

OFF THE WALL

OPENING SHOTS



By Randy Martin
URA President

Here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a Very Merry Christmas! I hope every one had as wonderful of a holiday as my family and I did. Another year has passed, and I'm always so surprised at how quickly they come and go. But on the upside we are only half way through our tournament season, we have found Sadahm, and if it keeps snowing I won't have to worry about my tan for quit a while.

In September of 2003 Pam and I had the privilege of representing the URA at the Summit in the Rockies, held in Colorado Springs. The Summit is a way that all the different state leaders can get together with the national leaders and go over new ideas, policies and such. This year the meeting covered the new On-line Registration, On-line Tournament Sanctioning, and



Photo by Randy Martin (Steve Black, Brian Pointelin, Brad Bona, Adam Anderson)

the new National Ranking System. With the On-line Registration each member will be able to check the status of their membership, update their information, and renew their membership. The On-line Sanctioning is mostly for the Tournament Directors. It will do the seating and the draws and every other aspect of tracking matches. The new Ranking System should be a much-improved change from the old Point System. The old system you received points for making it to the quarterfinals and further. The new system keeps track of every mach you play and who you beat. This should eliminate players being ranked higher than a player they

can't win against. The new system will also carry a separate national ranking for all men, women, and juniors.

Since we had all our tournaments sanctioned before these changes took affect, we won't see many of the enhancements until the 2004-2005 season.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: STATE SINGLES HAS BEEN MOVED TO MARCH 16th -20th. AND THE GOLDS GYM HAS BEEN CANCELLED THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH WILL INSTEAD HOLD A TOURNAMENT MARCH 9th - 13th.

Because of the National Intercollegiate Tournament being moved to March 25th - 28th, right on top of our State Singles

Tournament. The URA Board voted unanimously to move our State Singles Tournament to March 16th - 20th. The University of Utah tournament will be held March 9th - 13th. If you have any questions give one of the board members a call.

The annual Christmas Charity Tournament was held at Marv Jenson from December 18th thru the 20th. We raised over \$800.00 in cash and gifts for The Christmas Box House. I would like to thank all that came out and helped support this worthy cause. A special thanks to Ray Griffiths, Heather Woichik, Mike VanValkenburg, Pam Martin, and Jerry Montanez for all their help running this tournament. This is the second year we have held this tournament and both years have been a great success! I hope to see even more of you next year.

Gary Mazaroff is holding an Am-Pro certification at the Orem Fitness Center on January 19-21. I attended the class last year and was impressed with all the drills Gary showed us. I feel this class has helped me to be a better teacher and maybe even a better player.(maybe?) I would recommend this class to all those who want to learn as well as teach, this class is for all levels not just Open Players. For sign-ups and more information about this class please visit our web site (www.utahracquetball.org) or you can contact me at 280-4222.

Congratulation to our State Doubles Champions, Brad Bona and Brian Pointelin.

Good luck on the rest of the season, and I'll see you on the courts.

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 Orem Fitness Center
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 Sports Mall

March 3-6
Spring Smash
 Marv Jenson
 (801)-253-4404

BY Brian Gill

I wrote this bit just for the cathartic experience after a recent tournament. Now, against my better judgment, I submit it for reasons I still can't name. I guess this is my one and only attempt for world peace...

My dad played national-class Judo for most of his life. He's a fifth-degree black belt and still teaches today. Although he was very competitive (he took second in the East Coast Judo finals one year), what I remember most is that he valued the camaraderie with the other "Judokas," or Judo players. Everyone would go out, give it their best, and at the end

of the day they were all friends. This is something that has stuck with me my entire life and something that I value.

I played Judo for a number of years but gave it up. Quite frankly, the possibility of being choked out in every competition does not appeal to me. I am a racquetball player. So, here I am a racquetball player in Utah trying to enjoy the same type of camaraderie that my dad enjoys.

Obviously I wouldn't be writing this letter if I were satisfied with what I see at tournaments. Anybody with me? When you go to a tournament, is there someone that you avoid because you had a bad experience in a match with him or her? Maybe it wasn't even your opponent but the ref? Have you witnessed the bag-kicking, racquet-slamming, excuse-making antics that are so common after someone's lost a match? The irony is that no one seems to care. No one is surprised when racquets are thrown. No one is appalled when obscenities are yelled. I think the common misconception is "Oh, that's just how that person is." I disagree. I don't think that people are really like that. If they were, they wouldn't be able to keep a job or a family. I think our racquetball culture has allowed us to accept this behavior as "okay" in the context of a racquetball tournament. Finally, have you ever heard someone talk bad about you or someone else? I think we've all encountered this before. And do we really believe that we are the only one that no one talks bad about? It's commonplace, and we certainly don't try to hide it. And, perhaps, the worst thing that happens is that unbeknownst to us "so and so's" wife may have been nearby and heard the comments.

But is that really the worst thing that happens? Or is the fact that we are cheating ourselves out of true camaraderie with other good racquetball players the worst thing that happens? Let's face it, we play a "lifetime sport," so we're going to need good friends to play with for the rest of our lives.

Racquetball is bigger than the individual. What we do during and after a match is noticed by a lot of people, including youth. In the real world, kids look to adults as examples of behavior. And, I'm afraid that kids as well as the beginning players look to the adults and the advanced players for cues on how to act. If poor sportsmanship doesn't scare people out of the sport all together, newcomers are likely to adopt the current culture. This is unfortunate.

I don't want what has happened to Virginia (where I grew up) racquetball to happen to Utah racquetball. Basically, Virginia had a group of about eight good Open players. They would only play each other and when they did, they would cuss, yell, and argue with each

other on the court. It was an embarrassing scene at best. No one could break into their group, including me—a young, up-and-comer at the time. Now, many years later, and as far as I know, they are still the best players in Virginia, which is sad because they're probably in their late 40s or 50s. My point is not that I think racquetball's best players have to be younger, but that this group in Virginia literally squashed the growth of racquetball in an area about the size of Salt Lake County with their poor attitudes and exclusivity.

If I didn't love racquetball, I wouldn't write this letter. If I didn't want to improve Utah racquetball for all of us, I wouldn't write this letter. And, if I didn't plan to be a part of Utah racquetball for a while, I probably wouldn't write this letter. Yes, admittedly, at least one of my motives is selfish.

Ah, yes. I just heard one of you say, "What's the point?" The point is that we can improve the sport of racquetball in the state of Utah by doing the following:

- * Make a commitment to yourself and others that you will be a good sport.
- * Realize that you set an example every time you play—whether you want to or not (NOTE: This applies even to Charles Barkley, despite his recent book.)
- * Don't gossip. It doesn't make you play any better.
- * Respect your opponent and the referee.
- * Learn the rules of the game so that you can be a referee deserving of respect. (NOTE: Even if you are a poor referee, you deserve respect as a person. But knowing the rules will help avoid unnecessary conflict.)

I realize that some of you are nodding your heads in agreement and others are probably laughing your heads off thinking I'm a total hypocrite. That is why I'll start with myself. I'll let it be known that when you play me, I'll come to play and come to play competitively. However, I'll respect you (and the ref) the entire match and shake your hand at the end. If you beat me, I'll hope that we can play again so that I can get better. If I beat you, then let's play again sometime, and we can help each other get better.

We all play the greatest sport around. So, let's be the greatest sports around and show those Judo people a thing or two about camaraderie. In the end, we won't have lost our edge, we'll still be competitive, we'll have made a friend or two, and we won't have to go home and write silly letters at midnight.

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By Grant Sanderson

Yeh. THAT'S right! You got a problem with that? I'm a better racquetball player than Sudsy Monchik and I can prove it!

Sure, I didn't used to think I was nearly that good, but I've been reflecting on something I overheard my dad braggin' about the other day. He was all puffed up with testosterone and struttin' his stuff after the sole moment in his one-dimensional existence that he lucked out and took a match off of Brad Bona. You may remember the day. It was the same one a while back that the newspapers were reporting most of the planets were almost perfectly aligned and all those loony nutcase spiritual types flocked out to the desert to moan and chant.

So anyway, after his usual celebratory six pack he got even more obnoxious (than usual) and started spoutin' off that if HE had just beaten Mr. Bona, and Mr. Bona had beaten Adam Anderson at that tournament at Marv Jensen last spring, then logic has it that he (my dad) may now be better than Adam. Two beers later and that term "may now be" had morphed into "is" and my mom started using big words that I don't understand like "insufferable" and "specious non-sequitor."

I trust my dad, so if he says that if "A" beats "B" and "B" beats "C" then "A" should be able to beat "C," then who am I to argue with the power of that logic? When I asked him how close he's ever come to beating Mr. Anderson mano a mano on the court it was bad timing because he was very late for work just then.

So I got to thinkin'. I beat Zeik Montanez a while back at Jr. State at the Redwood Center. He totally smoked me the first game of a multi-bounce match; fed me the ol' froot loop, he did. He had out-served, out-rallied and out-run me. But in the next two games I tried some wacky lob serve to the backhand that he hadn't seen that much before and-- yada yada yada-- I squeaked out the win. "So what!" did I hear you say? Well! It just so happens that Zeik had pulled off quite the good win off a certain Miss Andrea Yeats not so long prior. She was older and bigger and more experienced but he did what it took and won. THEREFORE, according to my dad's line of reasoning I'm better than Andrea!

But why stop there?

I decided to let the logic just run it's course. Andrea once beat Jon Dubach in a junior tourney also at the Redwood Center. I choose to rise above rumors that Jon played her left handed on an ill conceived dare from Andrew Gale.

The foundation of this article's assertion is based on fact and logic, not innuendo and hearsay.

So. As I was explaining, we are to the stage where I have demonstrated my racquetball supremacy over one Mr. Dubach, and presently I shall progress to TWO. Jon once beat Andrew in the twelve and under division at the Junior State Tournament. The year that the adult state tournament was held in Orem, Andrew beat my brother, John "never has to clean his room" Sanderson. Later on John



"doesn't know what a broom rake OR a snow shovel OR a bedtime even IS!" Sanderson once caught the senior Mr. Dubach napping in a one game match at one of Ray Hoey's single day marathon tournaments. My dad says that's a tournament where you play about a dozen people before crawling back to the car to go home and heal for two weeks.

Again word on the street was that Rico was just . . . "toyin' with the tyke so as not to crush his little spirit when he up and cracked out three straight off-speed drive serves, and the next thing I realize the arrogant little brat is trying to shake my hand like he had really won or something."

For the purposes of this article, however, a win's a win.

Boy did my dad pout when the aforementioned Rico did verily serve him up a slice of humble pie and avenge the family name at the season opener this past September at the Sports Mall. Again, after hearing my mom use

it so much I've just gotta learn that word "insufferable." When my dad wins he has a term he calls the "excuse spigot" he uses to ridicule his opponents, but his own was flowing like Niagara that night: "My old shoulder injury reappeared," "I was just getting my timing at the end," "He cracked out everything he swung at," "I think he kept taking away my cross court angle," "The ref evidently has never even heard of an avoidable. The ref was a MORON!" Blah,blah, blah. A win's a win.

So now that I've conclusively used my dad's own logic to demonstrate irrefutably that I'm a better racquetball player than he is, and therefore (as he besottedly asserted) better also than Mr. Bona and Mr. Anderson, I can refresh your memory that Adam prevailed over Brian Pointelin in the finals of that state championship in Orem to which I have already alluded. That was, in retrospect, a minor blemish in Mr. Pointelin's reign of success in our fine state. Our state and beyond. Why, just last June, he spanked Rocky Carson at Rocky's home court in Laguna Niguel, California. For those of you who don't closely follow professional racquetball, I will point out that Rocky Carson's IRT resume shows him winning the whole enchilada at the U.S. National Championships in Houston this past May and that he's currently ranked seventh in the world and, AND (most relevant to my point here) he has beaten both Jason Manino and Cliff Swain in IRT competition, i.e. the current number one ranked human being on the planet and the greatest player ever to set foot on the court, respectively.

Oh yeh. Have I mentioned that both Jason and Cliff have beaten Sudsy Monchik in the finals of the US Open in Memphis? HmMMM?!? This, ipso facto ergo therefore and hence, brings the reader to the inescapable, irrefutable and delicious point of having to concede that I, Grant Sanderson, am a better racquetball player than Sudsy. Q.E.D.

STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS: AUGUST 21-23

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
18 and Under				
Gold Division	John Sanderson	Andrew Gale	Anthony Martin	Richard Terry
Blue Division	Kim Walsh	Heather Norris	Zak Heinz	
16 and Under				
Gold Division	Anthony Martin	John Sanderson	Andrew Gale	Anthony Montanez
Blue Division	Kim Walsh	Cody Sylvester	Devan Van Valkenburg	Katherine Affletranger
Red Division	Jacob Rappleye	Shylo Martinez	Alan Romney	
White Division	Anthony Norcross	Heather Norris	Zak Heinz	
14 and Under				
Gold Division	Cody Sylvester	Anthony Montanez	Devan Van Valkenburg	Mike Christiansen
Blue Division	Shylo Martinez	Katherine Affletranger	Jacob Rappleye	Christopher Knudsen
Red Division	Anthony Norcross	Zach Steed	Brandon McCall	
White Division	Braxton Trujillo	Eric Weiss		
10 and Under 1 Bounce				
Gold Division	Kyle Walsh	Grant Sanderson	Zeik Montanez	
Blue Division	Reg Scott	Alex Scott	Zakk Reynolds	Gregory Shipman
10 and Under 2 Bounce				
Gold Division	Grant Sanderson	Zeik Montanez	Kyle Walsh	Daniel Schindler
Blue Division	Jesse Van Valkenburg	Alex Scott	Zakk Reynolds	Gregory Shipman
Red Division	Nick Schindler	Helaman Makalio	Carlos Albanez	Reg Scott
White Division	Mahonri Makalio			
8 and Under 2 Multi-Bounce				
Gold Division	Jesse Van Valkenburg	Michael Murray	Gregory Shipman	
Blue Division	Dallon Stewart	Siale Makalio	Peter Makalio	Kolby Bodrero

FALL OPENER: SEPTEMBER 17-21

First	Second	Third	
Men's Open	Brian Pointelin	Sean Lucky	Lloyd Marsh
Men's A	Jon Xanthos	J. Strum	Julian Gomez
Men's B	Anthony Martin	David Shanks	Kelly Cunningham
Men's C	Cody Sylvester	Paul Burningham	Kim Walsh
Men's D	Derek Taylor	Devan Van Valkenburg	Tessa Akerita
Men's 24-	Alvaro Mejia		
Men's 25+	Micahel Raver		
Men's 30+	Brian Pointelin		
Men's 35+	Chris Clift	Randy Martin	Eric Fry
Men's 40+	Enrico Dubach	Don Sanderson	
Men's 45+	Marcus Dunyon	Rick Strout	
Men's 50+	Roger Bird	Dennis Fisher	Pat Conway
Men's 55+	Pat Conway	Chris Segura	Brent North
Men's 60+	Chris Segura	Brent North	
Boy's 14-	Cody Sylvester	Devan Van Valkenburg	
Boy's 16-	Jon Sanderson	Anthony Martin	Andrew Gale
Women's Open	Marianne Walsh	Tawnya Woodbury	Kim Walsh
Women's A	Tawnya Woodbury	Kim Walsh	Marci Mangelson
Women's B	Audrey Thompson	Susan Miller	Tammi Barrows
Women's C	Heather Montanez	Heidi Carver	Heather Norris
Women's D	Heidi Carver	Heather Norris	
Girl's 16-	Kim Walsh	Heather Norris	
Open Doubles	Ray Hoey/Larry Linn	Oscar Fiero/Eric Carver	Bill Yetman/ Shawn Pike

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH OPEN: OCTOBER 1-4



	First	Second	Third
Men's Open:	Brad Bona	Oscar Fiero	Jack Suenram
Men's Elite:	Eric Fry	Alvaro Mejia	Chris Johnson
Men's A:	Julian Gomez	Jon Xanthos	KC Tubbs
Men's B:	Ryan Spainhower	Eric Carter	Scott Barclay
Men's C:	Steve Brumbaugh	Paul Burningham	David Byrnes
Men's 40+:	Rico Dubach	Ray Griffiths	
Men's 45+:	Marcus Dunyon	Dale Harris	
Men's 60+:	Chris Segura		
Boys 18-:	Anthony Martin		
Boys 16-:	Cody Sylvester		
Women's B:	Val Shewfelt	Susan Miller	Heather Montanez
Women's D:	Heidi Carver	Heather Norris	Vicki Kitt
Women's 40+:	Susan Miller		
Women's 45+:	Val Shewfelt		
Girls 16-:	Heather Norris		
Mixed Doubles:	Scott Barclay/Lori Pack	Susan Miller/Brad Brumbaugh	Vicki Kitt/Chris Johnson
Men's Open Doubles:	Ray Hoey/Larry Linn	Oscar Fiero/Eric Carver	Bill Yetman/Shawn Pike

FALL BLAST: OCTOBER 8-11



	First	Second	Third
Men's Open:	Sergio Rodriguez	Ray Griffiths	Matt Christensen
Men's A:	David Shanks	Mike King	Perry Allen
Men's B:	David Diaz	Mike Halley	Greg Arusoc
Men's C:	Patrick Tanner	Steve Brumbaugh	Dan Robison
Men's 19+:	Dustin Mathews		
Men's 25+:	Chris Johnson		
Men's 35+:	Dale Harris		
Men's 60+:	Chris Segura		
Boys 16-:	Andrew Gale		
Boys 14-:	John Sanderson		
Women's B:	Susan Miller	Melanie Hansen	Valla LaBoa
Women's 45+:	Val Shewfelt		
Mens Open Doubles	Sergio Rodriguez/ Eric Fry	Kara Linn/ Ray Hoey	Chris Johnson/Brad Brumbaugh
Mixed Open Doubles	Kara Linn/Ray Hoey	Deanne Hinton/Perry Allen	

SWING INTO FALL: OCTOBER 21-25



	First	Second	Third
Swing into Fall			
Men's Open:	Sergio Rodriguez	Brian Gill	Eric Fry
Men's A:	Darhl Nielsen	KC Tubbs	Rob Merrills
Men's B:	KC Tubbs	Mike King	Brent Smith
Men's C:	Larry Kramer	Paul Burningham	Jon Lee
Women's Singles:	Tawnya Payne	Kory Kogan	Barb Christensen
Men's Age Division:	Jack Suenram	Steven Clark	Chris Segura
Men's O/A Doubles:	Sergio Rodriguez/Eric Fry	"Iron Man" Ray Hoey/ Jack Suenram	Randy Martin/Seven Clark
Men's B/C Doubles:	Scott Thompson/Jerri Millburn	Brent Smith/Clark Davis	Brady Woodbury/Marcaureal Martial

STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS: NOVEMBER 5-8

Penn

	First	Second	Third
Mens Open Doubles	Brad Bona / Brian Pointelin	Adam Anderson / Steve Black	David Timmons / Oscar Fierro
Mens A Doubles	Miramontes / Paul Snyder	Bill Yetman / Shawn Pike	Linn / Scott Jenkins
Mens B Doubles	Cunningham / Campbell	Funk / Miramontes	Tonya Woodbury / Brady Woodbury
Mens C/D Doubles	Cloud / Davis	Chambers / Clarkson	Cody Sylvester / Anthony Montanez
Womens A/B Doubles	Mangelson / Payne	Janette Olsen / Val Shewfelt	Powell / Sylvia Sawyer
Womens D Doubles	Tami Barrows / Eli Smith	Kathryn Affeltranger / Heather Norris	Annie Nichol / Tara Jensen
Mens 25-35 Doubles	Rick Corbridge / Rob Corbridge	Lynn Corbridge / Dave Timmons	Jerry Montanez / Randy Martin
Mens 40+ Doubles	Marsh / Phil Burbank	Steve Coray / Ray Griffiths	Paul Ethington / Oscar Fierro
Mens 50+ Doubles	Lynn Corbridge / Dennis Fisher	Chuck Barrett / Roger Flick	Kim Hancock / Phil Brown
Mixed Open Doubles	Steve Coray / Marianne Walsh	Kara Linn / Scott Jenkins	Eddie Connor / Julie Taylor
Mixed A/B Doubles	Hasler / Funk	Miramontes / Crossman	Roger Flick / Sylvia Sawyer



MULLETT HOOVER OPEN: NOVEMBER 19-22

Penn

	First	Second	Third
Men's Open:	Adam Anderson	Steve Black	Brian Gill
Men's A:	Nat McArthur	Richard Bunker	Eric Carter
Men's B:	Ryan Funk	Dave Allison	Steve Beham
Men's C:	Stephen Squires	Ryan Tanaka	Scott Chambers
Men's D:	Benjamin Law	Ralph Christiansen	Scott Burr
Men's 30+:	Jason Shaw		
Men's 35+:	Sterling Allen		
Men's 40+:	Ray Griffiths	Matt Orton	
Men's 50+:	Dennis Fisher		
Men's 55+:	Phil Brown		
Men's 60+:	Val Robison		
Boy's 16-:	Scott Burr		
Boys 14-:	Devan Van Valkenberg	Cole Burr	Erik Fisher
Men's A/B Doubles:	Ryan Funk/Nat McArthur	Duke Sorenson/Pete Rossi	Mike Van Valkenberg/J Strum
Mixed A/B Doubles:	Tawnya Payne/Brady Woodbury	Audrey Thompson/Pahool Miramontes	Sylvia Sawyer/Roger Flick
Women's A/B Doubles:	Janette Olsen/Val Shewfelt	Laura Hasler/Danielle Crossman	Melanie Hansen/Barb Christensen
Women's A:	Laura Hasler	Tawnya Payne	Marci Mangelson
Women's B:	Karen Carter	Melanie Hansen	Tami Barrows
Women's C:	Tami Barrows	Elli Smith	Tara Jensen
Women's 45+:	Val Shewfelt		
Women's 60+:	Sylvia Sawyer		



By Marcus Dunyon
URA Vice President

Every so often you get to meet special people who play the game of racquetball for all the right reasons. They don't ask to be recognized, they don't do it to try and stand out. They support the game with their presence and always by their actions. I have had the opportunity to play with both of them in national and local tournaments and watch the respect that the competitors have for them and the respect they have for the game. They are affectionally known as the Eddies. One could not be mentioned without the other coming up in the conversation. They go hand in hand like cheese and a fine wine, ying and yang. I had the opportunity to talk to the Eddies recently and this is the following conversation.

Q. Eddie C: How long have you and Eddie played together?

A. We have played together for over 14 years. Eddie had a partner named Tom Davis and he quit playing, so I asked him to play, I sucked pretty bad but he still played with me (and the rest is history)

Q. Eddie B: How did you and Eddie get teamed up?

A. I use to play a singles league and I really enjoyed playing him, I had a doubles partner by the name of Tom Davis and when he retired, I asked Eddie to play. That was something like 14 or 15 years ago.

Q. Eddie C: What makes you and Eddie such a great team?

A. I would say we know each other like the back of our hands; we communicate a lot on the court and just playing together for so many years.

Q. Eddie B: What do you think makes you and Eddie such a strong team?

A. I think we try and not make mistakes, we are not afraid to play defensive. We adapt to our opponents game and take advantage of their weaknesses.

Q. Eddie B: What else do you like to do besides playing racquetball?

A. I enjoy softball, tennis and skiing with my Grand kids.

Q. Eddie C: What do you like to do when you're not playing racquetball?

A. I like to play softball, ride my four wheel-

er and chase women, but I can't catch them either.

Q. Eddie B: Tell me about when you started playing racquetball?

A. I started playing while I lived in Memphis, back in the late 70's and early 80's, when it was the craze. I played the President of the company at lunch; I've played over 25 years.

Q. Eddie C: How long ago did you start playing racquetball and what got you interested in playing?

A. I started playing in 1984, my father and I were over at the Sports Mall playing basketball when John Packard saw me and thought I had enough coordination to try racquetball. He asked me to try the league, I did and have played ever since.

Q. Eddie C: Tell me about your family and some of the other influences in your life that have made a difference?

A. I am married to Lou (a real hottie), children, dog and a house. My parents have always been big influence in my life along with Lou and Eddie (he did mention me HA HA)

Q. Eddie B: You were born in the South, tell me a little about that and about your family and the people that have made the biggest impressions in your life.

A. My parents made the biggest impression in my life along with a group of men I worked with. They were my mentors and my friends. I am married to BJ and have two sons, Eddie and Trey, Trey's his wife and two grand kids. I spend most of my time with my family.

Q. Eddie B: What about the game do you enjoy the most?

A. The people, no doubt about it, the people make the difference. Ninety-nine percent are good people, some people are a problem but not that many.

Q. Eddie C:- What do you enjoy the most about racquetball?

A. You know I really enjoy the game itself, not so much the competition, I like to compete, but I really enjoy the camaraderie and friendship.

Q. Eddie C: If you could change anything about the game, what would it be?

A. I would change the way people treat the referees, I would want the players to realize how important it is to treat the referee in a more civil manner.

Q. Eddie B: If there was something you

could change about racquetball, what would it be?

A. I would want to find a way to improve the behavior of people. Give the referee more power, and maybe have a one serve rule for all events.

Q. Eddie B: In parting is there anything you can tell us about Eddie that you would want the readers to know?

A. Eddie is a student of the game, he knows how to win, when to hit certain shots. He is deceiving in his manners and is constantly thinking. He is my closet friend, in the seventeen or eighteen years we have played together, we have never had a disagreement. He will never quit.

Q. Eddie C: Finally tell us a secret about Eddie?

A. Eddie is the consummate Southern Gentleman, who loves to sweet talk the ladies; he is my best friend and he wouldn't know what to do if one took him too serious. I love playing with him.

People who read this article should take the opportunity to watch these men play a match. I'm not sure if I have ever met a team that plays as smart as they play. I enjoy watching them play because of their ability to change their game and adapt to the competition. But more important than that, at least to me, more important than their success on the court, the National Championships, State Championships and numerous other victories. This is the example they set as ambassador of the game for the state of Utah, and the enjoyment they show when they play the game. I consider myself lucky and I am very proud and thankful to be able to call these two men my friends.