Friday, FEBRUARY 19, (postmarked by 02/17).

- STARTING TIMES: Available by calling 503/645-3535 after 5:00 pm (Pacific Time) on Wednesday, MARCH 3. Do not call the national office for starting times! • PLAY BEGINS: Matches may be scheduled to begin as early as 9:00 am on Friday, MARCH 5. Local players may be scheduled to begin play on Thursday evening. • CHECK IN: Registration will be held at the club from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, MARCH 4, plus all day on Friday.

- GROUND TRANSPORTATION: You must arrange your own ground transportation on arrival at the airport. Call Enterprise Rent-a-Car at 1-800-RENTACAR to make reservations. The host hotel will provide shuttle service between the hotel and venue during tournament hours. • LODGING: The Greenwood Inn [503/643-7444], 19799 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005. Rate: $65.00 per night for up to four persons per room (reservations must be made by February 20 to secure this rate). Mention the High School Championship to receive your special tournament rate. • SOUVENIR: Entrants will be provided a Continental Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, and one meal per day on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. A souvenir tournament shirt will be given to all participants. • OFFICIAL BALL: Pro Penn.
E-FORCE USRA 27TH NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 25-29
Texas A&M University | 202 Student Recreation Center
College Station, Texas 77843-4250 • 409/845-7826

- ENTRY FEES: $60.00 first event, per person (includes referee fee, and a week-long, unrestricted access pass to the Texas A&M Recreation Center), $20.00 second event, per person.
- DIVISIONS: Men's Team-Singles #1,#2,#3,#4,#5,#6 and Doubles #1,#2,#3. Women's Team-Singles #1,#2,#3,#4,#5,#6 and Doubles #1,#2,#3. Only one men's team and one women's team will be permitted per school.
- ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry must be received by Monday, MARCH 22 (postmarked by 03/19). Entry fees and registrar eligibility form must accompany entry.
- LATE FEES: Entries received after the deadline will be surcharged an additional $15.00 late fee, including any payments accepted at tournament check-in.
- DRUG TESTING: Random drug testing will be performed. Important Note: The entire team will be disqualified if any member fails the test. For more information about specific medications, call the USOC Drug Hotline at 1-800-233-0393.

- STARTING TIMES: Available by calling 409/862-1322 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (Central Time) on Tuesday, APRIL 6. Do not call the national office for starting times.
- PLAY BEGINS: 8:00 am Wednesday, APRIL 7. No exceptions.
- CHECK-IN: Registration will be held at the club beginning at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, APRIL 6.

- AIR TRAVEL & GROUND TRANSPORTATION: The nearest airport is the Easterwood Airport [code: CLL], or you can drive from Dallas (3 hours) or Houston (1.5 hours). Advantage Rent-a-Car [800-777-5500] rents to qualified college students under the age of 25, with rates from $29/day for compacts to $54/day for vans (refer to code 141015-FSC for reservations). The three hotels listed below offer airport shuttle service from Easterwood, and each will provide hotel/venue shuttles during tournament hours.
- LODGING: Hilton Convention Conference Center [409/693-7500], 801 University Drive East, College Station 77343. Rate: $75.00/night for up to four persons per room (reserve by 03/19). The Quality Suites Hotel [409/695-9500], 1010 University Drive East, College Station 77840. Rate: $72.00/night for two-room suites with mini-kitchens (reserve by 03/25). Manor House Inn [800-231-4100], 2504 Texas Ave. South, College Station 77840. Rate: $59.00/night for double/double occupancy (reserve by 03/20). You must mention National Intercollegiates to receive these special tournament rates.
- HOSPITALITY & SOUVENIR: Entrants will be provided at least one meal per day, beginning with lunch on Wednesday. An awards banquet will also be held on Saturday evening at 7:30 pm. A souvenir tournament shirt will be offered to all participants.
- OFFICIAL BALL: Pro Penn.

Online? Download a complete entry form at: http://www.usra.org/usra/interact/00forms.htm

January – February 1999
Colorado players (and USRA staffs!) get ready for a fall tournament season in the Rockies with new gear from RACQUETBALL magazine! Pictured left to right ...
Top step: Chris Keenan & Barb Mehegan
Middle step: Mary Keenan, Michael Mehegan & Kevin Vicroy
Bottom step: Heather Fender & Jason Mehegan
Photo: John Foust
racquetball magazine gear

#JK-RBZ — ID Wear Pacific Club Jacket: Blue denim body, khaki sleeves w/tan embroidery. $69.00.

#PO-RBZ — Garment washed Polos: Weathered pique, short-sleeved sport shirt, generous cut. Colors shown left. $32.00.

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Some players think that a good drive serve is an important weapon to include in one’s game. I disagree! I personally believe it is THE ONLY WEAPON when you are in the service box. Without it, you can’t put sufficient pressure on an opponent and you risk letting them breathe, both physically and mentally.
by Cliff Swain

In any given match, I probably hit my drive serve 96% of the time. In order for the drive to be effective, I concentrate on four important factors. These four key points are crucial to the success of my drive serve, especially since my opponent knows exactly what I’m going to do! The four key points are:

1. Deception
2. Angle
3. Variety
4. Power

Let's look at each “key” to help you unlock your drive serve potential.

**Deception**
The word deception means to mislead, to make a person believe something that isn’t true. This is exactly how I want my opponent to feel when they are receiving serve. How can I create deception? The service motion and the ball toss.

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^^ ball drop

Keep the drop low, out in front, and away from your body. Don’t jam yourself up with a drop that lands too close to your body.

The drop should appear to be in the same place, give or take a few inches, whether you are serving the ball to the left, to the right, Z serve, or a jam.
**Angle**
If I am able to deceive my opponent as to which side of the court I am serving, but then hit a side wall and the serve angles in towards the middle of the court, my deception loses its effectiveness. So how can I know where to hit the ball on the front wall to create the perfect angle? Targets and repetition.

**targets ^^**
Pick any spot in the service box and hit drive serves until you find the right angle to put the ball into the corner. Mark that spot on the wall with some tape. Then go place a bag or a box about 6-12 inches behind the short line. You have just created two excellent targets.

**Repetition:** Once you have found your ideal target points, hit a ton of serves until you can find those front wall target points with your eyes closed. Your bag or box target will help you focus on keeping your serves low and off the back wall.
It's important that you not get into a rut by serving the same type of serve over and over. Plus you don't want your opponent to get into a rhythm of seeing the serve coming from the same spot and direction in the service box. You must create variety by serving from different places in the box, and hitting different serves with the same motion. Another way to create variety with your drive serves is to change the pace of the serve, similar to what a pitcher does in baseball.
Power in the serve is created by executing the following steps: use a two step motion, stay low throughout the entire serve, keep the ball away from your body for full extension at impact, and swing hard!

^^ two step motion
By taking two steps into your serve you generate more force behind your shot, as opposed to taking only one step.
stay low >>
A lot of players start low, rise up and then drop back down. Staying low throughout the entire service motion forces you to use your legs, which are an incredible source of power.

do! start low

stay low

finish low
Extension equals power. It's that simple. If the ball gets too close to your body, you will lose power. Keep the ball away from your body.

It sounds so easy, yet a lot of players forget to swing hard and fast through the ball. Come on, swing as fast as you can and see what you are capable of!
Question: How does one recover, mentally, from either an injury or just a bad season?

That's a commonly asked question at my camps, and there are three racquetball pros, in particular, who come to mind when I think about my answer:

**Sudsy Monchik**
- Ends 1996/97 pro tour season as IRT #1, wins the U.S. Open;
- Ends 1997/98 pro tour season as IRT #2, takes silver at U.S. Open;
- Mid-season 1998/99, IRT #2, wins the U.S. Open.

**Cliff Swain**
- Ends a five-year run as the #1 IRT Pro Tour Champion, through 1995/96 season;
- Ends 1996/97 pro tour season as IRT #2, reaches semifinals at U.S. Open;
- Ends 1997/98 pro tour season as IRT #1, wins U.S. Open; Mid-season 1998/99, IRT #1, takes silver at U.S. Open.

**Robin Levine**
- Ends 1995/96 pro tour season as WIRT #2, and in the #2 spot on the U.S. National Team;
- Takes a year layoff to come back in the 1997/98 season to win the 1998 National Championship and regain the #1 position.

All of these elite players have had major setbacks due to injury, which naturally resulted in bad season finishes. For Sudsy, it was a broken big toe, severe sprained ankles, and a separated shoulder; Cliff had orthoscopic knee surgery and a bruised elbow; Robin underwent shoulder surgery.

Over the years I've noticed that these athletes have many “comeback qualities” in common. They each have desire, heart, tenacity, and a never-give-up attitude. They're fighters and believers. They may be down but never out. They'll turn the negative into positive and keeps things in perspective. But, unfortunately, these qualities alone won't allow even these top athletes to come back successfully. But if you couple these admirable qualities with the Three Phase approach I've outlined below, you'll come back mentally tougher than before your injury.

1 — **Beginning Phase**
   a. Visualize (mental rehearsal). Each & every day, either watch videotapes of yourself or close your eyes and see yourself play a great match point by point, game by game until the match is over.
   b. Read mental toughness books by authors like James Loehr and Tom Urtick (or many other prominent authors in the field) and do the exercises.
   c. Think only positive, nothing negative.
   d. Take time to recover.
   e. Rehab slowly with a physical therapist or expert.

2 — **Intermediate Phase**
   a. Keep visualizing, reading mental toughness books and staying positive.
   b. Begin light physical rehabilitation with the assistance of a therapist or expert.

3 — **Final Phase**
   a. Continue visualizing, reading and staying positive.
   b. Continue rehabbing, but day by day – as you get stronger and healthier – you'll be released to hit around and then play.

Each and every one of these athletes followed these three phases to a “T” – no shortcuts! No matter how minor, or severe, your injury may be – or what the setback is – this three phase approach will help you to a speedy and full recovery. If you attempt short cuts, which people do all the time, you'll wind up back on the couch or in the doctor's office or in a mental slump. Take it from Sudsy, Cliff or Robin ... the slow and steady way is the best, while you believe in yourself and stay positive in your recovery.
changing times
by Otto Dietrich

Once again, the USRA’s annual election for the Board of Directors is just around the corner... the “polls” will close in early May. This recurring event invariably triggers questions about who actually runs the USRA. At the same time, I’m amazed at the number of members who erroneously believe that Luke St. Onge is the President of the USRA or that the Board receives some form of monetary compensation. So, let’s clear up these issues!

The United States Olympic Committee has approved the USRA’s formal constitution as part of their recognition of the USRA as the national governing body of the sport of racquetball in the USA. A rather awesome responsibility!

That constitution calls for the USRA to be governed by a 13-member Board of Directors. At least 20 percent of these members must be “elite” athletes and at least 20 percent must be women. Athlete members (three persons) are elected for four-year terms from and by those persons who have played racquetball at the elite level (i.e. National Team members) during the past 10 years. The ten remaining Board members are elected from the general membership for three-year terms and can be re-elected once before “resigning” for at least two years. For continuity reasons, terms are staggered so that only three or four actually end each May. Thus, an annual election! Officers of the Board are elected from and by the Board and serve a two-year term. After the new board is seated each May, a vote is taken to fill any officer vacancy that may exist.

Board members serve without compensation for their services! This volunteer Board meets twice a year — once immediately prior to National Singles and again in the fall — either September or October — at the National Office in Colorado Springs. The meetings are very intense, 2-3 day affairs usually lasting from 8:00 AM well into the night. Of course, the USRA does underwrite the expenses associated with these meetings.

The Board of Directors makes all key policy and organizational decisions, and sets the direction for the USRA. Perhaps the single most critical decision the Board makes on a recurring basis is “Who should be the USRA's Executive Director?” The Executive Director is an employee who serves, under contract, at the will of the Board. Each year, the entire Board collectively evaluates the current Executive Director’s performance.

For many years now, the USRA has been indeed fortunate to have an Executive Director who obviously is much, much more than just another “contract employee.” The Board has empowered Luke St. Onge, on the basis of his superior track record and proven abilities, to manage the USRA’s daily operations in accordance with established policies. For instance, Luke makes all personnel decisions for the paid staff at the national office, such as hiring, firing, promoting, or disciplining. However, the Board could vote to cancel a particular program or reduce funding to a level that would mandate a reduction in personnel. At the far extreme, the Board could even terminate or fail to renew Luke’s contract if necessary to impose its collective will!

The Board spends many hard hours working on the USRA’s annual budget, which largely sets the course for each year’s operations. And while Luke actually negotiates most contracts, he cannot sign one without Board approval! Therefore, he regularly seeks input from the board to ensure that he is on the correct course. Since most of the decisions reserved by the Board usually can’t wait for the next scheduled formal meeting, an executive committee provides the mechanism for more rapid feedback. Board officers (President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), along with one athlete member, serve on the committee, which often meets via teleconference to advise Luke on time-sensitive issues. Executive Committee decisions are later subject to full-board review at the next full meeting.

Who’s currently on the USRA’s Board of Directors? Well, I’m currently in my first year as President, Shelly Ogden is Executive Vice President, Annie Muniz is Treasurer, Janell Marriott is Secretary, and Eric Muller is the Athlete Representative on the Executive Committee. Other Board members are athlete representatives Malia Bailey and Dan O’Bremski; plus Keith Calkins, John Giunta, Jack Hughes, Ron Maggard, Dario Mas, and Carlton Vass.

As you can see the Board of Directors and its officers set the direction of the USRA and are largely responsible for the way it runs. So, your responsibility for electing them shouldn’t be taken lightly! Please take the time to learn about the candidates [ballot information will appear in the next issue] and cast your votes accordingly!
Scholarship Winners

Shannon Feaster (New York, N.Y.)

Don’t be disappointed if it takes Shannon Feaster a couple of days to return your e-mail message or phone call. She’s a tad busy these days. A May 1998 graduate of the well-respected Howard University, Feaster is now enrolled in Columbia University’s accelerated master’s degree program in Broadcast Journalism - ranked first in the nation.

Three-time member of the U.S. Junior National Racquetball Team, Feaster was named Female Junior Athlete of the Year in ’94. Recently, Feaster earned a spot in the Sweet 16 at the ’98 U.S. National Singles Women’s open division. In her career, the former U.S. National High School Champion (’94) has captured 14 national and world junior titles, combined.

Feaster, 22, has put a promising pro racquetball career on hold while finishing her graduate program at the Ivy League school.

“Hopefully, I have not yet reached my racquetball peak,” she said. “This (attending Columbia) is the chance I must take right now and there are many, including family and sponsors, who hope and believe that my professional racquetball debut will soon come . . . perhaps after the master’s degree (concludes) in the summer of 1999. Only time and timing will tell.”

Kori Grasha (Amherst, N.Y.)

Current two-time defending New York State women’s open champion Kori Grasha could have ditched racquetball for varsity playing time on a successful Canisius (N.Y.) College squad. She was an all-conference shortstop in high school. Fortunately for the racquetball world, the former two-time U.S. Junior National Team member stayed true to the court.

Majoring in elementary education at the Buffalo, N.Y., institution, Grasha, 21, has continued to maintain her racquetball abilities by playing and teaching on a regular basis. Grasha even earned her referee certification at a local AmPRO clinic. At the ’98 U.S. National Intercollegiates, Grasha finished in the quarterfinals of the women’s No. 1 singles bracket.

Grasha pointed to her father, Arthur Grasha, as her most influential sports figure. “He introduced me to the world of sports at a very young age,” she said of her father. “Since then, he has sacrificed countless hours practicing, coaching, traveling and supporting all of my athletic pursuits . . . Most importantly though, he taught me what the result of dedication is when striving to reach your goals.”

Sadie Gross (Yankton, S.D.)

An accounting/pre-law major at the University of Memphis, Sadie Gross was nominated for Academic All-American due to her fourth-place ’98 U.S. National Intercollegiates finish and a 3.8 grade point average. Gross was named Female Junior Athlete of the Year in 1996. A six-time World Juniors champ, the South Dakota native also earned six U.S. Junior National titles and three Canadian Junior crowns.

Trying to work her way through college, Gross is on schedule to graduate one semester early.

“Memphis appeared to have everything that I was looking for, but mostly I wanted to continue to play racquetball,” Gross said. “Racquetball had always been a huge part of my life and I wanted to continue to play even after my college years.”

Applications for annual USRA scholarships are available to any USRA member currently accepted or enrolled in a college degree program as a full-time student. Since 1990, the USRA scholarship program has granted 27 awards totaling over $13,000 to aspiring student athletes. The application deadline for the 1999 scholarships is June 15, 1999. Inquiries and requests for applications may be made by contacting the:

USRA Scholarship Program
1685 West Uintah
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Attn: Kevin Joyce, Director of Membership Services
Tel: (719) 635-5396 ext. 123
Fax: (719) 635-0685

DeWitt Shy: 1923 - 1998

DeWitt Shy, second president of the former International Racquetball Association, died in a single-car accident in Memphis, Tenn., this past April at the age of 75. Shy succeeded first president Bob Kendler, after Kendler split with the former United States Racquetball
Association in 1973. Shy served as president from 1973 to '76, and was responsible for driving the tremendous growth of racquetball in the United States during that period.

**Colorado Junior Racquetball >>**

*by John Foust*

Under the direction of Scott and Cindy Lewis, junior racquetball in Colorado is on the upswing. Over the past two years, the Lewis', in association with the Colorado Racquetball Association, have been tireless in their efforts to promote junior play at both a club and tournament level. All indications are that their hard work is paying off. The last junior fun day at the Colorado Athletic Club/Aurora drew more than 35 players from along the Front Range. Their son, David, is the 1998 10-and-under U.S. national champion. He’s also a product of the program and donates time working with the younger players. It’s a family affair.

What other factors are involved with their success? Hours of phone calls to parents. The unending pursuit of silent auction items, bake sales and basic hard work. The overall objective of the program is to teach the fundamentals, instill a respect for the game, and most of all, have fun. All of which is not to be overshadowed by their love of children and the ability to involve others in their mission. Former regional open champion Mike Johnston regularly works with the players and serves as their official “travel” coach.

The Colorado Athletic Club/Aurora has been supportive of their efforts by donating club time and courts on a consistent basis for both the junior fun days and the C.A.C.A. Saturday junior program. In fact, the C.A.C.A. junior program has grown along with the help of the CRA and a number of volunteer instructors that make the Colorado junior program the success that it is. Many thanks to Adam Katz, Jim Loman, Dan Davis, Larry Daub, Rudy Zamarippa, Joe Cohen, Howard Tilton, Jessie and Henry Carbajal, Jurgen Denk, Renee Law, and other unnamed souls, all of whom have donated countless hours in the pursuit of making Colorado a great place for juniors to play racquetball.

**U.S. Team Roster Set for 1999 Tournament of the Americas in Houston**

The U.S. National Racquetball Team roster was recently announced for the PARC 13th Tournament of the Americas to be held at the Northwest Fitness and Sports Club in Houston, Texas, March 26 through April 4.

The men’s squad will feature current U.S. national singles champion Adam Karp (Stockton, Calif.) and former two-time national titleholder Michael Bronfeld (Monterey, Calif.) at the Nos. 1 and 2 singles positions, respectively. Winners of the men’s doubles gold medal at the 1990 Tournament of the Americas, veterans Doug Ganim (Westerville, Ohio) and Dan Obremski (North Versailles, Pa.) will fill the doubles spot.

For the women, 1998 national singles winner Robin Levine (Sacramento, Calif.) and Cheryl Gudinas (Lisle, Ill.) will be respectively set at the first and second singles positions. Current world, national and Pan American Games doubles champions Joy MacKenzie (Santee, Calif.) and Jackie Paraiso (El Cajon, Calif.), will look to earn their third consecutive Tournament of the Americas crown.

U.S. squads have won the past 12 PARC Tournament of the Americas team crowns, and will be coached on this trip by Jim Winterton of Syracuse, N.Y. and Tom Travers of Westlake, Ohio. Team leader for the 13th annual PARC event will be Shelly Ogden of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the team manager is Kelly Beane of Manchester, N.H.

Team Alternates are: Ruben Gonzalez (Staten Island, N.Y.), Doug Eagle (Carrollton, Texas), Drew Kachtik (Lewisville, Texas), Michelle Gould (Boise, Idaho) and Kim Russell (Chattanooga, Tenn.).

**New Perspectives**

You could see it in their eyes. John Ellis, Cliff Swain and Sudsy Monchik were affected—not with an injury, but with realization. Life is today... and hopefully, tomorrow. Don’t take anything for granted.

“Today morning, John, myself and Cliff had a chance to go over to St. Jude (Children’s Research Hospital),” Sudsy told the crowd after defeating Ellis in the Saturday’s first semifinal. “Going over there really puts everything into perspective.”

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While visiting with numerous youngsters and parents, the world’s top three racquetballers signed balls, posters and gave away headbands. Sudsy, Cliff and John served up smiles and pleasant interruptions for some of the most hopeful and determined young people they’d ever met.

One patient in particular, 18-year-old Harris Jones, struck a nerve with the visiting threesome. Harris graduated from Milan (Tenn.) High School, where he was class president, held a 3.96 GPA, hit .400 on the baseball team, passed for more than 1,000 yards and seven touchdowns on the football field and finished second in the voting for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award.

Now, he laid in bed at St. Jude’s, with his mother beside him, waiting for ESPN’s College Football Gameday to begin. Harris was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia during presen­son football drills at Murray (Ky.) State University only four months earlier. Cliff, John and Sudsy spent the better part of an hour with Harris that morning.

"It would be easy to give up if I had nothing to look forward to," Harris says. "But, I’ve always wanted to play college foot­ball. Now that I’ve got a chance, I’m not going to let leukemia beat me. Everything happens for a reason. That’s why I’m not bitter. I feel so lucky that I have the disease instead of some little kid who wouldn’t have the strength to lick it like I can."

By the time the final champion was crowned at this year’s U.S. OPEN, Cliff, Sudsy and John had donated $1,300 of their prize money to Harris and the rest of the children at St. Jude.

"Everybody asked, ‘How’d it go today?’ And really, it couldn’t go any better," Sudsy said to the Memphis crowd. "I’m waking up healthy. You’re all waking up healthy. You know, you really ought to think about how lucky we all are.”

In its third year supporting St. Jude, the Promus U.S. OPEN has donated more than $40,000. To give your donation, please call 1-800-877-5833. Write to Harris at: Patient Harris Jones; St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; 322 North Lauderdale; Memphis, TN 38105.

**LASIK Eye Surgery for Racquetball**

*by Cindy Tilbury*

What’s the latest trend in racquetball? No, it’s not pleated skirts, port­able courts, or the top male pros gaining a little weight. It’s 20/20 vision under those approved eyeguards! If you’ve ever lost a contact lens in the corner of your eye or had a RecSpecs prescription five years older than your current one, you would probably be interested in the latest in refractive surgery techniques. And I don’t mean radial or laser keratotomy—technology has progressed light-years since you heard the horror stories about those procedures. LASIK surgery is the most exciting and pain-free way to achieve perfect vision for racquetball players—at least for another few years, that is.

At National Doubles in Baltimore, many people were asking me about my LASIK (LASer In-situ Keratomileusis) surgery I had had done the week before. It seems many people have considered it, but just weren’t sure what to expect or where to go to get their questions answered.

**Motivations / Good Candidates**

Although the thought of someone lasering my eyes while I was awake was a little daunting, my motivations were many. I have worn thick glasses or contacts to see clearly since second grade and I was now at a 20/1100 prescription (-11.0). Glasses fog up and contacts cause an occasional trip to the ophthal­mologist. On the court, it is common to lose a rally when a contact goes crazy. Buying prescription eyeguards was something I hoped I never had to experience. I was a perfect candi­date with my nearsightedness, but other conditions can also be corrected, including farsightedness, astigmatism and bifocal problems. (Other sports enthusiasts benefit too—for instance, my brother had his eyes done so he could hunt better.)

Finally, with the advent of the IBM Excimer laser and LASIK surgery, I was convinced the technology was worth the risk and the money. It was time to act.

And by the way, I lost a match to someone I probably should have beaten, and she had had the surgery a few months earlier. Kim highly recommended her surgeon, Dr. Ralph Chu of the Minnesota Eye Laser and Surgery Centers. I called and got their informational video, and even attended his seminar. I was sure Dr. Chu was the perfect doctor for me.

**Preparation**

Part of the timing of having the surgery done was schedul­ing around the two weeks when I couldn’t wear my contacts—not fun or easy to play in a “bowed-wall” racquetball court after 15 years without glasses. Finally, the day came for the special eye exam, then it was time to go under the laser to get my eyes re-shaped.

**Expectations / Recovery**

I wasn’t exactly sure what to expect—pain, blurriness, water­ing, light sensitivity. I should have taken the Valium they offered, because I was a little nervous during the event. Because my eyes were so bad, the laser took almost 60 seconds per eye. It was all over in about 15 minutes, my friend drove me home, and by the first set of drops three hours later, the watering was stopped and I was done with corrective lenses forever. Some discomfort and itchiness, but no real pain. Part of the reason for the quick healing is that there are no open cuts. The laser takes microscopic layers off of your inner cornea to re-shape your eye for proper focus.
Recovery was a breeze. The important thing was to keep foreign objects out of my eyes and to keep the drops in. I played in a tournament in two days; however, the doctor told me that my eyes would be fully healed in two to three months. If I wasn't completely satisfied, I could have touch-up surgery to make any corrections. I wanted. I love my new eyes and don't plan to face the laser again for many years. One of my racquetball friends said he has had some halo-ing of car headlights at night, but I haven't heard of anyone asking for the "touch-up."

Cost
In Minnesota, it seems the price is pretty much set at $2,000 per eye for normal prescriptions, with another possible $500 per eye for prescriptions like mine or other complications. The initial eye exam will be about $100. I've heard that other parts of the country offer some savings. I can't confirm this, but it might be possible to spend only $1,000 per eye. Remember that you get what you pay for, so make sure your doctor has done thousands of laser procedures and don't base your decision on cost alone. Get references!

Results
If necessary, LASIK surgery can be performed several times on the same cornea. However, laser surgery can't stop the normal aging process, so it is possible that my vision won't be 20/20 forever. Already new lasers are being approved by the FDA—the technology could be very different if I need to have this done in the future. There is also a possibility that I could need magnifying reading glasses. All in all, it's a small price to pay for the freedom from nearsightedness.

For More Information
For a free informational video and booklet, call 612.336.5800, or a doctor nearer you. There are also over 100 Internet sites that can help you find information, doctors and testimonials. Here are two of them: http://www.lasikdocshop.com and http://www.lasik.com. If you have questions of someone who has had the surgery done, just ask me.

Laser eye surgery and racquetball seem to be a natural match, but can it improve your game? I asked my opponent, Kim, and she said she thought it made a big difference in hers.

A Hard Choice

Up two games to zero and 9-4 in the third game of the finals at the Promus U.S. OPEN, Sudsy Monchik made a choice. Whether he knew it or not.

Following a backhand splat return of serve for a sideout, Monchik moved back into the service box against top-ranked Cliff Swain. Monchik had been destroying Swain all afternoon and nothing dared stand in the way of his last two points.

With six aces in the first two games, Monchik attempted to deliver another. Swain, along with the entire side-wall audience witnessed a short serve. But referee Dan Llacera saw it as good. The crowd voiced their discontent as the rally continued.

A few shots later, Monchik attempted a diving get on the right side glass that was, again, an obvious double-bounce to all but Llacera — and presumably Monchik.

The rally ended with Monchik's 10th point and Swain, along with the over 1,000 fans, was incensed. The crowd booed and began chanting "Two, two, two, two," referring to the two-bounce get.

Then Monchik made a choice. A choice not to play the rally over. He took the call. "I was up 9-4 and 2-0 (in games). I don't think it really mattered at that point," Monchik said when questioned about the rally. "The calls go both ways. There's nothing you can do. The ref makes the call... we don't see Michael Jordan say, 'I fouled him. Stop the play.' We don't see Pete Sampras tell the linesman, 'Hey, that was out. That was a bad call.' The ref makes the call. We're professional athletes. We're battlin'. We're warriors. We're not there to make friends. We're there to win."

Swain agreed, saying, "I don't like that at all when people expect players to give calls. Why would we have a referee then, other than a scorekeeper? The referee's there to make the calls. Sudsy did the right thing by taking them. It just stinks for me that they worked out that way. They (the calls) were clearly wrong."

Sure, Denver Bronco Bill Romanowski doesn't say, "Hey ref. I just spit on that guy. You better give me a 15-yard personal foul penalty." But, they can't. It's not in their rules. It is in racquetball's rules to give back a call that you know is incorrect.

"I know everyone hears about the pros taking all of the calls and stuff like that," said John Ellis. "It depends who you're playing against and what the circumstances are. If the other guy takes calls, then you're probably going to take calls. You'll find that more and more guys are starting to accept the fact that we need to be a little bit more honest at times."

Respect is priceless and maybe that's not that important at the moment. But there's a reason why racquetball fans give ovations for good sportsmanship. Replaying that point would have seemed to be the better choice... and it's doubtful Monchik would have lost any prize money over it.

— Kevin Vicroy, Racquetball Magazine
Racquetball Canada’s National Team Coaches Honoured With Wittnauer Coaching Excellence Awards

Reported by Lori Johnstone

On Friday October 30th, National Team Coaches Ron Brown and Carol Mulholland were honoured at the annual Coaching Awards Dinner in Ottawa for their contribution to our National Team’s recent achievements at the World Championships.

The Wittnauer Coaching Excellence Awards were introduced 12 years ago to recognize the contribution of the coach in athletic achievement. Each coach whose athletes have won a gold, silver or bronze medal in an Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Open World Championship receive a distinctive Swiss watch and a plaque commemorating their athletes’ achievements. (Coaches must also be fully certified at Level 3 of the 3M National Coaching Certification Program.)

The outstanding performances by Team Canada at the 1998 Ektelon IX IRF World Championships in July ensured recognition for Brown and Mulholland. In particular, the Gold medal victories by Christie Van Hees and Sherman Greenfeld in the Women’s and Men’s Individual Singles Competitions as well as a Silver medal in Women’s Doubles (Jose Grand’Maitre and Debbie Ward) and a Bronze medal in Men’s Doubles (Mike Green and Kane Waslenchuk) were highlighted when the coaches were given their awards.

After the ceremony, both Brown and Mulholland spoke of their appreciation for the recognition of their efforts. They agreed that it was a privilege to be honoured by their peers and they commended the accomplishments of their athletes.

New President for Newfoundland

Reported by David Hinton

Mr. Eric Easton of St. John’s, Newfoundland recently advised the National Office of Racquetball Canada that he has taken over the position of President of the Newfoundland Racquetball Association. In this position, Mr. Easton also becomes the Newfoundland provincial representative to the Racquetball Canada Board of Directors.

Please welcome Mr. Easton to these positions and amend your records accordingly with the following information:

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(709) 364-9151 (Home)
(709) 364-4281 (Work)
easton@nf.sympatico.ca (E-mail)

And finally, Eric reports that within the past month two new racquetball courts have opened in the town of Clarenville (which is approximately 120 mile from St. John’s) in a new community center.

New hot wheels for Mexico

Earlier this fall, the Mexican Olympic Committee funded the purchase of an official van for use by the Mexican Racquetball Federation. Team travel and day-to-day business has been made much easier for the federation since the new purchase.
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For Juniors, two events serve as qualifiers for the U.S. Junior National Team in 1998. The National High School champions (1 each, male & female = 2) will be appointed to the team for a term of one year, along with top finishers at the Junior Olympic Championships in selected divisions: 18 and under semi-finalists (4 each, male & female = 8); 16 and under semi-finalists (4 each, male & female = 8); plus 14 and under finalists (2 each, male & female = 4). Like its adult counterpart, the 22-member U.S. Junior Team competes internationally and conducts annual goodwill tours.
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Zub Zero Pro Am..........................................................................Indianapolis, IN 317-257-3261
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Metroplex Championships @ Maverick Athletic Club........................Arlington, TX 817-275-3348
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Smash & Splash @ Green River Rec Center.................................Green River, WY 307-822-0511
Jan 26-29
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Almanilto Racquetball Champs @ Gold's Gym................................Amarillo, TX 806-359-5438
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February 3-7
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Kachina Invitational @ The Fitness Center........................................Gallup, NM 505-722-7271
February 4-7
Columbus YMCA Open @ Columbus YMCA.......................................Columbus, NE 402-454-2765
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February Fever @ Concord Sports Club.............................................St. Louis, MO 314-842-6363
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HC1 Open @ Campbell County Park & Rec.......................................Gillette, WY 307-682-7406
Icicle Open @ Allentown Racquet Club............................................Allentown, PA 610-821-1300
Players RB Tournament @ Orlando Fitness & Racquet..................Orlando, FL 407-645-3350
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21st Indy Open @ Noblesville Athletic Club........................................Noblesville, IN 317-272-5555

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<td>March 13-14</td>
<td>Annual Madison Challenge @ Madison A.C.</td>
<td>Madison Heights, MI</td>
<td>248-589-0900</td>
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<td>March 13-15</td>
<td>Gator Spring Classic @ UF Campus</td>
<td>Gainesville, FL</td>
<td>352-332-3334</td>
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<td>March 13</td>
<td>Maine State Juniors @ The Fitness Forum [3]</td>
<td>Sanford, ME</td>
<td>207-324-1154</td>
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<td>March 18-21</td>
<td>Spring Fling @ Fairbanks Athletic Club</td>
<td>Fairbanks, AK</td>
<td>907-452-6801</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>Classy 100/Georges Open @ Nautilus Fitness Center</td>
<td>Erie, PA</td>
<td>814-868-0072</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>Mathisen Tire Tournament @ Supreme Court</td>
<td>Virginia, MN</td>
<td>218-749-8318</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>Pro Kennex Super Stop #6 @ Southview A.C.</td>
<td>W. St. Paul, MN</td>
<td>651-450-1660</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>Spring Classic @ Sports Club of Asheville</td>
<td>Asheville, NC</td>
<td>704-252-0222</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>St. Paddy's Day Open @ Riverview Racquet Club</td>
<td>Stow, OH</td>
<td>440-942-5613</td>
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<td>March 19-21</td>
<td>St. Pat's Festival @ Clovis Community College</td>
<td>Clovis, NM</td>
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### United States Racquetball Association

#### Calendar

- **W.N.Y.R.A. Championship @ Bally Total Fitness [3]**
  - Location: Buffalo, NY
  - Contact: 716-639-0621

- **Nebraska State Singles @ Cottonwood Club [3]**
  - Location: Lincoln, NE
  - Contact: 402-454-2765

- **Wyoming State Doubles @ Club Energize [3]**
  - Location: Gillette, WY
  - Contact: 307-686-7627

- **Utah State Singles @ Sportsmall [3]**
  - Location: Murray, UT
  - Contact: 801-261-3426

- **New Mexico State Singles @ Tom Young's A.C. [3]**
  - Location: Albuquerque, NM
  - Contact: 505-266-8960

- **Camp Confidence @ All American Club**
  - Location: Brainerd, MN
  - Contact: 218-829-6453

- **Regional Warm-Up @ Gold's Gym**
  - Location: Dewitt, NY
  - Contact: 315-446-0376

- **Sugar Loaf Ford Tournament @ Winona YMCA**
  - Location: Winona, MN
  - Contact: 507-454-1520

- **Tina Luciano Memorial @ Riverbend A.C.**
  - Location: Peoria, IL
  - Contact: 414-320-9583

- **Indiana State Singles @ Greenbriar A.C. [3]**
  - Location: Indianapolis, IN
  - Contact: 317-889-0892

- **PRA Women's Only Tournament @ Cocoa Club**
  - Location: Hershey, PA
  - Contact: 717-540-5111

- **Michigan State Singles @ Davison A.C. [3]**
  - Location: Davison, MI
  - Contact: 810-653-9602

#### Upcoming National & International Events

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<td>Lewiston, ME</td>
<td>207-786-4820</td>
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<td>Casper, WY</td>
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<td>E-Force USRA Intercollegiate National Championships [6]</td>
<td>College Station, TX</td>
<td>719-635-5396</td>
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<td>Hampton Inn Columbus Pro-Am @ Continental A.C.</td>
<td>Powell, OH</td>
<td>740-548-4955</td>
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<td>The Last Blast @ Sportforum</td>
<td>Woods Cross, UT</td>
<td>801-298-3231</td>
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<td>Spring Swatfest @ Bally's Racquet Club</td>
<td>Kansas City, MO</td>
<td>816-356-6651</td>
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<td>Onondaga County Champs @ Gold's Gym.</td>
<td>Dewitt, NY</td>
<td>315-446-0376</td>
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<td>Women's Spring @ Lincoln Racquet Club</td>
<td>Lincoln, NE</td>
<td>402-454-2765</td>
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<td>USRA Regional @ Cascade Athletic Club [4]</td>
<td>Gresham, OR</td>
<td>503-665-4142</td>
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<td>Adult Regional @ Northwest Fitness Center [4]</td>
<td>Houston, TX</td>
<td>713-955-8688</td>
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<td>USRA Adult/Jr Regional @ Hall of Fame Fitness [4]</td>
<td>Westerville, OH</td>
<td>614-899-6073</td>
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<td>Rick Weaver Buick Open @ Nautilus Fitness Center.</td>
<td>Erie, PA</td>
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<td>Wisconsin State Juniors @ Waukesha A.C. [3]</td>
<td>Waukesha, WI</td>
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#### Adult, Intercollegiate & Junior Regional Qualifiers... on page 5

Qualifying Competition is REQUIRED to participate in the 1999 Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Singles in Houston, Texas and the 1999 Ektelon 26th U.S. Junior Olympic Championships. However, women age 45 and over, and men age 55 and over (as of May 26, 1999) are NOT required to pre-qualify for competition at a regional qualifier. You probably still want to, however, since it's the only way to accumulate ranking points and earn seeding consideration! AND Junior/Intercollegiate athletes who have already played in a junior or intercollegiate regional to qualify for their associated championship events don't have to re-qualify for national singles at an adult regional championship. See page five for waiver policies.

- **Bolded listings are USRA National Championships or International Racquetball Federation Events**
- For remaining sanctioned events [brackets] indicate event level (unmarked = Level 2)
- Please note: USRA memberships are processed by month, not date... when expiration is shown as 11/98, you must renew your membership in the month of November in order to play in any sanctioned events held that month.
THE ROAD TO THE FINALS

April 16-18, 1999 ★

HAVERHILL, MA.
Baltimore, MD.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.
ATLANTA, GA.
CANTON, OH.
EAU CLAIRE, WI.
ST. LOUIS, MO.
DENVER, CO.
HOUSTON, TX.
PORTLAND, OR.

April 8, 9, 10, 1999 ★

CHICAGO, IL.

April 23, 24, 25, 1999 ★

LAS VEGAS, NV.

April 30 - MAY 2, 1999 ★

BIRMINGHAM, AL.

THE WORLD’S LARGEST MOST PRESTIGIOUS RACQUETBALL EVENT ★

MAY 26 - 31, 1999 HOUSTON, TEXAS

For Information Call:
USRA
719-635-5396
### Men's Open

1. Jimmy Lowe, AK
2. Dan Llacerr, DE
3. Todd O'Neil, TX
4. Jason Thoerner, GA
5. Steve Bultinck, MN
6. Mike Locker, MN
7. Matt Gehling, MD
8. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
9. Bob Dejesus, AZ
10. Aaron Metcalf, FL

### Men's A

1. Dave Bartscher, TX
2. Jason Samora, OR
3. Erik Williams, NC
4. Eric Leetch, AR
5. Lance Hudson, SC
6. Todd O'Neil, TX
7. Hector Tenorio, TX
8. T. H. Oracio Perez, FL
9. Kent Wagner, SC
10. Ryan Rodgers, TX

### Men's B

1. Darryl Thompson, TX
2. George Anthon Jr., CA
3. Ryan Booth, TX
4. Jeff Gillquist, MN
5. Jon Albright, TN
6. Kent Wagner, SC
7. Michael Guzman, FL
8. Mike Dennison, OH
9. Mike Bartscher, TX
10. Sameer Hadid, CA

### Men's C

1. Lorne Burry, NC
2. Hector Tenorio, TX
3. Ammanda Cabrera, NJ
4. Ryan Booth, TX
5. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
6. Not a Member, NM
7. Larry Weene, MA
8. Mike Dennison, OH
9. Brad McCunniff, IA
10. Mike Bartscher, TX

### Men's D

1. Mukesh Wadhawan, TX
2. Lance Hudson, SC
3. Roberto Tinajero, CA
4. Gary Carter, CA
5. Doug Sanders, TX
6. Dan Priester, WA
7. Grant Macuba, IL
8. Brandon McGhee, LA
9. Mike Baker, CA
10. Bill Foster, MN

### Men's Novice

1. Brian Covarrubias, NM
2. Sam Doris, OH
3. Audi Gutauskas, IL
4. Mike Locker, MN
5. Mike Dennison, OH
6. Rocky Carson, CA
7. Anthony DeFusto, FL
8. Matt Fontana, CA
9. John Davis, LA
10. Don Harrington, IN

### Men's 45+

1. Gary Mazoroff, NM
2. Mitt Layton, FL
3. Jim Lazure, WI
4. Rob Sorensen, MO
5. Dominic Palmieri, OH
6. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
7. Russ Palazzio, CO
8. Darrel Warren, CA
9. Howard Walker, TX
10. Ed Garebian, PA

### Men's 50+

1. Glen Allen, VA
2. Warren Reuther, LA
3. Tom Rearden, IL
4. Luis Guerrero, CA
5. Not a Member, WI
6. Ron Galbreath, PA
7. Ray Huss, OH
8. Jim Tremain, MO
9. Ron Hutcherson, IN
10. Pete Keiser, OH

### Men's 55+

1. Mike Bartscher, TX
2. Brad McCunniff, IA
3. John Davis, LA
4. Donald Simms, TX
5. Hector Capo, FL
6. Scott Hamilton, WA
7. John Barrett, PA
8. George Busto, TX
9. Joe Caruel, FL
10. Dan Llacera, DE

### Men's 35+

1. Dave Egole, OH
2. Dave Watson, OK
3. Mitch Smith, PA
4. Jimmy Lowe, AK
5. Bobby Habb, CT
6. Jim Gilhouse, CO
7. John Scargle, CA
8. Bill Serrafin, NJ
9. Jim Lukeman, NH
10. Scott Cullins, FL

### Men's 60+

1. Rex Lawler, IN
2. Jerry Holy, CA
3. Greg Hasty, IL
4. Jim Wilking, UT
5. Jorgel Sanchez, TX
6. Ron Puddick, MI
7. Ron Adams, CA
8. Jerry Northwood, CA
9. David Silles, NY
10. Art Hutchkiss, RI

### Men's 65+

1. Charles Kaiser, MI
2. Don Alt, OH
3. Paul Banales, AZ
4. Otis Chapman, OH
5. John Reid, OH
6. John O'Donnell, IL
7. Skip Kiphar, UT
8. Jim Mayey, MO
9. Frank Trask, ME
10. Bill Dunn, TX

### Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. Richard Davis, TX
3. Windell Hildebrandt, AZ
4. Philip Dzikl, IL
5. Earl Acuff, NC
6. Hank Richard, GA
7. Ken Yahiyo, IL
8. Mal Roberts, FL
9. Bob Fraser, NV
10. Carl Buschner, MA

### Women's Open

1. Robin Levine, CA
2. Kersten Hollander, CA
3. Aimee Roehler, PA
4. Denise Mock, TX
5. Lorraine Cawley, NY
6. Lydia Hammock, CA
7. Kelly Kirk, MN
8. Jackie Paraiso, PA
9. Kim Machiraz, MO
10. Janell Marriott, RI

### Women's A

1. Mary Crawford, IL
2. Lindsey Deutsch, TX
3. April Settelt, CO
4. Sandy Sexton, TX
5. Jennifer Hunter, TN
6. Shere Feldman, NY
7. Katie Schrader, LA
8. Mary Baca-Markham, NM
9. Leanne Mays, LA
10. Susan Williams, UT

### Women's B

1. Janet Tisinger, CA
2. Esther McNaught, CA
3. Debi Misanini, CA
4. Vivian Gomez, FL
5. Adishia Payne, CA
6. Kelly Strachan, CA
7. Christina Pastore, MA
8. Barbara Allen, NY
9. Sheri Kinnaman, AR
10. Valerie Willis, NC

### Women's C

1. Christine Fenton, FL
2. Rhonda Koshik, OK
3. Rosario Bauer, CA
4. B.J. Calloway, CA
5. Christa Davis, TX
6. Melissa Young, TX
7. Sharon Stevens, MA
8. Diana Castillo, TX
9. Candy Arquiett, LA
10. Dyan Anderson, VA

### Women's D

1. Candy Arquiett, LA
2. Karen Lynn O'meara, NM
3. Christa Davis, TX
4. Cherie Hale, CA
5. Carla Thompson, CO
6. Kastile Arturo, AK
7. Crysti Aguirre, FL
8. Bart Mccall, TX
9. Nikki Winfrey, OH
10. Kris Alatorre-Morrin, VA

### Women's Novice

1. Penny Madarick, NM
2. Cori Peppera, SC
3. Helen Armijo, NM
4. Lisa Barrett, PA
5. Gena Reilly, NM
6. Sableta Doss, NY
7. Pam Duran, AK
8. Rita Espinoza, NM
9. Janice Heinemann, MO
10. Debbie Pinto, KY

### Women's 24-

1. Aimee Roehler, PA
2. Shannon Feaster, DC
3. Jennifer Birchington, UT
4. Not a Member, UT
5. Liana Wenzel, OR
6. Janette Olsen, UT
7. Not a Member, UT
8. Teri Stroffregen, OH
9. Samantha Gibbs, FL
10. Yesenia Delbusto, FL

### Women's 25+

1. Jennifer Dering, NY
2. Jo Shattuck, CA
3. Tina Brandt, CA
4. Heather Dunn, VT
5. Holly Remen, NC
6. Jen Yokota, MO
7. Story Sow, CO
8. Kim Herrald, SC
9. Cara Pellowski, WI
10. Kelley Beane, NH

### Women's 30+

1. B.J. Elrington, CT
2. Lydia Hammock, CA
3. Robin Levine, CA
4. Sandra Sexton, TX
5. Jennifer Hunter, TN
6. Shere Feldman, NY
7. Katie Schrader, LA
8. Mary Baca-Markham, NM
9. Leanne Mays, LA
10. Susan Williams, UT
Rankings... Rankings

January – February 1999

Women's 35+
1. Lorraine Galloway, NY
2. Debbie Tisinger, CA
3. Sara Leipaw, WI
4. Debra Tishler, WI
5. Angela Murphy, NY
6. Julie Nardone, UT
7. Bev Martin, CA
8. Jody Mathison, CA
9. Michelle Wirah, VA
10. Lorraine Galloway, NY

Women's 40+
1. Debbie Tisinger, CA
2. Linia Moore, NE
3. Jean Trimble, FL
4. Chris Evon, IL
5. Susan Pfaehler, WI
6. Sherron Feldman, NY
7. Mary Beke, AZ
8. Paula Carter, CA
9. Liz Molitor, IL
10. Lauret Davis, IL

Women's 45+
1. Brenda White, IL
2. Judy Sands, NJ
3. Karen Kattenge, LA
4. Janet Myers, NC
5. Terry Ann Rogers, WI
6. Karen Key, AZ
7. Debbie Chaney, IN
8. Jeffe Luttn, TX
9. Karen Weins, FL
10. Renee Fish, IL

Women's 50+
1. Mary Lou Furss, IA
2. Merijean Kelley, CA
3. Donna Ebner, MO
4. Pattie Schof, LA
5. Geri Stoffregen, OH
6. Nancy Kay Butts, WI
7. Sharon Huczek, Ml
8. Mildred Gwinn, NC
9. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
10. Mary Jane Wedlin, DE

Women's 55+
1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Nidia Furnes, CA
3. Rose Stolte, WI
4. Nancy Kay Butts, WI
5. Joy Desantis, CA
6. Mildred Gwinn, NC
7. Lavannie Kohlhepp, WI
8. Lola Markus, IL

Women's 60+
1. Annabelle Kolar, NE
2. Susan Embry, WA
3. Joy Kenyon, FL
4. Jane Graham, GA
5. Eleanor Higgins, NM
6. B.J. Calloway, CA
7. Not a Member, MN
8. Naomi Eads, MO
9. Mary-Lou Auff, NC
10. Norma Carlisle, UT

Women's 65+
1. Lola Markus, IL
2. Reta Harring, WI
3. Louise Kiss, NM
4. Marilyn Hoagland, MN
5. Audrey Thiton, OK

Women's 70+
1. Dorothy Vezetinska, WI
2. Mary-Lou Auff, NC
3. Mary Lou Kacert, NM
4. Reta Harring, WI
5. Roberta Schoenfeld, NM
6. Tille Davies, AZ

Women's 75+
1. Mary-Lou Auff, NC
2. Beth Keene, TX
3. Christine Stephens, TX
4. Elenor Quackenbush, OH

Boys' 6 & Under
1. Not a Member, WI
2. Brad Falvey, WI
3. Not a Member, WI
4. Ben Masbon, WI

Boys' 8 & Under
1. Trevor Crowe, OR
2. Cory Martin, WI
3. Trevor Green, CO
4. Mike Keddie, NH

Boys' 10-
1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Adrain Anulevics, CT
3. Josh Epstein, LA
4. Rusty Powell, LA
5. Brian Crawford, WI
6. Cory Martin, WI
7. Tommy Hendershott, CO
8. Michael Lawrence, AL
9. Ryan Lindell, WI
10. Clay Burris, FL

Boys' 12-
1. Sam Sheppard, OR
2. Eddie Mazur, CT
3. Nicholas Rawley, AZ
4. Charlie Pratt, OR
5. Ben Croft, IL
6. Chris Coy, CO
7. David Key, LA
8. Taylor Hendershott, CO
9. Shane Karmelov, GA
10. Mike Keddie, NH

Boys' 14-
1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Adrain Anulevics, CT
3. Josh Epstein, LA
4. Rusty Powell, LA
5. Brian Crawford, WI
6. Cory Martin, WI
7. Tommy Hendershott, CO
8. Michael Lawrence, AL
9. Ryan Lindell, WI
10. Clay Burris, FL

Boys' 16-
1. Sam Vanderson, OH
2. Matthew McElhenny, FL
3. Joey Delfino, MA
4. Scott Foster, CO
5. Stephen Lewis, WA
6. Danny Beaudry, CO
7. Mike Harmon, FL
8. Scott Fisher, NY
9. Nick Giunta, OR
10. Tim Wilson, CT

Boys' 18-
1. Rocky Carson, CA
2. Josh Tucker, MO
3. Ryan Stoten, KS

Women's SS+
1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Mary Lou Furaus, NM
3. Karen Kattenge, LA
4. Mary Beke, AZ
5. Mary Lou Furss, IA
6. Julie Nardone, UT
7. Bev Martin, CA
8. Jody Mathison, CA
9. Michele Wirah, VA
10. Lorraine Galloway, NY

Boys' 6-
1. Sam Sheppard, OR
2. Eddie Mazur, CT
3. Nicholas Rawley, AZ
4. Charlie Pratt, OR
5. Ben Croft, IL
6. Chris Coy, CO
7. David Key, LA
8. Taylor Hendershott, CO
9. Shane Karmelov, GA
10. Mike Keddie, NH

Boys' 8-
1. Sam Sheppard, OR
2. Eddie Mazur, CT
3. Nicholas Rawley, AZ
4. Charlie Pratt, OR
5. Ben Croft, IL
6. Chris Coy, CO
7. David Key, LA
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4. Scott Foster, CO
5. Stephen Lewis, WA
6. Danny Beaudry, CO
7. Mike Harmon, FL
8. Scott Fisher, NY
9. Nick Giunta, OR
10. Tim Wilson, CT

GIRLS

Girl's 12-
1. Kaitlin Ingelston, OR
2. Amy Willhite, OR
3. Becca Machiran, MO
4. Tia Smith, OR
5. Kaitlyn Pacinelli, NM
6. Stephanie Rojas, OR
7. Brittany Legget, OR
8. Amber Hanson, OR
9. Sandra Payne, NM
10. Kara Mazur, CT

Girl's 14-
1. Molly Law, CO
2. Crystal Winfrey, OR
3. Juliana Mayor, NY
4. Carl Militsky, NY
5. Kimberly Irons, OH
6. Jenny Cary, CT
7. Jeni Fuller, NY
8. Erica Beaudry, CO
9. Amy Jo Hollingsworth, OR
10. Anna Tavsidis, MA

Girl's 16-
1. Kristen Walsh, OH
2. Kristal Cook, IL
3. Kristen Kuttler, NE
4. Melanie Mueller, CO
5. Nicki Whitney, VT
6. Lauren Deutsch, TX
7. Crystal Winfrey, OR
8. Kris Alatorre-Martinez, VA
9. Anna Tavsidis, MA
10. Molly Law, CO

Girl's 18-
1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Sara Borland, IA
3. Megan Brown, WI
4. Katie Gould, CA
5. Christina Lewenda, OR
6. Elizabeth Posey, AK
7. Chris Hermann, MO
8. Dianne Brown, CA
9. Liana Kerwood, OR
10. Chris Young, AK

MORE RANKINGS NEXT PAGE!

Event Level & Description
1. Closed State Tournament
2. Open Tournament
3. State Championship
4. Regional Championship
5. National Invitational
6. National Championship

Finish & Point Awards
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1. 30 20 15 10 5
2. 30 20 15 10 5
3. 150 100 75 50 25
4. 250 150 100 75 50
5. 300 200 150 100 75
6. 600 400 300 200 100

*In draws of 48 or more at a national championship, the 9-16 place finishers receive 50 points.

Rankings are based on results processed by the national office as of: November 15, 1998
And since this is a "new" list, we’ve established a grace period for players whose memberships have expired. In the next go-round, expect “not a member,” notations wherever appropriate! You know who you are ... join up before the next list goes to press!

You can earn big points in these divisions at National Singles in May [Level 6] and at the Promus U.S. OPEN in November [Level 5].

**MEN’S AGE + SKILL**

- **Men’s 24- A/B**
  1. Reed Bastian, CA
  2. Ryan Rodgers, TX
  3T. Nantlle Boards, TN
  3T. Jason Samora, OR
  5. Cory Martin, WI
  6. Keith Taylor, NC
  7T. Kevin Barr, TX
  7T. Travis Noe, WI
  7T. Ron Sutek, TX
  7T. Christ Wachtel, OH
  11T. John DeHaan, GA
  11T. Marcus Hughes, GA
  11T. Brad Jantz, WI
  11T. Che Lopez, GA

- **Men’s 24- C/D**
  1. Jeremiah Jones, TX
  2. Roberto Tinajero, TX
  3T. Rex Fisher, OH
  3T. Stan Shaw IV, MA
  3T. Amainder Singh Bedi, TX
  5T. Kris Robinson, KY
  7. Nick Arturo, AK
  8. Jason Hicks, KY
  9T. Nicholas Cline, MI
  9T. Andrew Coon, KY

- **Men’s 25+ A/B**
  1. Jack White, MI
  2. Al Schof, LA
  3T. Rob Har man, NM
  3T. Tony Resales, AK
  5T. George Anthon Jr., LA
  5T. Sandy Stephens, VA
  7T. Rob Cook, VA
  8T. Bill Di Gregorio, PA
  8T. Raymond Flowers, LA
  8T. Jodie Hittle, ME
  8T. Eric Jolin, TX
  8T. Dina Tashie, NH
  11T. Mark Farias, FL
  13T. J.W. P eebles, MD
  13T. Tommy Pugh, NC
  13T. Brian Shwer, TN

- **Men’s 25+ C/D**
  1. Andrew Silva, FL
  2. Doug Hale, NC
  3T. Hector Tenorio, TX
  3T. Richard Wells, IL
  5. Twayne Howard, MI
  6. Rick Parker, OK
  7T. Kenny Arnett, MS
  7T. Cruz Jimenez III, TX
  7T. Shawn Piel, TX
  7T. Michael Wang, TX
  11T. Jason Carroll, MI

- **Men’s 35+ A/B**
  1. Jack White, MI
  2. Ruben Desimone, TX
  3T. Lance Hodgkinson, OH
  3T. Don Sanderson, UT
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