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**Adam Manilla and Kelani Bailey Take Singles Titles at the  
2015 U.S. National Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships**  
Oregon State Wins Eighth Consecutive Overall Team Championship

Tempe, Ariz. – Adam Manilla of Centennial, Colo., a sophomore at the University of Colorado, and Kelani Bailey of Norfolk, Va., a junior at Shenandoah University, have respectively won the Men’s and Women’s Singles titles at the 2015 U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships presented by Penn and Ektelon. In doing so, both players have qualified for the 2015-16 U.S. National Team.

Adam Manilla, 19, was the top seed in the Championship having reached the semifinals in 2014. Manilla is ranked 54<sup>th</sup> in the USA Racquetball rankings and fifth among collegiate players. He is the reigning 18 and under boys national champion. Manilla took the title by defeating Marco Rojas, a junior at the University of the Pacific and the eighth ranked professional on the International Racquetball Tour, in a thrilling three-game match with scores of 15-9, 7-15, 11-9.

Kelani Bailey, 20, won her second National Intercollegiate Championship in as many tries. She also won in 2013. In the final, the daughter of 12-time U.S. National Team member Malia Bailey defeated Elizabeth Simmons, a senior at the University of Arizona, in two games with scores of 15-5, 15-7.

### **Doubles Champions**

In Men’s Doubles action, Adam Manilla doubled up on gold when he captured the Men’s Doubles title with partner Nicholas Riffle. The University of Colorado pair entered the Championship as the top seed after finishing as runner-up in 2014. Manilla and Riffle won the finals by defeating Brad Schopieray and Jacob Matthews of Colorado State University – Pueblo in an all-Colorado final in two games with scores of 15-8, 15-14.

In Women’s Doubles, Elizabeth Simmons and Lindsay Rasmussen from the University of Arizona successfully defended their 2014 National Intercollegiate Doubles title. Simmons and Rasmussen, who entered the Championship as the top-seeded team, defeated Rachel Creel and Sarah Lewis of Oregon State University in the final in two games with scores of 15-11, 15-1. The Wildcat duo reached the semi-finals together in 2013.

## **Team Competition**

### **Division I**

#### Overall

1. Oregon State University (2,640 points)
2. University of Missouri (2,070)
3. Brigham Young University (1,642)

#### Men's

1. Oregon State University (1,585)
2. Colorado State University-Pueblo (1,222)
3. University of Colorado (1,080)

#### Women's

1. University of Missouri (1,201)
2. Oregon State University (1,055)
3. Brigham Young University (820)

### **Division II**

#### Overall

1. Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute (205)
2. Rochester Institute of Technology (151.5)

#### Men's

1. Western University of Health Sciences (210)
2. Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute (161)
3. Rochester Institute of Technology (144)

#### Women's

1. Baldwin Wallace University (405.5)
2. Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute (44)
3. Rochester Institute of Technology (7.5)

### **About the U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships**

Now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year, the U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships identifies the best players at U.S. colleges and universities. The Men's and Women's singles champions earn positions on the U.S. National Team. The team-based format of the Championship allows up to six men and six women from each school to compete in singles point divisions along with three Men's and three Women's doubles teams that identify Men's, Women's and Overall Team Champions. The Olympic Format of the championship allows players of all skill levels to compete while ensuring that they play a reasonable number of matches and eventually play opponents of similar skill level. A Conference Cup competition, which identifies a Collegiate Racquetball Conference champion, is also held within the Championship.

### **About USA Racquetball**

USA Racquetball, founded in 1969, is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport. The organization annually conducts six national championships and sanctions hundreds of tournaments for players of all ages and skill levels. The organization also organizes the Adult and Junior National Racquetball Teams, oversees the Official Rules of Racquetball, administers National Player Rankings, manages a college scholarship program, and supports the introduction of new players to the sport.

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Adam Manilla

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Marco Rojas and Adam Manilla

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Kelani Bailey

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Adam Manilla and Nicholas Riffle  
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