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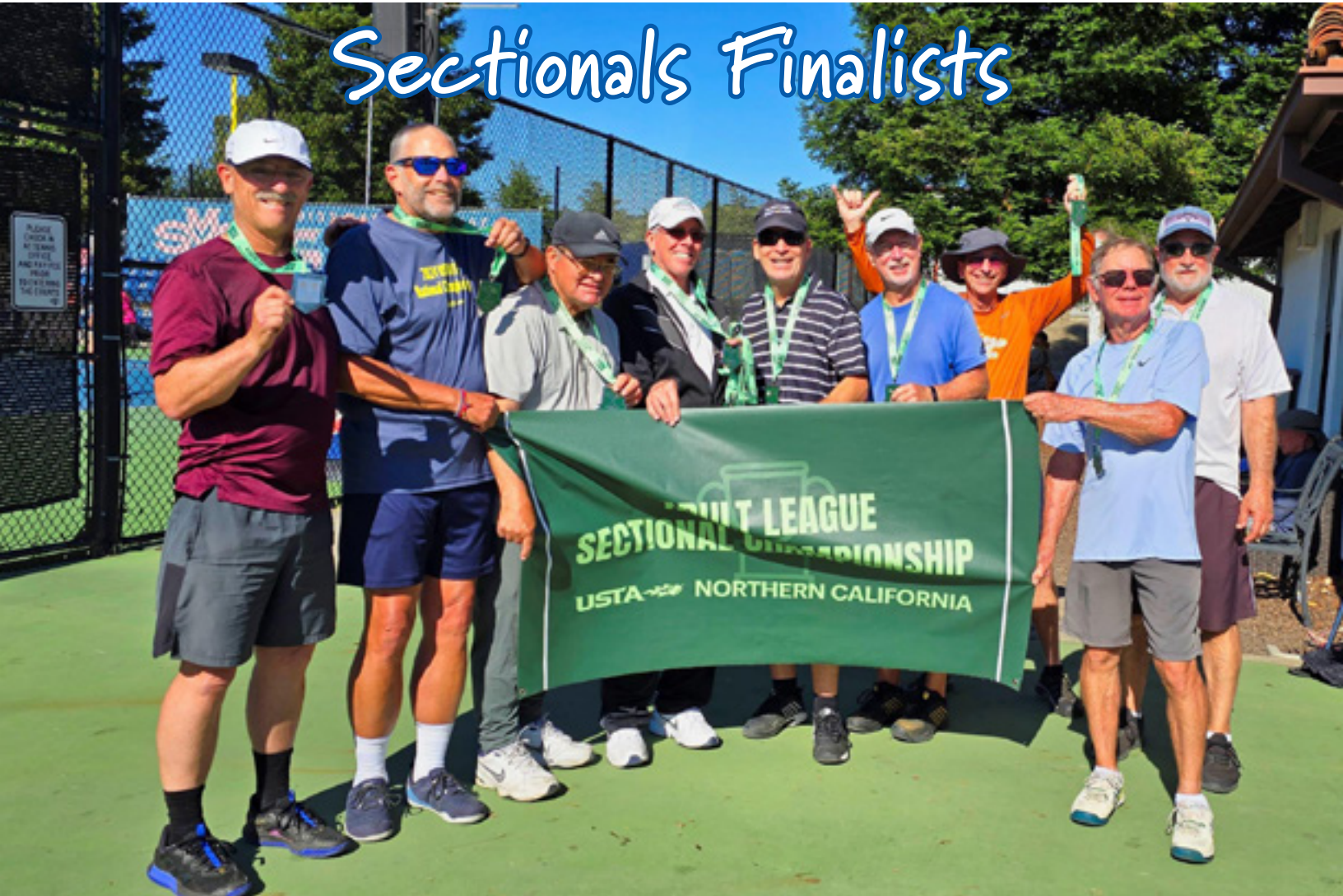
Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

May, 2024



65+ 7.0 Men

Sectionals Finalists



(l-r): John Puckett, Mike Rogers, Mike Rolley, Darryl Diamond, Lloyd Hohenstein, Scott Wood, Peter Snowden, Jim Hopkins and Mario Rizzo.

Darryl Diamond and Michael Rolley's 65+ 7.0 Men's team were two super tie breakers shy of heading to Nationals!!! Our 65 and over team went to Nationals in Feb. 2019. We have improved our team and are a much stronger team this year. Over the past few years Pinole went to Nationals after beating us at sectionals twice, we have finally reclaimed being the best 65+ team locally, we had a very strong player that was in Europe this year. Next year we will have him plus a couple newer players that have turned 65 and are very strong. We expect a better result in 2025. Until next year...

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy June!



Garvin Tom
2024 WCRC President

Wow! Talk about bad luck. Of all the days to rain in the month of May, Mother Nature chose the day of Calcutta. Even with all the planning and coordinating, and the work to get everything set up, Mother Nature still always wins. But never fear as we have a new date for **Calcutta**, scheduled for August 23rd and 24th. We'll keep you posted for any updates, so stay tuned.

We also have other WCRC events coming up, such as our **Winter Doubles tournament** on **June 15th** and 16th. We also have our annual **The Longest Tennis Rally** event, which raises money in our fight against Alzheimer's, on **June 22nd**, so look for an announcement on that very soon. And don't forget if you're interested in our Summer Singles league, the season has just begun, so there's plenty of time to sign up and play.

On the USTA side, we have multiple 55+ Adult teams gearing up for playoffs, so good luck to all the teams. And we are nearing the end of the 18+ Adult season with multiple teams fighting for playoff spots or playoff position. And later this month is the start of the 40+ Mixed season, so don't forget to sign up on your teams if you're joining one. I guess I should sign up, too. LOL!

Good luck to the 40+ teams at Sectionals this weekend.

I know with the end of the school year, the graduations, and the vacations and trips, that June is a very busy month for a lot of us. Sometimes it can be stressful, too, so take the time to breathe and relax occasionally, or if you have a couple hours, use it to spend some time on the court. Taking that mental break can mean a lot, and I hope you all remember to do that.

See you on the courts!

Garvin Tom

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **21** New Members
Current Membership: **1286**

Christopher Bown	Benicia	4.5	Lynne Harrington	Oakland	3.0
Heather Camara	Walnut Creek	3.5	Hazel Indick	Pittsburg	3.5
Sam Chaccour	Danville	4.0	Federico Kalnicki	San Ramon	4.5
Richard Chapman	Hercules	4.5	Gary Mochizuki	Concord	3.5
Cheryl Enos	Concord	4.0	Michael OBrien	Danville	4.0
Jeri Feuer	Clayton	4.0	Lili Occena	Pleasanton	3.5
Richard Forgham	Danville	3.0	Pete Palmer	Alamo	4.5
Audrey Garces	Walnut Creek	3.5	Wendy Schofield	Clayton	3.5
Adriana Garcia	Walnut Creek		Aaron Steed	Walnut Creek	2.5
Julianne Gee	Lafayette	4.5	Andrey Volynets	Concord	4.5
Karthik Hariharan	Pleasanton	4.0			



Membership questions contact:
Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970 or
email at: pam4tenis@gmail.com

Scan here to
renew or sign up for
WCRC membership.



NEW MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Each month a random draw will pick a
WCRC member's name to receive free
WCRC membership for a year!



This month's winner is:
Rachel Shippee



Tennis News



Congratulations to Wendy Schofield's East Bay Women's Tennis League's A2 daytime team who won their division! The Oakhurst Country Club 18+ A2 team which comprised of quite a few WCRC members finished the season 8-2-1 with 91 points. 13 more points than the second place team!

Babe Franey went undefeated for the season playing all 11 matches!

The players: Cheryl Enos, Jeri Feuer (co-captain), Babe Franey, Annie Hahn, Laura Haller, Lisa Italia, Ana Larner, Tami Lightle, Tina Lugo, Mary Maciel, Julia Porter, Janet Race, Wendy Schofield (captain), Tammie Snyder and Martha Spanos.

As division champions they received a championship certificate and all players received winners pins.



Member Spotlight

Finding A New Home Through a New Sport: Keane Tarrosa

Interview and article by Ian McLaughlin

As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to have a monthly column "Member Spotlight". We will be interviewing WCRC members and getting to know them. This article will help us find out how they got introduced to tennis, their background, any favorite memories, etc. We hope you enjoy this commentary.

WCRC member Keane Tarrosa only started playing tennis a few years ago while living in his native Southern California, but as he has played more and relocated to NorCal, tennis and the community at Walnut Creek Racquet Club has quickly become a central part of his life.

Keane's name reflects both his Filipino and Irish heritage. Keane is an Irish name by origin, and his Filipino father pronounced it "key-in", which is how to address Keane when you see him at the courts. Either that or by one of his nicknames, "Key" or "KT."

Keane grew up in Huntington Beach and did not play tennis during his childhood (basketball was his sport), but a few years ago while he was still living in the Los Angeles area and working in the admissions office at Occidental College, his roommate at the time was a former D1 college tennis player who also happened to work at Occidental College. This was right when the Covid pandemic erupted and almost all work switched from in-person to virtual. Since they were both working virtually, Keane and his roommate got out as often as possible to hit and Keane quickly caught the tennis bug. So he basically learned the game initially from a collegiate player, while drawing on the physical skills he honed through a lifetime of playing hoops.



Keane was familiar with the Bay Area, which has sent many students to Occidental College, and in 2022 he accepted a position with The Athenian School in Danville, a world-renowned preparatory academy that just happens to be located in our backyard. So Keane and his girlfriend Erica moved up north, although they basically split time between northern and southern California while caring for their cat Sasha as well. Erica also has found a home at Heather Farm and like so many club members, she competes on one of Cara Mia Barnacascel's well-known "Deuces Wild" teams. Keane also plays on several USTA teams through WCRC, and while he thinks tennis is fun anywhere, there's something special about the community of people at Heather Farm. He says that joining the club transformed tennis from a hobby into the hub of his social life, primarily because of the people, and there's nothing quite like the "Heather Farm bonding show" on the road when one of our teams competes at Sectionals, or the time he went to Nationals with Steve Lehmer's tri-level team. This type of close-knit tennis community bonding is a theme

that almost every WCRC member has highlighted during their interview for a "member spotlight" article. Hitting on another recurring theme, Keane was brought into the Heather Farm community by our unofficial mayor, Tammie Snyder, who responded when he reached out and invited him out to one of her epic Monday practices.

When they're not working or at the courts or traveling up and down the Golden State, Keane and Erica love going to the movies (they see one a week) and exploring the bounty of activities we are so fortunate to have right here in the Bay Area. With some great friends they've made through Walnut Creek Racquet Club. ▲





2024 Men's and Women's Summer Singles Leagues Registration Form



Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

NTRP Rating: _____

Dates: April 15 - September 8th

Entry Fee: \$25 for WCRC Members (per bracket)
\$35 for non-members (per bracket)

Format: Men's Singles/Women's Singles

Divisions: Men's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0
Women's 3.0 - 4.5/5.0

Note: 4.5/5.0 combined in regular season, but will have separate playoffs/championship.

Scheduling: This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

Match Format: Best best two out of three sets. When opponents agree, a super tiebreaker (10 point) can be used in lieu of the third set. Winner gets unopened can.

Match Site: Any site mutually agreed upon

Scoring: The winner is responsible for reporting the match score by logging on to www.wcrc.net.

Standings: Division standings will be updated on a real time basis as scores are posted

Tournament: End-of-season tournament with draw determined by league standings. Tournament will begin in Sept, with 1 round per week, scheduled by player arrangement. Hosted tournament at Heather Farm scheduled Oct 12th/13th for Semis and Finals. A minimum of 4 players are required to generate a draw.

Great prize selection for winner and runner-up in each division!
Keepsake items for all participants!

I would like to enter the following divisions:

Women's 3.0 Men's 3.0

Women's 3.5 Men's 3.5

Women's 4.0 Men's 4.0

Women's 4.5/5.0 Men's 4.5/5.0

I am a: WCRC Member (\$25)
 Non-Member (\$35)

**Over 160
players
last
season!**



Match Min.: 4 matches

Checks to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club
c/o Steve Lehmer
P.O. Box 30173
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Or Online: www.wcrc.net/login

Questions: Lehmer@pacbell.net 925-285-0028

Register on line at www.wcrc.net/login and save \$5.00

OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm

What's Happening at the Courts?

DOI EMAIL LIST: DROP-INS, SPECIAL CLINICS, and OTHER EVENTS!

Interested in learning about 1-day drop-ins, round robins, and other events? Come into the office and sign up for our Director of Instruction email list. For more information, please email the Director of Instruction, jeff@lifetimeactivities.com.

FALL 2024 YOUTH & ADULT CLASS SCHEDULES RELEASED IN JUNE!

Schedules for Fall 2024 Youth and Adult Classes and Camps will be released on 6/25. Come by our main office or visit the website (<https://www.lifetimeactivities.com/walnut-creek/>) to see our Fall offerings. Registration for Fall 2024 will open at 10am on 7/9 for youth and 7/10 for adults.

JUNE PASSHOLDER SPECIAL

During the month of June, 6/1-6/30, Passholders can enjoy 1 free soda or water from our snack shop. Limit 1 redemption per passholder. Offer cannot be combined with any existing sales.

USTA LEVEL 7 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION OPEN

Lifetime Activities will be running a Level 7 Junior tournament on 6/9 for 12U & 14U Boys and Girls. Registration is currently open and will close on 6/4 at 2:59pm. Interested in registration or want more information? Email Tournament Director David Resnick-Dunn at davidr@lifetimeactivities.com.

HEAT ADVISORY REMINDER

As we enter the summer months and the temperature rises, please remember to bring and consume plenty of water when you are playing on court. The temperature on court is usually 10 degrees hotter than the air temperature. We sell cold drinks, Liquid IV and sunscreen in our pro shop and have a complimentary ice machine located in the same building.

Interested in a Lifetime Activities Court Pass or want more information? Please visit our main office or email us at walnutcreek@lifetimeactivities.com



Visit us online at www.lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the the office at 1751 Heather Drive. Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.



Tennis News



18+ 8.0 Mixed Team Falls Short at Sectionals

The WCRC 8.0 Mixed team captained by Tammie Snyder and Steve Lehmer had their season end at Sectionals last month. After completing a 7-3 season they won both playoffs in close battles with 2-1 wins. At sectionals they had a tough flight and met up against Fountain Grove, Johnson Ranch and Rinconada. Although they came up short they had some knock down drag out battles. Rinconada their toughest competition ended up winning sectionals. All three of the lines against Rinconada went three sets. So close. As always great players 17 different players competing that weekend.



Friday Squad: Steve Buchholz, Zuhel Elhan, Martha Spanos, Darcy Beauchemin, Tammie Snyder, Garvin Tom and Thomas Lyhne

The Team: Chris Alexander, Alex and Kayla Baier, Darcy Beauchemin, Steve Buchholz, Nancy Deschane, Zuhel Elhan, Brian Hennessy, Lena Larionova, Chris Lau, Ryan Lehmer, Steve Lehmer, Matt Lourens, Darien

Lum, Thomas Lyhne, Janell Mollenhauer, Justin and Tammie Snyder, Martha Spanos, Stephanie Stieber, Keane Tarrosa and Garvin Tom.



Partners Steph Stieber and Keane Tarrosa



Chris Alexander showing off the USA bucket hat



Partners Brian Hennessy and Lena Larionova

Sectionals



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Saturday morning team: Brian Hennessy, Steve Lehmer, Lena Larionova, Ryan Lehmer, Steph Stieber, Chris Alexander, Tammie Snyder, Janell Mollenhauer, Darcy Beauchemin, Darien Lum and Keane Tarrosa.

Steve Buchholz models the participants bucket hat. It was helpful as the temps were in the low 90's.



Partners in life and on the courts: Chris Alexander and Steph Stieber pose with teammates and friends Alex and Kayla Baier.



Saturday morning players: Keane Tarrosa, Alex Baier, Kayla Baier, Lena Larionova, Tammie Snyder, Darcy Beauchemin, Ryan Lehmer, Steve Lehmer, Steph Stieber and Chris Alexander.



Tennis News



55+ 8.0 Mixed Team Has a Ball in Scottsdale

Steve Lehmer and Tammie Snyder joined forces again to put together another 55+ 8.0 Mixed team. This time they got through sectionals and tried their racquets at Nationals. Of the 17 players on the roster 15 teammates headed to Arizona and compete at the national level. Even though we didn't win it was an incredibly amazing team building week with many spouses joining for the adventure. Some of the team headed to Sedona for some additional R & R.



Nationals





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USTA Awards Banquet



League Volunteer of the Year
Carlo Guariento



Captains who captained the most amount of teams:

Cara Mia Barnacascel, Tammie Snyder,
Ashi Labouisse, Albert Chu, Jill Van Slyke



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Most Awards received:
Steve Lehmer



Total number of times captaining a team to sectionals:

Allen Shin, Tammie Snyder, Alan Roth,
Chris Picone, Steve Lehmer



Most Matches Played at Sectionals:
Steve Lehmer



Most Matches Played
Lisa Backus & Steve Lehmer



Player of the Year
Junko Bice & Steve Lehmer



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What an amazing night watching The Trouble with Monkeys at Retro Junkie! We had the VIP area and danced the night away! Thank you Patrick Wong for a great time!





"The Longest Tennis Rally" 2024

"The Longest Day" is the day with the most light and it is also the day we fight. We fight the darkness of Alzheimer's by raising awareness and funds for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. We have raised \$72,000 since 2016 by holding a tennis tournament which we call "The Longest Tennis Rally."

- When: 3:30pm on Saturday, June 22 (Play starts at 4)
- Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center at Heather Farm
- Format: Mixed Doubles
- How: Donate \$50 or more at <https://act.alz.org/goto/TLTR2024>
- RSVP: glennmcbec@gmail.com
- Sponsor: Lifetime Activities of Walnut Creek and the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Spots are limited and sign ups closes on 6/14. Please, follow the above link (and click the purple [DONATE] button. Then, choose one of the 4 fundraising members (Euna, Kevin, Doug or Glenn). Every dollar goes directly to the Alzheimer's Association. (Please, DO NOT CLICK the "join our team" or "team donation" button.) After donating, please send an email to Glenn, if you want to play in TLTR Tournament. We will be providing a traditional "TLD Dinner" with beer, wine and other drinks. More details will be sent to players via email about a week before the tournament.

Thank you for your continued support!

See you on June 22 at 3:30

Save The Date!
The Longest Tennis Rally
Saturday 6/22/24
3:30 to 8:00



CALENDER OF EVENTS

2024

Jun

Jul

June 2	WCRC Winter Doubles League Closes
June 6-9	USTA 55+ League Playoffs Round 1
June 7-9	USTA 40+ League Sectionals (Opt 2)
June 7-9	USTA 40+ DT League Sectionals (Opt 2)
June 13-16	USTA 55+ League Playoffs Round 2
June 14	USTA 18+ DT League Closes
June 14-16	WCRC Winter Doubles League Tournament
June 16	USTA 18+ League Closes
June 17	USTA 40+ Mixed League Opens
June 20-23	USTA 55+ League Playoffs Round 3
June 22	WCRC Longest Day Tournament
June 24	USTA 70+ DT Team Registration Opens
	USTA 55+ Mixed Team Registration Opens
Jul 1	USTA Combo Doubles Team Reg. Opens
	USTA Combo Doubles DT Team Reg. Opens
July 8-12	USTA 18+ DT League Playoffs Round 1
July 11-14	USTA 18+ League Playoffs Round 1
July 12-14	USTA 55+ League Sectionals
July 15-19	USTA 18+ DT League Playoffs Round 2

WCRC LEAGUES/EVENTS

- Longest Day Tournament - June 22nd
- Mid-Summer Tournament - August 3rd
- Calcutta - Aug 23 (Party), Aug 24 - (Tournament)
- Summer Singles League Closes - September 8th
- Summer Singles Tournament - Oct 12-13, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - March, 2024



Income

Income	
League Dues	
Fall Mixed Doubles League	399.92
WING singles	606.45
Winter Doubles League	287.18
Total League Dues	\$1,293.55
Membership Dues	3,577.18
Total Income	\$4,870.73
Gross Profit	\$4,870.73

Expenses

Captains Meetings	473.39
Gifts	280.00
League Expenses	
Fall Mixed League Expenses	
Fall Mixed Tournament Courts	228.00
Fall Mixed Tournament Food	521.61
Total Fall Mixed League Expenses	\$749.61
Summer Singles Expenses	
Summer Singles Player Gifts	1,291.53
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$1,291.53
Winter Doubles Expenses	
Winter Doubles Expenses Gifts	560.85
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$560.85
Total League Expenses	\$2,601.99
Licenses and Permits	20.00
Nationals Fee	975.00
Nationals Stipend	500.00
Office Supplies	26.00
Printing and Reproduction	
Newsletter Printing	234.02
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$234.02
Rental Fees	1,270.00
Sectionals Fees	600.00
Software	60.00
Website	299.85
Total Expenses	\$7,340.25
Net Operating Income	-\$2,469.52
Net Income	-\$2,469.52

Balance through March, 2024 **\$72,165.40**



Winter Doubles League - Standings

Men's

3.0	W	L
No matches played yet		
3.5		
Rajendran/Sanchez	1	0
4.0		
Hennessy/Tarrosa	5	0
4.5+		
No matches played yet		

Women's

3.0	W	L
Rueda/Yoneyama	1	0
3.5		
Italia/Vella	3	1
4.0		
Blackman/Kim	2	1
4.5+		
No matches played yet		