AARA 1986 U.S. National Juniors Championships

by Cathie Frederickson
AARA Media Coordinator

The racquetball courts at the Charlie Club in Palatine, IL echoed with the sounds of Penn Ultra-blue racquetballs and junior voices. On June 28 - July 2, 450 junior participants from the U.S. and Canada arrived in Palatine to participate in the 1986 U.S. National Juniors Racquetball Championships sponsored by Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company.

For five days the juniors rekindled old friendships formed at previous nationals, developed new relationships and enjoyed the camaraderie of their teammates. The event ran smoothly and efficiently due to the hard work of Pat and Cindy Gerity, Van and Becky Dubolsky, Cheryl Basel, Scott Winters, Geoff Peters, members of the Illinois State Racquetball Association and Bo Champagne, who refereed difficult back to back matches.

Junior Singles Divisions

Boys 18 and Under

The boys 18 and under division had its share of upsets. In the semifinals Todd O'Neil, the 28th seed from Burlington, VT knocked off the #1 seed Mike Bronfeld from CA 15-3, 11-15 and 11-9. O'Neil continued with the same momentum in the finals by abruptly stopping the 10th seed, Drew Kachtik of Corpus Christi, TX 15-14 and 15-14 to claim the championship title and a berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Kachtik advanced to the finals by upsetting the 6th seed, Chris Cole from Davison, MI 15-14, 12-15 and 11-5. Cole took the bronze medal by defeating Bronfeld 15-14, 15-6 and 11-5.

Girls 18 and Under

The girls 18 and under division proved to be very competitive. Elaine Mardas, the #1 seed from Columbus, OH came out on top in a tough quarter finals match against Kelly Pullis from CA 15-14, 10-15 and 11-7. Mardas came on strong in the semifinals and downed Robin Levine of Fishkill, NY 15-5 and 15-9. The finals ended with one of the most exciting matches of the week. Mardas battled with 15-year old Michelle Gilman, the 6th seed from Ontario, OR. Mardas dropped the first games 10-15, then rallied to 15-7 and 11-7 victories to take the championship title and a berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team.

Gilman made her way to the finals by turning around a difficult match with the 10th seed from CA, Janet Burke, 15-15, 15-7 and 11-4. The bronze medal was awarded to Levine who defeated Burke 15-7 and 15-6.

Boys 16 and Under

Tim Doyle, the #1 seed from Williamsville, NY dominated the boys 16 and under division. After six rounds of play, only one challenger broke into a double digit score. This was a great accomplishment considering the division had 114 competitors, the largest of the event!

In the semifinals, Doyle crushed Jim Lorello of 37th seed from Coral Springs, FL 15-2 and 15-9. Doyle then stopped the 3rd seed, Joe Paraizo of El Cajon, CA 15-7, 15-9 in the finals and thus earned the 1986 boys 16 and under championship title.

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Diversify Your Attack
by Steve Strandemo

Many players have one good offensive shot from a certain area on the court, and they tend to take that shot consistently and predictably, no matter where their opponent is positioned — especially in pressure situations. These tendencies in your own game will, as we know, give your experienced opponents an advantage by allowing them to move early to a particular shot that tends to locate, thus putting even greater pressure on you to execute. So stay constantly alert as you play. You're going low zone, your opponent is positioned to push near his base, in an effort to cover either your down-the-wall kill or pass, the cross-court kill or pass, or pinch shots, and perhaps the potential split. If you already have that shot in your arsenal, you'll force him to play you honest in his coverage while delaying his anticipation until the last instant.

Nor can you afford to get too caught up in just hitting the ball that you're obvious to your opponent is positioning himself as you set up. For example, when you go to hit a backhand, is he already shifting off to the right, anticipating your cross-court pass and challenging you to go down-the-wall? Or, can you sense that he's playing a little too far forward or perhaps lagging too far back?

Since it's much easier to see pattern of play from the gallery or on videotape, here are two ways to help your self-awareness. First, have a friend chart one of your matches and note your shot selection with both the forehand and backhand when you go low zone. Are you in a rut, failing to be creative? Or are you constantly making little adjustments that catch your opponent off balance? Second, try to watch one of your matches on videotape, looking for the same patterns in your shot selection and also how your opponent anticipates them.

One practical starting point for shot selection is this rule of thumb: Pinch the ball when your opponent is behind you, pass when he's ahead of you. Unfortunately, you can't afford to follow this hard-and-fast guideline in more advanced play. If you always try to pinch when he's behind you, he'll move forward to the anticipated path of the ball. And, if you always try to pound the ball past him when he's ahead of you, you'll simply lag, thus narrowing your effective passing lanes.

Dodge Series
The "Dodge Performance Racquetball Series", a 10-week statewide series of tournaments culminating with the California State Championship, has been announced by Dodge, the maker of cars, vans and trucks. Sanctioned by the California Amator Racquetball Association, the tournaments will include more than $10,000 in cash and prizes, plus a chance to win the use of a 1987 Dodge Shadow for one year.

President's Message
by Van Dubolsky

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Men's Open • 1-Ed Remen, VA; 2-Robert Rife, FL; 3-Dennis Lose, CA; 4-Herb Grigg, IL; 5-Scott Jaffee, IL.

Men's 45 • 1-Cherie Garfinkel, NY; 2-Jack Ross, FL; 3-Fion Johnson, IL; 4-Rev. Lawler, IN; 5-Robert Craig, Jr., IN.

Men's 55 • 1-Chuck Lake, VA; 2-Phil Whitehill, HI; 3-Pierre Miller, IN; 4-Don Lyons, FL; 5-Chris Evers, IL.

Men's 65 • 1-Luzelle Wilde, UT; 2-Earl Aucot, VA; 3-Don Goodstadt, MI; 4-Robert Craig, Jr., IN; 5-Ed Lawrance, TN.

Men's 70 • 1-Alan Shepard, MD; 2-Lite Gumer, KY; 3-Norman Creamer, FL; 4-John Pearce, TX; 5-Diane Godstein, NJ.

Women's Open • 1-Cindy Baxter, PA; 2-Tina Rasbash, CA; 3-Mona Mood, FL; 4-Majian Wellensic, CO; 5-Chris Evon, IL.

Women's 45 • 1-Judi Schmidt, FL; 2-Mildred Gwinn, NC; 3-Marlon Johnson, TX; 4-Jean Tull, VA; 5-Kathy Mueller, MN.

Women's 50 • 1-Jo Rengen, FL; 2-Shelley Elsgaw, FL; 3-Mary Walker, LA; 4-Julia Atherley, FL; 5-Sue Graham, CO.

Women's 55 • 1-Mary Lou Acott, VA; 2-Julia Atherley, FL; 3-Jeanette Kettman, CT.

Women's 60 • 1-Chair Gautreau, TX; 2-Mary Lou Acott, VA; 3-Betty Stone, TX; 4-Mary Quinn, CT; 5-Rachel Schild, ID.


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 10-21
S.E. Regional Doubles Repechage... 3390 Kori Road Jacksville, FL 32223 Van Dubosky (904) 395-5356

September 10-21
Womens Fall HeadStart Court House 617 Hemp Hill Flint, MI 48507 Jim Skinner

September 26-28
Bob Goulet Memorial Manchester Court Club 1 Ledcic Circle Manchester, NJ

September 26-28
Women's National Invitational Tampa Bay Courthouse 6715 N. Dale Mabry Tampa, FL 33614 Danny Daniele

September 26-28
Rollout Classic I Court Rooms North 2900 Kraft Port Huron, MI Sandy Cox (313) 385-4475

October 3-5

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Lynn Hahn Hall of Fame MBA Health & Wellness Center 40 E. Norton Muskegon, MI Donal Hinde (616) 739-3399

October 3-5
Lion's Bud Light Pike Creek Court Club 4905 Mermaid Blvd. Wilmington, DE 19809 Gary Cook (362) 784-5800

October 10-12
S.E. Regional Doubles Champions YMCA in Lakeland 3620 Cleveland Heights Blvd. Lakeland, FL 33803 Grace Page (813) 644-8328

October 10-12

October 24-26
Rollout Classic 2 Ann Arbor Court Club 2875 Boardwalk Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (313) 662-0243

October 24-26
Autumn Open Riverview Racquet Club 4940 Painfield N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49505 Roy White (616) 363-7769

November 7-9
Super #7 #2 Saginaw Valley Racquet Club 2717 Schust Rd. Saginaw, MI 48639 Jim Hiser (313) 653-5599

October 30-November 2
Halloween Classic Woodfield Racquet Club Schaumberg, IL Geoff Peters (312) 328-5384

November 7-9
Fisa State 4-Wall Outdoor Champs Aurbndale Rec. Center 202 West Park Street Auburndale, FL 33823 Keith Johnson (813) 967-7235

November 14-16
Lokernia Society 854 Philadelphia Park Wilmingtom, DE 19809 Suzanne Robbere (302) 764-7700

November 14-16
7th Annual Kiwanis Tournament Sarasota Family YMCA 1075 S. Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237 Barbara Simmons (813) 957-0770

November 14-16
Quadraflinge 2160 University Dr. Coral Springs, FL 33065

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The AARA is seeking qualified applicants for the newly created position of Assistant Executive Director. Candidates should have a strong background in communications, organization and sports.

Position will be filled in October and located at national headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO. Interested candidates are requested to send resumes and salary requirements to: AARA, 815 North Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80905.
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Juniors
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and the gold medal. Paraiso reached the finals by defeating Brad Munroe, the 2nd seed from Kenosha, WI 15-12, 15-13. Lorello then upset Munroe 15-11, 15-4 to receive the bronze medal.

Girls 16 and Under
In the girls 16 and under division a new champion was crowned. Tanya Spangler the 11th seed from Bellingham, WA breezed through the division upsetting the #2 and #3 seeds. In the finals, Spangler was awarded the gold medal by defeating the 4th seed Tami Dodson from Modesto, CA. She won 15-8 and 15-7.(incomplete)

Boys 14 and Under
Robby Walden, the #1 seed from Bradenton, FL demonstrated his skills by dominating the boys 14 and under division. (incomplete)

Girls 14 and Under
In the girls 14 and under division Erica Willhite of Columbus, Oh made her way to the finals by downing the 3rd seed Amy Simonetta from Sarasota, FL 15-13 and 15-7. She then defeated the 5th seed Jennifer Lee of York, PA 15-5 and 15-12 to take the gold medal and the championship title. Lee squeezed by the #1 seed Stephanie Pinola of Blue Bell, PA in semifinals play, 12-15, 15-4 and 11-9. Simonetta defeated Pinola for the bronze medal 15-7 and 15-9.

Girls 12 and Under
In the girls 12 and under division the top four seeds held firm. The #1 seed, Talya Dodson from Modesto, CA was awarded the gold medal and the championship title by defeating the 2nd seed Ekiova Icenogle from Auburn, CA 15-14, 7-15 and 11-3. The 3rd seed, Melissa Smith from Grand Rapids, MI maintained the 3rd position by downing 4th seed, Hayden May from Auburn, CA 15-9 and 15-13.

Boys 10 and Under
Jon Xynidis, the 3rd seed from Daytona Beach, FL was crowned the 1986 boys 10 and under champion. Only Tennessee's Wesley Miller came close to challenging Xynidis. Xynidis lost the first game of the quarter finals match 8-15, but threats were extinguished when Xynidis pulled out the remaining games 15-5 and 11-1. Xynidis easily handled Chance Mins of Albuquerque, NM in the semifinals 15-7 and 15-2. Andy Thompson from Sun Prairie, WI was not successful in defending his #1 seed position. He lost to Xynidis 15-4 and 15-9. Frank Dean of Montgomery, AL was awarded the bronze medal by defeating Mins 12-15, 15-3 and 11-5.

Boys 8 and Under
The boys 8 and under 1986 National Champion is Jonathan Boyett from Modesto, CA. Boyett came out on top by defeating Brent Zimmerman of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9, 9-11 and 11-5. The bronze medal went to Joe Friedman of Terra C'3ia, FL after he downed Tim Van Dyke of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9 and 11-4.

Girls 12 and Under
Alyssa Boland was named champion in the girls 12 and under division. Boland, the #1 seed from Great Falls, MT was crowned after winning a tough match against 2nd seed, Sara Butler from Auburn, CA 15-9, 10-15 and 11-6. Andrea Beugen of Golden Valley, MN was presented the bronze medal after defeating Dawn Marie Gates of Kankakee, IL in a close battle 15-3, 11-15 and 11-9.

Boys 6 and Under
The boys 6 and under 1986 National Champion is Jonathan Boyett from Modesto, CA. Boyett came out on top by defeating Brent Zimmerman of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9, 9-11 and 11-5. The bronze medal went to Joe Friedman of Terra C'3ia, FL after he downed Tim Van Dyke of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9 and 11-4.

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Dawn Marie Gates - Girl's 8 and Under National Juniors Champion and 4th place in Girl's 10 and Under Division.
**Juniors**
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**Girls 8 and Under**
Dawn Marie Gates was successful in attaining the championship title in the girls 8 and under division by defeating Debra Dorr of Ormond Beach, FL 11-2, 5-11 and 11-0. Sadie Gross of Apple Valley, MN was presented with the bronze medal after upsetting Beth Knitter of Milwaukee, WI 11-2 and 11-4.

**Junior Doubles Divisions**

**Boys 16 and Under**
Mike Bronfield and Mike Low of CA were awarded the gold medals and the boys 18 and under championships doubles title, by defeating Mike Brady and Jeff Evans of WA 15-7 and 15-8 in the finals. Tim Doyle of NY and partner Dave Garin of OH were presented with the bronze medals after successfully battling with Todd Stead of MN and Rob McKinney from PA 15-5, 8-15 and 11-3.

**Girls 16 and Under**
Claudia McCarthy and Vicki Yarns of FL won the 1986 Girls 18 and under doubles title by coming on strong against Kelly Pullis, of CA and partner Carrie Slay of CA. McCarthy and Yarns were blown out in the first game 1-15, then rallied to a 15-11, 11-7 victory. Elaine Mardas and Kerry Niggemeyer of OH took the bronze medals by dominating the match against Michelle Gilman from OR and Leigh Anne Coutu from PA 15-5 and 15-8.

**Boys 16 and Under**
Joe Parisio of CA and Nolan Glantz from NY received gold medals by defeating Charlie Garrod of TX and Mike Quity of NY. Parisio and Glantz lost the first game 5-15, but regrouped to come out on top 15-12 and 11-4. The bronze medals were awarded to Bart Tuner and Tony Zie of OH. They defeated Jonas Beugen and Brett Sismon of MN 15-9, 15-10.

**Girls 16 and Under**
Cindy Doyle and Sara All of NY defeated Tammi Dodson of CA and Amber LeSueur from IN in the finals 13-15, 15-9 and 11-5 to become the 1986 girls 16 and under doubles champions. Michelle McCollough and Vicki Oliver of TX returned home as bronze medalists by defeating Debbie Herrman and Tracy Shean of LA 15-11 and 15-8.

**Boys 14 and Under**
Mike Altman of FL and John Gillooly from MA won the championship title and the gold medals by defeating Joel Bonnett and partner Jason Howard of MI 15-12 and 15-10. Allan Engle and Robbie Walden of FL prevailed over Troy Brennan and Craig O'Connell of CO 15-3 and 15-4 to receive the bronze medals.

**Girls 14 and Under**
Jennifer Lee of PA and Stephanie Pinola from OH breezed by Tayla Dodson from CA and partner Erica Whitle of OH 15-11 and 15-6. They were awarded the gold medals and the 1986 championship title. Amy Simonetta and Hannah Specter of FL picked up the bronze medals by crushing Jodi Wilmers and Tori Hanson of WI 15-1 and 15-0.

**Boys 12 and Under**
Nicky Xynidis received his second gold medal by dominating the boys 12 and under doubles division with his partner John Kolen of AL. The Xynidis/Kolen team overwhelmed Mike Orr and Dale Stevens from PA 15-1 and 15-0. Brett Beugen of MN and Adam Beutolch of OH held off Kevin Bishik from MO and Danny Menke 15-13 and 15-3 to win the bronze medals.

**Girls 12 and Under**
Elvina Koangles and partner Hayden May of CA were awarded the gold medals by defeating Alicia Kinney of AK and Britt Engle of FL 15-2 and 15-5.

**Boys 10 and Under**
In the boys 10 and under division, Xynidis took home another gold medal. He and his partner Frank Dean of AL pulled out a tough match against Jason Armbrecht of NC and his partner Welsey Miller from TN. After dropping the first games 13-15, Xynidis and Dean pressed hard to win 15-6 and 11-9. Scott Zimmerman and Brian Garlow of MI received the bronze medals by defeating another Michigan team. Jeff Cox and Brian Jones 15-4 and 15-11.

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Andrea Beugen and Sadie Gross, MN were awarded the gold medals by defeating Alyssa Boland, MT and Jill Butler, CA 15-9, 15-4.

**Final Team Standings**

- **State and Points Accumulated**
  - Florida 183;
  - California (A) 162;
  - New York (A) 79;
  - Ohio 70;
  - Michigan (A) 58;
  - Pennsylvania 53;
  - Alabama 40;
  - Texas 38;
  - Minnesota 31;
  - Massachusetts 27;
  - Illinois 24;
  - Maryland 18;
  - Colorado (A) 15;
  - Missouri 15;
  - California (B) 15;
  - North Carolina 13;
  - Rhode Island 6;
  - New York (B) 4;
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  - Iowa 3;
  - Wyoming 2 and Colorado (B) 1.

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New Directions

by Luke St. Onge
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