

Carson cruises to racquetball title

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It had been five years since Rocky Carson had made the trip to Wisconsin for The Lou, but it was worth the wait as he rolled through the competition to win the 13th Annual Lou Bradley Memorial Pro-Am Racquetball Tournament this weekend.

Carson, the No. 2 player on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT), defeated fellow Californian Chris Crowther in the final when Crowther had to drop out due to an injured back after the first game. Carson earned \$2,500 with the victory, while Crowther brought home a \$1,500 check for reaching the final.

The 24-player draw featured three of the top five-ranked players in the world and another dozen players among the best in the Midwest.

Carson rolled over Green Bay's Joey Salamone in his first match then took care of Rafael Filippini in the quarter-finals. Juan Herrera (ranked 11th) threw a scare into Carson in the semis, rallying for win in the third game and leading the fourth before Carson closed the deal in four games.

Crowther controlled Prairie Athletic Club's Paul Krueger and Juan's brother Andreas Herrera to reach the semi-finals. The 5th-ranked Crowther then upset Illinois native and third-ranked Ben Croft to reach the final.

Juan Herrera stopped Blake Martin in one quarter-final, while Croft had to fight off Tony Carson in a fantastic five-game match in the other.

Jay Wollenberg had a terrific tournament, winning the mens 35+Open and teaming with Trish Beatty to win the mens AA and mixed Open doubles divisions. Beatty was also a three-time winner adding a title in the womens Open doubles with Kara Mazur, who won the womens Open singles crown.

Tracy Chynoweth (PAC) won the mens Open title and lost a tiebreaker to Wollenberg in the 35+Open final. Tony Carson and Martin teamed to top hometown favorites Brian Fredenberg and Dylan Wick in the mens Open doubles division.

Minnesota youth phenom Jordan Barth won the mens A title beating four players two to three times his 11 years of age.

Matches ran from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday; 7 a.m. until midnight Saturday and 7 a.m. until 6:30 Sunday in the tourney, sponsored by Sussek Machine and the Bank of Sun Prairie.

The draw featured nearly 130 players in 21 divisions and raised nearly \$700 for the Lou Bradley Scholarship Fund. Four of the top 11-ranked players in the country participated.

The results of the tournament are listed below:

Men's Pro: 1, Rocky Carson; 2, Chris Crowther.

Men's Open: 1, Tracy Chynoweth (PAC); 2, Geoff Goldblatt; Consolation, Dave Kerr.

Men's 35+Open: 1, Jay Wollenberg; 2, Tracy Chynoweth (PAC); Consolation, Dylan Wick.

Men's AA: 1, Dave Kerr; 2, Pete Simon (PAC); Consolation, DJ Johnson (PAC).

Men's A: 1, Jordan Barth; 2, Nate Andree; Consolation, Justus Benson (PAC).

Men's B: 1, Dave Schmidt; 2, Chris Knight; Consolation, Mike Dietrich.

Men's C: 1, Carter Simon (PAC); 2, Cameron Knight; Consolation, Bryan Oleniczak.

Men's D: 1, Nicky Godwod; 2, Cameron Knight.

Women's Open: 1, Kara Mazur; 2, Luisa Aldrete; Consolation, Charlotte Neumann.

Women's A: 1, Pam Klein (PAC); 2, Rachel Olson (PAC); Consolation, Jess Hoyt (PAC).

Women's B: 1, Joyce Sartorius; 2, Nicole Suchomel (PAC).

Juniors 1-bounce: 1, Jacob Rajkovich (PAC); 2, Ben Travis (PAC).

Juniors 2-bounce: 1, Brandon Harbort (PAC); 2, Tim Pennington (PAC).

Men's Open Doubles: 1, Tony Carson/Blake Martin; 2, Brian Fredenberg/Dylan Wick; Consolation, Ron Miller/Darrel Miller.

Men's AA Doubles: 1, Jay Wollenberg/Trish Beatty; 2, Scott Willan/Dave Rajkovich (PAC); Consolation, Jordan Barth/Justus Benson (PAC).

Men's A Doubles: 1, Nate Andree/Pat McNamee; 2, Sina Rassam/Chad Wilson; Consolation, Josh Hanford/Bill Coon (PAC).

Men's B Doubles: 1, Matt Uebelacker/Taps Shah (PAC); 2, Ken Gieschen/Dwayne Scherneck (PAC); Consolation, Eric Ryan/Steve Walker.

Women's Open Doubles: 1, Trish Beatty/Kara Mazur; 2, Jesi Haak/Becky Denniston (PAC).

Women's A Doubles: 1, Tracie Studinski/Kristy Damm (PAC); 2, Pam Klein/Jesi Haak (PAC).

Mixed Open Doubles: 1, Jay Wollenberg/Trish Beatty; 2, Kara Mazur/Ron Miller; Consolation, Jimmy Crawford/Charlotte Neumann.

Mixed A Doubles: 1, Kristi Kiefer/Chris Knight; 2, Amy Miller/Sam Miller (PAC).