

The Racquetball Reporter

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tournament entry form supplement

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Racquetball One Series off to great beginning

by Ken Bonnett

Racquetball players came out of the woodwork September 20-22, for Racquetball One's first stop at the Livonia Racquetime Fitness Center. The fine turnout for the September event was capped with twenty-four doubles teams participating in four divisions on Saturday evening. Players also seemed to enjoy the highlighted Men's and Women's C division. Both Karen Green and Evan Lyall enjoyed their \$100 in racquetball equipment they won, as well as did Dave Matthews, the lucky winner of the Sun Country Auto Center Sunroof.

In Grand Rapids on October 4-6, a slightly smaller core of players enjoyed the fine hospitality of the beautiful Michigan Athletic Club. Chris Cole spoiled Joel Bonnett's homecoming with a tiebreaker win in the Men's Pro final. Chris has

RAM State doubles championships coming to One on One in December

The One on One Athletic Club in Ann Arbor, will be the site of the 1991 Racquetball Association of Michigan State Doubles Championships, December 7-8.

Enclosed in this supplement to *The Racquetball Reporter*, is the entry form for the tournament (see page 3). The event promises to be a large one with over forty divisions offered. Each entrant will receive a complimentary tournament sweat-

shirt as well as a chance to bid on various racquetball items provided by the AARA during an auction to be held throughout the weekend. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the U.S. National Team.

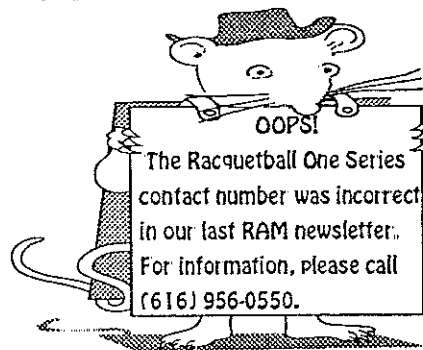
Entries must be received by November 30, 1991, so get it in now! Questions about the tournament can be answered by W.T. Blakeslee, tournament director (313) 468-2787.

won both Racquetball One stops thus far. Tom Blakeslee was the lucky winner of the Action Tire Center set of BF Goodrich TA tires and Charles White won a sunroof. Men's and Women's B were the highlighted divisions in Grand Rapids and the winners of \$100 worth of equipment were Mark Fedus and Kathy Beck.

Next stop for Racquetball One is Muskegon, Michigan on November 1-3, and the December will follow at the

newly remodeled River-view Racquet Club in Grand Rapids December 13-15.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Results for these tournaments will be published in the Winter 1991 issue.



Changing of the guard

Tom offers good wishes to new officers, encourages support

by W.T. Blakeslee

If you haven't caught up with the recent organizational changes with the Racquetball Association of Michigan, I am pleased to announce the following: Chris Cole has been elected president. Chris will bring to RAM all the national event information and, based on his Super Seven experiences, can help direct our energies to expansion and the growth of our sport. Hopefully, his youth and enthusiasm can help, being that racquetball is a full time job for Chris. Other changes: Lou Ellen Fecher has been elected treasurer, Jim Earley, secretary and Mark Werthman serves as an additional board member. In my past experiences, I have found that Lou Ellen is a dedicated and hard working individual, who is a super person to work with, which added together with Jim's tireless dedication and enthusiasm and Mark's interest and energy, the RAM board is lucky to have such

great assets.

With the change of the officers, I would like to thank everyone for support of my efforts over the last five years as president. I hope you will continue to support Chris and the board and, as always, welcome new ideas, thoughts and suggestions to Michigan.

Racquetball has had some real positive efforts over the last months. New equipment companies, more cable vision, a new magazine focusing on the pro tour and a renewed Olympic hope. Locally, Chris Cole, Jim Floyd, Joel Bonnett and Nick Rallis are a threat anytime they step on the court.

My one wish as I step down from the presidency is to see our state membership expand as it has in Ohio under Doug Ganim. If I had yet another wish it would be to have more board members to help. Finally, good luck to Ken Bonnett and his new series,

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W.T. Blakeslee
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OUR APOLOGIES

To Kevin Sorenson for our mistake in printing the results from the State Singles Tournament. Kevin was the winner of the Men's 35 C division, but due to error on the part of RAM, he was not given his credit due in the previous issue of *The Racquetball Reporter*. We are sorry for the mistake. Congratulations on your State Championship.



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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

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LODGING: Contact host club or see insert for details.

FEES: \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per team/per event

\$10.00 per person/second event

Non-AARA members add \$15.00

AARA SANCTIONED: Yearly AARA membership required. AARA 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 tournament **SWEATSHIRT**.

STARTING TIMES: Play begins Saturday, December 7th. Divisions are limited to draws of 16. Call the club Wednesday, December 4th after 6:00 p.m. for starting times.

REFEREES: Losers must referee or pay \$5.00

TOURNAMENT BALL: PENN Ultra Blue

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 1991

NAME _____ PARTNER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (days) _____ (evenings) _____

SWEATSHIRT SIZE (circle one) S M L XL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RAM AND MAIL TO:

RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

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DAVISON, MI 48423

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 _____

GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____
(if under 18)

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices
(limit two events)

MENS WOMENS

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

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

Super Seven Series on hold for '91-92

As many of you have already heard, this year's Super Seven Series of tournaments has been put on hold for now. Due to a number of factors, series owner Jim Hiser has decided that it would be best to cancel the series for at least the 1991-92 tournament season. There is the possibility that the series will return next year, once I am out of college, so I can devote more time to it. In the meantime, I hope Michigan tournament players will support the new Racquetball One Series by Ken Bonnett, because if you don't, racquetball tournaments in our state may become an endangered species.

Thanks to all those who have supported

the Super Seven Series over the years, we have enjoyed being there for you. Thanks to our sponsors, The FourMidAble Group, Head, Penn and Werner and Werner for life. Thanks to my staff—Mike Johnston, Troy Hall, Jim Floyd, Anne Arceo, Tom Blakeslee, Stu Hastings, Larry Cole and Mark Werthman.

Look for more info on the return of the series in *The Racquetball Reporter*, one never knows what the future holds! Until next time, keep those pinches low and those skips to a minimum!

Chris Cole
Super Seven Series Director

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