

daily schedule of sunday events

8:00am - 10:00am
Registration for all players

8:00am - 10:00am
Breakfast in The Players Village

1:00pm
Women's Open Final

1:00pm
Women's US Team Qualifier Final

1:00pm - 3:00pm
Lunch Served by Carrabba's Italian Grill, The Players Village

2:00pm
Men's Open Final

3:00pm
Men's US Team Qualifier Final

8:30pm - 11:00pm
Farewell Party, Hyatt Bar

Shuttle Schedule

Shuttle leaves every hour until 5:30 pm

Leaves Hyatt	Leaves HCC
8:30 am	8:45 am
9:30 am	9:45 am
10:30 am	10:45 am
11:30 am	11:45 am

Until 5:30pm

Women's US Team Qualifying

1:00pm

Cheryl Gudinas-Holmes vs Kristen Bellows

Men's US Team Qualifying

3:00pm

Rocky Carson vs Jack Huczek

Who will win today's U.S. Team Qualifying Final?

Jack Huczek 53%

Rocky Carson 47%

Cheryl Gudinas-Holmes 68%

Kristen Bellows 32%



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Match of the Day
Men's 24- under

Cesar Castro
(Bryan, TX)

def.

Jacob Hutkins
(Lincoln, NE)
8-15, 15-11, 11-10

On With The Showdown

By Leo R. Vasquez



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Rocky Carson lines up his backhand against Shane Vanderson

Super Saturday at the **41st USA Racquetball National Singles Racquetball Championships** was filled with excitement as players and fans were treated to a spectacular day of racquetball.

The first men's semi-final match-up had **Rocky Carson** (Ladera Ranch) up against **Shane Vanderson** (Naples, FL). The first game did not bode well for Shane as Rocky quickly jumped to a 9-4 lead and was scoring at will. After 3 more unanswered points, Rocky would win the first game 15-5. The second game was no different as Rocky kept moving the ball around in the back of the court and making very few unforced errors along the way. Rocky would advance to the finals with a 15-9 win.

The second semi-final match between defending champion **Mitch Williams** (Pueblo, CO) and **Jack Huczek** (Rochester, MI) began with Mitch firing right out of the gate and building an early 11-5 lead. Jack kept chipping away and would bring the score to 14-14. A precise backhand re-kill and the first game went to Jack, 15-14.

The second game was tight as both players kept scoring back and forth. Jack was up 11-8 before Mitch began to make his move. Both players reached 14-14 then Mitch hit a forehand splat to win the game and force the tie-breaker. Jack became aggressive and jumped out to 9-3 lead before Mitch could find his groove. Mitch's unforced errors would be costly as Jack won the tie-breaker 11-3 to advance to the finals.



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Jack Huczek goes down the line against Mitch Williams



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Cheryl Gudinas-Holmes against Adrienne Fisher

The women would also hold court as **Cheryl Gudinas-Holmes** (Naperville, IL) faced **Adrienne Fisher** (Tuscaloosa, AL). Cheryl began to move Adrienne around the court forcing her to hit on the run. Cheryl showed everyone was she is still a dominant player and took the first game easily 15-4. The second game was too much Cheryl and not enough Adrienne as Cheryl built a commanding 12-2 lead before closing out the match and winning 15-3.

The upset of the tournament came at the hands of **Kristen Bellows** (Pleasant Grove, UT) who looked impressive against defending champion **Rhonda Rajsich** (Fountain Hills, AZ). Rhonda started out slow while Kristen was chasing down balls and putting pressure on Rhonda. The first game saw Rhonda build a 13-8 lead before Kristen caught fire and stole the first game 15-14. Rhonda also was the victim of a racquet to the head and was never the same. Kristen's court coverage allowed her to make some incredible shots and she was up 13-4 as Rhonda was in unfamiliar territory. Kristen took a timeout and then came back to finish the match with a commanding 15-6 win and make her first finals.



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Rhonda Rajsich was eliminated by Kristen Bellows

Grand Gala Hall of Fame 35th Anniversary Celebration Banquet and Awards Ceremony

USA Racquetball hosted it's annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony by honoring and recognizing all of the members of the hall of fame. The hyatt was standing room only with all the legends of the sport together for the first time in the history of racquetball. Shawn Royster hosted the ceremony as awards were given out to athletes of the year, contributors and career achievers. The night ended with a special video presentation and lasting words from the sports greatest legends.



*Presidential Award
Twayne Howard*



*Peggy Steding Award
Mildred Gwinn*



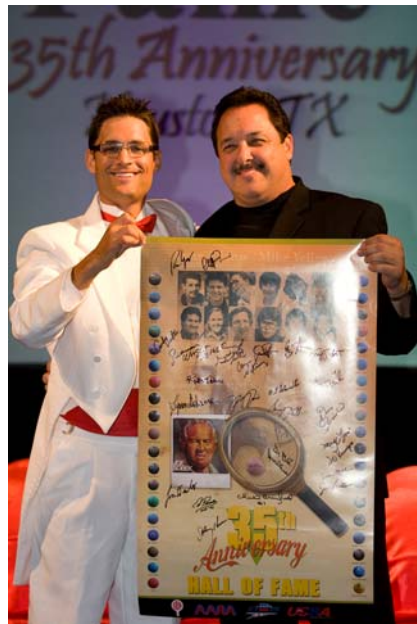
*Bud Muehleisen
Pat Taylor*



*Joe Sobek
Shane Wood*



*Female Athlete
of the Year
Rhonda Rajsich*



*Contributor
Dennis Rosenberg*



*Male Athlete
of the Year
Mitch Williams*



*USA Racquetball Hall of Fame Members
With the US Navy*