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REPORTER

Second Annual Women's Fall "Head Start" Racquetball Tournament

Final Results: 1988

Open 1st Joetta Hastings 2nd Beth Ann Gutowski 3rd Lori Troszak 4th Alida Mainhardt A 1st Elaine Barch 2nd Lori Eller 3rd Faye Cobb 4th Lorna Rocheleau B1st Alison Wagner 2nd Diane Kerr 3rd Claire Kruse 4th Stacey Barbas C 1st Pam Harkleroad 2nd Debbie Sobran 3rd Donnell Rak 4th Jean St. John D 1st Karen Derocher 2nd Carol Rogers 3rd Debbie Oxford 4th Betty Burgess

Fall Head Start was a Great Start

The 1988 FALL "HEAD" START was a "Great Start" for Michigan Racquet-



Lori Eller, Elaine Barch, Faye Cobb

ball Women!! The all women's tournament, sponsored annually by HEAD RACQUETS SPORTS, INC., at Court House Club in Flint was again a huge success and the competition was great

This year's open division saw arch rivals Beth Gutowski and Joetta Hastings in the finals with Hastings coming out on top. Also entering the top 4 of the open division was Outstanding Women Player of 1987 Lori Troszak finishing third and after finishing as Champ in the 1986 A Division was Alida Mianhardt at 4th

The "A" division found newcomer from the Chicago area Elaine Barch topping Lori Eller in the finals. In third and fourth were diehard Faye Cobb and 1988 Outstanding Woman Player of the Year Lorna Rocheleau from Tecumseh, Ontario. Canadians came to play in the "B" Division where Alison Wagner son over fellow Canadian Diane Kerr in a tough test offriendship 3rd and 4th went Team Hastings students Clair Kruse and Stacey Barbas. Both of these ladies have played almost every year and this shows just what real effort has done. Both entered in their first "Head Start" as Novice Players

Pam Harkleroad, last year's "D" Champ was this year's "C" Champ. This shows great progress. Where will she be next year? WE believe this gal's on her way up. Second went to another Canadian Debbie Sobran. 3rd and 4th to tow of Michigan's finest competitors Jean St. John and Donella Rak, Court House Club' Favorite. Maple Court's Gals are training more and their entry in "D" had her hands full with a team of Court House Players. The top of the Court gang being team captain and leader of the gang Carol Rogers. It would be safe to say that next year's competition will be even tougher. 2nd went to Carol 3rd to Debbie Oxford and 4th to Betty Burgess. As usual everybody had a great time. The highlight of the weekend being an Italian Feast and program presented by Head sponsored Stu Hastings. If you missed this one, you missed the best women's event in the State of Michigan

Michigan Super Seven #1 Backwall

The First of seven tournaments was held at the Backwall Health & Racquet Club on October 14-16, 1988. The tournament began right at 5 p.m. Friday and ended on Sunday around 5:00 p.m.

Though the Backwall Club was under construction, it presented no problem to the tournament. Back wall is remodeling two courts into a bigger and better nautilus/fitness area.

Jim Hiser a line or two.

Again this year, the Michigan Super 7 is offering to all juniors the chance to play in a junior event for only \$5. Beginning this year all juniors entered in a junior event will receive a special award. At the Backwall tournament ten juniors played in two divisions 14B & 8 and Under. All ten juniors received an AME grip.

with the 8 and Under also receiving a plaque. Congratulations to all juniors who participated, keep up the good work.

The Michigan Super 7 tournaments are sponsored this year by the Lewerenz Sports Clinic, HEAD, Penn Racquetball and Sports Plus. As participants of the series, please give your support to these sponsors.

If you were unable to attend the first Super 7, please check your schedule and make a date to play in the next tournament. Remember, you have to make it to the semis in a division to qualify for the Finale in May. Hope to see everyone there!



Jack Haczek, right; Richard Binicki, left

The draw was great with over 50 people from Blackwall alone! A total of 23 divisions were played with 270 entries. With just 9 courts, matches were scheduled until 11 p.m. both nights. Games 10-15 with tie-breakers to 11 so matches were scheduled on the hour, otherwise we may have had to play even later. As it was the tournament did get a little behind on Saturday, but with little are no complaints made. Possibly the only drawback was the lack of courts and time for consultation matches. The only time available was after 11 p.m., but few people wanted to wait that long for a match.

Next year if the draw is the same, the only chance of being able to schedule for consultation is to start the tournament early Friday. If everyone is agreeable the tournament could begin around 2 p.m., allowing courts to be open throughout the weekend. Of course, if the draw is larger than this year, the tournament may have to begin early Friday anyway. If you have any suggestions to help with this problem, just drop

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Results Grand Rapids Racquetball Association

"Remember November" Racquetball Classic

The \$2,500.00 "Remember November" Racquetball Classic drew nearly 200 players from Ohio, Canada, Illinois & Michigan. Fifteen divisions were offered from the Pro/Open to Novice. The majority of the prize money donated by Weight Watchers and Action Sportswear was in the Men's Pro/Open division.

In the Pro/Open Division, Tenth rated Professional Jack Newman of Chicago, IL, defeated Grand Rapids seventeen year old Joel Bonnett in the finals, 11-9, 11-10, 11-1. Bonnett is currently Michigan's top Open class player, and has been playing extremely well thus far this season.

In the Pro/Open Doubles again Jack Newman and his partner from Chicago, Brad Monroe were victorious, defeating Bonnett and partner, Jimmy Floyd of Flint, MI, 7-15, 15-14, 11-7. A great final with Bonnett/Floyd missing a chance to win the match in the second game at 14-14.

Other Results are as follows:

Singles

Mens Pro: Jack Newman d. Joel Bonnett 11-9, 11-10, 11-1

Semi's—Newman d. Brad Monroe

Bonnett d. Larry Meeusen

Men's Open: Dave Rodriguez d. Greg Hodges 11-7 tie-breaker

Men's A: Bob Gravelyn d. Troy Altenburg 11-7, 11-5, 11-6

Semi's—Gravelyn d. Zimmerman, Scott

Altenburg d. Scondras, Pete

Men's B: Ted Edsall d. Gary Phipps 11-4, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8

Semi's—Edsall d. Steve Summers

Phipps d. Ken Emery

Men's C: Brian Marguardt d. Kris DeVarasetty 11-2, 9-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-3
Semi's—Marguardt d. Werthman, Mark

DeVarasetty d. Savara, Scott

Men's D: Bill Hein d. Gary Kranz 11-6, 11-2, 11-10

Semi's—Hein d. Stephens, Don

Kranz d. White, Danny

Men's Novice: Danny White d. Dave Briggs 11-1, 11-6, 11-0

3rd—Tim VanDyke

Men's 35B: Jerry Rackowitz d. Robert Powers 11-4, 11-10, 11-10

Semi's—Powers d. Mell, Al

Rackowitz d. Goudie, George

Men's 45+: Jesse Madden d. Hank Gates 11-7, 11-3, 11-0

Semi's—Madden d. Jerry Gray

Gates d. Gary Phipps

Men's 35+A: Mike Stephens d. Bob Gravelyn 11-8, 8-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3

3rd place—Tom Sharum

Women's Open: Nathalie Banard d. Lisa Yackley 11-10, 11-1, 11-4

Semi's—Banard d. Matties, Melody

Yackley d. Collins, Carol

Women's A: Shelly Abbot d. Chris Suever 11-4, 11-2, 11-9

Women's C/D: Julie Neuman d. Lisa Kokocinski in round robin play

Doubles:

Men's Pro/Open: Newman/Monroe d. Bonnett/Floyd 11-15, 15-14, 11-7

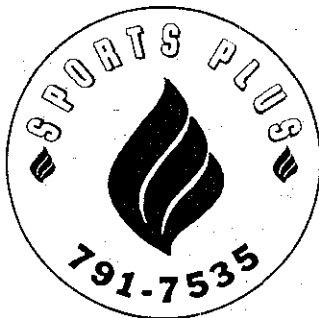
Men's B: Tino Ruiz/Paul Lubbers d. Jerry Rackowitz/George Goudie 15-10, 15-11

Men's C: Holifield/Marguardt d. Don Stephens/John Slager 15-11, 15-12

1989 Ektelon/U.S./Adult and Junior Region 9 Championships

The adult and junior championships for Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia will be held in Michigan on February 17-19, 1989. The tournament will be held in Mt. Clemens at the Mt. Clemens Racquetball and Sports center on Production Dr. All players will receive a quality collared shirt and a special "regional" pin to celebrate the tournament. We are expecting some excellent competition with over 300 people at this tournament. Remember you must play, not merely enter, a regional this year to compete in either the adult or junior national tournaments coming up this spring.

This is one racquetball tournament you will not want to miss. Enclosed with this newsletter are copies of the entry form for both the adult and junior regional tournaments. See you there.



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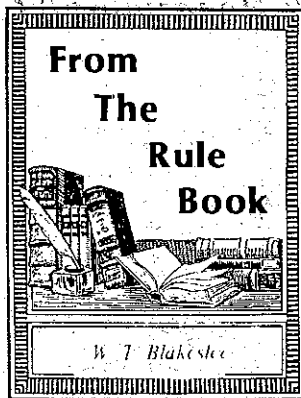
Lynn Hahn 1984
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Bob Wilhelm

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The following are some of the new rules you may not be aware of. These rules now limit the number of appeals that can be made to three. Also note the name change of Avoidable Hinders to Point Hinders.
RULES CHANGES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1988



1987-1988 Michigan Awards

The 1987-88 Michigan Player Awards were handed out during the Lewerey Sports Clinic Open at the Banquet on Friday night September 23, 1988

Just over 300 people attended the banquet and festivities. Not only were awards handed out for the best racquetball player in the State, but also the best dancers. There were hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes and gifts also handed out. You missed the fun this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next years tournament banquet. The award winners were:

Outstanding Female:

Lisa Eckes

Most Improved Female:

Lona Rochelran

Outstanding Male:

Chirs Cole

Most Improved Male:

John Brennan

Hall of Fame:

Denny Wood

3-Officiating

Rule 3.7 Appeals

(d) Limit on Appeals: A player or team make three appeals per game. However, if either line judge disagrees with the referee's call, that appeal will not count against the three-appeal limit. In addition, the game-ending rally may be appealed even if the three-appeal limit has been reached.

4-Play Regulations

Rule 4.16 Point Hinders (formerly Avoidable Hinders)

A point hinder results in the loss of the rally. A point hinder does not necessarily have to be an intentional act and is the result of any of the following:

(a) the drive serve zones are not observed for cross-court drive serves, the hard-z, soft-z, lob or half-lob serves.

(b) The racquet may not break the plane of the 17 foot zone while making contact with the ball.

(c) 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.

Midwest Regional Collegiate Racquetball Championships

Jerry Gray

Please be advised that the 1989 Midwest Collegiate Championships will be held February 10-12 1989, at the Charlie Club, 1500 E. Dundee Road, Palatine Illinois, in the northwest Chicago suburbs.

Simply, a team consists of divisions, 1 through 6 singles and 1, 2 & 3 doubles, men and women. Any full time, undergraduate college student may enter the tournament.

I will be sending applications to the universities in a ten state region, which have active racquetball programs. If you have knowledge of interested college student, please forward the information to me and I will follow up with tournament information.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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C.M.U. 4TH FERRIS STATE 8TH AT COLLEGIATE NATIONALS

By Jerry Gray

A total of 250 students representing 40 universities from across the nation competed in singles and doubles during the four day event held at the Gold River Racquetball Club, Sacramento, California.

Sacramento State defended it's national title for the third consecutive year over national power Memphis State University.

Memphis State captured the men's title and the Sacramento State women swept the women's events to win the women's overall title.

Southwest Missouri stato University took over third place previously held by Ferris. The third place showing was a result of a strong showing by their men's team.

Central Michigan University, previously defeated by Ferris in the regionals, placed fourth a Sacramento. CMU was led by Mark Heckman, Dawn Cumbeworth, and Melody Matties, who placed second, third, and fourth in their respective divisions.

The FSU team was paced by juniors CIS major Linda Cok, who won a bronze medal in No. 4 singles and teamed with Judy Dodd, place third in No. 2 doubles. Other team members scoring points for Ferris were Sheri Wheeler, Judy Dodd, Senior Captain Greg Bedenis, and Larry Mueesen. Mueesen and Bedenis won No. 1 doubles, and Jeff Maas and Dan Pullen, No. 2 doubles. The Bulldogs' team was missing three key players from the championship regional team: Al Cull No. 3 singles, Beth Faunce regional No. 2 singles champ, and Renee Kent No. 4 singles could not make the trip due to internships and student teaching.

With the prospect of new men and women recruits joining the team, Ferris is hopeful of moving back into the national top five. In the past 3 years, only four teams have repeated in the top 10: Ferris, Sacramento State, Memphis State and the University of Minnesota.



Debbie Sobran, Pam Harkleroad, Donella Rak

PENN WOMENS METRO TOURING LEAGUE

By Alida Maenhout, President

September was a busy month, with the League members establishing their teams, electing captains, and preparing to begin the fall racquetball season.

The first meeting was held at Gateway Racquetball on September 13th. At this meeting the officers for the 1988-89 season were introduced, and are as follows:

President: Alida Maenhout; **Vice President:** Pat Klann;

Secretary: Mary Gisslander; **Treasurer:** Claire Pele

This meeting also established the days and times of play, type of balls to be used for the season, and the By-Laws (rules) that dictate our league play.

I would like to formally thank Penn Athletics for their generous donation of Penn Racquetballs for the league. The Penn ball had been unanimously voted as the ball for the League again this year, and this donation was well received and appreciated. Also appreciated are the tireless efforts of our friend Jim Easterling who was responsible for securing the racquetballs for us from Penn. Thanks again, Jim and Penn Athletics!

At this time, I am happy to report that the League is running smoothly and everyone is enjoying the competition and camaraderie. Our next meeting will be announced.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 1988--Home of Dianne and Jim Easterling
Call to order by President Tom Blakeslee at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dianne Easterling, Jim Easterling, Tom Blakeslee, Rick Hall, Duane R. Russell, Lou Ellen Fletcher

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Hiser I.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Dianne Easterling distributed the 1988 tournament schedule. She mentioned moving the State Doubles to another date earlier in the year. After discussion it was decided to move the date of the State Doubles to March 31-April 2, 1989. We are still searching for a sponsor. By the end of the week the tournament schedule will be at the printer. If all else fails the RAM will pay for the printing. Dianne is preparing a list of Michigan Racquetball clubs and will prepare a master list. Jim Easterling reported receipt of \$600 for Ads to be placed in the Newsletter. Labels policy was mentioned by Jim as follows: If a sanctioned event the club gets free labels. If not sanctioned they do not. Rick Hall motioned that we would accept a written request for labels if it states what the labels are to be used for. Donation of \$100 would be charged. Duane Russell seconded. A discussion ensued: Tom Blakeslee said that maybe \$100 was too much and wanted to have it flexible enough to judge each case on its merits. Jim Easterling felt an enclosure should be included to the effect the labels would not be reproduced or used for something other than racquetball. There are over 950 total labels. Tom Blakeslee motioned to table it for consideration at the next meeting.

II. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT: No Report

III. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No Report

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Resumes of Joel Bonnet, Nick Rallis and Jimmy Floyd were distributed to the RAM Board members. Scholarship and athletic performance in racquetball are the key items. Recipients this year will be Nick Rallis and Jimmy Floyd.

OLD BUSINESS: Lou Ellen Fletcher was introduced as the RAM Board of Director's administrative secretary. Her duties were reviewed. Rankings, membership, Super 7 tournaments, tournament card. Jim Easterling mentioned that the more members we have the more dollars for RAM to work with. AARA has a ranking system which is imperfect. We definitely need a ranking system. Lou Ellen was asked to develop one and bring it to the Board for consideration. Tom Blakeslee said he would either run the State Doubles or find someone to do it.

MAILING: Jim Easterling mentioned that non-profit status is cheaper than Bulk Mail. (\$9.89 vs \$16.70). Jim also mentioned Lou Ellen could check into the STATE GAMES.

OLD BUSINESS: Regional tournament will be held in Feb. at Mt. Clemens. This is definite and had been cleared with Ohio, W. Virginia & Canada. There is no conflict in tournaments. Lines have to be on for play. All 10 pro stops will be on TV. Lou Ellen wrote an article and it will be carried on PASS. Rick Hall will be rewriting an article about the Grand Rapids tournament and submit it to Jim Easterling for inclusion in the Newsletter. Jim will also include the results from the Junior Nationals in the next edition of the Newsletter. Tom Blakeslee said Steve Strandemo held a clinic over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT AT 9:00 P.M.

Duane R. Russell Secretary

October 17, 1988, Davison Racquet Club, Davison, MI

Call to order by President Tom Blakeslee at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Blakeslee, Jim and Dianne Easterling, Rick Hall, Jim

Hiser,

ADMINISTRATOR: Lou Ellen Fletcher

GUEST: J. Floyd

TREASURER REPORT: Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the months ending Aug. 31, 1988 and Sept. 30, 1988 were presented by Dianne E. along with a Checkbook balance of \$1,990.36. Dianne reported approximately \$1,250 committed and projected a balance of only \$700.00 in Oct. This raised questions regarding the scholarship fund which W.T. chose to discuss as a separate item. The Treasurer reports were accepted as submitted.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: No Report

PRESIDENT REPORT: State Tournaments: A-The Michigan Athletic Club in Grand Rapids has expressed interest in hosting the State Singles Tournament. W.T. asked Rick H. to request a written bid for further discussion at the next board meeting. B-Candidate clubs for the Doubles Tournament are: Davison, Grand Blanc & Players Club. Bids will be solicited. C-An allocation of 6 cases of Penn balls is available through the AARA national contract for use in the State tournaments. State and Regional Directors Conference-WT & Jim E. plan to attend the conference Jan. 12-14. The Board approved the payment of airfare for both & will request reimbursement in part from Regional funds after the Regional tournament.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Membership: Contacted Florida club regarding their approach to AARA membership which involves club owners registering members when they join which is an approach worth pursuing to boost membership. Rankings: Contacted D. Wood who will provide state ranking information for a fee. Jim E. will contact Denny to finalize the offer.

NEWSLETTER: Jim E. called for articles for the next newsletter publication. Articles are due at the next Board meeting. Jim reported \$925.00 received for advertisement which covered the cost of the last publication and has over \$900 outstanding which will cover the cost of the upcoming issue.

AARA: Jim Hiser—Jim reported a long list of AARA activities and plans from a recent AARA planning session which he attended. Listed below are representative topics: AARA has approx. 29,000 members; Future offers to members include: Insurance, Days Inn discount package, Hertz car rental discount, & a discount offering from a national moving co.; Emphasis is on expanding membership with mention of programs similar of the Florida Club promotions; The Visa program is successful & generating revenue; Oregon is the only state not in the AARA; Nebraska has just joined; Michigan is ranked 12th in membership; The rules book & program are now being sourced directly which has made them less costly; The Jr. nationals will be in Indpls at the Greenbriar Club, June 24-28; The Olympic Committee has approved the use of the Jr. Olympic label on Jr. Regional events & the Jr. Nationals; The Inter collegiate Tournament will be the weekend after Easter, 4/1-2; The National Doubles tournament next week will be taped and telecasted in about one month; AARA Racquetball Hall of fame reenacted; The national board has open seats; AARA #1 priority is Olympic movement; The national singles has been expanded to a 6 day event; A new position has been established in the AARA staff, Asst. Executive Dir. of Programs for which Jim Hiser is a candidate.

MICHIGAN: Jim Hiser—Jim has funding from Ektelon to conduct a club owners seminar. The topic will be techniques for boosting club memberships and would be a good time to discuss club owners promotion of the AARA membership. Jim motioned that the board contact the following organizations regarding their interest supporting RAM activities; Special Olympics, organization for the Blind & Michigan Military Bases. Jim E. seconded. Board members make contacts. **MEETING ADJOURNED 9:30 p.m.**

THE SWITCH TO RUBBER GRIPS

By Doug Smith

It's just a matter of time before all racquetball, paddleball and, yes, even squash players will, #1 wear a glove and, #2 use a rubber type grip. It just makes sense. A player can hold onto the racquet better. It's as simple as that.

As the past vice-president of Tacki-Mac Grips, Inc., a major manufacturer of golf, racquetball, baseball, bicycle, and motorcycle grips, I have heard all the reasons one should stick with leather: "better feel", "softer touch", "more control", then they slipped. It was apparent that a rubber grip with a glove was superior.

Golf was the first sport to switch from leather to rubber grips (now it's tough to find a leather grip), racquetball is following with approximately 80% of the top players using Tacki-Mac or AME, paddleball is realizing the better grip with rubber, and it's my feeling squash is not far behind. It's just a matter of time before the manufacturers will get on the band wagon, too, and put these grips on their original equipment. Once again, it just makes sense! Besides being more colorful, more durable, more consistent, and less expensive, the rubber grips offer a firmer grip, resulting in better player performance. And that's what we're looking for isn't it?

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LEWERENZ CLINIC PRO-AM

The Lewerenz Clinic Pro-Am (formerly Bud Light Open) initiated the 1988-89 Michigan racquetball season with the largest draw ever. Over 500 players participated in what is now the longest running professional event in the country. For the first time cable television covered the event with the finals being broadcast to over 10 million people.

In the pro division Bret Harnett (Las Vegas, Nevada) defeated Marty Hogan (St. Louis, Missouri) in an exciting tie-breaker final. The Davison event annually attracts the largest qualifying draw of any tour event and this year 38 qualifiers attempted to make it into the main draw. Michigan players qualifying were: Dan Dutcher, Jim Floyd, Nick Rallis, Mike Anderson, Chris Cole, Joel Bonnett, Troy Hall, and Larry Meeusen.

Another Davison first is the pro-am banquet where the top professional and amateurs are presented awards recognizing their accomplishments from the previous season. Ruben Gonzalez monopolized the professional awards by winning the sportsmanship, most improved and outstanding player awards. The Michigan amateur awards were won by Lisa Ecker, Outstanding Woman Player; Chris Cole, Outstanding Male Player; Lorna Rocheleau, Most Improved Female; John Brennan, Most Improved Male; Johnny Northern, Sportsmanship Award; Jerry Gray, Contributor Award and Denny Wood was nominated to the Hall of Fame. The tournament attracted players from 22 states and Canada. Below is a list of Michigan players that took first place in their division.

Michigan Winners

Men

B-Dennis Lechowicz, C-Jim Skinner, Jr., D-Rob Smell, N-Tim Sypula, 19+-Larry Fox, 30A-Mike Hokva, 30B-Mike McPhersa, 35A-Stu Hastings, 35B-John Molinaro, 35C-Lenny Chaltran, 40+-Tom Brownlee, 40B-J.R. Slavik, 45A-Fred Lewerenz, 45B-Charles Wheelhar, 50+-Lynn Hahn, A doubles-Rick Vanderbird, C/D-Gerald Tucker/Jim Skinner Sr.,

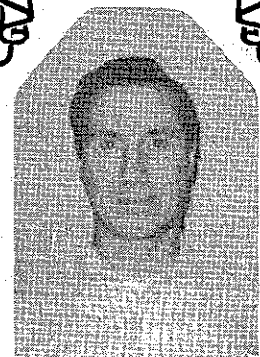
Womens

C-Anthinita Dickerson, D-Jill Wheeler,

Juniors

14B-Scott Zimmerman, 12B-Brent Zimmerman

Editor's Judgement Call



JIM EASTERLING
Editor of The Racquetball Reporter
Regional Director

Just a few special notes I thought you might be interested in:

1. The Junior National Championships will be June 24-28, 1989 in Indiana.
2. The High School Championships will be March 10-12, 1989 in Indiana.
3. The National Doubles Championships

ships will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 26-29, 1989.

4. The AARA voted to enter into a three year agreement with the Albuquerque Local Organizing Committee to host the Seniors-Masters World Championships on a yearly basis. The tournament will be held the weekend after Labor Day.

5. Stu Hastings of Clarkston, Michigan and Fran Davis of Middlesex, New Jersey have been appointed as Head Technical Coaches for the Men's and Women's teams respectively. Gary Mazaroff of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Neil Shapiro of Albany, New York have been appointed assistant coaches.

6. Racquetball will be at the Pan Am Games, for the first time, in Cuba 1991, (if a racquetball club large enough is built then) and also in Argentina in 1995. Racquetball will be a full medal sport at the Pan Am Games, which is another step towards seeing racquetball in the Olympics.

7. Larry Niles, World Champion Head Coach, has been appointed head coach for the US National Team through the 1990 World Championships.

State Owners—Manager Seminar

An owners-managers seminar will be held February 15, 1989 for owners, managers and club program directors. The seminar will be held in the Detroit area and focus on membership retention and special membership programs.

Selected guest lectures specializing in retention and membership programs will be invited to participate in the seminar. The AARA, RAM and Ektelon will provide the funding to fly some of the nations most respected lecturers. For more information, club managers may contact Jim Hiser at 313-635-5999.

VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT

W.T. Blakeslee

This season I think we in Michigan racquetball have a lot of positive things to look forward to this year. I think our State Singles tournament is one of the best-period. It will be the same again this year.

The "Mike Yellen Scholarship" award for the second year in a row will total over \$2,500; quite an accomplishment and something we in Michigan can be proud of—thanks to Mike, Fred, Ron, Jim, Rick, and RAM.

Region 9, Adult and Junior Regional Tournaments, will be held at the Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club in February 1989. There will be a tournament almost every weekend to participate in through May.

For the growth and promotion of our Racquetball Association, the Board of Directors have hired Lou Ellen Fecher to promote racquetball activities. Lou has a Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan in Flint, has run the Super Seven tournaments with her husband Julian, has assisted in many AARA and professional activities, and finally, has run the tournament desk at the 1987 and 1988 State Singles tournament. She is well qualified and should help us promote racquetball.

In January, Jim Hiser, Jim Easterling and myself will be attending the AARA annual racquetball meeting of all state and regional directors. In case you haven't heard, the AARA will be in the next Pan Am games—another step towards participation in the Olympics. Once again, I hope you have a Happy New Year and see you at the tournaments.

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Division M Open

1	Cole, Chris	600
2	Bonnett, Joel	300
3	Floyd, Jim	260
4	Anderson, Mike	230
5	Rallis, Nick	200
6	Hamilton, Jim	165
7	Meeusen, Larry	105
8	Anderson, Randy	100
9	Magnoli, Mike	100
10	Larry, Dave	75

Division M A

1	Bonnett, Joel	600
2	Verbeck, Dan	320
3	Covell, Ryan	215
4	Kircher, Bryan	210
5	Brennan, John	200
6	Kummler, Jeff	125
7	Blakeslee, Tom	115
8	Stallmer, John	115
9	Bedenis, Greg	100
10	Goodman, Neal	100

Division M B

1	Altenburg, Troy	410
2	Lechowicz, Dennis	150
3	Edsall, Ted	130
4	Riley Jr., Marv	115
5	Turk, Joe	90
6	Call, Mike	85
7	Morse, Ron	80
8	Ryan, Doug	80
9	Burdick, Pat	70
10	Strieter, Dennis	65
11	Zussman, Gabe	65

Division M C

1	Matthews, Ray	150
2	Morey, Donald	130
3	Simpson, Chris	120
4	Zimmerman, Scott	85
5	Guerra, Lionel	80
6	Balassone, David	75
7	Henry, Larry	70
8	Rajter, Gary	55
9	Snell, Rob	55
10	Altenburg, Troy	50

Division M D

1	Garbarino, Michael	190
2	Basirico, Vito	165
3	Zimmerman, Brent	150
4	Miller, David	130
5	Totin, Richard	120
6	Dunn, Mike	110
7	Zigala, Mark	95
8	Ray, Ed	70
9	Dorda, David	65
10	Vanderark, Marv	65

Division M 19+

1	Larry, Dave	250
2	Luehthjohann, Todd	150
3	Hamilton, Jim	75
4	Magner, Mike	70
5	Dutcher, Dan	50
6	Kaufman, Mark	50
7	Tackett, Al	50
8	Licari, Paul	30
9	Milstead, Dean	15
10	Edmonds, Murray	10
11	Holifield, Ken	10

Division M 25+

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

Division M 30+ A

1	Worthy, Scott	485
2	Anderson, Randy	400
3	Rodriguez, Dave	230
4	Longeliere, Larry	185
5	Hastings, Stu	160
6	Rodriguez, Dave	150
7	Hotra, Mike	100
8	White, Jack	100
9	Werner, Dan	70
10	Anderson, Mike	50

Division M 30+B

1	Klann, Al	150
2	Mcalinder, Dan	100
3	Lawlor, Terry	95
4	Lepczyk, Dave	80
5	Clement, Tim	75
6	Kowalewski, Mark	50
7	McPherson, Mike	50
8	Morse, Ron	50
9	SLavik, JR	50
10	Smith, Bernice	50
11	Wray, Jim	50

Division M 35+A

1	Hastings, Stu	1260
2	Stephens, Mike	250
3	Hiser, Jim	155
4	Northern, Johnny	145
5	Bonnet, Ken	140
6	Vanover, Ray	105
7	Vanderlind, Ric	100
8	Rozter, Curt	55
9	Easterling, Jim	50
10	Toth, Doug	50

Division M 35+B

1	Gervasi, John	250
2	Mell, Al	230
3	Molinaro, John	150
4	Lawlor, Terry	75
5	Lesczynski, Ron	75
6	Power, Jeff	65
7	Martinez, Gilberto	50
8	Niedzielski, Mark	50
9	Hall, Rick	30
10	Ohanesian, Jim	30

Division M 35+C

1	Guerra, Lionel	210
2	Sisinger, Jack	100
3	McConnelee, Scott	80
4	Allis, Gary	75
5	Gunkle, Wayne	65
6	Kreischman, Steve	50
7	Lau, Ian	50
8	O'Connell, Pete	50
9	Pfeffer, Robert	50
10	Powers, Robert	50

Division M 40+

1	Stephens, Mike	850
2	Bonnet, Ken	360
3	Gravelyn, Bob	295
4	Northern, Johnny	175
5	Hiser, Jim	145
6	Barter, Ed	70
7	Hagedorn, Bill	60
8	Sharum, Tom	60
9	McClellan, Gary	55
10	Brownlee, Tom	50

Division M 45+A

1	Stack, George	85
2	Phipps, Gary	65
3	Gray, Jerry	50
4	Johnston, Lorne	30
5	Madden, Jess	30
6	McGrail, Bill	30
7	Sharum, Tom	30
8	McClellan, Gary	20
9	Olijo, Oscar	20

Division M 45+B

1	Cloutier, Gary	150
2	Phipps, Gary	100
3	Wheelihan, Charlie	75
4	Binecki, Joe	50
5	Caretti, Richard	50
6	Gentile, Bill	50
7	Abate, Michael	30
8	Poole, Leonard	30
9	Calvo, Sixto	25
10	McGrail, Bill	25

Division M 50+

1	Filiareau, Bill	150
2	Pudduck, Ron	150
3	Hahn, Lynn	125
4	Sewell, Richard	100
5	Maddens, Jess	70

Division M 55+

1	Hahn, Lynn	350
2	Caretti, Richard	120
3	Schaeffer, Dale	100
4	Russel, Duane	60
5	Leone, Gerry	30
6	Schaeffer, Michael	30

Division M 60+

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

Division W Open

1	Ecker, Lisa	610
2	Hastings, Joetta	380
3	Fried, Crystal	150
4	Troszak, Tracey	115
5	Chmura, Irene	85
6	Troszak, Lori	75
7	Gutowski, Beth	65
8	Stellema, Kathy	60
9	Vanderbroek, S	40
10	Hartz, Brigitte	35

Division W A

1	Collins, Carol	350
2	Huczek, Sharon	350
3	Fecher, Lou Ellen	235
4	Fecher, Anne	225
5	White, Sandy	170
6	Mainhardt, Alida	150
7	Allan, Arlene	120
8	Gravelyn, Denise	105
9	Matties, Melody	85
10	Cumbersworth, Dawn	80
11	Tucker, Kim	80

Division W B

1	Eller, Laurie	200
2	Saad, Paula	170
3	Vanersteen, Cindy	150
4	Washburn, Priscilla	150
5	Walzak, Judy	125
6	Frankhouse, Dawn	120
7	Suever, Chris	95
8	Kleckner, Marlee	70
9	Kruse, Claire	60
10	Backus, Donna	50

Division W C

1	Saad, Paula	380
2	Kruse, Claire	225
3	Brevitz, Becky	150
4	Klann, Pat	150
5	Kleckner, Marled	115
6	Suever, Chris	95
7	Harkleroad, Pam	90
8	Motyka, Kathy	85
9	Muse, Karen	80
10	Papke, Sue	80

Division W D

1	McCauley, Diane	150
2	McIntyre, Rae	150
3	Gagnon, Michelle	65
4	Bologos, Marjorie	50
5	Bolten, Karen	50
6	Kakocinski, Lisa	50
7	Papke, Sue	50
8	Sims, Debi	50
9	Alexander, Donna	30
10	Brabrant, Mary	30
11	Melfi, Tina	30
12	Saad, Paula	30

Division W 19+

1	Ecker, Lisa	850
2	Troszak, Tracey	200
3	Kishigian, Lesley	150
4	White, Sandy	75
5	Stellema, Kathy	50

Division W 25+

1	Collins, Carol	430
2	Gutowski, Beth	130
3	Hastings, Joetta	100
4	White, Sandy	75

Division W 30+ A

1	Hastings, Joetta	225
2	Chmura, Irene	150
3	Kishigian, Lesley	120
4	Gutowski, Beth	65
5	Collins, Carol	30
6	Hartz, Brigitte	30
7	Stellema, Kathy	20

Division W 30+ B

1	Huczek, Sharon	250
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Division W 35+

1	Chmura, Irene	300
2	Hartz, Brigitte	100
3	Allen, Arlene	75

Division M 18

1	Floyd, Jim	800
2	Rallis, Nick	300
3	Garrow, Rob	125
4	Wonzor, Chris	100

Division M 16

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

Division M 14

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

Division M12

1	Zimmerman, Scott	500
2	Garrow, Brian	200
3	McGrail, Jim	100
4	Lerner, Rob	75
5	Zimmerman, Brent	50

Division M 10

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

Division M 8

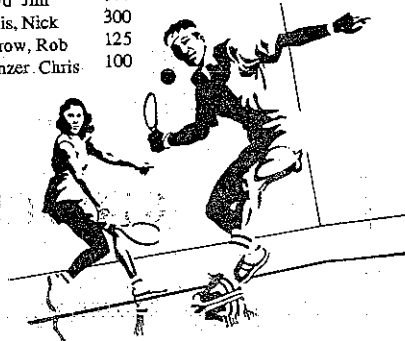
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2	McConnelee, Scottie	50
3	Degutis, David	30
4	Sandenberger, Eric	30

Division W 14

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

Division W 8

1	Degutis, Julie	70
2	Schutte, Jamie	30



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REGION 9

Information Listed
(Left to Right)
Rank
Name
12 Mo Cum Pts

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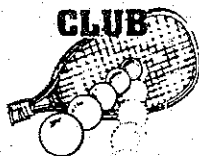
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