

# ANDREW SCHAFER

The Texas State Racquetball Club officially started two years ago. Andrew Schafer was one of the players lucky enough to have a one-on-one lesson with the 10-time number one racquetball player, Kane Waselenchuck, the “Tiger Woods” of the game.

## HIT AND RUN

You think you can't run very much stuck inside a 20-by-40-foot box, but if you're there playing racquetball, well, there's a lot of running involved.

“(Racquetball's) the weirdest sport that seems to be out on campus,” Schafer said.

His initiation to the weird side of athletics came in the form of Big Brother. An assigned Texas State fraternity “Big Brother,” that is.

Schafer's freshman self didn't know it at the time, but this invitation to play racquetball in the courts at Texas State's Recreation Center would forever change the way he viewed circular objects.

When a ball is flying toward your head at 150 miles an hour, its shape – its very being – changes. It's no longer a ball that bounces and rolls – it's a weapon.

## PLAYING WITH PROS

So, safety glasses are a must, and to prevent injuries, Schafer said it also helps to play with someone who actually knows how to play racquetball.

From there Schafer eventually played tournaments for the now 16 member Texas State Racquetball Club.

The inaugural Krowning Moment Pro Invitational Bobcat Open, which he helped plan, drew the top 15 racquetball players in the world to Texas State and raised more than \$13,000 for club gear, equipment and travel, according to Schafer.

The 10-time number one racquetball player on the International Racquetball Tour, Austinite Kane Waselenchuck, ended up winning the tournament, who later agreed to coach the Texas State club in the near future, Schafer said.

## WALLBANGERS

The concept of racquetball, Schafer explained, is to hit the court twice, the lower you hit the ball the better it is, and eventually you'll get to the point where the ball will hit the wall and roll straight across the floor instead of bouncing.

Racquetball reminded Schafer of baseball. He didn't get his “college shot” with that sport, which he played for 15 years, so he put his time and dedication into racquetball instead.

Schafer's tenure as the club's president happened by happenstance.

Within two weeks of joining the club, he said he was appointed vice president and assumed the presidency shortly after.

*- Schafer admitted that he has come away from the courts with large, purple head welts.*

**Year** Junior

**Studying** Psychology

**Hometown** New Braunfels

**Competition**

Nov. 15 at TXST Rec Center vs Texas Christian University and Texas Tech