The 1985 World Games, a new multi-sports event for sports not included in the Olympics, will be hosted this July 26-August 4 in London, England.

Racquetball is one of 24 sports from 60 countries to hold competitions at the World Games. Other sports include bowling, taekwando, artistic roller skating, roller hockey, trampoline, life saving, karate, and sambo wrestling to name a few.

The Games will bring together 1,650 athletes and officials. Governing bodies of the 24 sports are deeply committed to the launch of this new showcase for non-Olympic sports. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has given its sanction to the event.

The even, to be televised by Channel 4 in Britain, will be broadcast to an estimated 60 countries, with a potential television audience of 900,000,000. Coverage in key television markets, the USA, Japan, and Europe, is confirmed. The organizers are planning TV distribution to participating nations in South America, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Stefan Mohlin, Vice President of the World Games, and Patrick Nally, managing director of the West Nally Group which is marketing consultant to the Games, announced detailed plans at a press conference in London.

The World Games has a promising future. The right to host the 1989 Games has attracted competitive interest from West Germany, Japan, and Sweden, all excellent venues with IOC class facilities and confirmed official support.

What is the World Games?

The World Games is an important sporting innovation—a new international showcase for the non-Olympic sports. It had its inception in Santa Clara, CA in 1981.

The world body known as the International Association of World Sport Federations (AISF) has 64 members and is sub-divided into two groups. Twenty-seven of these members belong to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) (these are the summer and winter Olympic sports) and thirty-five sports, together with two associate members, belong to the World Games Group. Racquetball's international association, the International Amateur Racquetball Federation (IARF) is a member of the World Games Group.

Because a large number of sports have a long wait before admission to the Olympics, the IOC has supported the concept of the World Games and given its official sanction to the competition.

In terms of size, the scope of its operation and the large number of sports involved, this is a big event. It will use a total of eight existing facilities including the David Lloyd Centre where racquetball competition will occur.

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NEW DIRECTIONS
by Luke St. Onge

The past two months have seen three major events take place that will have a major influence on our sport in the future. All of these are of equal importance so please do not interpret their importance by how they are listed.

IOC Official Visits IARF Headquarters
Mr. Walter Troger, Sports Director of the International Olympic Committee, visited the International Amateur Racquetball Federation's World Headquarters in Colorado Springs this past March. Mr. Troger's basic interest was in evaluating the IARF as a potential Olympic Sport. In-depth discussions took place concerning World Championships, World Regional Competition, countries competing, continents involved, overall organization, cost of competing, etc. We feel we passed with flying colors.

Athlete Eligibility for AARA Events
An historical negotiation was held between the Racquetball Manufacturers Association and the AARA concerning athletes eligibility on future AARA events. Please read Mike Arnolt's article concerning this negotiation in this issue of RACQUETBALL IN REVIEW. It's historical and extremely important for the future of our sport.

Presentation at IRSA
All of racquetball's association and key figures met in Reno, NV at the International Racquet Sports Association (IRSA) annual convention for the purpose of presenting a united front on how racquetball can be profitable to the citizen. A panel presentation involving IARF, AARA, RAM, AHRS, AARA state affiliates, WPRA, and International Racquetball magazine (representing the media) was held. Over 150 people enthusiastically attended the presentation.

If you think back even three years, such a meeting, much less a panel presentation, would have been impossible because of egos, politics, and general lack of organization and purpose. We've come a long way in a short time.

Time Out For Thanks
I would also like to take the opportunity to express our continued appreciation and support for our national sponsors. Life is the only national sponsor outside the racquetball industry which has made a long term commitment to racquetball, continuing to increase its commitment to the AARA and the sport.

An indication of their support and their ability to generate publicity for racquetball was the National Doubles Invitational (NDI). During that tournament, visibility of racquetball reached 334,000,000 people through the Mutual Broadcasting System and various sports networks. This has a tremendous impact for awareness of racquetball as we compete for the attention of the general public and competitive athlete. It's a pleasure

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Tornado Alley Blows The Racquetball World Away!

Needless to say, his strategy worked well. In the other semifinal match, 10-year-old Roberts, a member of the U.S. Racquetball Team, was pitted against Meyers who had lost to Kallinen in the semi-finals of the 1984 Tornado Alley Tournament. Many thought the 6'0", 197 pound Roberts, the hardest hitter of the tournament, would simply be too much for the 210 pound 25-year-old Meyers. After Roberts took an early win in the first game 11-4, many spectators moved to other courts for other matches. However, Robert's focus to the veteran Meyers too lightly as Meyers came back to win games two and three 11-6, 11-5. Roberts, Lebanon, RI, that he had a tiger by the tail, led most of the fourth game until at 10-7 Meyers complained to the ref that Roberts was using his position to cut down shot selection. Roberts, trying to put additional psychological pressure on Meyers, shouted, "What difference does it make? You've missed the last four in a row!"

Meyers infuriated by the 19-year-old's brashness, replied, "I'll roll the next four out!" He slammed the door, left the court and scored two points before Roberts broke serve. At 1-0, Meyers returned Roberts's serve with a flat roll shot down the right. He went on to win the game and match 11-10.

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Finals

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Women's Open

The Women's Open bracket semi-finals were well attended. Women's entrants were well above expectations. As the gallery filled with spectators, most could be heard saying, "This is a good year for women's racquetball!" With the number three seed Wickers, playing in her third consecutive final of this division, only fourAirport. After Roberts broke serve. At 10-9, Meyers returned Roberts's serve with a flat roll shot down the right and went on to win the game and match 11-10.

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The Women's Open tournament goal to attract more women's entrants was well achieved. As the Women's Open division which drew only 12 entries in 1984, drew in a very competitive bracket of 22 players. A player clinic for the women offered by Joyce Jackson and additional prize money, along with other improvements in several women's divisions should ensure additional entrants for the 1986 tournaments.

Semifinals

Phillippy continued his red hot streak in the semi-finals by defeating Merrill 11-5, 11-1, 11-3 in the Tournament's most astonishing show of shot making. Phillippy only used the bottom six inches of the front wall as he continually rolled out shot after shot. Phillippy later commented, "I watched Skip Play Kenny (Kallinen) last night and he retrieved every shot shot that Kenny hit. I just went in, slowed the pace, and shot for the bottom board the first chance I got."

In the third game Latham seemed to settle down and made very few errors to win the game 11-5. The four-game match became 10-10. At that point both players took four serves, match point for Jackson and game point for Latham, before the tiebreaker 11-4. With the defeat of Jackson, it was once again assured that no woman would win two consecutive championships in this division for the eleventh year running.

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The championship match proved anticlimactic as Bevelock easily defeated Latham who seemed to be completely satisfied with her semifinal defeat of Jackson. Bevelock took the championship, only losing one game in five rounds of the tournament.

Men's Open Doubles

For the first time in five years, Scott Collins and Larry Fuller, who are three time champs of this event, failed to reach the finals. The number one seeded team lost in the tiebreaker of their semifinal match against Mark Gilmore and Ron Wickers, 9-15, 15-9, 11-6. Gilmore/Wickers went on to defeat the fourth seeded team of Ron Renn and J.B. Smith, 15-9, 15-10 to advance to the finals.

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Landmark/Rasmussen went through the round robin round undefeated, never dropping a single game.

Men's Seniors - 35+

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Masters 45+

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Quarterfinals

The quarterfinals proved fatal to former Wichitan and four time Men's Open Champion, number one seed Scott Collins, Lubbock, TX as he was upset by former Florida State Junior Champion and 1983 Texas State Men's Open Champion Bob Phillippy, Austin, TX, 11-5, 11-10, 11-7.

Collins, when later confronted by spectators who said he didn't look like he was playing very well, said, "It wasn't that I wasn't playing well! We was just playing exceptionally well!"

Number four seed Skip Merrill, Coppell, TX, 1981 Texas State Men's Open Champion and runner up of the 1984 AARA National Singles 25+ division, was taken to four games before defeating Kenny Kallinen, San Antonio, a member of the U.S. Racquetball Team and second place winner in the 1984 AARA National Singles Men's Open division. Scores were 4-11, 11-9, 11-2, 11-9.

Larry Meyers, Evless, TX, former pro and number six seed defeated number 14 seed Steve Kuykendall, Dallas, in an exciting three game match, 11-4, 11-10, 11-10.

Number seven seed Ray Aronowitz, Dallas, who seems to be emerging as one of the finest players in the southern states, gave number two seed Andy Roberts, Memphis, TN, the current AARA Intercollegiate National Champion, all he could handle before falling 4-11, 11-6, 11-2, 5-11, 11-3 in the only tiebreaker of the quarters.

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He was one of the top junior players to participate in the first Junior Orange Bowl Tournament held in 1984. This was the first time a racquetball tournament was part of the Orange Bowl complex and the tournament turned out to be tremendously successful.

The American Amateur Racquetball Association sanctioned the event and awarded the winners the coveted Orange Bowl medals.

Weekend players were treated to some of the finest racquetball players by juniors in this country and sponsored by the Orange Bowl committee volunteered its continuous expertise and support.

Tim Foley, former Miami Dolphin, was honorary chairman of the event while tournament chairman Don Slesnick and tournament director Jack Sorrenson coordinated the actual week-end.
The New Jersey chapter of the AAra is proud to announce that each season we will sponsor a Junior State Player to attend the National Singles Championship held in May. This prestigious sponsorship will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Junior Player who has displayed good sportsmanship, character, raquetball ability, tournament achievements and leadership. Sponsorship will consist of round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, sweatsuits, gloves, eyeguards, and a pair of Footjoy sneakers. The first recipient of this honor is “Jersey Joe” Cline.

“From Peek’s Bad Boy to Rocky Balboa” is the only liner that may describe Joey Cline. Born April 2, 1966 in Middle School. While in seventh grade, he was introduced to the sport of racquetball. Shortly after, he won his first In-House Tournament, playing in the “C” division at The Racquet Club of Warren. Former NJRA Junior coordinator, Tony Pacella became Joey’s teaching coach, counselor, and friend at the same time encouraging Joey to participate in Open tournaments.

In the late 70’s, a junior pan of court strategy and game plan for the “Open Player” was to psyche his opponent. This included yelling and intimidating the referee as well as your opponent. Many of the Juniors and the new comers to the sport emulated the “Open Player”. Joe was no exception! Despite his brashness, he had natural raw talent to play this game. Time would only tell.

His first major victory came at the age of 14, making it to the finals in the NJRA Junior Championship held in East Brunswick. He didn’t win, but placing second was a victory in itself. Then labeled “Jersey Joe” Cline, he practiced endlessly with precision and fortitude.

At the age of 16, he won the AAra Northeast Regionals in the 16-18 year old category, in fact, he went on to win this title for three consecutive years.

New Directions
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to have such a prestigious and professional company dedicated to our sport.

Diversified Products has also made a total commitment to the sport. They are to be congratulated on their tremendous strides they have made to support and reach the grass roots player. Less than two years ago, DP was an unknown entity. Through dynamic leadership and marketing, they have made a tremendous impact and become an industry leader.

Enough cannot be said about Penn Athletic Products Company. Through foresight, loyalty, and a grasp of the racquetball industry that few of their competitors had, they went from obscurity to dominating the industry in less than two years.

Their commitment did not and when the major share of the ball market. For each year they were there to support the grass roots programs that give growth to the sport.

The architect behind this phenomenal growth is Bob Beebe. Penn Racquetball Product manager Bob has chosen to make a career move and will no longer be a part of racquetball. He will be sorely missed and we wish him every success in his new endeavor.

When asked who his all-time favorite players are, Joe replies, “Rubin Gonzales and Cliff Swan.” He further states he would love to meet either one of them in the finals and a tournament and be their.

Currently, Joe attends Somerset County College where he is majoring in Business Marketing, along with being a member of the Racquet Club of Warren. When you see him between games, he’s studying. His schedule is so tight he always finds the time to practice and compete. His racquetball future is wide open. There’s no telling how far he will go.

Joe has never been to the AAra National Singles which is one of his racquetball goals.

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What do racquetball players look for when making purchases of equipment?

That's what the editors of National Racquetball magazine wondered when they periodically printed questionnaires for their readers to fill out, rip out, and answer. The topics ran the gamut — from eye gauges to balls to racquets to restructuring a racquet to gloves to selection of a club. The editors wanted to know what their readers were interested in and whether the market was accommodating their wishes.

More than that, the editors wanted to know what kind of racquetball player took the time to answer these surveys. The results, from surveys conducted from January, 1984 through January, 1985, pointed to players who selected their clubs more than four times a year, play as often as they can, are between 35-45 years of age and rank themselves as advanced or intermediate players.

Obviously, these people are the hard-core racquetballers, the people who make educated purchases and take the time to research what the market offers in the way of racquetball products.

Following are the combined results of a year's worth of surveys. Take a moment to look these over and decide for yourself if the readers of National Racquetball have tastes similar to your own.

What They Told Us About Their Racquets

Funny how the little things in life — and racquetball — make things easier. For instance, racquetballs. Who would think that a survey about round, blue, bouncing balls would create so much response! But that's exactly what happened when we ran our "Tell Us About Your Racquets" survey in the September, 1984 issue. Over 100 readers took the time to tell us what they like and dislike about the racquetballs that are presently on the market.

Our readers, 82% of whom play three or more times per week, and with 98% falling in the intermediate-advanced level, like the balls they're using. That doesn't mean that they don't have a few suggestions, but overall, they like what's available.

Penn racquetballs overall quality is unsurpassed in the industry," wrote Greg Scott, Lancaster, PA. Of our survey respondents, an incredible 82% said that they used Penn balls. Obviously, the dominant balls on the market.

"I've tried them all and Wilson is the only brand where I can count on two good, long-lasting, lively racquetballs in each can," said another reader.

Seventy-seven percent of our readers had stayed with the balls they're now using for over a year. They listed such things as overall performance, durability, liveliness, and consistency of bounce as good to excellent for the balls they used. The complaints came in on the inconsistency of balls from can to can, on the color, brand, or club, and how balls vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

"Some balls last for five minutes while others last for five matches," echoed John Dobrota, Alberta, Canada.

"Make them livelier and faster," suggested Tim Berg, Morgantown, NY. His suggestion made sense: "Racquetball cars are speedsters for you know! if they've been on the shelf a long time."

This suggestion was echoed by several of our readers when that some of the balls they bought were livelier than others, even though it was the same brand they were using. These readers suggest that some balls lay around, unused, in a tin can, on the shelf at the local sporting goods store (where 34% of our readers buy their balls). Thirty-nine percent purchase racquetballs at a discount store and 26% at the local gum or natural rubber.

And while you can't please all the people all the time, all the people wish that balls be consistent. "My ball tended to break a lot and play very, very fast," wrote in Karen Donofrio, Sudan, GA, "so I switched."

"Some break too quickly," wrote in John Osborne. Mesa, AZ, "and the name on the ball appears too quick."

Ronald Paogini, Nashville, TN, wrote, "They break too often. But I suppose they all do."

Gayle Danforth, Newport News, VA, wrote, "There wasn't one manufacturer who didn't receive a complaint about their balls breaking. At least 25% of our respondents purchase balls from the local sporting goods store (where 34% of our readers buy their balls)."

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Another fact our survey revealed: More women are unhappy with their shoes than men.

"Women have great difficulty getting a true racquetball shoe — one that doesn't cut out on a wide arch," wrote Shirley R. Rose, Mansfield, OH. "Two pairs of socks just don't fit!"

"The two pairs of socks trick seems to be universal," said many women. "Many of our readers considered only one manufacturer who didn't receive a complaint about their shoes."

"We also asked if you preferred high-top shoes over low (regular shoes) and if you liked velcro closures over standard lacing. Although we receive different answers, it seems to be universal, as many women noted at the bottom of their survey that they wore two socks to make that fit adhere to their narrow foot. This is dangerous, and speaks of a need in the industry.

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You're in with laces, please. You don't particularly care whether they're made of leather or man-made material, or whether the soles are constructed of gum or natural rubber. But, it must be comfortable because for the $24-$35 you spend on your racquetball shoes, comfort is a must, as is a good fit.

Color was a big factor to some people. Several readers suggested changing the color of the ball might improve the game or aid in visibility.

"Always wear good shoes!" wrote a reader from Danbury, CT. Again and again. That's what our survey respondents said that they'd spent $24-$35 dollars on their last pair, you can bet that a racquetballer will buy what they think is best.

Many of our readers said that they had used many different racquets for their needs. For the player who's been with racquetball since its inception, this has meant a great deal of watching different brands come and go. I've owned various models of Leach, Ektelon, AMF Vof, Olympian, and EST racquets. I dumped them all and ended up with the now distantly past Starfrost. Mine is all black; the model is called the Carbon L. It's the best racquet I've ever had and you can bet I'll keep it going.

This reader was a good representative of those players answering our survey — the real hard-core players who visit the club four or more times a week. We felt we had the cream of the crop taking time to tell us how they felt about their racquets and tell us, they did.

Many people mentioned the specific brand they were using and were not shy when complimenting or complaining about how the racquet handled — or what they'd like to see changed.

Ektelon models were again popular, with the CBK receiving the most ink from players who cared to voice an opinion.

CBK has improved my game," wrote James Eads, Kansas City, MO.

Thomas Faulk, Abilene, LA, said, "I felt that CBK was worthless until I practiced with it for 30 days. Then I improved my game 200%".

Luke St. Oge accepts the $500 donation for the U.S. Racquetball Team from Harry Venik (far left) of Lyman Racquet & Health Club, Colorado Springs, CO. Proceeds were raised during the 1985 Diet Coke/Briargate Racquetball Championships. Also pictured are Kris Myers, left, and John Venezia.
Racquetball In Review

As far as the cost of re-stringing, 56% of our readers paid $11-$15 the last time they had their racquets restrung
not inexpensive.

At $10 a throw, it can add up to where you could have bought a new racquet," said reader Jan Novak, Amarillo, TX.

Maybe not any longer, Jan. Stringer's Assistant feels that the demand for better quality racquets — a demand for the higher price of higher quality racquets.

But as strings break from the powerful swings made by even beginners, the racquets will have to be restrung. And since 56% of our respondents felt that re-stringing helped their game, it seems likely that there will be an upsurge in the need for stringers and stringing facilities in the months to come.

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**Tournament Results**

**Massachusetts**

2nd Annual Court House Open

The Racquetball Club
Feeding Hills, MA, Oct. 26-28

**Women's**

1st — Margie Hart; 2nd — Debbie Cettina; 3rd — Sandy Brown; 4th — Judy Butler

Women's D

1st — Eileen Keown; 2nd — Fran Farris; 3rd — Judy Winters

Women's C Doubles

1st — Kim Bradish; 2nd — DeDea Pafford; 3rd — DelMarcShkley; 4th — LeaLevine

Women's A

1st — Ali Danglas; 2nd — Lisa Basile; 3rd — Liz Mair; 4th — Donna Legha

Women's B

1st — Jim Baranski; 2nd — Sue Book; 3rd — Nancy Murphy; 4th — Lynn Treiber

**Men's**

1st — Edn Donaldson; 2nd — Sandy Cross; 3rd — Judy Fenn; 4th — Kathy Knowlton

Men's A/ doubles

1st — Karen Greene; 2nd — Sandra Sander; 3rd — BridgePeppard; 4th — Carol Howard

Open Mixed Doubles

1st — Sadie Knoblow; 2nd — Patricia Francisco; 3rd — Conoleen; 4th — VeniceCaregaro

Men's B/C Doubles

1st — Peter Felker; 2nd — Bobi Wre; 3rd — LoppenDoreg; 4th — SueAter

Men's C

1st — Tom Deloath; 2nd — Joe Loom; 3rd — Walt Demble; 4th — John Chatley

Men's B

1st — Jack Novak; 2nd — Al Girard; 3rd — Jim Yerka; 4th — Craig Mousner

Men's A

1st — Tom Kennedy; 2nd — Chris Lozzi; 3rd — John Bangles; 4th — Peter Raffa

Men's C

1st — Carol Greene; 2nd — Dave Picard; 3rd — Bob Sandberg; 4th — Carl Barnes

Men's D

1st — Bob Lawlor; 2nd — Mark Cagel; 3rd — Dave Peiffer; 4th — Rob Sandberg; 5th — Carl Barnes

Men's A

1st — Bob Lawlor; 2nd — Keith Farmer; 3rd — Bob Kasboth; 4th — Don Whitedale

**South Dakota**

Bryan Hogan Pro-Jim Rupcell Court
Sioux Falls, SD, Nov. 16-16

**Women's**

1st — Corrie Miller; 2nd — Cori McCarth; 3rd — Donna Brown

Women's C

1st — Suzi Miller; 2nd — Midge Stenge; 3rd — Judy Meyer; 4th — Marilyn Olson

Women's B

1st — Carol Larrick; 2nd — Chris Lurak; 3rd — Don Sandberg; 4th — Carol Barnes

Men's A

1st — Rick Feltwell; 2nd — Todd Nixson; 3rd — Nite Martin; 4th — Steve Sabal

Men's B

1st — Bob Moving; 2nd — Jim Flag; 3rd — Gary Texe; 4th — Mark Magstadt

Men's C

1st — Mike Sullivan; 2nd — Bob Baan; 3rd — Ron Nelson; 4th — Ed Erroman

Men's D

1st — Ed Hunter; 2nd — Randy Koons; 3rd — Pat Grunke; 4th — Don Rogers

Men's Open

1st — Dan Pont; 2nd — Tony Lyons; 3rd — Jim Gurnick; 4th — Mark Magstadt

**Idaho**

Metro Harrison's Open

Metallica Health Spa
Pocatello, ID, Nov. 20-24

**Women's**

1st — Jim Leek; 2nd — Dennis Brower; 3rd — Floyd Luce; 4th — Terry Espinoza; 5th — Bob Dickson

Women's D

1st — Rodger Rogers; 2nd — Burt Baut; 3rd — Al Amri; 4th — Todd Giddens; 5th — Mike DeVinny

Women's C

1st — Dan Buckler; 2nd — Dennis Brower; 3rd — Jay Lajoie; 4th — Bob Davidson

Men's B

1st — Scott Oliver; 2nd — Todd Martin; 3rd — Kevin Herman; 4th — Steve Elton

Men's C

1st — Bessett/Bessette; 2nd — Dan Buckler; 3rd — Ron Brown; 4th — Kent Knack; 5th — Tom Staring

**Oklahoma**

rKsBox

Emotion YMCA
Edmond, OK, Nov. 20-Dec. 2

**Women's**

1st — Jean Skid; 2nd — Lela Watters; 3rd — Johnny Sheard; 4th — Sue Dukett

Women's A

1st — Loretta MacKinnon; 2nd — Cheryl Coleman; 3rd — Marilyn Kelly; 4th — Tina Zeiter

Women's C

1st — Sandy Damato; 2nd — Debbie Jackson; 3rd — Ann Matlock

Women's B

1st — Mike Allen; 2nd — Mary Tumult; 3rd — Theresa Dowdell; 4th — Barbara Corcoran

**Men's**

1st — Phil Cooney; 2nd — Tony Marks; 3rd — Craig Case; 4th — Ken Raff

Men's A

1st — Tony Bunt; 2nd — Mike Carr; 3rd — Jack Novak; 4th — Bob Kasboth

Men's C

1st — Bessett/Bessette; 2nd — Joe Maloney; 3rd — Ben Tatum; 4th — Mike Carrozzi

Men's D

1st — Mike Sullivan; 2nd — Don Nelson; 3rd — Bill Nettleton; 4th — Don Whitedale

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Women's C

1st — Barbara Compas; 2nd — Amy Huling; 3rd — Carol Long; 4th — America Pilgrim

Women's B

1st — Bessett/Bessette; 2nd — Don Nelson; 3rd — Chris Johnson; 4th — Judy Wilson

Women's A

1st — John Murphy; 2nd — Sandy Marcy; 3rd — Kathy Murphy; 4th — Joe Murphy

Women's 19

1st — James Curtis; 2nd — Conessa; 3rd — Jennifer O'Donoghue; 4th — Debra Hankins

Men's D

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Military Racquetball
by Stephen D. Ducoff

Players from as far away as Guam and Germany, from Montana and Texas convened in Las Vegas for the 4th Annual Showboat Hotel and Casino Racquetball Tournament, February 4-8, 1985.

Placed at the Spring Mountain Racquetball Club, it was again a huge success. Nearly 120 players registered in 21 divisions. Dan Kelly, Littleton, CO defended his open division championship with Lou South coming in second. Dave Brown of Peterson AFB CO won the A division, Orbin Vason, Ft. Irwin, CA, the B division, Gabe Ayala, Riverside, CA, the C division, Stephen Perry, Castle AFB, CA, the D division, Frank Toney, Clearfield, UT, the 20+ division, Lou South, the 25+ division, Angel Diaz, Anchorage, AK, the 30+ division, Bob Ellis, Kelly AFB, TX, the 35+ division, Dayton Dickey in the 40+ division, Robert McNabb the 45+ division, Rod Rodriguez, Layton, UT, the 50+ division, Donald Goaddard, Glasgow, MT, the 55+ division, and Edwin Beckfield, San Francisco, the 60+ division.

In the women’s division, Mary Rasmussen of Lauton, OK, was the tournament’s only doubles winner taking the Open and 30+ divisions. Sharon Duell, Peterson AFB, won the A division, Karen Fiedler, Sunnyvale, CA on the B’s, Kathleen Rejach, San Clemente, CA won the C division, Rita Bain, Denver, CO won the D division, and Maryann Freeman, Reese AFB, TX won the 20+ division.

Complete results will be listed in an upcoming RACQUETBALL IN REVIEW. Next year’s tournament is scheduled for February 3-7, 1986. Mark your calendars. Send your comments/recommendations to Stephen D. Ducoff, AFMPC/MPCOSS, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001.

Men’s Age Division winners were, first row left to right, Angel Diaz, 20+; Rod Rodriguez, 50+; Lou South, 25+; Bob Ellis, 35+. Second row, left to right, Ed Bechtold, 60+; Donald Goaddard, 55+; Dayton Dickey, 40+; Robert McNabb, 45+.

Women’s winners were, left to right, Kathleen Pejach, C; Karen Fiedler, B; Mary Rasmussen, Open; Maryann Freeman, 20+; Sharon Duell, A.

Showboat Military Racquetball Tournament.

Men’s Letter Division winners included, left to right, Dan Kelly, Open; Dave Brown, A; Orbin Vason, B; Gabe Ayala, C; Stephen Perry, D.

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Pros Given Chance To Regain Amateur Status

by Michael Arno, AARA Rules Commissioner

Question: Can you imagine racquetball greats Mike Yellen, Marty Hogan, or Lynn Adams ever attempting to regain their amateur status?

The answer, of course, is no. However, as a result of recent coordination between the AARA, the RMA, and WPRA, the door has been left open for racquetball's pro or semi-pros to make the decision whether to resume play as an amateur.

Effective March 20, the men playing on the Racquet Manufacturer's Association tour were offered the opportunity to become an amateur and regain amateur status. The same opportunity was granted with a recommendation that the same option be offered to WPRA, AMA, and DP Nationals, few sanctioned tournaments have existed for the men.

Submit Expenses Against Earnings

Numerous men and women play in pro sanctioned events and maintain their amateur status by sending money won in those events to the AARA and submitting expense forms for travel, food, lodging, etc., and drawing against their winnings.

Among the more notable players who have done so are Rueben Gonzalez, who has been ranked as high as No. 4 among the men, and Karin Walton-Trent.

The amnesty opportunity evolved through a conversation between AARA president Paul Henrickson, AARA executive director Luke St. Onge, and Drew Stoddard, RMA commissioner. After a polling of the 11 AARA directors (of whom five replied) in March, the amnesty period for men was granted with a recommendation that the same option be offered to WPRA members.

The issue of professional versus amateur has not been a real problem, though complaints have been received from amateur players in the Chicago area and Northern California where acclaimed professionals have competed.

All players attending the RMA pro stop in Concord, CA, the week of March 20, were made aware of the offer, according to Stoddard. Of those attending, about a half-dozen took advantage of it, Stoddard said. Notices were mailed to those who didn't attend the tour stop, Stoddard said.

Endorsements and Contracts Excluded

Endorsements and company player contracts don't affect eligibility status, Stoddard said. There are approximately 150 male players who have been listed on the ranking for the past two years, he said. WPRA president Caryn McKinney has agreed to issue the offer to WPRA at the next two professional stops and to note the amnesty in the WPRA newsletter.

Thorough neither McKinney or Stoddard predicted how many players would take advantage of the option, both are certain it will be accepted in good spirit.

Highly ranked pros, because of company endorsements and their value to their respective manufacturers as professionals are unlikely to opt for amateur status, most racquetball insiders agree.

Those returning to amateur status will be eligible for national titles, which also will pave the way for them to participate in international events like the World Championships which are held every two years.

Racquetball, a group C sport in the United States Olympic Committee, has its sights set on becoming a part of the National Sports Festival and the 1987 Pan American Games.

"Jersey Joey Cline"

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World Games

The World Games will offer spectators a multi-sport festival, with several sports staged in one facility on the same day. This should encourage interest in the sports, some of which will be novelties to the British audience.

Many World Games sports have big followings throughout the world. For instance, waterskiing, recognized by the IOC and a big television sport, with 34 million participants worldwide is sport with such a following. Karate boasts 15 million participants, bowling, enjoyed by everyone from 8 — 80 has 150 million participants. Racquetball is said to have 12 million participants.

Other sports are historic, like archery, which can be traced back 50, 000 years. It also has the oldest trophy for which there is still an annual competition, the Scorton Arrow, which began in 1873.

Given an international showcase, many of these sports would benefit and develop, just as gymnastics soared in popularity once it received an international showing via the Olympics.
Juniors Getting Involved

by Mike Robinson

Juniors! A word used often in the racquetball world these days. We all know how important they are to the future of the game because we keep saying this whenever we discuss them. Yet, the last time you were discussing this whenever we discussed racquetball, but in reality hardly anyone is doing anything substantial about it. It seems the fastest growing sport in America today is leaving the juniors behind. Let's briefly discuss what I consider the two largest problems facing our juniors today — opportunity and local exposure.

As popular as racquetball is today there are very few places these young people can play. Racquetball clubs tend to cater to the adult crowd. Many don't even allow juniors inside their walls and those that do offer very little more than babysitting services. Additionally, a few schools have ventured into racquetball facilities, primarily because the emphasis is on team spectator sports. Public facilities such as YMCA's are primary sources for junior racquetball, however, many of these facilities focus on team sports as well and leave racquetball to the adult participants. By continuing this trend of exclusion and indifference to our juniors the game will slowly grow. We need to look past short range goals and take an active part in the future of the game — JUNIORS.

After all, racquetball is not only for adults, but young people as well. Active junior programs will not only produce the future Marty Hogans but will keep the sport growing and increase the demand on the local level. Now basic economics will tell you that as the demand increases so will the supply of facilities. Although this sounds simple, it begins with each of us. By giving our juniors an opportunity to play racquetball and an opportunity to participate in organized programs we insure the future of the game. It's always easy to agree with these lofty statements and then hope someone else will do it. But this is just one problem facing our juniors. Besides opportunity to play and participate in organized programs, our juniors need more exposure.

An avid racquetball player myself, I enjoy going to four to six tournaments a year. In 1984 not one of these tournaments offered a complete Junior's competitive event. Those that did offer Junior events only had one division such as 17 and Under or 15 and Under and then only for boys. Why? Tournaments tend to feel the possible lack of investment by the tournament into trophies, balls, or court time by the juniors.

We've got to start somewhere! If the juniors are going to have an opportunity to play in organized programs then they deserve an opportunity to compete in organized tournaments. Tournaments exclusively for Juniors are primarily on the national level. As a result only the gifted young players tend to attend these due to the distance and expense involved. Additionally, many racquetball-related companies are reluctant to get involved with Juniors because of the perceived low return on their investment. This is the type of shortsightedness that hinders Jr growth today.

If more tournaments would include Junior events at all ages, more Juniors would become involved at the local level. Additionally, if more companies became involved in Juniors programs, then many young people might pursue racquetball because of possible future opportunities with education or even financial opportunities. Certainly there are companies setting the trend by becoming more involved with Juniors on the local level such as Diversified Products, and hopefully, more will follow.

Here in Wichita Falls, Dennis Stewart and Robert Pond are actively involved every Saturday morning, working with Juniors ages 8-15. Others are contributing to Juniors as well such as Steve Littlefield who recently purchased a DP — AARA Juniors Kits to be used by our local juniors. The program is not very large right now, but it's certainly a start and growing from week to week. With this type of action, Wichita Falls will be a forerunner with Juniors, preserving the future of the game forever.

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