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## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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## **Connecticut Juniors Medal at Junior National Championships!**

It's hard to believe that it was four years ago that we made our first trip to Junior Nationals in Baltimore Maryland and got our first taste of what Junior Nationals. Who would have thought in the past four years we would have gone having only three Juniors and no financial assistance for our players to 10 Juniors all receiving funding in one form or another and eight of our ten juniors coming home with medals.

The tournament started out with concern for Kara Mazur. Her previous tournament finishes won her a first round bye, making her first match a birth in the Quarter Finals. Things didn't start out well. Kara lost her first game 15-0. This would probably shaken most players, but not Kara. Seemingly undaunted, Kara jumped out to an 11-0 lead. Kara took the send game 15-8. It all came down to the tie-breaker. Stacey Northrup(OR) broker out to a 4-0 lead. A quick time out from Kara, she wanted to refocus. Final score Kara 11-4. On to Sarah Molye the number two seed. Kara played a great match against Sarah Moyle(OR) both kids were making great gets and running down every ball. In the end Sarah came out the victor 15-10, 15-13. Kara went on to take 4th in the Gold Division of Girl's 12<.

Elise Wilson also came home with her first Gold medal from the Girl's 14< Red Division. Her tournament started out on a shaky note losing her first round Gold match to Kynzie Dalton from Wisconsin 15-3, 15-6. Your first round can be your most difficult, sometimes it's hard to get into a rhythm. Elise had her sights set on winning the Gold in the Red division. She made her way to the semi-finals where she met Kastle Arturo from Alaska. Elise took the first game with ease 15-3 but had to battle her way through the second game. Elise eventually defeat Kastle 15-12.

Chris Edwards started playing racquetball 6 months ago. He too made the trip. Chris knew it would be hard road playing in both the Boys 12 & 14< divisions. He was also taking his first plane flight. The whole experience was incredible. The look on his face as we walked through O'Hare Airport and the wide-eyed gaze as we stood in the Hotel lobby. By 2o'clock on our first day he had already taken 25 pictures documenting his travels. (Yes we did have to get him more film) In the end Chris didn't have the opportunity to play for a medal, the learning experience was invaluable. He'll be back!

Eddie Mazur also found himself up against a difficult draw. In the Gold Division of Boy's 14 he played a tough 1st round match losing the first game 15-14. His opponent game out in the game on fire. He never gave Eddie a chance to get back into the match taking the second game 15-6. Eddie moved into the Red Division where he came up against Sam Sokol from Essex Junction, VT. Both boys played well. Eddie took the 1st game 15-13, Sam took the second game 15-11. It came down to the tie-breaker. Eddie played well, but Sam made the tough shots when he needed to taking the tie-breaker 11-3. All was not lost Eddie still had a chance to medal in the White Division. Eddie persevered and brought home the Gold.

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# **Junior Nationals (con't)**

Chris Brown another first timer know the road to the finals would be tough. He lost his first round to a top seeded player and didn't fair much better in the first round of the Red Division. But Chris would not give up. He still had a chance to medal in the White Division an opportunity he would not take lightly. After making his way to the quarter finals he was facing Dan Riera of California. Dan took the first game 15-8. Chris would not give up. He came back to take the 2nd game 15-12 and took the tie-breaker convincingly 11-0. Chris played his heart out in the semi-finals, again a Connecticut player had to face someone from Vermont. Sam Sokol had also made his way to the semi-finals and Sam was also participating in hid first National Event. Sam took the match in a tie-breaker 11-7. Chris did come home with a Bronze medal, his hard work all season had paid off.

Jose Flores, Jr. also had his sights set on winning a medal at Nationals. His first experience was last year at Tempe, AZ. His first round was against the number 2 seed in Boy's 16<. Not a good way to start out a tournament. He played well, but lost the match which placed him in the Blue Division. He was up for the challenge and played his heart out. Unfortunately he came up just a little short losing in two 15-14 & 15-13.

Three more first time competitors (Danny Lerow, Timmy Lerow and Colin Kush) found themselves up against formidable tasks. Danny was playing in Boy's 8<MB and Boy's 8< Regular. The draw was large. Danny played well. He lost his first match in the Gold Division of both of 8< Regular & 8<MB. Danny did win his quarter final match against John Belvedere 11-5 & 11-2. Unfortunately, he lost to Daniel Ring in the semi-finals. Danny did come home with the 4th place (pewter) medal.

Both Colin & Timmy found themselves in a unique position. They were both playing in Boy's 6 & 8< MB. Depending on how things went they could end up playing each other. In 8< MB both Colin and Danny lost their 1st round matches. They now both found themselves playing their way into the semi-finals of the Red Division. Both lost their semi-finals match. Who would take the Bronze medal would it be Colin or would it be Danny. Danny won 11-2 & 11-6. Could it happen again or would the tables turn in the Gold Division of the Boy's 6<MB. Again both players made it the semi-finals and both players lost. As they faced off again the question was who would win.

In the end once again Timmy won. I see this rivalry lasting long into the future.

Last but certainly not least by any stretch was the play of Tim Wilson. Tim was entered in to Boy's 18<. Probably the most difficult divisions of all. Once again, if he won his first round he would play into Shane Vanderson the #1 seed. And so the story unfolded. Tim won his first match against Darrin Prince 15-13, 11-15, 11-0. It was now time to meet Shane. Although he lost the battle he improved his score from last year. Tim's goal was now to win the Blue Division. If you don't win in the Gold Division the Blue is the next best. You're going to have to fight your way through seeded players to make it to the finals. No question Tim was up for the task, he trained, he worked on shot selection and execution. However, he rolled his ankle while playing doubles. Would this have a negative effect. His first test came against Joe Roth of Penn. The #8 seed that was upset. Tim won 15-4, 6-15, 11-4. He was onto the semi-finals. Now he had to play Hal Rutherford the #12 seed. Tim was playing well he took the first game 15-6. Then the real battle began. His opponent began questioning the ref and even with line judges the ref was changing calls. Tim lost the second game 9-15. He was determined. At 9-2 in the second game Tim again rolled his ankle. Could the win be slipping away. Could he pull it out. Hal tied the score at 9-9 and had the serve. Hal served, Tim returned the ball, Hal made an incredible get to put the ball back in play, Tim hits a winner. Tim serving at 9-9. Drive serve Ace to the backhand of Hal. One point to go. Drive Z Hal returns the ball Tim hits a flat Roll Out. Game over match over. On to the Finals. Andy Hawthorne was next, would the dream come true. In the end Andy prevailed. Tim is a "warrior" he weathered each storm, he never gave up and he gave it his all.

**“Applause to all our Juniors who played at Junior Nationals for a job well done!”**

## **Final Results:**

**Colin Kush – Pewter Boys 6MB Gold Division, Pewter Boys 8<MB Red Division, Timmy Lerow – Bronze Boys 6MB Gold Division, Bronze Boys 8<MB Red Division, Danny Lerow – Pewter Boys 8< Red Division, Kara Mazur – Pewter Girls 12< Gold Division, Elise Wilson – Gold Girls 14< Red Division, Eddie Mazur– Gold Boys 12< White Division, Chris Brown – Bronze Boys 16< White Division, Tim Wilson – Silver Boys 18< Blue Division**

## **AREA CHALLENGE COURTS**

**Tuesdays & Fridays 6:00pm – 9:00pm**  
Downtown Health & Racquet Club (New Haven)  
Cost – \$8.00 (203) 787-6501

**Saturdays – 9:00am – 12:00am**  
Healthworks – Wallingford  
Cost – \$10.00 (203) 265-2861

**Fridays 6:00pm – 9:00pm**  
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(203) 866-4425

**Sundays 9:00am – 12:00pm**  
Bristol Hosp. Wellness Ctr. Cost – \$8.00

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## Tournament Updates

Beach Party Open	Aug. 19-20	Healthworks
CT State Doubles	Sept. 22-24	Healthrax @ Bristol
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