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REPORTER

MICHIGAN PRESEASON RACQUETBALL CAMP

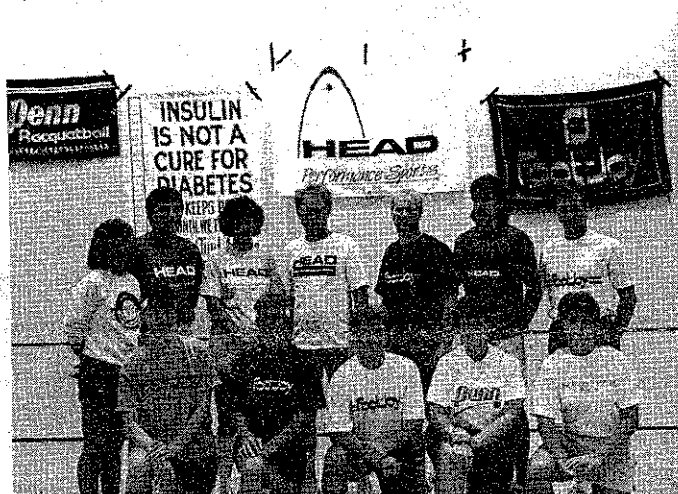
Some "RACQUETBALL PLAYERS" from Michigan and Canada have been getting ready for the upcoming racquetball season while most have layed in the sun. They participated in the 2nd Michigan Preseason Racquetball Camp at Court House Club in Flint.

The camp is a 5 week intensive instructional and playing experience. It was kicked off with a two day video clinic featuring Woman Professional Racquetball Player, Fran Davis.

Participants are supervised in conditioning classes and drilling sessions twice each week. The drills are outlined for them with a record of their proficiency and participation. Speakers on various health and racquetball topics conduct weekly seminars for camp participants. Information covered during the camp includes fitness nutrition, rules, equipment and First Aid.

Graduates of the school if they complete all aspects of the camp will be C.P.R. certified, a certified AARA Referee, and ready to play in the fall. Based on their performance of the recommended program, the most successful participant receives a "FREE" camp jacket and others can purchase a jacket at a discount in relation to their completion of the camp objectives.

The camp was sponsored by "Head Racquet Sports" who awarded all participants with a Racquet Sport Bag. "Penn" gave each participant a can of balls. "Foot Joy" provided shirts for everybody



Back Row (L-R): Fran Davis, Jim Skinner Sr., Debbie Sobran, Terry Streeter, Rick Koony Jim Skinner Jr., Jim Easterling. Front Row (L-R): Brenda Baxley, Allison Wagner, Rex Hart, Donnell Rak, Diane Kerr

"California Fitness" sampled each player with an ample supply of vitamins.

Last year's graduates had several state finalists. This year's participants have set

their goals and hope to do as well. Put the camp in your plans for next year.

EVERYBODY HAD A GREAT TIME!!!

Jim Skinner

1988 Ektelon/U.S. National Singles Championships

Over 1200 entrants played for 29 National titles in the largest Ektelon/US National Racquetball Championships ever held. The Nationals are sponsored by Ektelon and Penn Athletic Company.

Below are the results of how some of the Michigan racquetball players did.

Mens A	Joel Bonnett	1st Place
Mens 35	Stu Hastings	1st Place
Womens 19+	Lisa Ecker	1st Place
Womens 40+	Brigitte Hartz	4th Place

Not bad for Michigan! Congratulations to all these players.

Jim Easterling

TRIVIA

Do you know where and when the first "Official" Referee Clinic was held?
Answer on page 8

1988 Ektelon/U.S. National Junior Tournament

In June (25th - 29th), the Sports Club in Denver, Colorado hosted the 1988 National Juniors Championships. These championships were sponsored by Ektelon and Penn and had 652 entries from 40 states and Canada.

Below are the results of how some of the Michigan racquetball players did.

1ST PLACE:

Boys 10 & Under: Brent Zimmerman (MI)
Boys 16 & Under Doubles:

Joel Bonnett (MI)/Tim Ialley (WI)
Girls 12 & Under Doubles:

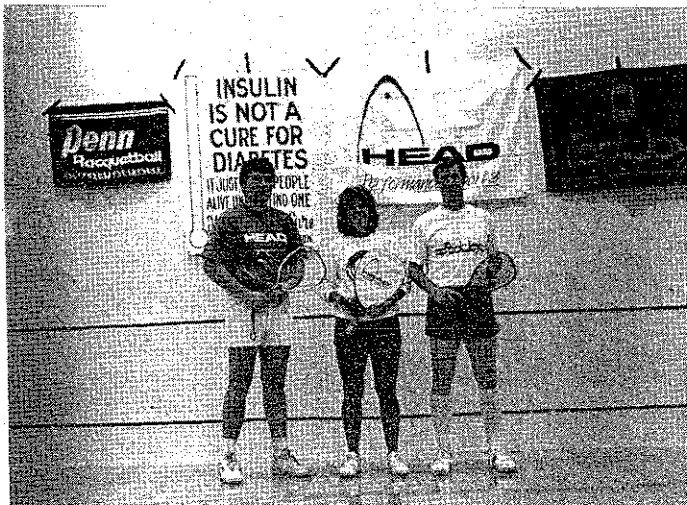
Andrea Beugen (MI)/Aimee Roehle (PA)
Congratulations to all these players.

Jim Easterling

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Left to Right: Jim Skinner, Owner/Manager of Court House Club, Fran Davis, Woman Professional who put on 2 day camp, Jim Easterling, Assistant Racquetball Instructor to camp.

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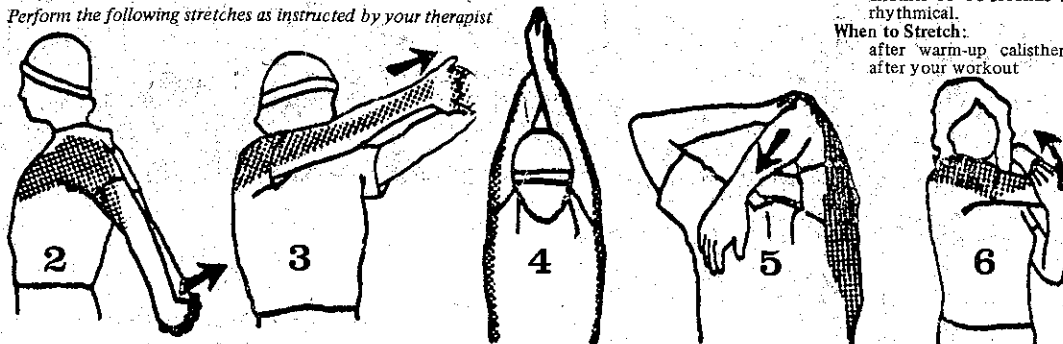
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ROTATOR CUFF - Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation

Rotator Cuff injuries are a major problem to racquetballers. Wayne Smith, a Physical Therapist and Certified Athletic Trainer with GREATER FLINT SPORTSMEDICINE CENTER P.C. in Flint conducted a seminar during the MICHIGAN PRESEASON RACQUETBALL CAMP and gave the following information for stretching and exercising your rotator cuff. This information can be used for Prevention and/or Rehabilitation.

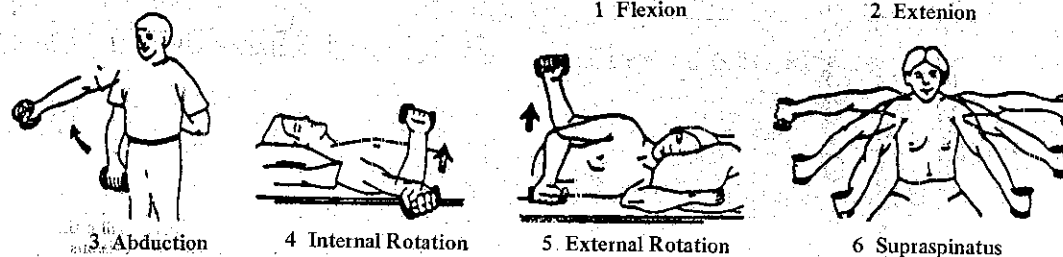
Jim Skinner

Perform the following stretches as instructed by your therapist



ROTATOR CUFF EXERCISES

- Directions:
1. Movements should be slow and smooth in both directions.
 2. Exercises should be performed in sets of ten up to three sets of ten.
 3. Weight may be added if three sets of ten become easy.
 4. Exercise may cause soreness but should not increase pain.
 5. Be patient, it takes six to eight weeks before significant strength gains can be observed.



ROTATOR CUFF STRETCHING

General Instructions

Stretch to:

increase range of motion, prevent muscle strains, develop body awareness, and promote circulation.

How to Stretch:

No bouncing up and down, use slow sustained movements, 10-30 second hold then stretch further for another 10-30 seconds. Breathing should be slow and rhythmic.

When to Stretch:

after warm-up calisthenics (before workout), and after your workout



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(RAM was formed July 24, 1984)

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W I Blakeslee 1988-89

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The Michigan Super Seven Series

The Michigan Super Seven Series will begin this year on September 22nd with the Lewerenz Sports Clinic Open. The series will then travel to several clubs that have hosted the Super Sevens in the past as well as two new sites.

The Michigan Athletic Club, host to the EIV Trucking Pro-Am in March of this year in Grand Rapids, will be the site of our December event. The facilities at the MAC are fabulous.

Our second new site will be held at the Meadowbrook Athletic Club in March. Right now the club has no refereable courts, but they have agreed to make a few changes to make it possible to referee. We hope that the addition of two new sites will attract many new faces to the Super Seven Series.

The site dates are as follows.

September 21 - 25 Davison Racquet & Fitness Club
October 14 - 16 Backwall Racquet Club
November 11 - 13 Saginaw Racquet Club
December 9 - 11 Michigan Athletic Club
January 13 - 15 Ann Arbor Court Club
February 10 - 12 Meadowbrook Athletic Club

April 7 - 9 Coliseum Racquet Club

The grande finale will be held again at the Davison Racquet & Fitness Club on May 5th through the 7th.

Lou Ellen Fecher

1988-89 Professional Racquetball

The next eight events are:

October 19 - 23 Arlington, Virginia
November 16 - 20 Jacksonville, Florida
December 1 - 4 Woodside, New York
January 25 - 29 Hawaii*
February 15 - 19 Portland, Oregon
March 1 - 5 Grand Rapids, Michigan
March 15 - 19 Dallas, Texas
April 12 - 16 Knoxville, Tennessee*

*Tentative Sites

And the 1988-89 professional Nationals will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 17th through the 21st. If this year is anything like last year, anyone could win and become the 88-89 champion.

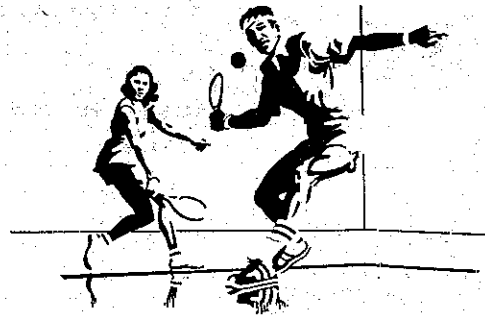
WPRT has announced that prior to each event a clinic/exhibition will be held at a club within the area of the event on Monday and/or Tuesday. If you would

like to have a professional player visit your club, contact Jim Hiser at (313) 653-5999 for details.

In Michigan, professional racquetball can be seen on P.A.S.S. cable television. Each event will be shown within fifteen days following the tournament during prime time. Be sure to check your local listing for dates and times and sit back and enjoy racquetball at its best!

If you have any questions or comments concerning professional racquetball and WPRT, call (313) 653-5999. We will be glad to help you. WPRT and staff want to extend a special invitation to everyone who plays racquetball or just spectates — come out and be a part of racquetball — help make this year the best ever!

Lou Ellen Fecher



OFFICIAL LINES

2 — COURTS AND EQUIPMENT

Rule 2.1 COURTS

The specifications for the standard four-wall racquetball court are:

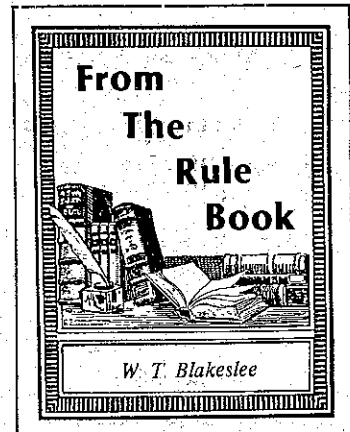
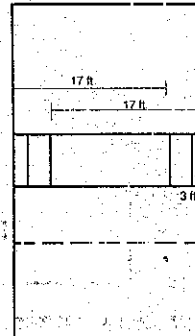
- Dimensions** The dimensions shall be 20 feet wide, 40 feet long and 20 feet high with a back wall at least 12 feet high. All surfaces shall be in play with the exception of any gallery opening or surfaces designated as court hinderers.
- Lines and Zones** Racquetball courts shall be divided and marked with lines 1½ inches wide as follows:
 - Short Line** The back edge of the short line is midway between, and is parallel with, the front and back walls.
 - Service Line** The front edge of the service line is parallel with, and five feet in front of, the back edge of the short line.
 - Service Zone** The service zone is the five-foot area between the outer edges of the short line and service line.
 - Service Boxes** The service boxes are located at each end of the service zone and are designated by lines parallel with the side walls. The inside edges of the lines are 18 inches from the side walls.
 - Drive Serve Lines (Effective 9/1/87)** The drive serve lines, which form the drive serve zone, are parallel with the side wall and are within the service zone. The outside edge of the line is three feet from the side wall. *Note: As a temporary measure, the lines may be designated by using plastic tape.*
 - Receiving Line** The receiving line is a broken line parallel to the short line. The back edge of the receiving line is five feet from the back edge of the short line. The receiving line begins with a line 21 inches long that extends from each side wall; the two lines are connected by an alternate series of six-inch spaces and six-inch lines (17 six-inch spaces and 16 six-inch lines).
 - Safety Zone** The safety zone is the five-foot area bounded by the back edges of the short line and the receiving line. The zone is observed only during the serve. (See Rule 4.11 K and 4.12.)

Rule 4.6 DRIVE SERVICE ZONES (Effective 9/1/87)

The drive serve rule lines will be three feet from each side wall in the service box, dividing the service area into two 17-foot service zones for drive serves only.

The player may drive serve to the same side of the court on which he is standing so long as the start and finish of the service motion takes place outside the three-foot line. The call, or non-call, may be appealed.

- The drive serve zones are not observed for crosscourt drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half-lob serves.
- The racquet may not break the plane of the 17-foot zone while making contact with the ball.
- The three-foot line is not part of the 17-foot zone. Dropping the ball on the line or standing on the line while serving to the same side is an infraction.

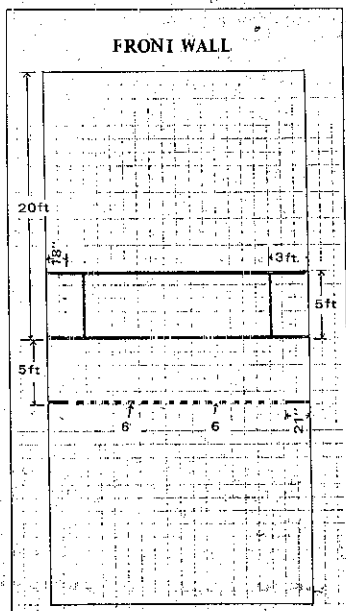


Two rule changes were approved at the annual AARA Board of Directors meeting in Houston, and both will go into effect on September 1, 1988. The first constitutes a name change, replacing the term "avoidable hinder" with "point hinder". Since the word "avoidable" implies "intentional", it is hoped that the change will make the call clearer. There are no revisions to what constitutes a "point hinder" (interference with the point in play) and calls should be made in accordance with present rulebook guidelines.

The second rule change limits the number of appeals a player may make per game. In each game of any match, three LOSING appeals will be allowed per player. Each time a player makes an appeal, the result of that appeal will be noted. When a player LOSES an appeal, a deduction will be made from the allowable three. No further appeals will be permitted once a player has "lost" three appeals, EXCEPT on the final point of the game. Players will retain the right to a "game-ending" appeal regardless of the "count." Appeals WON will not count against the limit of three.

A third rule change proposing that a certified referee may not be removed from calling a match by anyone other than the tournament directors/officials was defeated. The board also passed a motion that will limit rule proposals which have already been considered and denied. If a rule change fails to pass at a board meeting, it cannot be brought before the board for consideration again until one full year has passed.

Basically, the player must now consider the outcome (their chance of overturning a referee's call) before making an appeal. It is hoped that this particular rule change will keep games at an even pace and eliminate manipulative appeals like the "service foot fault" on oneself after the side out has been called, etc.



CANUSA GAMES Flint Olympians Play Host To Canadian Athletes

On August 5, 6, & 7 Flint area athletes welcomed nearly 2,000 junior and adult athletes to the Flint area for the 31st annual Olympic competition between athletes from Hamilton Ontario and Flint, Michigan.

The athletes compete in 19 sport areas. This year, Flint won with a narrow 10-9 margin over the Canadians. The overall tally for the Canusa games since its beginning is 15 wins for Flint, 13 wins for Hamilton, and 3 ties. This year's racquetball competition found the Flint athletes to be very hospitable by allowing the Canadians to win by a 19-17 margin. The overall racquetball record since it was added to the competition 7 years ago is 4 wins for Flint and 3 wins for Hamilton.

There are 36 players on each team. Players for the Canusa team include the top three players from each division in the Flint Olympian Games hosted earlier in the summer at Court House Club in Flint. A highlight of the event is that each Junior involved hosts a Canadian player in their home for the weekend. Great friendships are made and this year many of the individual guests were juniors who had hosted our juniors last year. Both cities look forward to next year when we can renew our international friendship and competition.

**THIS HAS TO BE WHAT
RACQUETBALL IS REALLY
ALL ABOUT!!!!**

FLINT TEAM

BOYS 12 & UNDER	
1st — Scottie McConnee	653-5950
2nd — Robby Thompson	653-3663
3rd — Gary Shreve	732-2542
BOYS 13 & UNDER	
1st — Jeff Cox	742-4675
2nd — Brian Jones	736-0372
3rd — Matt Burger	743-0117
BOYS 15 & UNDER	
1st — Marv Riley Jr.	653-5950
2nd — Charlie Balmer	742-6557
3rd — Aaron Oskey	658-5300
BOYS 17 & UNDER	
1st — Jeremy Cox	742-4675
2nd — Darrel Colles	743-8684
3rd — Tony Medar	744-1472
MEN 18 & OVER	
1st — Troy Altenburg	653-1411
2nd — Marv Riley	653-4217
3rd — Gerald Tucker	694-4399
MEN 35 & OVER	
1st — Lionel Guerra	736-7087
2nd — Dan Flowers	743-1457
3rd — Larry Harris	744-4695
GIRLS 12 & UNDER	
1st — Michele Palid	653-1167
2nd — Stacy McConnee	653-5950
3rd — Brooke Thompson	234-1716
GIRLS 13 & UNDER	
1st — Angie Gardner	742-5323
2nd — Christine Skinner	743-5838
3rd — Jessica Gould	744-4387

Any racquetball related item that you want to sell, buy, trade, or whatever will be listed in this column.

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GIRLS 15 & UNDER	
1st — Tera Flowers	743-1457
2nd — Jennifer Jones	736-0372
3rd — Amy Jones	743-5259
GIRLS 17 & UNDER	
1st — Tammy Balmer	742-6557
2nd — Nikki Hobbs	742-4017
3rd — Stacey Glomsom	742-2065

WOMEN 18 & OVER	
1st — Sandy Cox	742-4675
2nd — Kay Wright	742-7125
3rd — Georgia Wilson	743-8461
WOMEN 35 & OVER	
1st — Ruthanne Gould	744-4387
2nd — Carol Rogers	732-6429
3rd — Donnell Rak	653-4581

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 1988 — Lansing Central YMCA

Call to order by President Tom Blakeslee at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Blakeslee, Rick Hall, Jim & Dianne Easterling, Duane R. Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Frederickson, James Hiser, Sandy Cox, Judy Gonyea

GUEST: Radiation Man (Bill Gottlieb)

TREASURER'S REPORT: — Statement of cash receipts/disbursements for the month ended February 29, 1988 was presented by Dianne Easterling. Checkbook balance of \$124.27.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: — Minutes of February 9, 1988 were approved as mailed. Jim Easterling mentioned that Mike Anderson will no longer sponsor some of the toumey state singles expenses as reported in the minutes. An item of information and not a correction to the minutes as printed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: — No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: — Tom Blakeslee reported that the state singles toumey would have warm up jackets at a cost of \$4300 with money needed up front. We have ordered 330 shirts and suits at a cost of \$15.00 for us. Other expenses are \$400 for entry fees and trophies. There will not be much other monies left over but some will be expended to buy some caps to give away to first round losers. Tom reported we have 80 left over (caps) which could be restocked at a cost of 50 cents a piece. He reported that he wrote TEAM EKTELON players asking for them to play in the state tournament (42 of these). Tom also reported the Detroit Athletic Club was having a tournament this weekend which was an invitational.

Duane R. Russell, Secretary

MAY 9, 1988 — Davison Racquet Club

Call to order by President Tom Blakeslee at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Blakeslee, Jim & Dianne Easterling, James Hiser, Duane R. Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee Frederickson, Sandy Cox, Judy Gonyea, Rick Hall

PREVIOUS MINUTES: EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 9, 1988 — Duane Russell made a comment concerning working in the third paragraph to clarify the sentence as follows: (on page 2)

"Finally, obviously, some board members should examine their priorities and determine if they are interested in further board activities and inform Tom Blakeslee of their desires."

TREASURER'S REPORT: — Dianne Easterling reported the statement of cash receipts/disbursements for the month ended March 31 were a profit of \$1641.51. She said a net profit of \$252.41 was earned at the State Doubles Championships held at Grand Blanc.

Dianne reported a total year profit/loss for the month ended April 30, 1988 of \$1942.37. She also reported a profit of \$272.80 for the State Singles Championship held at Davison.

Jim Easterling said we had warm ups left over from the State Singles tournament and that an ad would be placed in the Racquetball newsletter to sell them.

Dianne Easterling said the State of Michigan had an Attorney General's statement which limited the liability of Board members. She also said it was time to contract for meetings of the RAM and was suggesting renewal for 12 meetings at the Lansing Central YMCA. Jim Easterling motioned we buy 12 and get the discount before the price goes up (cost \$264). The motion was seconded by Duane Russell. *Note: Held in abeyance until the end of the meeting (no action taken).

A discussion ensued on the Mike Yellen Junior Scholarship Fund. There is \$2000 to spend which would be available to pay in the fall when the receipts enter college (Jimmy Floyd and Nick Ralls are eligible for this and will each receive \$1000.00. They must still continue to pay racquetball).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: — No report.

ADMINISTRATOR: — A discussion took place on why the special board meeting was called. It was felt racquetball needed more promotion and this could perhaps best be handled through the hiring of a "secretary to the board". Also, it was felt that not enough input was being made by certain board members.

Duane Russell mentioned the title should be something different than secretary and that the position should be described and published to accept applications in the May issue of the RAM Newsletter.

Tom Blakeslee motioned (seconded by Jim Easterling) that we hire an administrator for \$200 per month for 9 months for the first year. The motion passed unanimously. Expenses will be covered; telephone and mailings. No gas expenses will be provided. **BACKGROUND:** The person will be expected to be familiar with racquetball in the State of Michigan and have some previous secretarial experience. Typing was thought to be a desirable skill. The person should be able to communicate well and present a good image for racquetball in the State.

Resumes should be submitted to President Tom Blakeslee by July 4, 1988. A board meeting will then be held to discuss the candidates who have submitted applications. The position will report to the President of the RAM Board. Expenses will be approved by the Treasurer.

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS: — Tom Blakeslee will call the present Board members and see if they still have an interest in serving on the RAM Board. A motion was made by Jim Easterling and seconded by Dianne Easterling that Tom Blakeslee write the staff citing the procedures of the RAM constitution and then follow up with a telephone call. The motion passed unanimously.

Dianne Easterling made a motion to move the meetings of the RAM Board from Tuesday to Monday. Seconded by Jim Easterling and passed unanimously.

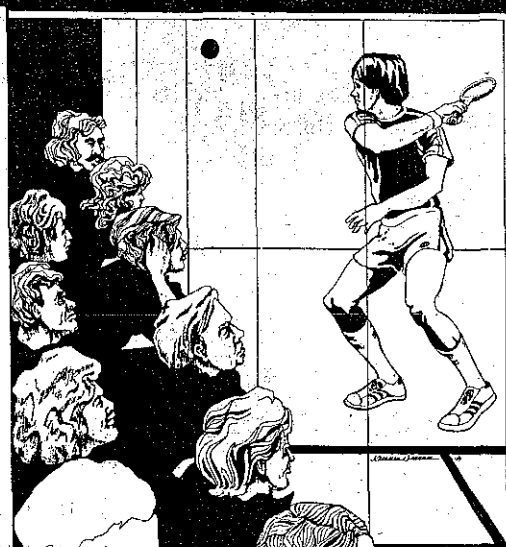
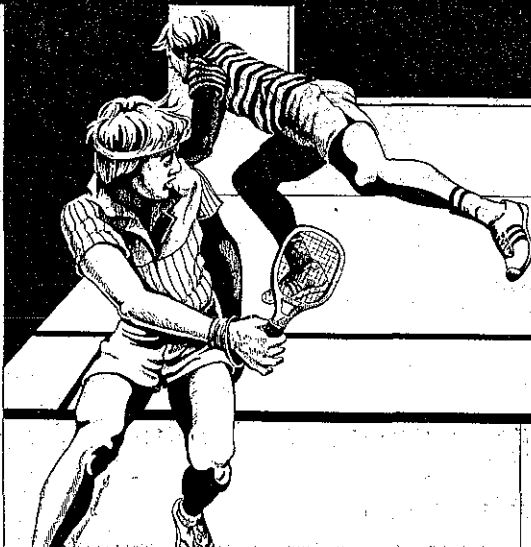
***There will be NO MEETING IN JUNE. The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, July 18, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at Jim and Dianne Easterling's house in Lansing. Address: 321 Village — Telephone Number (517) 887-0459.

NEW BUSINESS: — Jim Easterling mentioned that the July meeting would have dates for tournaments roughed out (both singles and doubles). He said the AARA desires states have 6 newsletters a year. We do four but consider ours is a quality product and more comprehensive than most being published in the U.S.

JUNIORS IN COLORADO: — We have \$800 left in the budget for use. What is the position of the Board concerning expending some of this for the 13 juniors going to Colorado. After a general discussion Duane Russell motioned that we pay one-half of the entry fee not to exceed \$300 for Juniors attending the Colorado tournament. Seconded by James Easterling. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: — The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Duane R. Russell, Secretary



Super 7 Finale

Two special awards were given away for the first time. A best dressed Super 7 player and sportsperson of the Super 7 series. Though there are many players who probably deserve these awards, both players chosen are highly visible and well liked by many.

Lorna Rocheleau won the award for best dressed with Michael Stephens winning the award for sportsperson. Congratulations to both players! And for all you Super 7 players who didn't win this year, there's always next year. So look good and be the best sportsperson you can both off and on the court.

All awards were handed out at a special ceremony in the lounge of the Davison Racquet & Fitness Club. Pizza, beer, and soft drinks were provided by the sponsors of the tournament. Dr. Fred Lewerenz was unable to attend the ceremony so Jim Hiser presented the awards to the players. Semifinalists each received a \$10 gift certificate from Sports Plus. Second place was awarded a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate for dinner at Gino's, donated by Dr. Lewerenz, a Bud Light Beach Towel, and an A me grip. First place winners received a plaque and a \$200 gold citizens watch donated by Dr. Lewerenz.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Fred Lewerenz for making the finale possible as well as the Super 7 series. Also, thank you Sports Plus for your sponsorship and a big thank you to Anheuser-Busch.

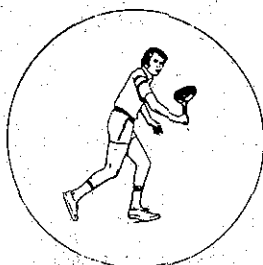
Congratulations to all division winners and thank you players for making the Super 7 series a huge success. See you next year!

FINALE RESULTS

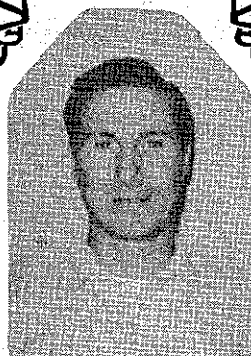
Mens Open Chris Cole def Mike Ceresia
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Mens C Gary Boudreau def Lionel Guerra
Mens D Brent Zimmerman def Mark Zigala
Mens Novice Jay Kargula def Tim Sypula
30A Mike Anderson def Stu Hastings
35A Stu Hastings def Ray Vanover
30B/35B Dave Lepczyk def Terry Lawlor
35C Scott McConneelee def Lionel Guerra
40 Tom Brownlee def Johnny Northern
45 Tom Perna def Ron Hutchinson
50+ Lynn Hahn def Hy Chambers

Womens
Open Lisa Ecker def Joetta Hastings
WA Sandy White def Cindy Vandesteene
WB Laurie Eller def Lorna Rocheleau
WC Paula Saad def Pam Harkleroad
Womens Novice
Denise McConneelee def Rae McIntyre

Lou Ellen Fecher



Editor's Judgement Call



JIM EASTERLING
Editor of The Racquetball Reporter
Regional Director

There are two new things happening with racquetball in Michigan right now which are good for both the sport and the player.

First, there is a "SPECIAL" going on that will last until February, 1989. Anyone joining both the AARA and RAM can receive a one year's subscription to National

Racquetball for a total price of \$15.00. Normally this costs \$18 for the magazine and \$10 to join AARA and RAM. Right now this is a \$13 savings for all players. For a long time I have been hearing that the average Joe racquetball player can't see paying \$10 just to get four state newsletters, a membership card, eligibility to play in tournaments, a rule book and product discounts. Now the person can get that plus the magazine for only \$5 more. So if you have a friend who plays racquetball and doesn't play in tournaments, please make him/her aware of this special. (Look for a sign-up form in the newsletter.)

The second important thing is the hiring of a RAM Administrator. The time has come for a position like this to be created to help RAM become more effective and efficient in promoting the needs and interests of Michigan's racquetball players. RAM's new administrator will be responsible for jobs like creating a membership drive, working out a state ranking system, developing club seminars and for promoting the State Doubles Championship.

We would like to welcome Lou Ellen Fecher as RAM's Administrator for the 1988-89 season. I am sure most of you know Lou Ellen from behind the tournament desk at the Super 7 tournaments. Lou Ellen brings with her to this position a wide knowledge of racquetball activities and proven ability to get things done. We are sure this is a positive step forward for RAM and we look forward to new things created by Lou Ellen this year.

Fourth Annual Women's Fall Head Start

Scheduled for September 16-17 & 18

Women who play racquetball in Michigan play this tournament that is for "WOMEN ONLY" because they like it. The competition the last several years has been great at every skill level. If you are a beginner or an open player you will have a good sized draw and the top players will be there. The tournament is held at Court House Club in Flint, Michigan and annually is sponsored by Head Racquet Sports.

The event is supported enthusiastically by the Metropolitan Women's Travel League. This year, they will be delaying their entry deadline to try to recruit more women for the travel league until after the tournament. If you are not included on anybody's roster, you should be able to

enter your team or to get on a team while at the tournament.

Last year's champions had to earn their way to the top through several rounds of the best players in the state to be crowned. We look forward to seeing last year's champs defending their titles and the new lower level players moving up and challenging our best.

Last year, Joetta Hastings won Open without a loss. Debbie Weston won "A". Can she challenge the "Open" players? Clair Kruze moved from 1986 "Novice" champion to 3rd in "C". It will be interesting to see if she can make a jump up again.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

Jim Skinner

Men's Tri-County

Travel League To Start Soon

Men's Travel League play will begin the first week of October. An organizational meeting was held August 24. A final meeting will be held September 18th at Waterford Hills Racquet Club at 7:00 P.M. Team entries and any rule changes, etc. will be handled at that time. All individuals and/or teams who might be interested should contact one of the following people:

Bryan Turner - Crescent Lake Club
Pontiac 1-313-624-4162
Rufus Gage - Crescent Lake Club
Pontiac 1-313-673-1725
Jim Skinner - Court House Club
Flint 1-313-743-4510

OTHER TEAMS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE LEAGUE! It is hoped that more teams will be added to the

competition. Level of play has included players who have not won an A division tournament in a level 3 sanctioned tournament or above in the last two years. It is intended to develop competition at more advanced and beginner levels. Last year's teams were:

Meadowbrook - Rochester
Crescent Lake #1 - Pontiac
Gateway - Sterling Heights
Court House Club - Flint
Orion Racquet Club - Keatington
Crescent Lake #2 - Pontiac
Waterford Hills - Waterford
Franklin - Southfield

The players had a great time last year and it is hoped that the league will expand during the season. COME JOIN US!!!!

Jim Skinner

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REGION 9

Information Listed
(Left to Right)

Rank

Name

12 Mo. Cum. Pts.

Current Season Pts

DIVISION M-OPEN

1	Chris Cole	570	50
2	Joel Bonnett	350	10
3	Mike Anderson	260	10
4	Jim Floyd	250	20
5	Jim Hamilton	195	10
6	Nick Rallis	180	15
7	Randy Anderson	130	
8	Scott Worthy	110	
9	Dave Larry	105	
10	Larry Meeusen	105	

DIVISION M-A

1	Joel Bonnett	600	600
2	Dan Verbeck	320	20
3	John Brennan	245	
4	Bryan Kircher	240	50
5	Ryan Covell	235	
6	Jeff Kummeler	135	
7	Tom Blakeslee	115	
8	John Stallmer	115	
9	Greg Bedenis	100	
10	Neal Goodman	100	

DIVISION M-B

1	Troy Altenburg	420	50
2	Joe Turk	140	30
3	Ted Edsall	130	
4	Marv Riley, Jr.	115	15
5	Gabe Zussman	115	
6	Dennis Lechowicz	100	
7	Doug Ryan	90	
8	Mike Call	85	
9	Ron Morse	80	
10	Mark Kowalewski	75	

DIVISION M-C

1	Ray Matthews	200	
2	Donald Morey	140	
3	Chris Simpson	120	
4	Lionel Guerra	95	30
5	Scott Zimmerman	95	
6	David Balassone	75	
7	Troy Altenburg	70	
8	Larry Henry	70	
9	Bill Jacoby	65	
10	Gary Phipps	60	

DIVISION M-D

1	Michael Garbarino	200	
2	Vito Basirico	175	
3	Brent Zimmerman	165	50
4	David Miller	130	
5	Richard Totin	120	
6	Mike Dunn	110	
7	Steve Estes	95	
8	Mark Zigala	95	30
9	Ed Ray	70	
10	David Dorda	65	

DIVISION M-NOVICE

1	Mitch Panchula	150	
2	Nicholas Lesnau	100	
3	Gerald Demott	75	
4	Kevin Harper	60	
5	Charles Vanhoose	60	
6	Brian Addermatt	50	
7	Tony Hammerle	50	
8	Tom Kolinske	50	
9	Larry Kwielinski	50	
10	Jim Murphy	50	

DIVISION M-8

1	Jack Huczek	70	
2	Scottie McConneelee	50	
3	David Degutis	30	
4	Eric Sandenberger	30	

DIVISION M-10

1	Brent Zimmerman	1000	600
2	Tim Vandyke	250	
3	Scottie McConneelee	125	
4	David Degutis	100	
5	Billy Hall	75	
6	Brian Adloff	50	
7	Jack Huczek	30	

DIVISION M-12

1	Scott Zimmerman	550	100
2	Brian Garrow	200	
3	Jim McGrail	120	
4	Brent Zimmerman	80	
5	Rob Lerner	75	
6	Brian Jones	15	

DIVISION M-14

1	Ryan Covell	50	
2	Marvin Riley	50	
3	Brent Zimmerman	50	
4	Scott Zimmerman	30	
5	Mike Dunn	20	

DIVISION M-16

1	Joel Bonnett	550	300
2	Ryan Covell	275	
3	Jeff Eckhouse	200	
4	Troy Altenburg	50	
5	Mike Dunn	50	
6	James Garrow	50	
7	Gary Hall	50	
8	Jeffrey Kummeler	50	
9	Marv Riley, Jr.	50	
10	Rob Snell	30	

DIVISION M-18

1	Jim Floyd	800	300
2	Nick Rallis	300	
3	Rob Garrow	125	
4	Nicholas Rallis	100	100
5	Chris Wozner	100	
6	Joel Bonnett	50	
7	Vince Dimaggio	10	

DIVISION M-19+

1	Dave Larry	250	
2	Todd Leuthjohann	180	
3	Jim Hamilton	75	
4	Mike Wagner	60	
5	Randy Anderson	50	
6	Dan Dutcher	50	
7	Mark Kaufman	50	
8	Al Tackett	50	
9	Larry Longeliere	30	
10	Paul Icarri	20	

DIVISION M-25+

1	Al Tackett	200	
2	Mike Anderson	150	
3	Jack White	120	
4	Randy Anderson	100	
5	Mike Hotra	85	
6	Jay Liggins	75	
7	Larry Longeliere	50	
8	Dave Rodriguez	50	
9	John Stallmer	50	
10	Dan Werner	50	

DIVISION M-30+A

1	Scott Worthy	485	
2	Randy Anderson	415	
3	Dave Rodriguez	280	
4	Larry Longeliere	235	
5	Stu Hastings	160	30
6	Dave Rodriguez	150	
7	Jack White	115	15
8	Mike Hotra	110	
9	Dan Werner	70	20
10	Ben Stanley	65	

DIVISION M30+B

1	Al Klann	150	
2	Terry Lawlor	145	30
3	Dan McAlinder	100	
4	Michael Schaeffer	100	
5	Dave Lepczyk	80	50
6	Tim Clement	75	
7	Mark Kowalewski	50	
8	Mike McPherson	50	
9	Ron Morse	50	
10	J.R. Slavik	50	

DIVISION M35+A

1	Stu Hastings	1290	650
2	Mike Stephens	315	
3	Ken Bonnett	190	
4	Jim Hiser	185	
5	Johnny Northern	165	
6	Rick Vanderlind	150	
7	Ray Vanover	105	30
8	Ric Vanderlind	100	
9	Curt Rozier	55	15
10	Doug Toth	50	

DIVISION M-35+B

1	John Gervasi	300	
2	Al Mell	200	
3	John Molinaro	150	
4	Ron Lesczyuski	110	
5	Terry Lawlor	75	
6	Dave Dalke	50	
7	Jesse Madden	50	
8	Gilberto Martinez	50	
9	Mark Niedzielski	50	
10	Jeff Power	50	

DIVISION M-35+C

1	Lionel Guerra	210	30
2	Scott McConneelee	145	50
3	Jack Sisinger	100	
4	Gary Allis	75	
5	Wayne Gunkle	65	15
6	Steve Kretschman	50	
7	Ian Lau	50	
8	Robert Pfeffer	50	

9	Robert Powers	50	
10	Steve Taggart	50	

DIVISION M-40+A

1	Mike Stephens	880	120
2	Ken Bonnett	410	
3	Bob Gravely	325	
4	Jim Hiser	215	
5	Johnny Northern	175	
6	Ed Barter	80	
7	Bill Hagedorn	60	
8	Tom Sharum	60	
9	Gary McClellan	55	15
10	Tom Brownlee	50	50

DIVISION M-40+B

1	Larry Cole	160	
2	J.R. Slavik	100	
3	Denny Wood	75	
4	George Goudie	50	
5	Ron Morse	50	
6	Jack Sisinger	35	
7	Keddie Sargent	30	
8	Don Boone	25	
9	Mike Corinti	25	
10	Rick Hall	25	

DIVISION M-45+A

1	Jerry Gray	100	
2	George Stec	85	15
3	Gary Phipps	65	
4	Tom Sharum	60	
5	Lorne Johnston	30	
6	Jess Madden	30	
7	Bill McGrail	30	
8	Bill Gentile	20	
9	Gary McClellan	20	20
10	Oscar Olivo	20	

DIVISION M-45+B

1	Gary Cloutier	150	
2	Gary Phipps	100	
3	Bill Gentile	80	
4	Charlie Wheelihan	75	
5	Hank Gates	65	
6	Joe Binecki	50	
7	Richard Caretti	50	
8	Jim Gordon	50	
9	Charles Wheelihan	50	
10	Michael Abate	30	

DIVISION M-50+

1	Bill Filiatreau	150	
2	Ron Pudduck	150	
3	Lynn Hahn	125	50
4	Richard Sewell	100	
5	Jess Madden	70	20

DIVISION M-55+

1	Lynn Hahn	400	
2	Richard Caretti	120	
3	Dale Schaeffer	100	
4	Duane Russell	60	
5	John St. Clair	50	
6	J.D. Driver	30	
7	Gerry Leone	30	
8	Michael Schaeffer	30	
9	Leonard Poole	20	
10	Elliot Rott	20	

DIVISION M-60+

1	Richard Caretti	400	
2	Duane Russell	100	
3	Gerry Leone	75	
4	Hike Sohikian	50	

DIVISION W-OPEN

1	Lisa Ecker	660	50
2	Joetta Hastings	460	30
3	Laura Fenton	340	
4	Tracey Troszak	205	15
5	Crystal Fried	150	
6	Irene Chmura	115	
7	Kathy Stellema	110	
8	Lori Troszak	85	
9	Beth Gutowski	65	
10	Shirley Vanderbroek	60	

DIVISION W-A

1	Carol Collins	400	
2	Sharon Huczek	340	20
3	Lou Ellen Fecher	235	
4	Anne Fecher	225	
5	Alida Mainhardt	150	
6	Sandy White	140	50
7	Melody Matties	135	
8	Kim Tucker	130	
9	Arlene Allan	120	
10	Denise Gravely	105	

DIVISION W-B

1	Judy Walzak	205	
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2	Laurie Eller	200	50
3	Paula Saad	170	20
4	Cindy Vandersteen	150	
5	Priscilla Washburn	150	
6	Dawn Frankhouse	120	
7	Chris Suever	95	
8	Jill Stanley	80	
9	Marlee Kleckner	70	
10	Claire Kruse	60	15

DIVISION W-C

1	Paula Saad	380	50
2	Claire Kruse	250	
3	Becky Brevitz	150	
4	Pat Klann	150	
5	Marlee Kleckner	115	
6	Chris Suever	95	15
7	Pam Harkleroad	90	30
8	Kathy Motyka	85	
9	Sue Papke	80	
10	Stacey Barbas	75	

DIVISION W-D

1	Claire Kruse	240	
2	Diane McCauley	150	
3	Rae McIntyre	150	
4	Sue Papke	115	
5	Michele Gagnon	65	
6	Marjorie Bolgos	50	
7	Karen Bulten	50	
8	Lisa Kokoinski	50	
9	Debi Sims	50	
10	Donna Alexander	30	

DIVISION W-NOVICE

1	Sharon Eltes	150	
2	Jackie Sigafosse	100	
3	Lorie West	100	
4	Diane McCauley	50	
5	Denise McConneelee	50	50
6	Michele Gagnon	30	
7	Rae McIntyre	30	30
8	Tracey Rosenburgh	30	
9	Cynthia Willis	30	
10	Cathy Blondin	20	

DIVISION W-14

1	Angi Gardner	150	
2	Christine Skinner	100	
3	Laurie Hagenah	75	
4	Annie Hagenah	50	

DIVISION W-19+

1	Lisa Ecker	850	600
2	Tracey Troszak	315	100
3	Lesley Kishigian	150	
4	Kathy Stellema	110	
5	Sandy White	75	
6	Joetta Hastings	50	
7	Lori Troszak	40	</

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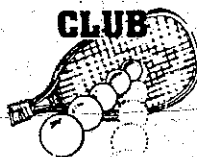
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