

Racquetball Tour “Rolls Out” at UM March 4-6

The Miami racquetball community will host its first-ever women's professional racquetball stop on March 4-6, 2005 when the Ladies Professional Racquetball Association's top ranked stars will compete at the 6th 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 South Florida and across the country.

The tournament will feature top-ranked players such as Cheryl Gudinas of Lisle, IL, who ended the 2004 season as the number one player. Her competition will include Christie Van Hees of Kelowna, British Columbia, currently ranked number two, who recently won against Cheryl in the last pro stop in Stockton, CA.; Rhonda Rajsich of Phoenix, AZ, who is currently ranked third; Kerri Wachtel of Cincinnati, OH ranked fourth, and fifth-ranked Kristen Walsh of Salt Lake City, UT.

The LPRA stop features players from all over the world including Canada, Chile, Mexico, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. "You're going to see the highest level of women's racquetball played in a variety of game styles." said tournament director Lynne Olvey, who is an avid player and involved with the UM racquetball club. "It's our 6th year and it's become an anticipated event in South Florida. But adding the LPRA stop to the tournament has generated a new and exciting level of interest," Olvey said.

Co-organizer and racquetball player Vivian Gomez whose company [PROEDGE GROUP](#) is one of the main sponsors of the event, says "We are pleased to host the LPRA tour at the UM facility. We have enlisted local sponsors such as [Bristol Bank](#), Daily Bread Marketplace, [Racquet World](#), [Frameworks](#), [AMSI Holding, Inc.](#), as well as UM's Chartwells, who share in our vision of promoting women's racquetball here in South Florida. We would also like to thank our racquet manufacturer sponsors [Head](#), [Wilson](#) and [E-Force](#) for their support.

The Women's Pro competition begins on Friday, March 4 with the round of 32 at noon and the round of 16 at 5pm. 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 www.racquetballcorner.com/greatballsoffire