

Benson makes semis of world tourney

Sun Prairie's Justus Benson continued a great racquetball season by making it to the semi-finals of the Junior World Championships, held this past week in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Benson, a standout player at the Prairie Athletic Club, won his first two matches in the 10-U draw. The seventh seed, Benson breezed to a 15-0, 15-1 win in his first match, then took down second-seeded Rodrigo Mendoza (Bolivia), 15-2, 15-10.

Benson then lost to third-seeded Cesar Barragan, of Mexico, 15-2, 15-6 in the semis. Barragan went on to lose in the final to Minnesota's Jordan Barth in a tiebreaker.

Barth is Benson's doubles partner and the duo placed second in 10-U doubles, losing 10-15, 15-13, 9-11 to Mexico's Christian Longoria and Gerardo Franco.

Thanks to all – such as the Wisconsin Racquetball Association – who have supported Benson in his quest for world titles.