

Fredenberg four-peat at PAC's Summer Open

Every year, some of the better players in the Midwest come to Sun Prairie to try to dethrone Brian Fredenberg and take home the \$400 first-place prize at Prairie Athletic Club's (PAC) Summer Open Racquetball Tournament.

For the fourth straight year, Fredenberg held off all the challengers and took home the Mens Open title. A Dallas resident and Sun Prairie native, Fredenberg rolled through the draw without losing a game.

Fredenberg, currently ranked 59th on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT), topped PAC's Tracy Chynoweth and Chicago's Geoff Goldblatt (ranked 55th) to advance to the final. Goldblatt gave Fredenberg a scare by jumping to a 12-3 lead in the first game of their match, but Fredenberg rallied for a 15-14 win and coasted in the second game. Fredenberg stopped Jason Thoerner (Peoria, Ill.), ranked eighth on the IRT, in the final. Both players came into the match with minor back injuries, but still managed to have some great rallies and spectacular shots. Fredenberg's power – he's been timed hitting the ball at 187 miles per hour – won out in the end.

Terry Kisling (Minneapolis) had a tremendous tournament, teaming with fellow Minnesotans Ryan Jacobs to win Mens Open doubles and with Lori Southwick to win Mixed Open doubles. Southwick also won Womens Open singles. Barb Higgins – another of the Minnesota connection – won Womens B and Mixed B with Sun Prairie's Jeff McGee.

Sun Prairie's Paul Krueger prevented Kisling from a hat trick, coming back for a tiebreaker win in the 35+ Mens Open final. Krueger and Chynoweth lost to Kisling/Jacobs in the first round of Mens Open doubles, but came back to win the consolation title.

It was a father-son final in Mens AA as Green Bay's Steve Salamone topped his son Joey for the victory. Joey also made the final of Mens A, falling to Rockford's Josh Hanford in the final.

Steve and his other son, Danny, teamed up in MensA doubles, reaching the final, but losing to PAC's Jim Wollack and Jeff Hird.

The father-son team of Alan and Jeff Rutkowski won Mens B doubles. Brothers Nicholas Godwod and Nathaniel Lapp, of Green Bay, won the Juniors 1-bounce and 2-bounce divisions respectively.

The host PAC brought home three more titles from Luke Titel (Mens C), Amy Miller (Womens A) and Becky Denniston/Lorraine Krueger (Womens Open doubles).

A total of 112 players competed in the tourney, which featured 19 divisions. Players from Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin participated. Results of the tournament,

sponsored by American Family Insurance, Larry “Smokey” Anderson agency, are listed below.

2007 PAC Summer Open Racquetball Tournament

Sun Prairie, Wis.

Men’s Open – 1, Brian Fredenberg; 2, Jason Thoerner; Consolation, Ryan Jacobs.

Men’s 35+Open – 1, Paul Krueger; 2, Terry Kisling; Consolation, Tom Griffith.

Men’s AA – 1, Steve Salamone; 2, Joey Salamone; Consolation, Scott Willan.

Men’s A – 1, Josh Hanford; 2, Joey Salamone; Consolation, Brent Olson.

Men’s B – 1, Jason Hays; 2, Jeff Rutkowski; Consolation, Jeff Moirano.

Men’s C – 1, Luke Titel; 2, Steve Hays; Consolation, Kevin Hendricks.

Men’s D – 1, Max Dalebroux; 2, Justus Benson; Consolation, Chris Wersal.

Women’s Open – 1, Lori Southwick; 2, Tina Schoewe; Consolation, Jen Bezruczyk.

Women’s A – 1, Amy Miller; 2, Rachel Olson; Consolation, Annette Gasper.

Women’s B – 1, Barb Higgins; 2, Pam Vargo.

Juniors, 1-bounce – 1, Nicholas Godwod; 2, Danielle Falvey; Consolation, Nathaniel Lapp.

Juniors, 2-bounce – 1, Nathaniel Lapp; 2, Alex Filter; Consolation, Brenden Thomsen.

Doubles

Mens Open– 1, Terry Kisling/Ryan Jacobs; 2, Joey Logan/Geoff Goldblatt; Consolation, Tracy Chynoweth/Paul Krueger.

Mens A– 1, Jim Wollack/Jeff Hird; 2, Danny Salamone/Steve Salamone; Consolation, Carlton Hawkins/Steve Fons.

Mens B– 1, Alan Rutkowski/Jeff Rutkowski; 2, Steve Hays/Jason Hays.

Womens Open – 1, Lorraine Krueger/Becky Denniston; 2, Charlotte Neumann/Tracie Studinski.

Mixed Open – 1, Terry Kisling/Lori Southwick; 2, Jola Godwod/Steve Salamone; Consolation, Scott Willan/Tracie Studinski.

Mixed A – 1, Jim Kinney/Kay McCarthy; 2, Bob Doeden/Lorraine Krueger; Consolation, Jesi Haak/Scott Willan.

Mixed B – 1, Barb Higgins/Jeff McGee; 2, Amy Miller/Sam Miller; Consolation, Angela Williamson/Jason Pierner.