

Carson cruises to title at 8th Annual Lou Bradley Pro-Am

California's **Rocky Carson** (Orange County) rolled through his competition to defend his title in the Pro Division this weekend at the Eighth Annual Lou Bradley Memorial Pro-Am, hosted by the Prairie Athletic Club (PAC) in Sun Prairie, Wis.

Carson, currently ranked fourth on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT), defeated Illinois' **Jason Thoerner** in the Men's Pro final. The tournament, sponsored by Sussek Machine and Maly Tile, raised more than \$500 for the Lou Bradley Scholarship Fund.

Carson steamrolled into the finals with three-game victories over Iowa's **Ryan Ratchford**, **Bob Nelson** (Plover) and fellow Californian **Juan Herrera**, giving up 9, 14 and 14 total points in the three matches.

Carson won his \$1,500 paycheck when Thoerner had to drop out of the final match with back spasms. Carson won the first two games before Thoerner came back to win game three. However, Thoerner couldn't continue.

Thoerner defeated **Brian Forrest**, **Brad McCunniff** (Iowa) and **Kyle Veenstra** (Wausau) to advance to the championship match. Forrest and McCunniff each managed to take a game off Thoerner, while Veenstra lost 4, 8 and 8.

Nelson made the quarters after a long 11-3, 7-11, 6-11, 11-4, 11-4 victory over **Gary Tanko**. Herrera gave up six total points in a three-game win over **Jorge Suarez**, while Veenstra stopped Iowa's **Sampson Shwurman** 11-8, 11-4, 11-4. McCunniff topped Sun Prairie's **Paul Krueger** 11-7, 11-6, 11-7.

Tanko and Krueger advanced to the Open final (draw was comprised of players from the pro draw who didn't make the quarterfinals). Tanko beat Ratchford and **Juan Niaves** to advance, while Krueger downed Forrest and Colorado's **Matt Melster**.

Melster and **Steve Sensiba** teamed up to win Men's Open doubles, topping **Brian Fredenberg** and **Ed Fosman** in the final.

As usual, the party went late into Saturday night, making for several tough matches Sunday morning. **A big thanks goes out to major sponsor Sussek Machine, as well as other sponsors Maly Tile, Bank of Sun Prairie, Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs and Pietro's Pizza Place. Also to the fine bar staff at the PAC.**

We hope to have everyone back next year and continue to honor Lou with one of the best tournaments around!

The draw featured more than 100 players from seven different states. The results of the tournament are listed below.

Men's Pro: 1, Rocky Carson; 2, Jason Thoerner.

Men's Open: 1, Paul Krueger (PAC); 2, Gary Tanko; Consolation, Sampson Shwurman.

Men's 35+Open: 1, Bob Nelson; 2, Brad McCunniff; Consolation, Carl Evers.

Men's AA: 1, Dave Glusick (PAC); 2, Ryan Ratchford; Consolation, Dave Rajkovich (PAC).

Men's A: 1, Brent Olson (PAC); 2, Ben Metzger (PAC); Consolation, George Alexander (PAC).

Men's B: 1, Brent Olson (PAC); 2, Dan Powell; Consolation, Adam Veenstra.

Men's C: 1, Joe Stamborski; 2, Kevin Hendricks; Consolation, Jason Jensen (PAC).

Men's D: 1, Jason Jensen (PAC); 2, Randy Wagner (PAC); Consolation, Chase Studinski (PAC).

Women's Open: 1, Gabby Shwurman; 2, Lorraine Krueger (PAC); Consolation, Kathleen Johnson.

Women's A: 1, Julie Wilhelm (PAC); 2, Jayne Moore; Consolation, Tamara Schilling.

Women's B: 1, Susan Mahr (PAC); 2, Rachel Olson (PAC); Consolation, Suzanne Kevlyn (PAC).

Women's D: 1, Brittany Davis (PAC); 2, Liz Thompson (PAC).

Juniors 1-bounce: 1, Brody Todd (PAC); 2, Zach Holcomb (PAC); Consolation, Tayler Studinski (PAC).

Men's Open Doubles: 1, Matt Melster/Steve Sensiba; 2, Brian Fredenberg/Ed Fosman; Consolation, Bruce Green/Dave Kerr Jr.

Women's Open Doubles: 1, Becky Denniston/Lorraine Krueger; 2, Deb Evers/Tracie Studinski.

Mixed Open Doubles: 1, Mike Burie/Becky Denniston; 2, Dave Rajkovich/Tina Schoewe; Consolation, Juan Niaves/Tamara Schilling.

Mixed A Doubles: 1, Roger Erickson/Kathleen Johnson; 2, Pam Larsen/Ed Fosman; Consolation, Mark Sunday/Erica Burie.

Mixed B Doubles: 1, Pete Simon/Jenny Simon; 2, Pat Thering/Jen Thering.