



Women's Racquetball competition intensifies in the South Florida area as the WPRO returns to the University of Miami March 8th to the 11th, 2007!

The [Great Balls of Fire](#) Tournament now in its eighth year has become a staple event in Miami. The last couple of years have brought exciting changes to the event by partnering with the Women's Professional Racquetball Organization - [WPRO](#). This year the tournament continues to grow and has additionally teamed up with "[Racquet for the Cure](#)" in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization. A portion of the proceeds raised will be donated to the "Racquet for the Cure" organization that was established in 2000 and has raised over \$20,000 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The Komen Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by funding research grants and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world. We encourage you to attend this great event and join us in supporting this worthy cause.....

The tournament kicks off on Thursday night with a sponsor doubles competition. The Sponsor Doubles event on Thursday, March 8th is held for contributors to this event where sponsors will be paired up with the best of the best on the WPRO Tour for a fun evening of doubles, photo ops and followed up by some well deserved chow at Titanic the local Bar and Grill.

The Miami racquetball community welcomes back the tour's top ranked stars as they compete at the 8th Annual Great Balls of Fire Tournament at the University of Miami's Wellness Center. The Great Balls of Fire tournament is an amateur event featuring top competitors from the South Florida area and across the country. The tournament will feature top-ranked players such as [Rhonda Raisich](#) of Phoenix, AZ, currently ranked number one, [Angel Grisar](#) of Santiago, Chile ranked fourth, and tenth-ranked [Samantha Salas](#) of Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico. The [WPRO](#) event features players from all over the world including US, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Chile. Fans are in for a high level of women's racquetball played in a variety of styles.

Lynne Olvey one of the tournament directors and an avid player herself is very excited to have the WPRO return to the University of Miami. Olvey, one of the founders of this event eight years ago has been very please with the success the tournament has experienced the last couple of years. She added that the "increased involvement from the students with the growth and development of the [UM Racquetball Club](#) has been one of the greatest contributions the event has had in helping fuel grass roots programs in the Miami area."

Co-director and player [Vivian Gomez](#), whose company [PROEDGE GROUP](#) is one of the main sponsors, added that the "tournament continues to be a much anticipated event in the South Florida area. And with the additions of the [WPRO](#) and "[Racquet for the Cure](#)" the event has further enlisted a variety of local sponsors such as [Reflections Wellness Center, Inc.](#), The law firm of [Lidsky, Vaccaro & Montes](#), La Cubanita products, [UAIG](#), [Regions Bank](#), Roman Brand Italian Sausage, [Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A](#), [Costa Oil](#), [Mellon Bank](#), as well as UM's Chartwells, [The Big Cheese of Miami](#), [Arch McMorris & O Connor](#), and [Unicomm wireless and more](#) who share in our vision of promoting women's racquetball. We would also like to thank our racquet manufacturer and industry sponsors [Ektelon](#) and [Wilson](#) for their support of our event and our cause.

The Women's Pro competition begins on Friday, March 9th with the round of 32 at Noon. The semifinals are set for 4PM and 6PM Saturday evening. The championship match will be held on Sunday at Noon. You can follow the tournament by visiting: [Great Balls of Fire ProAm](#). We again encourage you to attend this great event and joining the racquetball community in supporting this worthy cause.....