The 1987 European Goodwill Racquetball Tour

by Cathie Frederickson, IARF Media Coordinator

Day 1 — Saturday, February 14, 1987

After an eight-hour flight originating from New York on Friday evening, we arrived in Paris, France at 7:30 a.m. We were tired and disoriented from the six-hour time change and the long flight, so it was nice to be greeted at the airport by Stephen Glasgow, President of the French Amateur Racquetball Association.

Without any rest, we dropped off our luggage and continued into what became a very long day. After shopping, lunch and a brief tour of Paris, we were taken to the Squash Racquetball Club de France to perform a series of exhibitions and clinics. The club had one court, the only court in all of Paris. The team went in shifts; two of us would teach or put on an exhibition while everyone else slept in a small room within the club. The clinics continued until 7 p.m. After showering, we were again taken on a tour of the city until 2 a.m.

Day 2 — Sunday, February 15

At 9 a.m. we made our way to the club once again. Still tired, we team members managed to teach until 12 noon. At that point, we were taken on a tour of the city and then dropped off our luggage. Another long day followed.

Day 3 — Monday, February 16

After lunch, we traveled by train to the second country of our tour. The train ride was long and tiresome, but we arrived at our hotel in the late evening.

Day 4 — Tuesday, February 17

A short day of clinics continued until about 3 p.m. We then had a free day to explore the city before returning to the club for a final day of exhibitions and clinics.

Day 5 — Wednesday, February 18

The final day of the tour was dedicated to traveling back to Paris for flights home. We arrived back in New York on Wednesday evening, exhausted but enriched by the experience.
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Cutting The Ball Off
by Steve Strandemo

When your opponent's offensive attack has been set up and is coming hard through the heart of the action zone, you must know how and when to cut this shot off — either in the air or after one bounce. Even though the ball will come off the back wall if you let it go by, many times in a match you should capitalize on the situation by intercepting the ball and taking it back down low to score. You can't back off for this aggressiveness, just like volleying at the net in tennis, will give your game a boost in several important ways.

First, you'll score more easy points as you take advantage of your positioning in the center court area. Instead of moving back to play the ball off the back wall — and giving your opponent a chance to move forward into a prime coverage position — you can end the point quickly with a straight-in kill, a tight pinch, or a pass. Even if you leave the ball up, you're still in good court position to cover your opponent's next shot.

Second, by holding your position and forcing the action, you'll keep a toehold in the center court — where you want to be. You'll also reduce your opponent's offensive potential, and draw many weak returns by keeping him constantly on the move and under considerable pressure.

Third, if your opponent is off balance or out of position after hitting, you'll have a variety of scoring options and it will be easier for you to angle the ball away from him, as a pinch or a pass, before he can recover. In addition, you can use your body positioning to legally "block him off," as you snap the ball into the open court area.

When you shy away from cut-off opportunities by letting every possible ball carry into the back wall, you must fight uphill, especially if against an aggressive opponent who understands the importance of controlling center court. Every time you go back to set up in deep court, he'll be moving forward into a prime coverage position and the pressure will now be on you to hit a perfect kill or pass to score points. You may be ripping for winners, but if you miss just a little he's going to be able to cover nearly all of these shots — and most of them from up ahead of you. In short, he's going to control the match.

This is a crucial area that needs regular attention in practice. Instead of always letting a shot like this carry the back wall, work at cutting it off efficiently at about knee level, especially when your opponent is out of position or on your left hip and you want to kill the ball or drive it away from him for an immediate winner.

New Directions
by Luke St. Onge

This spring, three major events have brought us closer to becoming an Olympic sport.

These past columns have dealt with the tremendous expansion of the AARA membership programs and services. There is another phase to our development and that is to spread and support the development of racquetball worldwide. Racquetball is now contested in over 50 countries and the United States is the leader in this most important development. The question we receive most is what's happening to racquetball and the Olympic movement. 1987 may prove to be the year of acceptance for our sport.

In February, the U.S. National Team, headed by Ed Martin as National Coach and Keith Calkins leading the U.S. Delegation, went on a Goodwill Tour of Europe. After traveling through France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland, two of our team members, Andy Roberts and Tony Bevelock, along with the U.S. Delegation, traveled to Barcelona, Spain. There they put on an exhibition for the Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1992 Olympic Games. The sport was extremely well received and was a major step towards the inclusion of racquetball as an exhibition sport in 1992.

At the Annual Awards Banquet of the United States Olympic Committee, the World Champions of Racquetball, Egan Inoue and Cindy Baxter, were honored in person along with 76 other selected athletes from all amateur sports. It was truly a proud moment when Egan and Cindy received a standing ovation from over 300 of the top sports people in the United States.

I just had the pleasure of attending the Second Tournament of the Americas in Caracas, Venezuela, where Egan Inoue and Mona Mook competed on behalf of the United States. The U.S. Delegation, headed by Michael Arnot, not only dominated the play by winning the Men's, Women's Open, and Doubles, Men's 40+, and the traveling cup, but made lasting friends amongst the 13 attending countries. A major meeting of the Pan American Racquetball Confederation was held which plotted out strategy for future Pan Am Games.

Coming up in the balance of this year will be the Pan American Racquetball Championships at the Olympic Training Center. The September 17-20 tournament will feature the best athletes in racquetball from over 15 countries. The 4th Executive Committee Meeting of the IARF will meet as well as a General Membership Meeting of the Pan American Racquetball Confederation.

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European Tour

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Everyone except Keith Calkins, Secretary General of the AARF, made their way to Brussels, Belgium. Keith remained in Paris last Monday to talk with Joel Delplanque, director of the French Olympic committee which makes recommendations on sports federation funding. Keith, Stephen and Joel met for one and a half hours to discuss funding and racquetball in France. Keith indicated he felt the meeting was a great success, Joel asked Stephen to submit a formal request for subsidy for further consideration.

After arriving in Brussels we were taken to Antwerp, Belgium where we stayed for two and a half days.

We were taken to Rubens Hof-hotel, which was built in 1852. The old rustic building looked the same as when it was originally built. Inside, the building had a narrow staircase that led up to the rooms. After analyzing the baggage (an enormous amount), Toni Bevelock jokingly asked where the elevator was — we still had five flights of stairs to climb. The rooms were small in size and had only a few beds and a sink and the bathroom facilities were at the end of the short narrow halls to be shared by all.

In Belgium, we visited two clubs that had a total of six courts. The locker-room facilities in the clubs were limited compared to most in the U.S. They were simply small rooms with benches, hooks, and showers.

The first evening one played racquetball and squash — the first real exercise anyone had had in a number of days. That rejuvenated us and then we were taken out and entertained by Erik Meyer, Nick Naoum, Derek Coopman, and other members of the Belgium Amateur Racquetball Association.

DAY 3 — Monday, February 16

The team went to the small club in Antwerp to play, then waited to go back to Brussels to teach and put on the scheduled exhibitions.

At noon we arrived at the Brussels Racquetcenter where we were first fed a delicious three course Belgium lunch, and then we gave three hours of instructional clinics for a number of college students.

At 6 p.m. we again ate a full three course Belgium meal and socialized with Belgians.

At 7:30 p.m. the mayor of Brus-sel's presented ARAA Team sweatshirts.

Keith Calkins presents Han van der Heijden, center and Rene Hehemann, left with ARAA Team sweatshirts.

and we were a rewarding, cultural experience that we will remember!

DAY 4 — Tuesday, February 17

Tuesday was a day organized for exploring the city of Antwerp in Belgium. The old, well preserved city was breathtaking and picturesque.

We all met with the members of the Belgium Team downtown at noon. We were again taken to a local restaurant and served fantastic food. From there we split up and proceeded to explore the city.

At 4 p.m. we were taken to the train station. Sadly, we said our goodbyes and made our way to Rotterdam, Holland.

Rene Hehemann and a few members of the Holland Racquetball Team picked us up at the train station. They took our luggage by car and we went by bus to the Racquetcenter de Leyers in the city of Zoetermeer.

The club was much larger than any we had seen in Europe so far. It had racquetball, tennis, a room with free weights, and a restaurant/bar area with the locker-room facilities like those in Belgium.

We all sat and listened as Rene gave us the two-day itinerary and the housing assignments. Then the team issued a ticket for us to take us to Antwerp and the entire team agreed to split up and go to our host's homes for our first full night's sleep.

DAY 5 — Wednesday, February 18

At a 9 a.m. the Holland organizers and the U.S. representatives met at the club and were taken by car to the Grand Hotel in Leidschendam. At 10:30 a.m., Keith Calkins, Ed Martin, Trina Rasmussen, Andy Roberts and I were escorted into a closed press conference with Han van der Heijden, Rene Hehemann, photographers and columnist from various newspapers from Holland.

The entire press conference was in Dutch, but we all understood the messages being given to the members.

Exhibitions were held on the racquetball courts following the conference. Lengthy articles appeared in the following day's paper, proving the conference a success.

After a politically informative luncheon, the team was transported back over to the club in Zoetermeer, where clinics were held on the four courts for junior players.

Again, there was a break at 5 p.m. for dinner, followed by an instructional clinic for the members of the Holland Racquetball Team.

At approximately 10 p.m. Keith made a presentation to Han, Rene and the club for their hard work and dedication to the sport, and for the time you spent on organizing and promoting the European Tour.

The entire group split up and returned to their host's homes for another evening of rest and relaxation.

DAY 6 — Thursday, February 19

The day began as we all met at the club in Zoetermeer to begin a partial day of sightseeing. We all boarded the train which took us to Amsterdam.

There we went on a tour of the canals throughout the city and then made our way around the city itself. From Amsterdam we took the train to Den Haag and briefly walked the streets, observing as much as we could in a short period of time.

At 5 p.m. dinner was again served at the club. The team split into two groups, one remained at the club

Keith and Gigi Calkins, left with Mr. and Mrs. Uwe Krogmann of Germany.
and worked with the Holland Team members, while the other group traveled to the Tennis en Racketbal Centrum Zwijndrecht to put on an exhibition and instructional clinic.

Once again, everyone split up and returned home.

**DAY 7 — Friday, February 20**

An uneventful day of travel was spent on the train in our continuing travels to Hamburg, Germany where the team was scheduled to compete in the European Open Racquetball Tournament.

Exhausted and tired, we arrived at the train station in Hamburg at approximately 4 p.m., where members of the German Amateur Racquetball Association picked us up. We were taken to the Racquetball Jentfeld Club in Hamburg (home of the 1988 World Racquetball Championships). The club included 11 racquetball courts, a free weight room, a bar, and full locker room facilities. The locker rooms had a co-ed whirlpool, sauna, and relaxation area.

That evening was spent at the club in a typical tournament atmosphere. We were again split up and stayed at many of the German organzier homes.

**DAY 8 — Saturday, February 21**

The day was spent at a club, playing, watching, and trying to communicate despite the many different languages there — Flemish, Dutch, German, French, and many variations of the English language.

Again, the atmosphere was very similar to a tournament within the U.S. as Armin Schroder and Wolf- grun Heese ran the tournament.

Ammin, Keith and Gigi, Ed, Larry, Lee, René, members of the Hamburg press and I, were all invited to spend time at the home of a club owner and true racquetball enthusiast, Uwe Krogmann, and his wife. Their beautiful home was filled with memorabilia from many years in Germany.

The gathering began with a press photo session at the club and was followed by an interview with the guests in their home. After the members of the press left, we were ushered into a dining room with a table filled with cakes, pastries, fresh coffee and tea. Tea-time remains a common German practice.

Two languages were present throughout our visit, English and German. We discussed racquetball within Germany and the U.S., then began to plan for the 1988 World Championships. The conversation carried us into the evening hours as we excitedly planned for the best championship ever!

We made plans to put together a package trip with airline, lodging and sightseeing all planned and available to every racquetball player around the world. Armin and Mr. Krogmann discussed various ways to include the German culture within the dignified event itself, and came up with many great ideas.

We all felt it was important to show and share racquetball on an international level with those who would not ordinarily have the opportunity to travel abroad. We feel it is a great opportunity for many to get a better understanding of what energy can really be felt with others from around the world — those who would not otherwise get to know. While discussing the tournament, we all felt the strong bonding that develops at the various other international events.

We all left with a sense of excitement and returned to the club to continue play in the tournament.

**DAY 9 — Sunday, February 22**

Like any other tournament the final rounds of play were in sight, and many from the U.S. remained in the event.

In the women's open finals, Trina Rasmussen upset Toni Beve- lock to receive the first place award. And in the men's open finals Dan Oberski took out Andy Roberts.

Other U.S. delegates that fared well were Lee Frederickson, Larry Liles and Keith Callan.

That evening a tasty German smorgasbord dinner was held at the home of the Germans and Americans. This was followed by a memorable tour of the town until the wee hours of the morning.

**DAY 10 — Monday, February 23**

At this point the team was split in two. Seven of us went to Barcelona, Spain, home of the 1992 Olympic Games, and six remained in Germany through Monday evening to hold clinics at the Jentfeld club.

The team members remaining in Germany included Trina, Dan, Doug, Jack, Tom and Larry. After completing their clinic Monday evening they once again returned to their host homes for their final evening in Germany.

The group which traveled by plane to Spain consisted of Keith, Gigi, Ed, Andy, Tony, Rene and me. Also with us was Thomas Knaak of the German Racquetball Team, along to perform in the exhibition from the 1992 Local Organizing Committee.

We were greeted at the airport by the energetic Angel Ortega, a driving force behind racquetball in Spain and president of the Spanish Amateur Racquetball Association. Also with him were Dineke Kool, a Holland team member, and other members of the Spanish Assoc.

We were driven to a local hotel for a four day stay. A few of us went on a quick shopping spree and returned by 7 p.m. in time to be taken out for a true Catalanian dinner. Barcelona is in the Catalonia region that has its own language based on the Spanish language and their own diet.

We were taken to a restaurant owned by an individual dedicated to the sport of racquetball. He is building a 23 court racquetball facility in Barcelona, a picturesque racquetball restaurant setting hinted at the Catalanian feast we experienced. The meal was a traditional meal, enhanced by the numerous conversations and various unique wines from their country. Then we traveled back to the hotel for a night of rest.

**DAY 11 — Tuesday, February 24**

The team members still in Germany continued on their very Tuesday morning, boarding the train headed for Zurich, Switzerland. The long train ride ended in the evening as they were met by the Swiss delegation.

They were driven to a local cafe and given a five-course dinner with wine. They split up and were driven through the beautiful countryside to their host's homes.

The group in Spain met in the lobby of the hotel at 10 a.m. and started out for a day of culture and clinics. We were first taken to the area where the 1992 Olympics will be held. An old historic stadium stood erect with scaffolding all around. Heavy equipment was driving the stadium deep enough to hold 70,000 people. Completion of the project is projected for 1988, in order to host the 1988 Cycling Championships.

We continued touring much of Barcelona, making our way to a club 45 minutes from the town. The club had a bar, full restaurant, bowling alley, and locker-room facilities. Our time began with a five course meal with wine. Extremely full from eating, we managed to get on the courts to begin the series of clinics and exhibitions which extended into the early hours of the evening.

The evening was an important one. The IARF delegates, including Hank and Keith, met with Josep Luis Vilaseca I Guash, who sits on the committee which will make the decisions on which sports will become exhibition sports at the 1992 summer Olympics.

The meeting was followed by a singles and doubles exhibition. The exhibition was one step of many necessary to receive the Class A status and the Olympic recognition we desire.

The success of the day again ended with a true Catalanian five-course feast including wines, warm fellowship, and conversation in a variety of languages.

**DAY 12 — Wednesday, February 25**

Once again the group in Spain met the Swiss delegates in the hotel lobby at 10 a.m. and began a day of exploring and shopping. The old, rustic city had a variety of modern shopping centers and many small specialty stores along the narrow streets. Cathedrals built in the 1700s stood among the shops and apartments, leaving no open land.

Every street was extremely busy, lined with small noisy cars and people walking and milling around everywhere. Few store clerks understood English, but we managed through motions and broken Spanish phrases to get our questions answered.

In Spain, lunch remains the main meal of the day, although for the shops all began to close down, we understood the importance of a 2 o'clock meal.

We were taken to a restaurant that appeared to be small from the outside, but was more larger on the inside. With the help of our Swiss hosts, we ordered from the menu and once again feasted.

From the restaurant, we went to a small town called Igualada which was up in the foothills northwest of Barcelona. The club, called Squash Igualada, was small with one racquetball court, four squash courts, a bar and restaurant. Exhibitions were done by the French delegates who were traveling with us (the U.S. team members), and the local tennis
Sacramento State Wraps Up The 1987 Intercollegiate Title

by John Foust

It was the kind of weekend you would expect in Colorado, cold, snowy and a good time to be indoors playing racquetball. Over 400 collegiate players from across the U.S. converged on the International Athletic Club in downtown Denver to sort out who would lay claim to the top man and women's open titles and the coveted 1987 Intercollegiate Team Championship. When the smoke cleared it was the kids from California who were holding their heads high, and with good reason.

Backed against the wall, they had the number one MSU team of Toni Bevelock and Kim Cooling. Coming from the third seeded position Levine and Puls destroyed Bevelock and Cooling 15-6, 15-10 to take their team one step closer to destiny.

The women's #2 doubles match had top ranked Trina Rasmussen and Lisa Anthony of Sacramento State taking on Janet Burke and Mischea McCory of MSU. The Sacramento State team proved to be a little too tough and overpowered Burke and McCory 15-6, 15-3. The plot thickens.

So it all came down to the men's #2 doubles final featuring, who else, Jim Jeffers and Scott Reid, of MSU match in two games and allowing no team to register double digits.

It was a battle from the state with the underdogs Arney and Fitzpatrick taking the first game 15-11. Not to be outdone Jeffers and Reid changed strategy and raced back to capture game two 15-8. Going into the tiebreaker both teams knew the outcome of their match would determine the overall team championship.

Although MSU was unable to regain the crown they held for so long there was still a measure of accomplishment as senior Toni Bevelock overcame three years of frustration to capture her first women's #1 Intercollegiate title with a fine performance against Trina Rasmussen. After losing the first game 15-6 it was all Bevelock, who went on to take the second game 15-6 and 11-8 in the tiebreaker.

In the men's #1 singles MSU's Andy Roberts claimed his third National Intercollegiate title in the past four years by playing well to beat a very determined Doug Ganim of Ohio State 15-9, 15-10. By winning their respective matches both Andy and Toni rivalry for the U.S. National Team.

In other action Dave Simonette of MSU chalked up a hard fought 15-9, 15-10 match over Steve Moody of Sacramento State to take home the men's #2 singles award. Todd Stead from the University of Minnesota beat out Herb Thorney of Montana State 15-13, 15-11 for the third place slot.

Shawn Fitzpatrick of Sacramento State turned on the afterburners to win four out of their last five matches, while any one victory by Memphis State would have put them with an insurmountable lead. Well, the Leonard/Hagler fight had nothing on this event as Sacramento State did just what they had to do edging out a very disappointed MSU team to take the title 23-26.

The Sacramento State team got their first boost when Robin Levine posted a 13-15, 15-6, 11-2 win over MSU's Janet Burke in the women's #2 singles. The momentum for Sacramento State was starting to build but the odds were still on MSU's side since they were favored in three out of the four remaining matches.

With this in mind the men's #1 doubles match pitting Hart Johnson and Todd Stead, of the University of Minnesota, against the top seeded MSU team of Andy Roberts and Rick Komistek was taking on a much greater importance. Both teams had played well throughout the tournament but it was Roberts and Komistek who appeared to have the upper hand, having held their opponents to a total of 28 points, including two 15-0 games. But rising to the occasion the Johnson/Stead duo played their best match of the tournament and shocked the Roberts/Komistek team 11-15, 15-11, 11-7. Now the pressure was really starting to build.

Meanwhile Robin Levine, fresh from her singles win, had teamed with fellow Sacramento State player Kelly Puls in the women's #2 doubles and was preparing to do battle with
beat out MSU's Jim Heffers two straight 15-8, 15-11 in the men's #3 singles. While Central Michigan's Mark Heckman posted a narrow 15-13, 15-13 victory over David Leon of MSU.


Women's #3 singles had Lisa Anthony of Sacramento State coming out on top 15-9, 15-8. The '87 National Intercollegiate Championship was a huge success with a lot of credit going to the players who participated. They were for the most part very understanding and showed the enthusiasm you'd expect from a college event. The American Collegiate Racquetball Association board should be congratulated for organizing this great tournament and promoting such a fine group of players. On a local level Dan Taunino of the IAC, with the help of the AARA, put together a fun three days that everyone could enjoy.

A special note of thanks to Penn representative Larry Daub who helped out above and beyond the call of duty and ensured the tournament stayed well stocked with balls. And, of course, thanks to Diversified Products for the support they've shown not only at this tournament but throughout the years.

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Women's Standings

- Memphis State University: 128
- Sacramento State University: 117
- University of Texas: 98
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- West Texas State: 36
- Ferris State: 31
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Robin Levine and Kathy Pulls set strategy for the women's #1 doubles match.

Kim Cooling of MSU with coach Larry Lyles.

In Annie Blaz as she blasted Tracy Alderman of Penn State 15-1, 15-3 for third place.

Kelly Pulls showed why she was seeded number one in the women's #4 singles as she breezed by MSU's Mischae McCoy 15-8, 15-7 for another Sacramento State triumph. Ferris State, by far the most enthusiastic team in the tournament, had a lock on third with teammates Judy Erickson and Sharon Lintemuth squaring off in competition with Lintemuth coming out on top 15-9, 15-8.
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pro and squash champion. Many from the city turned out for the exhibitions and clinics, making it a success. Dinner that evening was served at the local city center.
The group in Switzerland met on Wednesday morning at the club, and drove to the mountains to ski. The hosts lent them ski equipment; for many of the team members it was a first-time experience.

That evening the team members held a clinic and exhibition in Agertic, a small club with one court. A presentation was made to the club by Larry.

DAY 13—Thursday, February 26

The final day in Spain was spent in packing, followed by last minute shopping and touring. At 8 p.m. we began a very long two days of continuous travel back home.

The tour was truly one of great success, which was evident almost immediately. Excitement was generated for those already involved with the sport, and many political leaders were educated and introduced to racquetball who might otherwise never have learned the sport.

The most redeeming portion of the tour came when the European tournament players expressed their gratitude for coming. Many had never seen the game played at such a high level of play. Seeing the exhibitions and participating in the clinics left them with new visions and higher goals that now seem attainable.

The team members and coaches dedicated themselves for 12 long intense days. They held 12 exhibitions in six countries and organized clinics for over 200 people.

Keith Calkins proved to be a great delegate and excellent leader. He never tired and was always ready for the long promotional hours.

The importance of the European Tour and future tours, goes beyond Olympic recognition and Class A status. If we want our sport to survive, it is important to develop and promote it all around the world.

The Olympic recognition and Class A status will come in time with the development and the promotion to which we now are dedicating ourselves.

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### Schedule of Events

| May 1-3 | Arkansas State Singles & Doubles Pleasure Park, 2300 Highway 70 East Hot Springs, AR 71901 Tom Wilkins (501) 926-7265 |
| May 1-3 | American Open Automobile Racquet Center, 225 W. Park Street Auburndale, FL 33823 Ron Peck 813-223-6214 |
| May 1-3 | Madison County RR Association Foundation, 717 North 4312 West Pine St. Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Pocono Outlets (315) 495-2445 |
| May 1-3 | New Jersey State Championships Kings Court 520 Riverside Avenue Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 525 Riverside Avenue New Jersey State Championships May 1-3 Cedar Hill Fitness Center (201) 851-0070 375 E. Cedar St. Sports Farm Coors Light Dogwood Pleasure Park May 1·3 (904) 396-9693 Norm Blum 396-9693 Sarasota YMCA 16-18

| May 4 | AmeriCat Singles Classic Sports Park 9801 Livestock Drive Kansasville, KS 66205 Joe Barry 913-727-7367 |
| May 4 | Junior Group 1 Championships Boston Athletic Club 653 Summer St. Boston, MA 02110 Jen Hayenga (209) 836-2504 (813) 967-7265 |
| May 4 | Blue Point Open Blue Point Court Club 9 A Montauk Highway Blue Point, NY 11711 Ron Peck 813-223-6214 (515) 332-3802 |
| May 5 | Body by Schleibe 610 E. Central Waco, TX 76708 J.D. Feagans 312-681-1573 |
| May 5 | The Club 55 East State Street American Fork TC, UT 84620 Ron Peck (801) 756-5224 |
| May 6-8 | Marlyn Garner Bannamour Tour Site TBA Jacksonville, FL 32239 (904) 396-9693 |
| May 6-8 | Marlyn Garner Bannamour Tour Lakeview, FL 1510 Old Con Road Marianna, FL 32448 (209) 396-9693 |
| May 6-8 | Marlyn Garner Bannamour Tour Sports Center 1070 S. Coolidge Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237 (941) 565-7508 |

### May 7-9

| May 7-9 | Adult Region 14 Championships Georgia RR & Athletic Club 2000 Gari Dene Drive Marietta, GA 30060 Jorge Daniels |
| May 7-10 | Invitational Denver Sport Club 5101 E. 128th Street Englewood, CO 80111 Jon Keane (303) 779-0700 |
| May 7-10 | Junior Group 10 Championship Old Palms Tennis Center 2120 North Woodward Wichita, KS 67208 Bob Fain (316) 896-2400 |
| May 7-10 | Junior Group 12 Championships Tri-State RR & Athletic Club 2860 Riverside Ave. St. Louis, MO 63135 Jon Denley (314) 281-9550 |
| May 7-10 | Super Seven. Final & Steakout Racquetball Club 208 Drive Marietta, GA 30064 Jon Jenks (770) 977-1970 |
| May 7-10 | Northeast Invitational Racquetball Tourney Spring Thing 400 E. P.O. Box 114 |
Dallas Golden Masters Singles Tournament
by John Christensen

This was a tournament that had 8000 years worth of players, a traveling trophy that didn't travel, and a dead backhand.

The traveling trophy's only travel for the 1987 National Invitational Racquetball Tournament in Arlington, TX, in February was in the luggage of Paul Banales, Jr. of Phoenix, AZ. He brought it and he took it home.

Last year Paul won the 1986 50-plus championship in his hometown, and he repeated this year as the winner of the Richard Walker Trophy in the 50-plus age category, named for a pioneer in the development of the event.

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One hundred and forty-six men in six age categories played at the Maverick Athletic Club in Arlington. They came from 30 states, from Washington to Florida, New Hampshire to California and Canada. The sum of all the years represented adds to more than 8,000 years.

Injuries, pulled muscles, strains and sprains, fatigue and illness took their toll among the players. One incident will serve to illustrate the dedication:

Jim McPherson of Yukon, OK, was leading Dario Mas of Wilmington, DE in an early game in the 45+ category and with a 7-3 edge felt pain again in his previously injured right shoulder. He played through some painful shots and still held a 10-7 lead when he called time, removed his right glove, put on a left glove, hit a few warmup shots and continued the game. He lost the lead and the game but not the admiration of other players.

The winner of that match, Mas, later had to cater to an injured elbow in the round robin finals. He and his opponent, Lee Humphrey of Olatho, KS, had been undefeated in their groups. Humphrey went 3-1 in the finals; Mas went 0-4.


Rossi had gone undefeated in his group to win his way to the finals, permitting none of his six opponents more than five points. Melvey also had won all the games in the group.

RESULTS

45+ (1) Lee Humphrey, Olatho, KS; (2) Michael Howell, Fargo, ND; (3) Matt Wayne, Freemont, NE; (4) Leif Ronzi, Wilmar, MN; (5) Dario Mas, Wilmington, DE.

50+ (1) Paul Banales, Phoenix, AZ; (2) Charles Schaefer, Pella, IA; (3) Joe Simon, Red Bud, IL; (4) Lynn Hahn, Whitehall, MT; (5) Ted Horton, Peyton, CO; (6) Joe Lambert, Grand Prairie, TX; (7) Bob Henley, San Bernardino, CA.

55+ (1) Lynn Hahn, Whitehall, MT; (2) Red Horten, Peyton, CO; (3) Joe Lambert, Grand Prairie, TX; (4) Bob Henley, San Bernardino, CA.

60+ (1) Glenn Melvey, Fargo, ND; (2) Al Rossi, San Francisco, CA; (3) Dick Kincade, Woodland Park, CO; (4) Lored Wide, Centerville, UT; (5) Art Goss, Colorado Springs, CO; (6) Frank Leslie, Mt. View, CA; (7) E. O. Rodger, Corona del Mar, CA.

70+ (1) John Pearce, Waco, TX; (2) James Neal, Fountain Valley, CA; (3) Jerome Singer, Anaheim, CA; (4) - E. E. Minor, Durango, CO; and Tom McEachern, Pacific Palisades, CA.
Calkins Elected to U.S. Olympic Committee's Exec. Board

Keith Calkins, a board member of the AARA, was recently elected to the U.S. Olympic Committee's Executive Board.

Calkins was unopposed for re-election by the seven Group C members of the USOC. Group C is responsible for selecting sports for the Olympics, such as racquetball, bowling, water skiing, curling, badminton, karate, and sports aerobatics.

In addition to his new position, Keith Calkins is a current board member of the AARA and the USOC delegate for racquetball.