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#### Shane Vanderson Announces Retirement



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#### Shane Vanderson at the 2011 3 Wall Ball Championships-Las Vegas

Shane Vanderson, currently ranked #8, announced that this season would be his last playing full-time on the IRT Professional Racquetball Tour. During a post-match interview with John Scott of the [IRTNework](#), Vanderson (30), made the announcement by confirming an earlier Tweet where he hinted at retiring and by saying that he "had to grow-up sometime". Shane also said that

he did not have any definite plans for his post-racquetball career.

Per Wikipedia, "Vanderson began playing the IRT full time in 2003-04. That year he made it to the semi-finals of the US Open, defeating Cliff Swain in the Round of 16 and Chris Crowther in the quarter finals before losing to Derek Robinson in four games[1]. He finished ranked 10th at the end of that season, and has been in the top 10 ever since."(Source:Wikipedia)

**Mike Augustin**  
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#2

**David Fleetwood** ◊  
Pro Level Poster

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**Hogan**

marty:

stick it out a little longer and you will be in the top 8 via attrition and have a darn good shot @ the top 4. 🙄

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#3

**ChuckRousenberg** ◊  
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**Sorry to see Shane stepping down**

Shane is a great ambassador for racquetball. He is such a gentleman on the court and will talk to any of the fans.

Would be great if he can do something related to racquetball in the future.

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#4

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**Vanderson retirew**

Originally Posted by **ChuckRousenberg**

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this is a great point the game is in bad enough shape as is, as you it has what you stated a grrat ambassador hangs it up. i don't know why maybe health, maybe time to join the real world or maybe its time for the equipment companies to step up to the plate.

R'ball can't afford to keep losing legit top 8 or 10 players the field is weak enough this is a very bad trend.

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#5



**Eye in the Sky** ◊  
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David, its kind of tough to be a "professional" athlete when your racquet sponsor pays a measly \$500 bucks per tournament you play in. These guys can barley break even on expenses. Kane and Rocky are the exception at #1 & 2. The rest of the pack is struggling and the IRT is struggling. This is what happens when you have NO SPONSORS. Shane leaving means Ben, Crowther, Alvaro and Hawthorne as the last of the Mohicans. The young guns like Rojas will soon grow tired of getting sloppy seconds (and thirds, fourths) and eventually go out into the real world and find a job where they can make some real dough.

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#6

**David Fleetwood**   
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**retirement**

I agree 100% and it's a shame. I hate to bring up the bygone days but when I was playing 100% was covered, entry, travel, car rental F& B, hotel (nice hotels 100% of the time, not the cheapest) I would guesstimate that between the 10-12 sanctioned major tourneys, the gazillion satellite events my monthly expenses easily exceeded 1500+/month . This was money above and beyond my contract with the racquet manufacturers or shoe contract.

That's why I say the manufacturers need to step up and deal with the short term pain for long term gain. That is assuming all the numbers (players) that are being thrown at us are actual and not inflated.

Of course this is easy for me to say its not my money.

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