

Racquetball Reporter

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1998 RAM State Singles set for Davison

The Racquetball Association of Michigan will once again host the State Singles Championships at the Davison Athletic Club on April 24-26, 1998.

Tournament directors Tom Blakeslee and Lou Ellen Fecher are planning a first-class event and hope for a large draw. The entry form for this year's tournament is on page 3 of this issue.

Entry fee for the 1998 championship event is \$35. As usual, great hospitality is expected from Randy Minto and his staff at the Davison Racquet Club. Souvenir shirts are guaranteed to each participant.

The event is sponsored by PENN and Ektelon. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. All entries must be received by April 22, 1998.

Congratulations!



Congratulations are in order for Jan Insko and Kathy Trotter on their 3rd place bronze medal win at the 1997 National Doubles Tournament held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Help support the Junior National Team

The United States Junior National team is planning to travel to Ireland in August 1998. Anyone interested in helping to sponsor the team and their trip please contact Sharon Huczek at (248) 373-5255.

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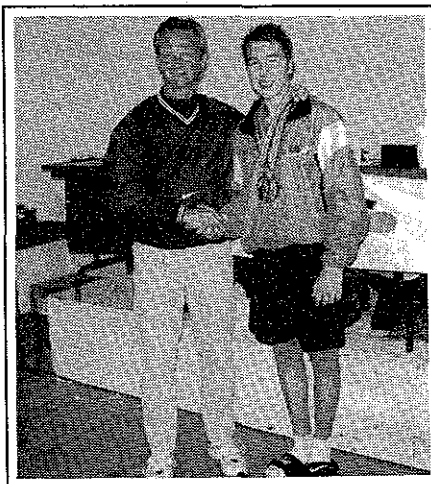
Huczek featured in Sports Illustrated

Jack Huczek was featured in the February 2, 1998 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

The "Faces in the Crowd" section highlighted Jack's recent win at the World Junior Racquetball Championships held in Fountain Valley California this past December.

This is the sixth consecutive World Title for Jack who beat Matthew McElhiney of Bradenton, Florida, 15-5, 15-4 in the 14 & under singles. His victory helped the United States win its second straight World Junior Title.

Jack, age 15, is the youngest member of the Junior National team and was voted Most Valuable Player based on athletic achievement, team attitude and leadership. The team also pre-



Above, Jim Hiser congratulates Jack Huczek on his 6th World Title

sented him with the 1st place team trophy to honor him as MVP.

Jack also captured second place in the 16 & under doubles by teaming with Scott Foster of California. The team beat James Ford and Ryan Staten.

Racquetball Clinic held

Submitted by Larry Sarver

In an effort to promote racquetball, a 2nd Instructional Racquetball Clinic was held March 22, 1998 for the local Chesterfield Township Cubscout Pack. This time, it was Pack 372 from the Macomb District, Clinton Valley Council. Total Sports was a great host club and the event was very successful. Thirty-two participants turned out for the instruction given by

Larry Sarver, Jerry Leija, Glen Williams and Pete Dembeck.

The Total Sports owners gave away one free hour of court time to the participants and raffles were held for t-shirts and 2 racquets donated by E-Force.

The players of the Maple Athletic Club also supported the event by contributing 30 Wilson racquets to the participants.

Another clinic will be planned this spring for another local Boy Scout Troop.

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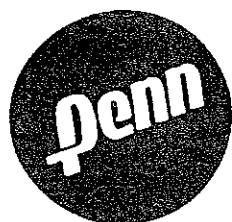
STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 24, 25 & 26, 1998

DAVISON ATHLETIC CLUB

2140 Fairway Dr., Davison, MI 48423

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

Lodging: Comfort Inn (810) 658-2700
Super 8 Motel (810) 743-8850

Fees: \$35 First event/\$25 First event Juniors
\$15 second event

USRA sanctioned: Yearly USRA member-
ship required USRA Rules will prevail
Two games to 15, tiebreaker to 11.

Players may enter two events - one age & one skill of two different age divisions.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Must be received by Tuesday, April 21, 1998. All entries are final. No entries accepted without payment. No phone entries. Call the club, Thursday April 23, 1998 after 12:00 p.m. for starting times. **PLAY MAY BEGIN FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Awards: Awards will be given for the first four places in divisions of 16 or more. Each player may receive a **souvenir shirt and shorts.**

Hospitality: Provided free to players and a nominal charge for guests throughout tournament.

Referees: Losers must referee or pay \$5.00

Tournament Ball: PENN Ultra Blue

Entries Must Be Received By April 21, 1998

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Club: _____
Ph: (days) _____ (nights) _____ Birthdate: _____
Shirt size (circle one) M L XL XXL* Short size (circle one) M L XL XXL*

*Please enclose \$2.00 additional for XXL

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices/limit 2 events

Make checks payable to RAM and mail to:

RAM State Singles Championships

3152 S. Henderson Rd.

Davison, MI 48423

Entry fee _____

USRA _____

Total enclosed _____

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

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.

Juniors Event (specify division) _____

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

Signature _____

Alternate division _____

Guardian's Signature _____
(if under 18)

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17th Annual Canadian Hospice Tournament Results Feb. 20-22, 1998

Men's Open

Jack Huczek def. Mike Anderson

Men's B

Shannon Kohl def. Corey Schiller

Men's C

Dick Pizzod def. Dave Morand

Men's D

Chris Devlin def. Paul Masse

Men's 40A

Randy Anderson def. Jack White

Men's 40B

Jim Thompson def.
Chuck VanHoose

Women's Open

Paula Saad def. Gina Focca

Women's A/B

Karen Green def. Malinda Herbert

Women's C

Connie Simpson def. Carol Moore

Women's D

Nicola Bayley def. Judy Kohl

Men's A/B Doubles

Deslppe/Renaud
def.
Anderson/Anderson

Mixed A Doubles

Barton/Mann
def.
Dabudia/Saad

Mixed B/C Doubles

Clunis/Schiller
def.
Kohl/Kohl

1998 High School National Tournament March 6-8, 1998

Single Event Medal Winners

Boys

- 1 Josh Tucker, MO
- 2 Ryan Stanten, KS
- 3 **Jack Huczek, MI**
- 4 James Ford, WY

Girls

- 1 Brooke Crawford, OR
- 2 Sara Borland, ID
- 3 Kristen Walsh, UT
- 4 Megan Bals, NB

Over 160 high school students participated in the event. Eighteen (18) states and 47 schools were represented