The Houston Downtown Y.M.C.A. has been awarded the host site bid for the 1983 United States National Singles Championships held May 26-30, 1983. Located in the heart of Houston's central business district, easily accessible from Houston's Intercontinental and Hobby airports, the Downtown Y.M.C.A. offer the utmost in recreational activities. The recently completed $6,500,000 renovation, the latest exercise technology, a painstaking attention to detail, and years of experience have gone into making the Downtown Y one of the finest health and fitness facilities in the country. The 12,500 square feet of athletic facility includes:

- 21 Championship racquetball courts
- 11 Glass backwall (white glass)
- 2 White Glass backwall and sidewall courts
- 12 station nautilus equipment
- 1 station Com II workout equipment
- Free weights
- Stationary bicycles
- Indoor bicycles
- Rooftop running track
- Pro shop
- Swimming pool 75' x 25'
- Gymnasium
- Restaurant

The Houston organizing committee, under the most able direction of Dick Bagby and John Watson, is presently negotiating with the well-known eighth wonder of the world, the Astrodome, to hold our membership banquet in conjunction with the Houston Astros-St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. A tournament player's name will be drawn during the banquet for the honor of throwing out the first ball at the game.

The Whitehall Hotel, one of the most luxurious in Houston, has been designated tournament headquarters. The deluxe accommodations usually costing $85.00-$115.00 for a single have been made available to us for $42.00 per day single or double occupancy.

By any measurement, Houston is a city of superlatives. As one of the most prosperous metropolitan areas in the U.S., Houston has been a magnet, attracting active and ambitious people at the rate of 75,000 per year. The Houston metropolitan area has a population of more than 3 million people.

Located just 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, Houston enjoys a milder climate than most of the year. It's a thoroughly air-conditioned city providing all weather comfort for watching baseball or football in the Astrodome or shopping in the Galeries or other covered air-conditioned malls.

Famed for its port facilities, the third busiest in the U.S., and as the headquarters of the petroleum and petro chemical industries, Houston also gained worldwide renown with its broadcasting of the first words spoken from the moon.

NASA is located just 28 miles from the Houston Downtown Y and is open daily for both guided and self-guided tours at no charge. In addition, Houston offers the finest shopping, restaurants and entertainment whether it is a shopping trip to the Galleria, a foot stompin' time at Gilley's, a glimpse of the space age at NASA or a ball game at the Dome, Houston offers something for everyone.

The 1983 Nationals promises to be much more than just another "Nationals." The 1983 Nationals are sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller, D. P. Leach and Penn Athletic Products Co.

The first Asian Regional Championships for racquetball have been conducted, setting yet another international racquetball precedent.

The event, the first of its kind in Asia, was conducted from 13-15 July 1982, following immediately on the heels of the first European Regional Championships, held in May of this year. The North American Regionals are to be conducted in 1983, shortly before the second World Championships.

The Asian event brought out seventy players to the Do Sports Plaza in Tokyo, with seven men's teams and five ladies teams competing under the team rules of the International Amateur Racquetball Federation. The IARF rules call for three singles players and one doubles team on one team, with all participants playing round robin. One point is scored for each single or doubles team victory.

Since racquetball in Asia is still primarily a Japanese endeavor, all entrants this year were Japanese. In future years Korea, Republic of China, the Republic of the Philippines, Thailand and others are expected to join the competition. To put things in proper perspective, Japanese males only started competing competitively three years ago, with the construction of the first racquetball only court. Lady players only started 18-months ago.

The excitement of the Asian Regionals was fantastic, for both players and spectators. Japan is gradually building depth of play, and most of the matches were very closely contested.

The event incidentally brought two winners in one event. By using the IARF scoring system the Do Sports Plaza team eked out a one-point victory over the Kobe YMCA team. Tournament officials, however, decided to make this event also a Japan Club Championship event, and by employing another scoring system the Kobe YMCA team eked out a victory over the same Do Sports Plaza team by one point. The second scoring system was a team-vs-team point system.

Racquetball fever in Japan is rising, and events like this help the sport grow in healthy directions. Japan is looking forward with eagerness to the next World Championships, tentatively slated for Zurich, Switzerland in 1983.
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Paul Hendrickson, President
AARA

The AARA, being a player-based and operated association, is daily concerned with the operation and development of amateur racquetball tournaments.

Having earned the respect of players, AARA sanctioned events have proven to be the finest tournaments conducted throughout the country. In order for a tournament to function successfully it is important that the players accept their responsibilities to the event such as:

1. Mailing their entry form with payment prior to the entry deadline;
2. Arriving at the tournament site in advance of their scheduled start time;
3. Reporting to the tournament desk to assume their referee duties when required;
4. Assisting inexperienced referees in the performance of their duties.

The cooperation of the players in assuming these responsibilities will tremendously assist the tournament director and assure all players participating in the event that the tournament will progress smoothly and will be a rewarding experience for all those involved.

The last meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the AARA proved to be informative and enlightening to all board members who attended. Under the resourceful hand of State Director Jon Denley, the three hour meeting covered the proposed activities and tournaments scheduled for the coming year. With the numerous additional sponsors we have acquired, and the many new and exciting ideas brought forth by Jon and the Board, the AARA plans to show New Jersey's Racquetballers their best and most successful season.

Furthermore, a few additions and new appointments have been made to the previously established Board. The AARA has welcomed Mike Frankel and Lonnie Algood, both formerly of the NRA, to its ranks. Mike will be State Rules and Refereeing Coordinator and State Ranking Coordinator. Special congratulations are in order for Mike, who has been newly appointed as a member of the AARA National Rules Committee. Lonnie Algood, former NRA President, has been appointed as our State Tournament Coordinator. Warren Searles, Pro Instructor from the Woodbridge Racquetball Club, has been appointed as Juniors Program Coordinator. Jim Braun will continue another year in her former position of Secretary/Treasurer and has accepted the added responsibility of coordinating and publishing the AARA Club Owner's Newsletter, Maurice Sadol, Pro Instructor from the Racket Ball Club at Cedar Knolls, has been appointed as AARA's Press Secretary and Women's Program Coordinator for the State.

With the high levels of enthusiasm and ability evident in all the Board members, the AARA is ready and already hard at work for you, the amateur player. You can help us to help you by airing your views and questions to us at any time. We are always anxious to hear from you at our next meeting. Just get in touch with any of the Board members. Until next time...Hit all ace!!
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STATE / REGIONAL / & NATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to Lou Fabian and Pennsylvania for moving into 4th place nationally as well as John Bouchard and Maine for securing a hold on 7th place in the national membership standings; To Marc Auerbach and Bruce Hendin on the Texas State Doubles Championship as well as Al Setelman in New York for his 800+ entries in the Long Island Open; To Jon Denley, on his continued excellent program in New Jersey; to Scott Jenson and Richard Bruns of California for their tremendous increases in membership; to Ed Remen for the M.U.R.F. organization in Maryland and Virginia, as well as Harral Chastain who has increased Minnesota membership 100% in the past three months.

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PLAYERS FORUM

"The Point Against Points" by Ali Swafford

Imagine telling the Pittsburgh Steelers that they had not won the Super Bowl because, although they had won the game, their opponents had scored more total points during the playoffs. Or how about telling Martina Navratilova that, even though she won the final match, Chris Evert Lloyd was awarded the Wimbledon title because she scored fewer points in the games she lost than did Martina. Not too likely in either case! However, this unusual point situation happens all too frequently in many racquetball tournaments where there is a small draw in a division.

In an attempt to give each player a good competitive experience, the tournament director decides on the format of round robin/tournament total number of points scored wins. Take for example, the situation where six women enter the Women's Open Division. Each person plays five matches consisting of two games to fifteen points. The total number of points scored in both games is recorded as the match score. At the conclusion of play, all match scores are tallied, and a winner is declared. Sounds fair, right? Wrong. Is it fair that one player can lose one game and come in third place? Or is it fair that a player can lose five games and win the tournament? Impossible? Note the following example:

As you can see, Vicky won the tournament with a total of 143 points. In her match with Margaret she lost both games; in her match with Donna she lost both games; and in her match with Paula she split games. Nonetheless,

NORTH AMERICAN ZONE COMPETITION MOVED TO STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

At the last minute, the Canadian Racquetball Association voted against participating in the 1983 North American Zone competition thus necessitating moving the site of the games from Montreal to the Quail Lake Athletic Club in Stockton, CA on March 4, 5, 6, 1983. The United States team will have head competition from Mexico and possibly Cuba for supremacy of North America.

The first-ever regional game will be held in connection with the Northern California Grand Prix under the direction of Scott Jenson and Richard Bruns.

Vicky won the tournament. On the other hand, Donna lost only one game in the entire tournament. She came in third. Still think round robin/tournament total number of points scored is fair?

Racquetball is a sport of games and matches, not point totals. I fully agree that in the case of a small draw a round robin should be utilized. In fact, a round robin is the only tournament format that truly gives an equal opportunity to all players. However, determining a racquetball winner based upon point totals is different than the examples of the Super Bowl or Wimbledon. Games are won or lost. In determining an overall champion it is irrelevant as to whether the score was 15-10 or 15-14. In other case the game was won. How many times have there been tournament scores of 5-21, 21-12, 11-7? Should the player who won the tiebreaker lose the match because he/she totally less points in the over-all match? No. The same principle should apply to a round robin format. Points should be awarded based upon games won.

The following two scoring systems appear most closely related to normal methodology of winner determination: Round Robin/all players in the division play each other.

PLAN I

Two games to fifteen with the winner of each game receiving one point. Total possible points per match two.

Plan II

Two games to fifteen with the winner of each game receiving one point. Should the same person win both fifteen point games in the match an additional bonus is awarded. Total possible points per match is three.

In the case of a tie under either plan 1 or plan 2 the results of the match played between the two tied contestants would determine the winner.

Plan I strictly recognizes a point for a win. Plan 2 gives a bonus point incentive to the winner of the first game to work hard for a sweep. It also provides an incentive to the loser of the first game to win the second game, thus helping is only one point down instead of three. Either plan is workable; however, I think Plan I offers the most competitive advantage.

Nonetheless, a true winner is determined. The individual that won the game is rewarded.

Sports are not based upon who almost won. A runner that runs 48 yards in the 50 yard dash did not win. A soccer team that scores two goals to their opponents three did not win. So it should be with racquetball. Psychologically it is fine to say, "I only scored one less point than my opponent, it could have gone either way." However, statistically the person with one less point lost the game. My point against points as the criteria for determining a champion, is that by definition a champion is a winner. As demonstrated in the round/robin total points example an individual may be a consistent loser and be declared champion. To me the true champion is the person who, coming from a 15-20 deficit in the second game, having already lost the first game, goes on not only to win the twenty-first point but also to win the tiebreaker 11-10. I don't care if the score in the first game was 0-21. The champion won two games, the loser won one. No, the champion did not score as many points, but would anyone dare say that this individual was not the winner? A standard is set, a goal is obtained, a game is either won or lost.

Player's Forum — We invite all members to write and say what is on your mind.

Ektelon Introduces the New Citori™ Racquetball’s Most Advanced Aluminum Racquet

Ektelon, a leading manufacturer of racquetball racquets and equipment has introduced racquetball’s most advanced aluminum racquet, the new Citori™. Manufactured from a unique drawn seamless tube of an aluminum alloy, 7178-T6, the Citori features a very stiff frame which increases power. The new aluminum alloy, designed by Ektelon and True Temper, is 100 percent stronger than competitive alloys and 56 percent stronger than other Ektelon aluminum racquets. The frame is extremely resistant to distortion and twisting at impact, which assures the player greater control of his shots.

The Citori utilizes the Wishbone frame with its larger sweet spot and is four ounces lighter than Ektelon’s Sunburst frame. The Sunburst string pattern increases the efficiency of each string and improves the dynamics of the entire hitting surface. The 240 gram Citori features a bit tacky leather grip, sewn-on nylon bumper and grommet system, silver blue aluminum frame and heat welded multifilament braided string. Handle sizes are available in super small (3-1/16”), extra small (3-1/16”), small (4-1/8”) and flared. The racquet features a full, 90-day racquet string warranty and is covered by Ektelon’s full, two-year frame warranty.

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A.A.R.A. SEEKING BIDS FOR NATIONAL SITES

The A.A.R.A. is now seeking site bids for the 1983 Adult National Doubles Championships to be held October 20-23, 1984, the Junior National Singles to be held May 24-28, 1984 and the Junior National Championships June 23-27, 1984.

The Adult and Doubles sites will be selected at the May 23, 1983 Board of Directors meeting, while the 1984 Junior Nationals site will be awarded June 24, 1983 at the Junior Council meeting.
Dear Members,

Our cover story this month deals with the selection of the Houston Downtown Y.M.C.A. as the site for the United States National Racquetball Singles Championships for 1983. Houston was selected from a tough competitive field of the Sportrooms in Coral Gables, FL, and Sport Set Racquetball and Health Club, Long Island, New York.

Dick Bagby and John Watson represented the Houston Downtown Y before the A.A.R.A.'s Board of Directors and made a most impressive presentation. Be sure you make your plans now for the racquetball event of the year.

The other major highlight of the young racquetball season is your Regional. Fifteen Regionals will be held across the country and you will soon be receiving your application for this event in the mail. Your Regional Director has spent numerous hours making the Regionals the racquetball event in your special area. Support your region and participate!

For planning purposes, the Junior Regionals will be held from April to June with these Nationals slated for All Sport Fitness and Racquetball Club of Fishkill, New York on June 25-29, 1983. Remember you must play in your Junior Regional in order to play in the Junior Nationals.

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Meet The United States Racquetball Team


DOT FISCHEL — Dot, relatively new to racquetball, has qualified for a position on the U.S. Team by finishing 4th in the A.A.R.A. National Singles in Buffalo, May, 1982. Dot boasts numerous level 3 Championships and has played even with teammate Tammy Hajjar. Dot hails from Allentown, PA and plays at the Allentown Racquetball Club under the watchful eye of coach, John Brinson.

TAMMY HAJJAR — Another Pennsylvanian who hails from Harrisburg, PA is the current Intercollegiate National Champion and current National Open Doubles Champion with team mate Beth Latini also of Pennsylvania. Tammy finished second in the 1981 Junior Nationals and was well on her way in the world of racquetball. She is a dean's list student at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY where Tammy is coached by Jim Winterton. Immediately after the Regional Zone competition Tammy will begin a 10,000 mile, 8 month bicycle tour around the U.S. for the benefit of Cystic Fibrosis.

STAN WRIGHT — Stan and his partner, Steve Trent are everyday names in the world of racquetball doubles. You name it and they have won it and finally

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Harral Chastain/Steve Black  
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FEBRUARY 4-6, 1983  
Women's site to be announced  
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FEBRUARY 4-6  
Women's  
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FEBRUARY 4-6  
Women's site to be announced  
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FEBRUARY 5-7  
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FEBRUARY 6-8  
The Normand Loavelle Benefit (3)  
Colonial Racquet Club  
Lynnfield, MA  
John Lepore  
Men Only

FEBRUARY 9-21  
Tennessee State Singles and Doubles (2)  
Racquet Club of Jackson  
Jackson, TN  
Bill Branta  
615-777-4467

FEBRUARY 7-11  
Showboat Hotel — 1983 Military Las Vegas, NV  
George Deyer

FEBRUARY 11-13  
Grape Harvest Open (3)  
Playoff Racquet Club  
600 Connecticut Blvd.  
E. Hartford, CT  
Brent Balz  
203-666-1957

FEBRUARY 11-13  
Cedar Point Open (3)  
Pomona Racquet Club  
400 Pomona Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91768

FEBRUARY 17-19  
3rd Annual Aurora Classic (3)  
Saratoga YMCA  
1075 S. Euclid Ave.  
Saratoga, FL 33577  
Judith Schmidt  
813-957-0770

FEBRUARY 17-20  
E. L. Bell American Heart Classic (3)  
Keating's  
June Road  
Memphis, TN 38119  
Bud Hurlbut  
901-885-9661

FEBRUARY 18-20, 1983  
Cedarville Winter Open (3)  
Cedarville  
Regina Ross  
420-761-1589

FEBRUARY 18-20  
Beverly Lions Club Open (3)  
Playoff  
Beverly, MA  
Kevin McKenzie  
617-927-0920

FEBRUARY 19-21  
Naples Open (3)  
Norwich Racquet Club  
2 Wisconsin Ave.  
Norwich, CT 06366  
Dennis Forseca  
203-889-4489

FEBRUARY 19-21  
New York Singles & Doubles (2)  
All Sport  
17 Old Maine St.  
Fishkill, NY 12524  
Jim Burns — Al Setlemian  
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FEBRUARY 20-21  
Jaffrey Open (3)  
Jaffrey Racquet Club  
311 Jaffrey Rd.  
Jaffrey, MA 03452  
Steve Buckley  
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FEBRUARY 21-23  
Clarendon Open (3)  
Oaks Racquet Club  
500 Oak Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
Jim Brown  
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FEBRUARY 22-24  
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FEBRUARY 22-24  
A.A.A.A. Seniors Invitational (3)  
Houston Downtown YMCA  
Houston, TX  
Jim Austin  
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FEBRUARY 23-27  
3rd Annual Brownsville Sport Palace Sports International Champion Days Open (3)  
Sport Palace  
2549 Price Rd.  
Brownsville, TX 78521  
George Sykes  
512-542-1415

FEBRUARY 25-27  
Holiday Inn Classic (3)  
Anderson Full Court Club  
1111 East 40th  
Anderson, IN 46014  
Cheryl Sanford  
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FEBRUARY 25-27  
Cedarville “February Shoot-out” (3)  
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FEBRUARY 26-27  
Court Club Open (3)  
Court Club of North Haven  
100 Elm St.  
North Haven, CT 06473  
Frank Campbell  
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MARCH 4-6  
1983 MAA/RAA State Singles Championships (2)  
Situs site to be announced  
617-763-8073

MARCH 4-6  
CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Chesterfield Tennis Club  
297 East Cedar St.  
Newtown, CT 06471  
Scott Cassara  
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MARCH 5-6  
Metro Detroit Open (3)  
Northville, MI 48197  
Van DuBosky  
517-646-5411

MARCH 11-13  
Junior Regional 8 #5 (5)  
Spalding Racquet Club  
Mary Mathews  
2388 Chaffe  
Guyer, TX 76217  
314-570-0448

MARCH 12-14  
The Racquet Place  
2401 20th Place So.  
Birmingham, AL 35223  
Bruce Gourm  
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MARCH 14-16, 1983  
NHCA Senior State Championships  
Scott Janes  
977-300-1386

MARCH 18-20  
Texas Intercollegiates (2)  
Racquetball & Handball Club of Houston  
9951 Glenbrook Ct.  
Houston, TX 77096  
Bruce Hendin

MARCH 18-20  
Sharon Joyce Open (3)  
Racquetball Club of Houston  
6020 Butler Ave.  
Indiana, IN 46220  
Peter Smedley  
517-577-7756

MARCH 25-27  
Sharon Joyce Open (3)  
Mountain View Racquet Club  
Cedarville, OH 45314  
Connolly, Warron, Durkee  
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Cedarville Racquet Club  
Haverhill, MA  
Dale Bennett  
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MARCH 26-27  
1st Annual Kentucky Open (3)  
Cedarville Racquet Club  
Haverhill, MA  
Dale Bennett  
617-685-7577

MARCH 24-27  
Minneapolis State Doubles (2)  
APRIL 1-3

MARCH 24-27  
Adult Regional #5 (5)  
Court South  
Houston, TX 77096  
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TO YOU IT’S A GAME.
TO A SHOE IT’S AN ASSAULT
WITH A DEADLY WEAPON.

Oh sure, racquetball looks like an innocent enough game.
But if you were a shoe, you’d think it was about as innocent
as an armor piercing bazooka.
Fact is, a hard game of racquetball can chew up a pair of
shoes faster than a shark in a goldfish bowl.
What it takes is a shoe gutsy enough to put up with all that skidding and scuffing around.
A gutsy shoe like Tufts, by FootJoy. By all
definitions, the ultimate evolution in wood
court shoe design.
No other shoe in the game can touch it for
durability, not to mention fit or comfort.
This year, there are 3 new Tufts, including
a new Power Strap™ version for extra sup-
port and improved playability. There are
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ing a shoe that was designed for a game, wear
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Splat me.
Kill me.

I'll stay forever true blue.

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