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1998 RAM State Doubles set for Dec. 5 & 6

The Madison Athletic Club will play host to the 1998 Racquetball Association of Michigan State Doubles Championships December 5 & 6.

The \$25 per person/\$50 per team entry fee will guarantee great play, hospitality and a souvenir sweatshirt. A second event can be entered for \$15.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in all divisions. Semi plaques will be awarded in full divisions only.

Play begins on Saturday, December 5, and as in the past, all efforts will be made to reduce the need for Sunday play.

The entry form is enclosed in this issue. Please contact tournament directors Tom Blakeslee or Lou Ellen Fecher with any questions.

Huczek claims triple gold at 1998 Junior Nationals

by Sharon Huczek

Jack Huczek was Michigan's only representative at the 25th U.S. Ektelon Junior Olympic National Racquetball Championships June 29-July 1, 1998. The tournament was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon.

Jack brought home three gold medals. In the Boys 14 he defeated Oregon's Bart Crawford 15-8, 15-3 to claim his eighth consecutive title.

Jack also teamed with Shane Vanderson of Ohio to take home the gold in the Boys 16 doubles defeating Crawford and his partner Zack Miller of California 15-9, 15-6.

In the Mixed 14 doubles, Jack and his partner Crystal Winfrey (Ohio) defeated Kristen Cruk (Illinois) and Jason Kerwood (Oregon) 15-10, 14-15 and 11-8 for the first place win.

Jack spent his summer, on a trip to Ireland as a part of Junior Team USA. The team, headed by coaches Carol Pellowski and Jen Yakota, spent two weeks hosting clinics in Shannon, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford, Dublin, Old Castle and Castle Bar.

Jack also spent some of his summer vacation at the Olympic Training Center preparing for the World Games to be held in Fountain Valley, California December 18-22 this year where he will defend his world title.

Congratulations Jack!

**1998 RAM
State Doubles
Entry Form
Enclosed**

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View of the President

by W T. Blakeslee

This season will experience more power. Everybody including Ektelon, Head, Wilson are all on the titanium bandwagon creating great power racquets for the 1998-99 season. These babies are stiff so you better pump up the arm and elbow. E-Force has a very unique stick, grommet less!

This year I attended the Houston Nationals, now referred to as "The Finals." Chris Cole played poorly and still finished in the round of 16. Jack Huczek played great in two events. Charles Kaiser also participated in the Men's 65+ division. However, Jack White proved to be the Michigan star as he won two events in the newly created A divisions. Did anyone else win two events ever?

The 1998 State Doubles Championships moves to a new location this year. After a long stay with our friends at the One on One Athletic Club in Ann Arbor, we are moving to the Madison Athletic Club (formerly the Backwall) in Madison Heights with host Paula Saad. Please plan to attend the tournament on December 5 & 6 and we will continue to try to complete as much play as possible on Saturday so only a fortunate few will have to return on Sunday.

The 1998 State Singles will be returning to the Davison Ath-

letic Club in late March 1999. Randy Minto will be the host. Last year, the tournament was pretty good and we are moving to the last of March to get more participants. Any other ideas about the shirts and shorts - please contact me.

Finally, don't forget to renew your membership as it is the only way the USRA can continue and ultimately the sport of racquetball. Our memberships in Michigan have declined and we need your help!

See you on the hardwood.

Top 25 USRA Membership Count as of Aug. 27, 1998

1)	California	1695
2)	Texas	1009
3)	Florida	956
4)	New York	916
5)	Illinois	866
6)	Pennsylvania	773
7)	Colorado	746
8)	Oregon	726
9)	Ohio	680
10)	Minnesota	677
11)	Missouri	576
12)	N. Carolina	456
13)	Indiana	435
14)	New Mexico	426
15)	Washington	424
16)	Wisconsin	418
17)	Massachusetts	401
18)	Virginia	401
19)	Arizona	398
20)	Georgia	373
21)	Michigan	366
22)	Utah	337
23)	Maryland	295
24)	Alaska	282
25)	Kentucky	257

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Racquetball Association of Michigan

presents the

1998 RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS



December 5 & 6, 1998

at the

Madison Athletic Club

2 Ajax Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Phone: (248) 598-0900



Directors: Tom Blakeslee (810) 468-2787 and Lou Ellen Fecher (810) 658-8097

Fees: \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per team/per event
Non-USRA members add \$20.00

\$15.00 per person/second event

USRA Sanctioned: *Yearly USRA membership required. USRA Rules will prevail. Two games to 15, tiebreaker to 11.*

Trophies and Awards: Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in all divisions. Semi plaques will be awarded in full (draw of 16) divisions only. Each entrant will receive a complimentary **SWEATSHIRT**.

Starting times: Play begins on Saturday, December 5, 1998. Divisions are limited to draws of 16. Call the club Friday, December 4, 1998 after 10:00 AM for starting times. NO Friday play. **Efforts will be made to reduce Sunday play.**

Referees: Losers must referee or pay \$5.00

Tournament Ball: PENN ULTRA BLUE

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1, 1998

Name _____

Partner 1 _____

Address _____

Partner 2 _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Club Affiliation _____

Phone (days) _____ (evenings) _____

Date of Birth _____

Sweatshirt size (circle one) **M L XL XXL***

*please enclose \$2.00 for XXL

Make checks payable to RAM and mail to:

RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

3152 S Henderson Rd.

Davison, MI 48423

Entry Fee: _____

USRA: _____

Extra XXL: _____

Total: _____

Waiver clause: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all claim for damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tournament staff and their agents, for all injuries suffered by me in conjunction with my participation in this tournament

Signature _____ Date _____

guardian signature if over 18

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices/limit two events

MENS WOMENS

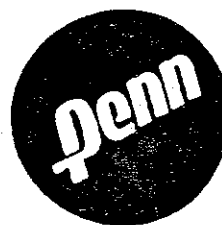
Open	25+	40B	60+
A	30A	45A	Mixed Open
B	30B	45B	Mixed A
C	35A	50A	Mixed B
D	35B	50B	Mixed C
	40A	55+	Mixed D

Divisions may be combined if less than 8 teams enter a division

Alternate Division _____

1998-99 RAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

December 5-6	STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS Madison Athletic Club
January 29-31	Felicia Mann TBD
February 6-7	Total Sports Club Mt. Clemens, Michigan
February 27-28	Players Athletic Club Warren, Michigan
March 13-14	Madison Athletic Club Madison Heights, Michigan
March 27-28	STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS Davison Athletic Club
April 9-10	Adult Regional Chicago, Illinois
April 17-18	Adult Regional Canton, Ohio



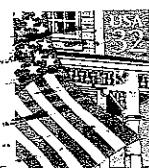
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Ken Bonnett will be continuing his Racquetball One Tournament Series this season.

For more information,
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