

Thompson wins state racquetball title

March, 2011 Wisconsin State Singles Tournament

At 13 years of age, Andy Thompson was one of the best racquetball players in the state of Wisconsin. After taking nearly two decades off to pursue other interests, Thompson is back playing again and proved to be the best player in the state this weekend.

Thompson took down defending champ Kyle Veenstra 15-5, 2-15, 11-9 in the championship match at the 2011 Wisconsin State Singles Racquetball Tournament, hosted by the Wisconsin Athletic Club in West Allis.

Thompson and Veenstra both rolled through the competition to set up a fantastic final; Thompson, the former pro baseball player and junior champion, versus Veenstra, who reached the top 10 in the International Racquetball Tour rankings a few years back.

Thompson rode his dominating drive serve to the final and used it to keep Veenstra off-balance in game one. However, Thompson wore down in game two and Veenstra got white-hot, hitting winners from all over the court to force a tie-breaker.

Thompson trailed 7-2 in the tie-breaker before rallying after a pep talk from John Krebs – and being helped by a broken ball – which was replaced by a new ball that added probably 5-10 miles per hour to his already huge serve.

A few aces down the forehand line and a couple of jam serves that hit Veenstra – including the match-winner – turned the tide for Thompson.

More than 140 players participated in the tourney, sponsored by Beatty Construction and the Wisconsin Racquetball Association. Results of the tournament are listed below.

1st, 2nd, cons – STATE SINGLES 2011 WINNERS

MO - Andy Thompson, Kyle Veenstra – cons Paul Krueger

MAA- DJ Johnson, Greg Breese – cons – Phil Pupero

MA – Basilio Salvizar, Rich Meredith – cons – Jake Edwards

MB – Roger Pensinger, Brad Emerst – cons –Randy Noska

MC – Mike Dandridge, Phillip Willens – cons – Keith Falvey

MD – Jim Ward, Karl Zeeb – cons – Steele Beatty

Men's All Age Open/A – Joey Salalmone, Dan Salamone – cons- Kyle Hermans

Men's All Age B/C – Rusy Fleet Feet, Tristan Breese – cons – Randy Noska

Men's 30/35 Open – Jay Wollenberg, Paul Muxworthy – cons – Dylan Wick

Men's 35+ A – Andy Stanley, Dan Eichner – cons –Larry Curry

Men's 35+B – Abhijet Premkumar, Chez Misko –cons-David Bajkiewicz

Men's 40/45+ Open – Scott Kraemer, Paul Krueger – cons- Dylan Wick

Men's 45+ A – Rick Welytok, Tommy Troutman – cons- Marcus Fugina

Men's 40/45+ B – Jeff Jensen, Chris Knight, cons – Gary Rogaczewski

Men's 50 + Open – Carl Evers, Tom Griffith – cons – Steve Salamone

Men's 50 + B- Randy Robidoux, Roger Pensinger

Men's 55/60 – Neal Hobbs, Jim Deiner

Women's Open - Kelly Whalen, Kim Whalen

Women's A - Joan Wick, Steph Indra

Women's B – Jess Hoyt, Colleen Hanson

Women's C – Beatrice Mendez-Gandica, Jodi Kruse

Women's All Age Open/A – Kim Whalen, Trish Beatty

Women's All Age B/C – Pam Meredith, Jess Hoyt