

# PRESS RELEASE



## The Pickleball World Champions are Crowned in Dallas

- *The Laplasty Pickleball World Championships culminate in front of thousands*
- *17-year-old Anna Leigh Waters takes gold in Singles and Mixed Doubles with Ben Johns*
- *Dallas native Michael Loyd takes silver in men's singles, with a tough loss to World No.1 Federico Staksrud of Argentina*



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**DALLAS (November 10, 2024)** - The World Champions of professional pickleball were crowned today in front of a packed and rowdy crowd at the **Laplasty Pickleball World Championships**. DFW locals and pickleball fans from across the globe descended on Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, TX, to celebrate the world's best players and the passionate pickleball community.

In a huge upset, the **women's doubles** team of Rachel Rohrabacher and Fort Worth native Anna Bright defeated the dominant force in the women's doubles bracket, Anna Leigh Waters and Catherine Parenteau. In a clean, three game sweep, Bright and Rohrabacher defeated the Waters/Parenteau team to claim the World Championships 11-4, 11-8, 11-6.

Following the women's doubles match, the **men's doubles** match took place on Proton Championship Court with the team of Riley Newman and Hayden Patriquin emerging

victorious against Dekel Bar and Pablo Tellez. Patriquin kept the Bar/Tellez team at bay with his quick defense while Newman found opportunities to punch through points. The final match score follows: 11-4, 11-6, 11-8.

After the match, Newman gave credit to his young playing partner Patriquin, saying, “he is a partner that is super uplifting, and super encouraging.”

The next match of the day featured the two biggest stars, Anna Leigh Waters and Ben Johns fighting for gold against the team of Christian Alshon and Etta Wright. The Waters/Johns pairing made quick work in their defense of the mixed doubles World Championship title, sweeping the Alshon/Wright team in three games. Both dominant in singles competition, together Johns and Waters are an even greater force to be reckoned with. Although the talented Alshon and Wright fought hard in a tight game one, the deadly Waters/Johns combo proved too much smoke for the team to handle. The final match score was 11-9, 11-5, 11-2.

Johns gave some input into how their competitors were able stay in the match. “I wasn’t reading Etta well and she was putting some heavy counters on me. They do a variety of things to make them really dangerous,” said Johns.

In the penultimate gold medal match of the day, World No.1 Federico Staksrud battled Dallas native Michael Loyd in the **Men’s Singles** final. Unfortunately for the Dallas faithful, the Argentine Staksrud was just too much for the local Loyd, winning by a match score of 11-3, 11-7.

In the final gold medal match of the day, Anna Leigh Waters battled the red-hot Kate Fahey in the **Women’s Singles** bracket. In a competitive match, Waters was able to, once again, emerge as World Champion in women’s singles by a match score of 11-7, 11-8.

The Lapiplasty Pickleball World Championships welcomed thousands of amateur players and fans over a 10-day stretch - celebrating the incredible pickleball community through a festival-like atmosphere on Pickleball Boulevard.

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Founded in 2019, the Carvana PPA Tour is where pickleball’s top athletes go head-to-head to determine the best male and female players in the world. The Carvana PPA Tour organizes and conducts tournaments at world-class facilities across the country, establishes player rankings, and showcases the world’s best pickleball week in and week out. Inviting amateur players to also compete and “play where the pros play,” the Carvana PPA Tour offers divisions for every age group and skill level. Characterized by a uniquely festive and fun atmosphere, Carvana PPA Tour events deliver unparalleled experiences for fans on-site, including pro player meet-and-greets, clinics, food, beverages, live entertainment, giveaways, games, shopping, and VIP upgrades. For more information, go to [www.ppatour.com](http://www.ppatour.com), and follow us on social: [Twitter/X](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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