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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INNER CITY HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Since 1991 ICHA has served as an information conduit for the New York City metro area, as well as, National and International handball communities. In 1994 ICHA launched its website as the first US handball site. In 1996 volunteer Phyllis Post of Post Graphics redesigned the website to be more visually appealing while allowing upgrades to be performed at little or no cost to ICHA. Phyllis's design served ICHA well for the next 14 years.

August 1, 2008 will be the official launch of the new ICHA website featuring online tournament registration, online sales, online donations, online membership, more handball links and a fresh new look.

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Our new designer is Lookie Web Design. Our upgraded website will be a work in progress providing more accurate and current local ICHA handball information.

We are excited about this website redesign. We believe you will be excited too. We plan with the support of our membership and contributors to benefit the handball community of the world for the next 17 years.

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### Owen Gloves and Sky Bounce Support NYC Handball

ICHA recently secured Owen Gloves manufacturer and Sky Bounce ball manufacturer as sponsors to the 2008 ICHA summer series which features the 2008 Mayor's Cup Handball Championship on July 12th and the Junior Big Blue Championship on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## Message from the President

The 2008 Handball Tournament season is well underway and the support from the players and contributors continues to increase. The ICHA / USHA Long Island Open with Women's Class had a record 140 players and the High School Spring Meet had a record 160 teen players.

Sponsors such as Sky Bounce and Owen Gloves have begun to take interest in our local events but we need more sponsors. The United States Handball Association (USHA) has been supporting handball on a national level for over fifty years. Inner City Handball Association (ICHA) has supported local handball for 17 years. The

partnership of USHA and ICHA over the last 15 years has produced a series of youth and adult events and programs replicated locally, nationally and internationally.

In 2007, Sports New York (SNY) featured the Mayor's Cup Handball Championship to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Research on "Street Games" sports program. The response was phenomenal. In 2007 and 2008 the World Pro Handball (WPH) has made and is making history on a monthly basis with its handball internet webcasting. The exposure is increasing worldwide.

This is an exciting time for all of us involved with handball but we should not lose focus. We need more players competing in organized handball events, more volunteers to run the events, more sponsors and contributors to fund the events, interested reporters to cover the events, and media to highlight the events to the public.

All is achievable, if we all work together. Let's keep up the momentum.

**Paul Williams**  
President & Founder  
Inner City Handball Association



*Kristine Sabencio Development Manager of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society of NY and Paul Williams*



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The Inner City Handball Association will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Cup Handball Tournament with co-sponsor OWEN GLOVES on July 12 & 13, 2008 at designated handball courts in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

What makes this event special is that it not only shows spectators that we care about our sport but that we care about saving lives.

We need your participation in the Mayor's Cup to allow us to promote awareness of Leukemia and Lymphoma Blood Cancers. Every year tens of thousands of Americans are living with a form of blood cancer, every 5 minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer and every 10 minutes someone passes away from a blood cancer. Since 2004, the ICHA through proceeds from the Mayor's Cup has donated a total \$13,000.00 the Jim Jacobs Research Fund for Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer. This year our goal is to donate \$5,000.00 at the finals of the Mayor's Cup for a total of \$18,000.00 to date.

### SIX WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

1. Enter the Mayor's Cup tournament. Have a great time helping a great cause.
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1	West 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Courts Coney Island	Brooklyn	July 12	
2	W. 96 Courts Central Park	Manhattan & Staten Island	July 12	June 27, 2008
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# The 2008 Junior Big Blue Handball Championships



Date: Saturday, August 16, 17 2008 (Rain dates: August 23, 24 2008)

Site: Handball courts at Lincoln Terrace Park, Brooklyn.

Eastern Parkway between Rochester & Buffalo Ave across from the tennis courts

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## First 2009 Event with 1-Wall Big Fun for All

By Chatten Hayes

It can be hard to startle a New Yorker, the theory goes. But a van full of the Big Apple's best handball players was shocked into virtual silence by the scenic beauty of Cannon Beach, Oregon, last month on a trip to promote 1-wall handball in advance of the 2009 World Championships in Portland.

The team arrived Thursday night, March 13, for a weekend event at Portland's Multnomah Athletic Club, site of next year's games in October. World Handball Council President Paul Williams was joined by Billy O'Donnell, Theresa McCourt, Tracy Davis, Cesar Sala and Jonathan Camacho, all top 1-wall players and enthusiastic teachers who were ready to show the Portland host community a thing or two about "their" version of the game.

"The biggest thing for me was, I felt special having the privilege to come out and show 1-wall to people who haven't seen it," Billy said.

But before the team could take the court on Saturday, the local hosts planned to introduce the team to lots of Oregon hospitality.

After homestay sleeping (as best anyone could, in a slumber party atmosphere), the team visited the Nike campus with Portland handball player and 30-year Nike employee Mike Casey. Mike had the team meet several shoe designers and discuss the best and worst in court shoes (Biggie? Durability?). After a tour of the buildings and art installations on the enormous campus, the



Left: IGHA travel team members with members of the Portland Host Community

designers met the players in the on-site gym, and the novices ripped up the courts to the delight of all.

It was on to the Nike company store after that, and herding the group back out to the van was one of the biggest challenges of the day. However, the chance to see Oregon's beautiful coastal communities was almost as appealing as spending hundreds of dollars on discounted golf gear...almost.

That's how the team came to be speechless, riding through snow showers and hail over Oregon's Coast Range mountains to Cannon Beach, where iconic Haystack Rock rises from the ocean.

The weekend wasn't just about shopping and sightseeing, of course. On Saturday morning, about 50 area players and regional travelers (hats off to the gang from Bellingham, Washington, six hours north!) arrived at the MAC to see the New Yorkers

play and give tips on refereeing and strategy. It was a full four hours of activity, and was invaluable to the local participants, who are not familiar with 1-wall.

World Championships Co-Chair Jay Maxwell and his wife, Laurie, met late night airplane flights and hushed sleepy players. "The level of skill and enthusiasm displayed by our guests and the participants was inspiring," Jay said. "Everyone who attended had a great time."

Certainly, the weekend's most important goal was achieved, that of making next year's World Championships as amazing and successful as possible. When the tournament comes into sight just about 16 months from now, the 2009 hosts want to take everyone's breath away.

For more 2009 World Handball information, go to: [www.handball90worlds.com](http://www.handball90worlds.com)

## Ninety Entries at the Handball Invitational's

By Lin Fernandez, Boys Commissioner



Proud Girl finalists of the PSAL Invitational

The 2008 Handball Invitational Tournament was held on April 5th 2008 at Long Island City HS. Ninety players entered this event. High school athletes from all boroughs played in this tournament, making it a success. The singles and doubles division brought out the best of all New York City Boys and Girls high school handball athletes. In Boys singles, the favored Michael Wu (Stuyvesant) displayed some tremendous low ace serves to all opponents, winning his matches with marginal scores. Much to Wu's surprise however, his real challenge came in the finals when he was confronted by powerhouse, Jon Pazzino from Bayside HS. Pazzino, the underdog of the tournament after winning a close match over Sabhir Chowdhury (Lehman) 15-14, also defeated his remaining opponents with ease. In the finals, a two out of three match up was

scheduled, and Pazzino had his hands full with Stuyvesant's ace player, Wu. A 21-16 win for Wu made it clear that he was definitely the #1 seed, but in the second game, a very refreshed Pazzino began pounding overhead left angle serves to Wu keeping the score very close throughout the game. Pazzino releasing loud breaths of air in his diving pickups of Wu's aces demonstrated his passion and desire to send the match into a tiebreaker with 21-11 win over Wu. The tiebreaker appeared to have Wu winning the match as Wu served Pazzino into an 0-7 hole but within one service, Pazzino turned the score around and made it 8-7, his favor. The stunned Wu called timeouts to try to regain, but the adrenalin and determination in Pazzino was just too much for Wu and in the end, it was Jon Pazzino taking the Boys singles title with an 11-7 win. The Boys doubles event was clear that Alex Tam and Nelson Chiu from Stuyvesant were the number one seed as they dominated all of their opponents defeating them with 15-2, 15-4, and 15-6 wins. In the finals, Tam and Chiu faced the top seed from Bronx, Science, Allen Chen and Sean Chung, who also had defeated their opponents with single digit scores. In the finals, the number one seed Tam and Chung were too powerful for the science Wolverines, Chne and Chung capturing the doubles title, with a 21-18 and 21-9 win. Third place singles winner was David Cao (Science) and Matt Lum/Spencer Yang (Bayside) in doubles.

In girls, it would be the legendary, Sara Au standing alone with very little competition to face. Au's phenomenal all around game (Aces, Kill and Angles) has brought many defeats to athletes for the past four years. The

Invitational was no different for Sara. You can be certain that this quiet athlete that always has a smile when not playing, shows true competitiveness on the court, even if she is to face her own teammates in a tournament. Au, a nationally ranked athlete beat Luisa Carragena (Forest Hills) 15-2, Virginia Kim (Bronx Science) 15-0 and rolled into the finals after defeating Jasmine Bridge (All City Leadership) 15-6. You would think that

Au would not be as strong in the finals as she met with her own teammate Fanny Ruan who probably is the only one that may understand Sara's strategy. However, the dominant Au proved why she is a national champion, and the 2007 Invitational champion. Sara Au remained as the undefeated 2008 Singles Invitational Champion with her 21-3 and 21-5 win for the gold. Third place was awarded to Jasmine Bridge from All City Leadership Academy. The doubles competition revived the 2007 Invitational with Brooklyn Tech's first and second doubles once again in the finals. Top seeded Kelly Ng and Christina Gre were confident to take the finals but this match up was even with their teammates, 2D Doubles Anne Huang and Marilyn Delgado. Both teams easily reached the finals and a great match it was as they paired in wins, but it was Delgado and Huang who took the gold in the end with a total score of 21-18, 11-21, and 11-3. Third place was won by Stephanie Juarbe and Marisol Hernandez from All City Leadership Academy. Congratulations to all of the winners! Special thanks to Tyrone Parker for his support, One on One Therapy, Inner City Handball Association for the referees, and Long Island City HS for allowing us to use their facility.



Nassau DA Kathleen Rice and Paul Williams he were most about school was playing handball. What he liked best were "bullies who hurt people." As District Attorney, I want to do everything in my power to make good kids like Mike safe. The project, named the Wall of Hope, will succeed with the help of our partners, the IGHA, and the community. I have been interested in helping my cousin Paul Williams (017) 297-0609, Rene Fleischer Director of Community Affairs (516) 571-1090, or Philip Mickulas, Sr VP, Family and Children's Association (516) 746-0350. —Kathleen M. Rice, District Attorney, Nassau County New York

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### WALL OF HOPE

—As school let out that Friday afternoon, 15-year-old Mikey Algiera and his friends went to play handball on Hempstead High School's abandoned courts. Mikey was passionate about handball and played wherever and whenever he could. While they enjoyed their favorite pastime, a group of misadventuring friends emerged from the woods near the high school and descended on the boys. Mikey and his friends were lined up against the wall, robbed and Mikey was senselessly stabbed to death.

The school, the students, and the community were in shock at the senseless nature of the crime. The courts where the boys played were once a beautiful refuge for young athletes, but had been abandoned years ago from a lack of funding. Mikey Algiera and friends, however, just wanted to play the game they love.

Ironically, at the time of this senseless act of violence, Paul Williams, Director of the Inner City Handball Association (IGHA), was meeting with my staff and our Project Safe Neighborhood school violence task force. He explained that although handball is very active in New York City, Long Island's

schools have no leagues or intramural teams.

Minutes after the meeting, when news of the tragedy came, we called Paul and brought together a group to find a way to respond. It is terrible that a group to find a way to respond. It is terrible that a group to find a way to respond. It is terrible that a group to find a way to respond. It is terrible that a group to find a way to respond.

The support for the project has been heartwarming. People and groups rushed to help out. A coalition of social agencies, businesses, school officials, and Mikey's friends and family came together and drew up a plan that was projected to cost \$25,000. Paul and the IGHA went to work with the schools to design the courts and the sports program. The Family and Children's Association agreed to help collect funds and submitted a proposal for \$12,000 to Hamburger Helper, whose Web site asks people to vote on how to spend the company's charitable contributions. More than 180 people sent letters of support to the Web site. I've pledged \$1,000 of monies forfeited by criminals to the campaign.

Last fall Mikey wrote in a questionnaire that what

# Long Island Open Results

By Glenn Hall

The Results are in – the Long Island Open enjoyed its 27th successful consecutive year and with the parallel benefit of the Women's Classic (a first for our area) we offered an international flair. Combining the Women's Classic with the L.I. Open was the brain child of Rosemary Bellini and Kevin Kilgallen who raised over \$ 15,000 for the Women's prize money, travel expenses, and tournament costs. In addition to the Women's prize money, the Long Island Open's money prize for Men's Open events brought out some of the nation's fine young stars. Yet, they learned what we in the east already knew – we have them here. Billy O'Donnell, Victor Lapiere, Tyree Bastiades, Raul Retain, Jai Rago and an aging Andy Rousseau all showed their national competitive potential. Perhaps our best prospect in the east, Billy O'Donnell who displayed 2 handed skill and maturity in his defeat of Joe Hagen, #8 on the 4-wall pro ranking. He soundly defeated Joe who will surely look to even the score in the near future.

The Star of the weekend was Ricardo Diaz who championed the Men's Singles and qualified in the Men's Open Doubles. Doubles was earned by Raul Retain and Jai Rago as Ricardo Diaz (somewhat tired from his Singles victory who paired with the NY star, Victor Lapiere). The prize monies for each were secondary to his talented play and sportsmanship on the court. The finals saw both Billy O'Donnell and Ricardo exhibit court respect in overruling calls they thought incorrect. Also, a tired O'Donnell lost the tie breaker to the San Jose Champion despite a first game victory and an 8-0 second game beginning.

The Women's Classic final was almost too exciting to watch. Play began with 2 veteran players each knowing the other's game. Anna Christoff and Lisa Frasier are household names in the ladies handball world and have met in tournaments more times than Bayer has aspirin. They held to their respective seeding with Anna 1 and Lisa 2. Though each had competition along the way, only the finals would truly challenge these seasoned veterans. The outcome was never clear until a final tiebreaker point. Lisa drew first blood with a 21-18 victory. Anna answered back equally with a 21-18 victory leaving a tiebreaker to decide. Lisa started an 8-0 lead only for it to become the Achilles Heal with Anna breaking her momentum and scoring 11 unanswered points. The full results of all of the contestants can be viewed on the USHA website in far greater detail. Men's coverage of the Women's event is spectacular and needs no other author.

As the tournament director I must apologize for the untimely delay which held many matches on Saturday well past their start time and in one case



Men's Open Singles runner-up Billy O'Donnell and Champion Ricardo Diaz

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until the next morning. It was unavoidable but frustrating for any of us who wish to compete. I promise to do better next year so please come back.

Men's 50+ Singles showed why Danny Vera, who just became eligible for the 50+ in 2008, is among the class of the national 50+ field. He defeated Glenn Hall in the finals 21-4, & 11, the only opponent to post double figures. I would like to claim that running the tournament took too much out of me (haha) but that would disrespect Danny's superior skill.

The Men's 60+ Singles was won by Jerry Ye uncomfortably in a heart felt defeat by Terry Nolan. Knowing Jerry, it would have been an honor to compete against an opponent – victory or not. Unfortunately, he was not given the chance to compete and win, a shame.

The 70+ Singles had Mike Ferber hold his #1 seed to the end defeating Vern Hayden 21-19, 21-2 in the finals. Mike remains among the leading-age group contestants as life moves with him. Congratulations.

The B Singles victory was won by the ICHA's "Most Improved 2007" award winner Jonathan Camacho, defeating Andres Calle 21-8 21-17. Mr. Camacho – it's Open time. The C Singles resulted in a 21-12, 21-7 victory by Vlad Klym, who defeated the 2nd seeded player, Joshua Cuttill in the finals. Klym also defeated #1 Mike Wu in the semi-finals 21-14, 21-8 to advance to the finals. Mr. Klym – it's B time.

Our junior or 19 & under draw closed with the #2 seed Eric Brandman posting a finals victory over Alex Lau 21-10, 21-18 who displayed a strong showing in his weekend play.

The Open doubles had several surprises. The #1 seed, Paul Williams & Billy O'Donnell were defeated in the semi-finals by the eventual winners, Retain/Rago, the 4th seed team. The 2nd seeded team of Diaz/Lapiere held it's seeding in the defeat of Chicago's talented Mellios who teamed with Vassal of Pennsylvania, 21-9, 21-19.

Men's 50+ Doubles had the Jersey boys of Doughton/Smoltz defeat the local Virgilio brothers, Pete & Mike, 21-6, 21-0. Did any get



60+ Masters Champion Jerry Ye

the Jersey boys a box of Dunkin'? Not nice but who ever accused handball players of being nice!

The 60+ Doubles saw the perennial team of Schecky Greene, oh my mistake, Alan Greene/Graham Palmore go down in a blaze of glory to Connecticut's own Joe Noto/Marc Gershowitz 21-18, 21-9. The winners defeated the seeded teams of Donnelly/Ampicella (3) and the #1 team in the finals. It makes you wonder who is doing the seeding.

B doubles continued the reign of Jonathan Comacho who teamed with Andres Calle to defeat Henry Hill and Rafael Matta (21-20, 21-18, 11-8. Jonathan – really, it's Open time.

The Men's C doubles again saw Klym victorious but needed Huascho to defeat Ariel Garcia/Jonathan Davilla 21-13, 21-16 in the finals. Mr. Klym – it is B time, really!

In closing I would be remiss to not mention and thank all of those who made our 27th possible. Vern, thanks for coming. He braved the elements – yeah - he is used to 170 degree weather. Paul Williams makes this possible every year. Rosemary and Kevin who dreamed and, without who, we would not have had all of the great ladies handball here in the east to view. And let's not overlook the tireless efforts of Caity Hall and Kristina Hildago and all of our Y scholarship awardees who help and make our event possible.

Pete & Mike, 21-6, 21-0. Did any get



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B Singles Champion Jonathan Camacho and runner-up Andres Calle



# High School Spring Meet Reaches Record 160 Player High

The 16th annual High School Handball Spring Meet held Saturday April 19 and 20th in Central Park Manhattan. Inner City Handball Association hosted this event which was co sponsored in part by the United States Handball Association in cooperation with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation this event is attracted 160 ten players from 33 high schools.

Brooklyn native and International Champion Tyre Bastidas of Midwood H.S. continued to dominate Boys 19 & 17 Singles divisions for a second year. World Champion 17 year old Sarah Au of Brooklyn Technical H.S. proved unstoppable in defending her 19 & Under Girls Singles title and in the 19 & Under Girls Doubles with Tech teammate Ana Ng. Sandy Ng of Morrow H.S. slammed 17 & under Girls Singles and Doubles with partner Veronica Garyyushenko of Midwood.

Morrow H.S. does not have a handball team but Sandy and an ICHA Teen Team member seems to be doing just fine with coaching from everyone she encounters.

Other ten players to watch out for Andrew Acosta of Grover Cleveland, Danielle Dasalakis , Shirley and Cheryl Chen of Midwood to name a few.

Congratulations Midwood High School for the 2008 Top High School Team Honor.

Thirty three schools competed - Twelve schools placed.

PLACE	SCHOOL	BOROUGH	SCORE
1st	Midwood H.S.	Brooklyn	28.5
2nd	Brooklyn Tech	Brooklyn	14
3rd	Brooklyn Science	Brooklyn	5
3rd	Edward R. Morrow	Queens	5
4th	New Utrecht H.S.	Brooklyn	4
5th	Soyuzant H.S.	Manhattan	3.5
6th	Ft. Hamilton H.S.	Brooklyn	2
7th	Grover Cleveland	Brooklyn	1
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## THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MEET CHAMPIONS ARE:

<b>19 &amp; UNDER BOYS SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-8, 21-13)</b>		
First Place:	Tyre Bastidas	Midwood H.S.
Second Place:	Andrew Acosta	Grover Cleveland H.S.
Semi-Final:	Saul Gonzalez	Grand St. Campus
Semi-Final:	Alan Ng	Susan E. Wagner H.S.
<b>19 &amp; UNDER GIRLS SINGLES- FINAL SCORE: (21-0, 21-4)</b>		
First Place:	Sarah Au	Brooklyn Tech H.S.
Second Place:	Danielle Dasalakis	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	Serena Shum	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	Ana Ng	Brooklyn Tech H.S.
<b>B SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-4, 6-21, 11-7)</b>		
First Place:	Tony Choi	Brooklyn Science H.S.
Second Place:	Joshua Cotto	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	Richard Hill H.S.	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	John Garcia	Midwood H.S.
<b>17 &amp; UNDER BOYS SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-7, 21-1)</b>		
First Place:	Tyre Bastidas	Midwood H.S.
Second Place:	Tony Choi	Brooklyn Science H.S.
Semi Final:	Aaron Wang	Brooklyn Technical H.S.
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<b>17 &amp; UNDER GIRLS SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-7, 21-18)</b>		
First Place:	Sandy Ng	Edward R. Morrow H.S.
Second Place:	Fanny Bean	Brooklyn Technical H.S.
Semi Final:	Serena Shum	Midwood H.S.
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<b>15 &amp; UNDER BOYS SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-4, 21-7)</b>		
First Place:	Joshua Garcia	New Utrecht H.S.
Second Place:	Ricky Bean	Soyuzant H.S.
Semi-Final:	Gary Chang	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	Kevin Ward Jr.	LI. 278
<b>15 &amp; UNDER GIRLS SINGLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-12, 21-15)</b>		
First Place:	Bonica Garyyushenko	Midwood H.S.
Second Place:	Rapay Garcia	Telecommunications H.S.
Semi Final:	Merilyn Degado	Brooklyn Tech H.S.
Semi Final:	Monica Wong	Midwood H.S.
<b>19 &amp; UNDER BOYS A DOUBLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-3, 21-4)</b>		
First Place:	Allen Leon / Michael Garcia	Donny / New Utrecht H.S.
Second Place:	Alan Liu / Michael Wu	Brooklyn Tech / Soyuzant H.S.
Semi-Final:	Andrew Acosta / Sabir Chowdhury	Grover Cleveland H.S.
Semi-Final:	Andrew Liu / Tony Choi	Soyuzant H.S.
<b>19 &amp; UNDER BOYS B DOUBLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-14, 21-14)</b>		
First Place:	Andrew Liu / William Lin	Soyuzant H.S.
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First Place:	Ana Ng / Sara Au	Brooklyn Tech H.S.
Second Place:	Danielle Dasalakis / Ho Yan Wu	Midwood H.S.
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<b>17 &amp; UNDER GIRLS DOUBLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-10, 21-12)</b>		
First Place:	Sandy Ng / Bonica Garyyushenko	Morrow H.S. / Midwood H.S.
Second Place:	Cheryl Chen / Shirley Chen	Midwood H.S.
Semi-Final:	Fanny Bean / Jane Chen	Brooklyn Tech H.S.
Semi-Final:	Amy Chen / Janet Kuan	Ft. Hamilton H.S.
<b>17 &amp; UNDER BOYS DOUBLES - FINAL SCORE: (21-15, 21-17)</b>		
First Place:	Brendan Nune / James Liu	Midwood H.S.
Second Place:	Aaron Wang / Jack Wong	Brooklyn Technical H.S.
Semi-Final:	Jonathan Eng / Brian Kim	Soyuzant H.S.
Semi-Final:	Wilson Liu / Lance Povungas	St. Francis Prep H.S.



19 Girls Singles Runner-up Daniella Dasalakis and Champion Sarah Au



17 Boys Singles Champion Tyre Bastidas as Runner-up Tony Choi



19 Boys A Doubles Semi finalists Andrew Acosta and Sabir Chowdhury



19 Girls Doubles Runner-up Ho Yan Wu and Daniella Dasalakis with Champions Ana Ng and Sarah Au



Midwood's Tyre Bastidas taking on Cleveland's Andrew Acosta



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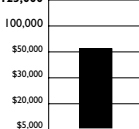
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## Bastidas & Hornets Take It All!!

By Lin Fernandez



Tyree Bastidas and PSAL Commissioner Lin Fernandez.

Midwood & Bronx Science have many city championships on record, but for coach Rogers (Midwood) and Coach Nation (Science), it would be their first. Science narrowly lost in last years team finals vs Brooklyn Tech and were looking forward to reaching the finals this 2008 season. As proven, they did with the leadership of

team captain, Allen Chen and their top ace, David Cao. Science, the #5 seed upset and eliminated number 1 seed Stuyvesant in the semis. The difference this season however was that they would be facing the current one, three, and four wall Junior National Champion, Tyree Bastidas and the Midwood Hornets, who also reached the finals after they comfortably beat #2 seed Bayside in their semis. In the team finals, Science called out for in the 1st doubles, team captain and partner, Allen Chen and Wenshiang Chung. Chen and Chung had lost in the finals of the 2008 Invitationals, but this was a refined Science doubles team. They immediately served a 21-0 game to the Hornets, taking a 1-0 team lead. This forced coach Rogers to go with her ace, Tyree Bastidas. Though Science's David Cao is a very strong contender in 1st singles, Cao was no match for the powerful low ace serves of Bastidas. "Whenever I face an opponent, I take my level of play one step higher if he begins to score points against me," said Tyree.

Tyree did just that, after Cao scored 3 early points in the game. The Bastidas power kicked in and disposed Cao early 21-4. The relentless Science with the match tied at 1-1, sent out their lefty 2nd singles, Alvin Yee who wears a team shirt, called Mr. Righty. His opponent Jason Yip was no match for Yee and it was Alvin who gave Science a 2-1 lead. Again, Rogers had to send out power, an out came Midwood's Giant, 3rd singles, Addy Vora. Science began chanting "RKD" in support of their 3rd singles Arkady Blyakher, but after a few good volley exchanges, the Hornets Giant, Vora took full control of the game and won 21-9, tying the match at 2-2. In came 2nd Doubles for both teams and the final match of the day. The match was claimed to be evenly matched, but this was not the case as Midwood's Frankie Mai & Jason Tam had a different agenda. They immediately took a 19-0 lead, and after Science scored their only point, Mai & Tam ended all possibilities for a Science city championship as the Midwood Hornets ended the match and are now the 2008 NYC Boys Handball Team Champions!! Go Midwoooooo!!!!



Midwood Coach Jennifer Rodgers and her City Championship Boys Handball team, the Hornets

## Bastidas Blast Off!

By Lin Fernandez, Boys Handball Commissioner

The new 2008 NYC Boys Handball Individuals which took place on May 31-June 1 brought out an incredible 103 entries. The best handball players throughout the NYC public high schools competed in this memorable event. Due to so many entries, the competition was held at two sites. In Boys singles and doubles, it was Midwood which after winning this years' NYC team finals, came out stronger than ever and slammed the competition in singles and doubles!

Powerhouse Tyree Bastidas (singles) and his doubles collegiate's, James Liu/ Brendan Yuen took full control of the tournament and went home with their marble based large cup sized trophies. Bastidas, the #1 nationally ranked junior singles player in the country has won many titles and now a senior for the Midwood Hornets, once again came out with his untouchable ace serves, his flat rollout kills and with great sportsmanship, successfully defeated all opponents, capturing the PSAL 2008 NYC Boys Individuals Singles title, under the proud watchful eye of his father. "I travel with Tyree all over the continent to be with him during his tournaments. Tyree has been able to play, improve and showcase his handball abilities during his happy ending H.S. handball career which finished with a clean sweep by winning the team and individual divisions," says Dad.

Tyree is the kind of player that will allow you to score but if you give him any kind of

competition, or so much as dare to bring the score to a tie, he will turn his power up one notch and make you play harder than ever. A similarity to his brother, Jurell, who had won the Individuals just a few years ago, Tyree also leaps into the air with acrobatic dives to pick up any kill shots which are attempted against him. It seems that Tyree's skills wears off on his teammates as James Liu & Brendan Yuen were also victorious in doubles. Liu and Yuen, two very hard hitters were questioned once at the team finals by an opponent, who felt they had some kind of metal object in their

gloves, which would allow them to hit the ball harder, but this was never the case for the true Midwood Champion doubles.

This was just simply some old fashioned powerhouse hard hitting by Liu and Yuen as they also slammed the 2008 NYC doubles Individuals after winning their team city title. "I am so proud of my boys," says coach, Jennifer Rogers. Many thanks to Lafayette HS and Grand Street Campus for the use of their facilities and Inner City Handball association for providing skill referees to assist in the competition.



Tyree Bastidas in Champion form giving his all



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