

# The Racquetball Reporter

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**Get your entries in now!**

## **Racquetball One's finale coming soon**

The beautiful Lansing MAC will be the host club for this years RACQUETBALL ONE GRAND FINALE. Everyone is welcome and Ken Bonnett plans to provide some additional fun for the KIDS! The first twenty junior players will be admitted FREE. All the kids will receive a tournament shirt, a plaque and enjoy round robin play. Many additional prizes will also be dished out to those juniors who participate.

The tournament format will remain the same, except for the addition of BLIND DRAW DOUBLES to be played Saturday evening. Open/A level players will be paired with lower level players...men and women combined. Blind Draw Doubles will be a money event.

Entry deadline is March 23, 1992...as always Ken will take phone entries with no additional charge. SPECIAL RACQUETBALL ONE SWEATSHIRTS will also be available for an additional \$10 fee. Once again prize money will be offered in the Pro/Open, 30A, 35A,

40A and 45+ divisions. The season's final sunroof, shoes, bags and other equipment will be raffled off to many lucky participants.

A super rate of \$45.00 a night (with up to four in a room) will be available at the Harley Hotel of Lansing. Beautiful rooms, plus a bar,

pool and more! Call early for reservations: 517-351-7600 and say you are with the racquetball finale!

Friday play may be necessary, but late requests will be honored! Call Ken at 616-956-0550 or send your entry to Racquetball One, P.O. Box 8363, Kentwood, MI 49518.

**Chris delivers RAM's state of the state address**

## **Racquetball outlook '92**

by Chris Cole

I am sure you've all heard of the President's State of the Union Address, and the Governor's State of the State Address, well here is a little State of the State Address from myself, President of the RAM Board of Directors.

This year we have seen the birth of the Racquetball One Series of tournaments, the Ann Arbor One On One and Livonia Racquettime series of events, as well as the demise of the Super Seven Series. It would appear that for the time being, tournament players will be getting their fill of

tournaments with two and three events taking place each month. This can be good and bad since almost all of the events in Michigan this year have had under 200 people in the draw. It's tough to make a series work with such small draws every month so players in Michigan must keep in

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mind some things when they are choosing what tournaments to play in.

I cannot stress enough the importance of playing in a Michigan tournament the same weekend as a tournament out of state. The reason people feel so at ease with leaving to play elsewhere is that they can at this time, still play in a Michigan tournament while going away. People are now starting to notice that with three main clubs hosting events, they can almost pick and choose when to play here in the state. Well, that is somewhat true, but the problem is that the draws are getting smaller and smaller at these tournaments and the day may arrive when all tourneys on a state-wide level are extinct.

Case in point, the Livonia doubles tournament that had to be quickly cancelled when they had only one entry by the deadline. One bloody entry! To think for two years I had heard many complaints that the state never ran any doubles tournaments besides State Doubles. Well those same people that moaned and complained for a doubles event ended up playing in a tournament in Windsor that same weekend rather than support an event that they themselves had been clam-

oring for. That's not cool.

In the future, it would probably be a decent idea for the Michigan racquetball player to look at the entire picture when deciding on whether to play in an out of state tourney. One day there may not be that many to choose from.

Juniors, juniors, juniors, where are all the up and coming lads and girls that used to flourish when I was a teenager? It is high time that juniors became an important goal for all of us who love this game since once we are all gone, the juniors will be the ones carrying on our sport. I urge any interested in junior development to contact Tom Blakeslee or myself and we will aid you in your effort to promote junior participation.

All in all, this has been a good season for Michigan racquetball and as the months go by, I get more and more comfortable with my job as the President of your state association. If there is any one out there with a comment, concern, or idea please feel free to contact me and I will let you know when the next Board of Directors meeting is. Currently only five people sit on the RAM-Board, hardly enough to adequately care for the needs of all Michigan racquetball players, but we are

doing our best.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to make a contribution to Michigan racquetball.

### **Encourage Junior Players Now!**

Where have the Chris Cole's, Joel Bonnett's and Jim Floyd's of yesteryear gone? Will there be no future for racquetball in Michigan?

If these questions disturb you, take a brief look at the next tournament and see if you are able to spot many junior players. Chances are there are very few full draws in any junior division. Thus, the Racquetball Association of Michigan is trying to encourage more junior participation in racquetball before there is no one to carry on the sport.

Our hats off to Ken Bonnett and his Racquetball One Tournament Series in his attempts at reaching juniors. In his finale tourney, for example, Ken has prepared special awards and prizes for the kids as well as entering the first twenty junior participants free. Ideas such as this, as well as the many junior lock-ins sponsored by RAM, can only help the sport and the fitness of our youth.

However, we cannot stop there. Contributing to the junior scholarship fund and joining the RAM Board are two important steps consistently overlooked by many. If anyone is interested in pursuing junior participation in racquetball, please feel free to speak to Chris Cole or Tom Blakeslee at any tournament.

**1992 Ektelon AARA Region #9 Junior Olympic Qualifying**  
**Championships & RAM**  
**State Singles Warm-Up Racquetball Tournament April 10-12th.**

**Where:** Mt. Clemens Racquetball  
40501 Production Drive  
Mt. Clemens, MI 40501  
313-463-2000

**Tournament Directors:** Tom Blakeslee 313-468-2787  
Lou Ellen Fecher 313-653-6388  
**Hotel:** Knights Inn  
Little Mack  
Roseville  
**Rates \$34.95** 1 to 4 people  
313-294-6140

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**RULES:** AARA Official Rules will govern competition. Two games to 15, tie-breaker to 11.

**AGE REQUIREMENT:** For age division competition, players must meet the proper age requirement as of 1/1/92.

**MEMBERSHIP:** AARA membership is required of all participants. At the time of registration entrants must present a current membership card, a receipt, or a cancelled check as proof of membership. Non-members will be required to purchase a \$15.00 competitive license membership on site.

**TRAINING CAMPS:** All quarterfinalists in the championship divisions will receive an invitation to the U.S. National Junior Elite Training Camp. Be sure to pick up your application at the tournament desk if you reach the qualifying round.

**AWARDS:** Placques will be given out in each division.

**EYEWEAR:** Lensed eyewear manufactured for racquet sports is mandatory. AME and Gargoyles are not approved eyewear. Lensed eyewear must be worn over the eyes.

**RACQUETS:** Racquets that exceed 21 inches in length cannot be used in Regional or National events.

**PRIMARY GOAL:** The tournament is designed to establish a feeder system to encourage younger athletes to learn and enjoy playing racquetball - a sport they can compete in and play for recreation throughout their lives.

**OLYMPIC FORMAT:** A revised Olympic format will be used in the Junior events. Each participant will be guaranteed two matches.

**YOU MUST PLAY, NOT MERELY ENTER, A JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGIONAL QUALIFIER IN ORDER TO PLAY IN THE 1992 EKTELON/U.S. JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, JUNE 27-JULY 1.**

**Mail entry forms to:**  
Junior Region #9/State Warm-Up  
3152 S. Henderson Rd.  
Davison MI 48423

**Makes Checks Payable to: RAM**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** April 3, 1992

|                    |                    |         |                 |         |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| <b>ENTRY FEES:</b> | Junior 1st event   | \$25.00 | Adult 1st event | \$30.00 |
|                    | Junior 2nd event * | \$15.00 | Adult 2nd event | \$15.00 |

**STARTING TIMES:** Call the host club Wednesday, April 8th after 5 pm.

**SOUVENIR:** All entrants will receive a tournament shirt or equivalent gift.

**REFEREES:** Losers must ref next available match, find their own ref, or pay \$5.00.

\* A Junior 2nd event can be an adult division.

Junior Region #9 - State Single Warm-UP  
3152 S. Henderson Rd.  
Davison MI 48423

April 10-12, 1992

1992 Ektelon AARA Regionals



## JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants and chaperones will be asked to sign an official Code of Conduct upon registering for the tournament.

In brief, the Junior Code of Conduct states:

A nightly "in room" curfew of 11 p.m. unless accompanied by chaperone

There will be no possession or use of prescription drugs unless you are currently under a physician's care. (Documentation required.)

There will be no possession or use of alcoholic beverages at the tournament sites or host motel.

Any physical damage to a room or loss of non-perishable items in the room (i.e. towels, lamps, etc.) will be paid for by those participants assigned to the room in which the damage or loss occurs.

Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated:  
(a) Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, local and AARA laws/rules.

(b) Gross misconduct (i.e. inappropriate horseplay, stealing, etc.)

(c) Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

### PENALTIES:

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

(1) Full or partial restriction of movement at the tournament;

(2) Written report to the Executive and Disciplinary Committees for further action;

(3) Loss of opportunity to participate in future AARA programs;

(4) Expulsion from tournament will result in being sent home at the player's own expense.

For further information, contact the tournament directors.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAYS) \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHTS) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Men's \_\_\_\_\_ Women's

\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_ 25+  
\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ 30+ \_\_\_\_\_ 30 B+  
\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ 35+ \_\_\_\_\_ 35 B+ \_\_\_\_\_ 35C+  
\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ 40+ \_\_\_\_\_ 40B+  
\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ 45+ \_\_\_\_\_ 45B+  
\_\_\_\_ NOVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 50+

CLUB AFFILIATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
AARA MEMBER YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE: SMALL MED LARGE EX-LARGE  
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Junior's only)

Junior Championship Divisions: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy's \_\_\_\_\_ Girl's

SINGLES  
\_\_\_\_ 18 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 16 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 14 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 12 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 10 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 8 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 8- multi-bounce

DOUBLES  
\_\_\_\_ 18 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 16 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 14 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 12 and under  
\_\_\_\_ 10 and under

### ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT --

First event  
(\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Second event  
(\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

AARA Membership  
(\$15.00)

Tax deductible  
donation(s) to --

Olympic Dream

Junior Team USA

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the Regional host site, AARA, Ektelon, Penn Racquet Sports, RAM or their respective agents for any and all injuries. LIABILITY: I agree to be liable for all cost for damages for which my child is responsible and to pay for all costs arising from any disciplinary action imposed as stated in the Junior Code of Conduct.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

APRIL 24-26, 1992

**SITE:**

COLISEUM II RACQUET CLUB  
8715 Telegraph  
Taylor, MI 48180  
(313) 292-3940

**ENTRY FEE:**

\$45 - First event  
\$25 - First event juniors  
\$15 - Second event  
\$5 discount to all certified referees  
Players may enter two events - one age &  
one skill or two different age divisions  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RAM**  
Non-AARA members add \$15

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:**

RAM STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS  
3152 S. Henderson  
Davison, MI 48423

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

Tom Blakeslee (313) 468-2787

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Must be received by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1992. ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT. No phone entries. Call the club Wednesday, April 22 after 5:00 p.m. for starting times.

**HOTEL:**

HOLIDAY INN  
31200 Industrial Expressway  
Romulus, MI  
(313) 728-2800

**RULES:**

AARA rules apply - 2 games to 15, tiebreaker to 11. LENSED EYEWEAR FOR RACQUET SPORTS IS MANDATORY

**TOURNAMENT BALL:**

PENN ULTRA BLUE

**TOURNAMENT SWEATSUIT  
AWARDED TO EACH PLAYER**

PLEASE ENTER ME IN THE EVENT(S) CIRCLED BELOW. PLAYERS MAY ENTER TWO EVENTS - ONLY ONE SKILL LEVEL. YOU MUST BE A MICHIGAN RESIDENT TO ENTER.

**MEN****WOMEN**

|      |        |     |     |     |     |            |
|------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| OPEN | NOVICE | 35A | 45B | 65  | 16B | 8          |
| A    | 19     | 35B | 50A | 70  | 14A | 8 MB       |
| B    | 25     | 40A | 50B | 18A | 14B | Wheelchair |
| C    | 30A    | 40B | 55  | 18B | 12  |            |
| D    | 30B    | 45A | 60  | 16A | 10  |            |

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

EVENINGS \_\_\_\_\_

SWEATSHIRT SIZE: (circle one) S

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SWEATPANT SIZE: (circle one) S

M

L

XL

WAIVER: I hereby for myself, heirs, etc., waive and release all rights & claims for damages I may have against RAM and its sponsors for all injuries which may be suffered by me in conjunction with my competition in said tournament.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**REFEREES:** Losers must referee the next match or pay \$5.00.

**LOCKERS AND TOWELS:** Bring your own locks. Towels provided with a \$2.00 deposit and \$50 charge for use.

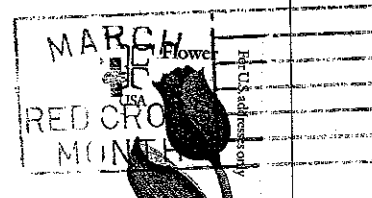
**HOSPITALITY:** Will be provided throughout the tournament. Free to players and a nominal charge for guests.

**AWARDS AND PRIZES:** Awards given for the first four places in divisions of 12 or more; the first two places in divisions of 5-11 and 1st in consolation. Each player will receive a souvenir **SWEATSUIT**.

**PLAY MAY BEGIN** as early as 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Special requests for starting times will be honored if possible, but no refunds will be given if a player cannot make his or her starting time.

**FORM IS NOT COMPLETE OR IS ENTRY ACCEPTED UNLESS MONEY FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT IS ENCLOSED AND ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE APRIL 15, 1992**



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Flushing, MI 48433

**Penn**  
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215 QUEENS CT.  
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UPGRADE 2 YR. EXP. 5/93

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**1992 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**