

Benson, Krueger each take two titles at state junior racquetball tourney March, 2011

Sun Prairie's Justus Benson and Caden Krueger each won both events they entered Saturday at the 2011 Wisconsin State Junior Racquetball Championships, held at the Prairie Athletic Club (PAC) and sponsored by Maly Tile of Sun Prairie

It was a great weekend for the Sun Prairie kids as all six state champs hailed from the PAC.

Benson, one of the top players in the world at his age, won both the 12-and-under and 18-U divisions. Benson cruised to both crowns without losing a game, winning a state title in his age bracket for the sixth year in a row.

Sun Prairie's Carter Simon lost to Benson in the 12-U final, but stopped top-seeded Nick Richardson (Green Bay) in the 14-U title match. Richardson also placed second behind Benson in the 18-U.

Krueger came back after losing the first game to sneak past Sun Prairie's Robbie Knorr in the semi-finals of the 10-U, 2-bounce divisions before beating Madison's Adam Watson in the championship match.

Krueger edged Sun Prairie's Luke Thompson and Plymouth's Alec Nicholson in tiebreakers to win the 8-U, 2-bounce crown. Nicholson placed second in the round-robin event, slightly ahead of Thompson. Nicholson had beaten Krueger in the 8-U multi-bounce final in 2010.

Sun Prairie's Tyler Nelson won the 10-U division, beating fellow PAC member Brandon Harbort in the final.

A total of 29 players from around the state played in the tournament. Results of the tournament are listed below.

2011 State Junior Racquetball Championships held at the Prairie Athletic Club, Sun Prairie

18-Under – 1, Justus Benson (Sun Prairie); 2, Nick Richardson (Green Bay).

14-Under – 1, Carter Simon (Sun Prairie); 2, Nick Richardson (Green Bay); Consolation, Cameron Knight (Green Bay).

12-Under – 1, Justus Benson (Sun Prairie); 2, Carter Simon (Sun Prairie); Consolation, Ben Travis (Sun Prairie).

10-Under – 1, Tyler Nelson (Sun Prairie); 2, Brandon Harborth (Sun Prairie); Consolation, Adam Hodges (West Allis).

10-Under 2-bounce – 1, Caden Krueger (Sun Prairie); 2, Adam Watson (Madison).

8-Under 2-bounce – 1, Caden Krueger (Sun Prairie); 2, Alec Nicholson (Plymouth).