

## Women's Racquetball Tour Returns to UM March 23-26

The Miami racquetball community welcomes back the women's professional racquetball tour on March 23-26, 2006 when the Women's Organization's top ranked stars will compete at the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 two, [Angel Grisar](#) of Santiago, Chile ranked fourth, and fifth-ranked [Kristen Walsh](#) of Salt Lake City, UT.

The [WPRO](#) stop features players from all over the world including the US, Canada, 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 is very excited to have the WPRO return to Miami. She stated that the success of the tournament held last year has lead to an increase involvement from students with the [UM Racquetball Club](#). One of the objectives of the directors of the tournament is to help increase participation in the sport. "What better way to do it than to showcase the best players in the sport in our own backyard." Olvey said.

Co-director and player Vivian Gomez whose company [PROEDGE GROUP](#) is one of the main sponsors of the event, added that the tournament continues to be a very anticipated event in the South Florida area and with the addition of the WPRO have enlisted local sponsors such as [Flagler Dog Track](#), [Reflections Wellness Center, Inc.](#), [Mellon Bank](#), as well as UM's Chartwells, [The Big Cheese of Miami](#), and Arch McMorris & O Connor who share in our vision of promoting women's racquetball here in South Florida. We would also like to thank our racquet manufacturer and industry sponsors [Wilson](#), and [Splathead](#).

The Women's Pro competition begins on Friday, March 23 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 VII ProAm](#)