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The Un“Avoidable”

by Bryan Bennett
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I am sure that all of us, at one time or another, have been the victim of an un-called avoidable hinder. This is probably the least made and the hardest call to make when refereeing a racquetball match. The reasons for this are obvious: with no clear definition of an avoidable hinder available and the fact that this is clearly a judgment call.

The avoidable hinder is described in Rule 4.16 in your rule book. The intentional distraction, wetting the ball, and the equipment loss portions of the rule are clear; however, the remaining and most difficult to understand portion deals with the avoidable hinder. Without invoking any policy or misinterpreting the AARA rule, I would like to share the clarification given by Jim Hiser, Associate Executive Director/Programming of the AARA, at the AARA Leadership Conference in January of 1996. Jim said, “An avoidable hinder occurs with the hinder of an offensive shot that would have resulted in a point.” Jim went on to say that shots taken shoulder high and shots taken low that strike your opponent in the middle of the back, although the intent may have been offensive, the chances of a point resulting are low and these should be replayed. Again, please do not take this as AARA policy, this should only be used as a guideline to help you make this difficult call.

One other thing I would like to point out is that this rule applies to any division: whether it is a “D” or Open match, or if the players are men or women. It seems ironic that fewer avoidable hinder calls are made in divisions where it occurs more, and more where it occurs less. The frustration of having to re-play that perfect rally ending shot is the same at all levels, and with the exception of an occasional “ball mark” on the leg, the lesson is never really learned unless you . . . make the call!!! 📞

Traveling League Standings

The traveling league is almost halfway through the season. The players are having a great time traveling around playing different teams and finding new competition. Several teams are close and some teams are dominating, but everyone is having a great time! The league standings after five matches is as follows:

Place	Team	Points
1	Redwood Center	37
2	Sports Mall #1	36
3	Deseret Gym	32
4	Ogden Athletic Club	27
5	BYU	25
6	Bountiful Rec Center	24 (tie)
7	Sports Mall #2	24 (tie)
8	Towne & Country	20
9	Alta Canyon	16
10	Life Center	13
11	Provo Rec Center	12
12	Weber State	4

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire about women's participation in racquetball tournaments. Please fill it out and return it. We would greatly appreciate your help!

Junior's Corner



If you have any suggestions or questions concerning junior's racquetball, please contact Jennifer Bennett at (801) 476-9192 or Nate Porter at (801) 593-0491. Thank You!

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by Jennifer Bennett
U.R.A. Junior Representative

This month our junior spotlight is Kristen Walsh. Kristen is 14 years old and is the #1 junior female player in Utah. She is also ranked 3rd in girls 14 in the nation. When she's not pounding it out on the court she's playing basketball, volleyball, hanging out with her friends, or she's hard at work trying to keep up her grade point average. One of Kristen's top competitors now is her mom. "It's time for a new Walsh to rule the court," she said laughing. Her biggest goal is to beat her in any upcoming tournament. Traveling around to the different tournaments such as Regionals, Nationals, and Worlds, and having fun are some of the perks. Not taking much time to practice any one particular sport, she keeps in excellent shape. Kristen dominates the court no matter who she is playing whether it happens to be girls or boys.

During her busy summer she went to the U.S. training camp and tried out for the U.S.A. junior team. She didn't make it, but with the points that she earned this year she's a shoe in for next year. This December she is also planning on attending the Junior Worlds Tournament in California where she made an amazing impression last year. She has also been to the Regional and National tournaments. As Kristen always says, "It's not worth playing unless your # 1!"



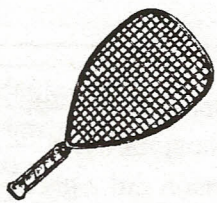
This month's junior spotlight player, Kristen Walsh, leaps to avoid getting hit by Jennifer Bennett. This month's Photo by Scott Boyd.

Where are the JUNIORS?

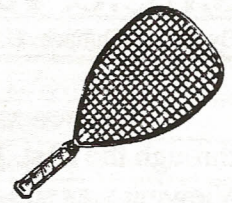
Find the *last* name of the juniors who played in the Utah State Junior Championships. Names can be horizontal, vertical, backwards, forwards, and on angles. Good luck!

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A list of the names is found on page 6.



TOURNAMENTS



UTAH STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Juniors Tournament was held at the Redwood Center on August 15 through 17. Approximately seventy entrants from ages 8 to 18 participated. If you adults haven't already been beaten by one of these juniors don't worry, you will!!! The winners were:

Junior League Team Results:

- 1st Towne & Country
- 2nd Ogden Athletic Club
- 3rd Redwood Center

Boy's 18:

- 1st Terrance Holbrook
- 2nd Nathan Porter
- 3rd Adam Tueller

Boy's 16:

- 1st Nathan Porter
- 2nd Adam Tueller
- 3rd Jennifer Bennett

Boy's 14:

- 1st Brian Retford
- 2nd Robert McGovern
- 3rd Cameron Burnside

Boy's 12:

- 1st Candice Tueller
- 2nd Thomas McGovern
- 3rd Dustin Cederholm

Boy's 10:

- 1st Richard Terry
- 2nd Paul Bennett
- 3rd Steven McGovern

Boy's 8 (multi-bounce):

- 1st Gage Rasmussen
- 2nd Jonathon Dubach
- 3rd Christopher Carter

Girl's 14:

- 1st Kristen Walsh
- 2nd Jennifer Bennett
- 3rd Candice Tueller

Girl's 12:

- 1st Candice Tueller
- 2nd Linda Carter

FALL OPENER RESULTS, Sports Mall, Sept. 3 through 7

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Matthew Christensen	Richard Strout	Jerry Montanez
Men's A	Alan Jorgensen	Steve Parker	Marcus Dunyan
Men's B	Orvil Stout	Jim Stone	Pete Vietti
Men's C	Richard Marden	Chris Johnson	Dennis Blessing
Men's D	Andy Nelson	Sandy Webb	Paul Bennett
Women's Open	Christine McAlpine	Kristen Walsh	Sandee Roach
Women's A	Sandra Mitchell	Jennifer Bennett	Val Shewfelt
Women's B	Jacci Bacon	Kia Elkington	Norma Carlisle
Men's Open Doubles	Coray/Strout	Glavas/Timmons	Montanez/Montanez
Men's A Doubles	Conner/Barber	Vietti/Dunyan	Lopez/Bird

S.L.C.C. Tournament A Real Ball!

By Enrico Dubach, U.R.A. Board Member

The newest premiere sports facility hosted their first racquetball tournament on September 17th through the 21st. Besides fun competition, players were treated to new courts and great hospitality. Viewing was superb in the five new glass-backed courts. Dave Timmons and Chris Johnson did a great job getting the courts ready and featured a barbecue on Friday evening. Hats off to them for running a super tournament.

Kristen and Marianne Walsh made it to the finals of the Women's Open, but decided to postpone their match until another day. Marianne won the match, but we didn't get to watch. I wonder how many times in Utah a mother and daughter have gone to the Open Finals against each other?

The Men's Open Finals featured Tony Glavas and Glen Aitken. The match was delayed because Tony also made it to the finals in Men's Doubles. In fact, the Single's Finals was Tony's fourth match of the day! The play was close and quick. During a rally, Tony's racquet found Glen's hand. After a brief time out, Glen was back on the court, swollen knuckles and all. Ouch! Glen did well, but Tony prevailed in two games, 15-5, 15-10. Tony celebrated his first Open Division win. Congratulations to both players!

Below are the results from all divisions:

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place/Consolation
Men's Open	Tony Glavas	Glen Aitken	Corbin Carter
Men's A	Greg Baker	Randy Krantz	Everett Bissonette
Men's B	Rick Lawrence	Roger Coltharp	Steve Bowler
Men's C/D	Len Arave	Andy Etchell	Jason Knight
Women's Open	Marianne Walsh	Kristen Walsh	Christine McAlpine
Women's A	Hope Hendricks	Val Shewfelt	Jacci Bacon
Men's Open Doubles	Glavas/Timmons	Montanez/Montanez	
Men's A/B Doubles	Carter/Bowler	Ethington/Conway	Ballard/Boyd
Women's O/A Doubles	McAlpine/Roach	Gunn/Christenson	
Mixed Doubles	Glavas/Walsh	Timmons/Walsh	

Orem Fitness Center - Fall Classic

By Val Shewfelt, U.R.A. Board Member

If you didn't play in Orem's tournament held on November 5th through the 8th, you missed out on a good time, lots of food, and a chance to win \$\$ in the open divisions! While the draw was small, the tournament was a lot of fun. Winners in the open divisions were: Tony Glavas (men's), Christine McAlpine (women's), and Tony Glavas and David Timmons (men's doubles).

Awards included passes to the fitness center, clocks, and plaques. Thanks to Orem Fitness Center, Joe Tuaileva, and the sponsors, especially Saturn of Salt Lake for donating the prize money.

Orem is sponsoring another tournament in January. Come on down—it's well worth the drive!

The complete list of winners is shown on the following page.

Orem Open Results...

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Tony Glavas	David Timmons	Craig Ericson
Men's A	Alan Jorgensen	Brian Gill	Jim Stone
Men's B	Patrick Conway	James Quent	Joe Stone
Men's C	Eric Gardener	Harvey Christofferson	Spencer Condle
Men's D	Matthew Orton	Reed Beus	Andy Nelson
Women's Open	Christine McAlpine	Val Shewfelt	Darla Wenger
Women's A	Val Shewfelt	Darla Wenger	Janette Olsen
Women's B	Colleen Keegan	Kara Watterson	Michelle Olsen
Women's C	Kara Watterson	Michelle Olsen	Kathleen Sanders
Men's O/A Doubles	Glavas/Timmons	Capener/Fisher	Rolfe/Worrell
Men's B/C Doubles	Stone/Stone	Johnson/Quent	Brown/Geisler
Mixed B/C Doubles	Nelson/McAlpine	Loumeau/Shewfelt	Flick/Sawyer

Last Blast Away to the Deseret Gym!

by Hope Hendricks, U.R.A. Board Member

The Deseret Gym held their last racquetball tournament: the *Last Blast!* on November 14 through 16. This "institution" will be closing their doors for good in late spring or early summer so they wanted to have one "last blast" before this unfortunate time. Even though the tournament was small, everyone seemed to have a great time. Larry Smithee and Jason Torbensen did a fine job; especially considering that this was their first tournament! Larry decided to have all divisions play double elimination so the players could get in as many matches as possible. Several participants were pretty worn out by the end of the tournament. The U.R.A. extends their thanks to Larry and Jason.

The father/son team of Lynn and Rick Corbridge did very well: Rick won the Men's Open and Lynn took third place in the Men's Open. The Corbridge's also won the Doubles division in a fun match with brothers Mike and Bret Clark.

The Men's A finals match between Marcus Dunyan and Mike Gurr turned out to be very exciting. Marcus made a remarkable comeback after being down 9 to 1 in the tiebreaker. He prevailed in this nail-biting match by winning 11 to 10! Congratulations Marcus!

One of the most amusing matches of the tournament was the Men's B-C match between Curtis Goble and Christine McAlpine. Curtis pulled out a win by squeaking by Christine. Both players seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Curtis ended up winning the Men's B-C division, and even though he beat Christine, she won the Women's Open-A draw easily. She never lost a match there!

The winners in their respective divisions were as follows:

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Rick Corbridge	Glen Aitken	Lynn Corbridge
Men's A	Marcus Dunyan	Mike Gurr	Chris Gale
Men's 25+	Enrico Dubach	Bryan Bennett	John Richards
Men's B/C	Curtis Goble	Shaun Hancock	Christine McAlpine
Women's O/A	Christine McAlpine	Jennifer Bennett	Hope Hendricks
Doubles (All groups)	Corbridge/Corbridge	Clark/Clark	Dunyan/Retford

All in all, the tournament was a fun and nostalgic time for most players. Many people are very sad to see the Deseret Gym go, but at least they had their *Last Blast!*

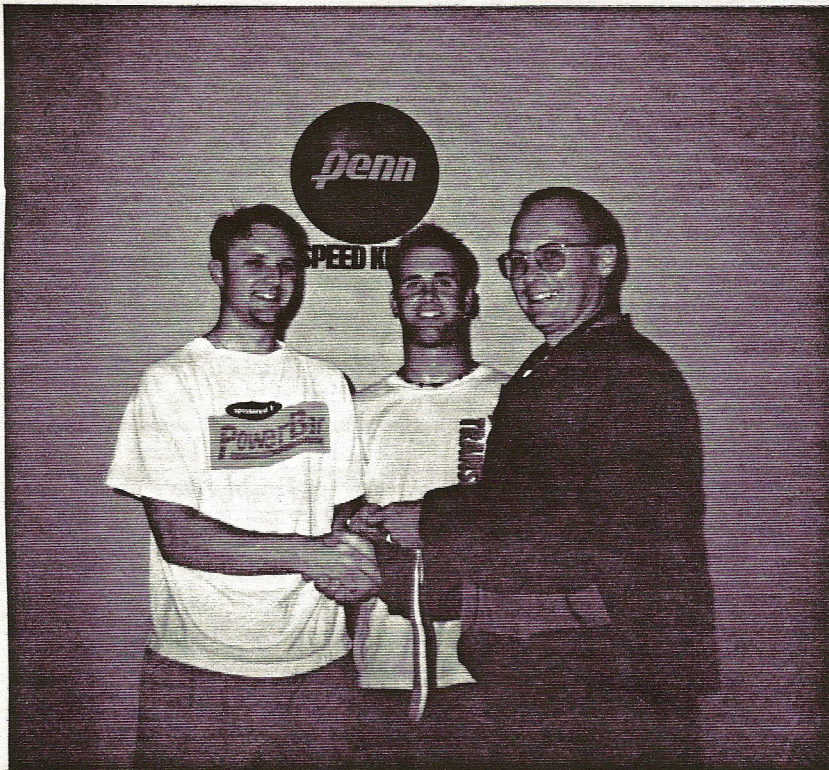
Utah State Doubles Championship

by Bryan Bennett, U.R.A. President

The Utah State Doubles Championships was a big success and a lot of fun. Doug Scott and the whole Marv Jensen crew deserve our appreciation for a great tournament.

The final results are as follows:

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Steve Black Cameron Boyce	Tony Glavas Dave Timmons	Bryan Bennett Matt Christensen
Men's A	Robert Lopez Roger Bird	Randy Krantz Mark Davis	Karl Doppel Susan Williams
Men's B	Robert Lopez Ralph Bundt	Paul Buchi Clark Etherington	Gene Rolfe Kelley Groves
Men's C	Scott Boyd Brad Ballard	Jim Stone Joe Stone	Juan Arrieta Liem Dang
Men's 40+	Alan Jorgenson Jim Wilking	Randy Krantz Tom Shearman	Marcus Dunyan Dave Tabor
Women's Open	Marianne Walsh Kristen Walsh	Cherie Barth Tracey Wentz	Sandee Roach Christine McAlpine
Mixed Open/A	Tony Glavas Kristen Walsh	Matt Christensen Marianne Walsh	Alan Jorgenson Ruth McGovern
Mixed B/C	Curtis Goble Sandee Roach	Roger Flick Sylvia Sawyer	Armando Guzman Diane Wooley



U.R.A. President Bryan Bennett congratulates men's open doubles champions Steve Black and Cameron Boyce. Photo by Scott Boyd.

NOTICE !

If you decide you want to drop a division (for example, you want to switch from right-handed to left-handed play, or you have not played for a long period of time), you must be ranked by a certified AmPRO instructor *before* you play in a tournament. Tony Glavas is the only certified AmPRO instructor in SLC. Tony can be contacted at the Sports Mall.

Penn is now the official ball for all sanctioned tournaments!



Names in junior's puzzle: Bennett, Boyd, Carter, Cardon, Cederholm, Dubach, Holbrook, McGovern, Porter, Retford, Terry, Tueller, Walsh.

Penn / Utah Racquetball Association Rankings

Men's Singles				Women's Singles	
1	Adam Anderson	16	Joey Sacco	1	Marianne Walsh
2	Jamie Sumner	17T	Sam Weber	2	Julie Taylor
3	Steven Black	17T	Ben McClure	3	Sheli Bodily
4	Rick Corbridge	19	Lynn Corbridge	4	Cherie Barth
5	Richard Strout	20	John Yorkey	5	Sheri Murray-Ellis
6	Trevor Sudweeks	21	Loren Jensen	6	Christine McAlpine
7	Tony Glavas	22	Enrico Dubach	7	Sandee Roach
8T	Robert White	23	Christopher Crawford	8	Kristen Walsh
8T	Craig Ericson	24	Mathew Christensen	9	Susan Williams
8T	Glen Aitken	25	Sean Lucky	10	Cindy Richards
11	Jim Derrickson	26	Greg Baker	11	Jozette Boone
12	Tom Shearman	27T	Jim Wilking	12T	Lanny Parmeter
13	Ray Hoey	27T	Bryan Bennett	12T	Jane Chase
13T	Jerry Montanez Jr.	29	Grant Needham	14	Hope Hendricks
15	Larry Moon	30	Mike North	15	Christal McLean

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