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Hall/Cole 'three-peat' at State Doubles

Not too long ago, former Los Angeles Laker coach Pat Riley, coined a nifty phrase that he had patented: "three-peat" was his term for three National Basketball Association Championships in a row, as his two time defending champs were trying to put the Laker name in the record books. Though his Lakers succumbed in the finals to the awesome onslaught of the wondrous Detroit Pistons, Riley's term became fair game for anyone going for three championships in a row.

This year's Michigan State Doubles Championships at the newly remodeled Ann Arbor One on One Athletic Club featured a possible three-peat performance in Men's Open. Davison's Troy Hall and Chris Cole were attempting to adopt their own version of three-peat having won two Open State Doubles titles. Standing in their way was the Ferris State duo of Jim Floyd and Jeff Kummeler, who have formed a good combination with decidedly different game styles.

Although game one saw

Cole and Hall victorious, it was the second game that forced the explosion of a true battle. Floyd and Kummeler quickly jumped to take leads of 8-5 and 13-7, sending the reigning champs reeling. The crowd, boisterous as usual when the charismatic Floyd is on the court, began pulling for the Ferris State duo from the start and picked up steam even more as Floyd/Kummeler expanded their lead and gave all indications they would get to see that which they came to watch for: a thrilling winner-take-all five dives per rally tie breaker. However, something happened to quiet the crowd, something Hall/Cole have begun to patent lately: the car-

diac comeback, as they rallied to score eight straight points in route to a 15-13 second game triumph and their third straight Men's Open State Championships.

In other divisional play, Hastings added another State title to his growing collection, teaming with Jack White to win Men's 30+. White and mixed doubles partner Buffy Gutowski were the only two players to walk away with a double scoop this weekend with White/Gutowski taking home the prize in Mixed Open with a chaotic 11-10 tie breaker victory over Hastings and

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View of the president

by Christopher Cole

"December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy..." nearly fifty years later on November 7, 1991, a bomb exploded upon the world much like Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Magic Johnson's announcement that he had contracted the HIV virus and was forced to retire sent major shock waves throughout sports and society in general. This episode gave notice that AIDS and HIV were an exclusive pair not only interested in the common person. With Magic's admittance, it is now possible for a living legend to succumb to this horrible fate. I wish him well in battling this disease that as of yet has no cure, and I offer this to all those who are into Magic bashing: no matter what you can dredge out about him, it will not diminish what he has done for pro basketball and for society. As a personal remembrance to Magic's playing days, I have written his name and #32 on my court shoes for reflection and to remind me in the future to be extra careful. Thank you, Magic and good luck.

On to some racquetball related news, I would like to quickly toot my own horn with my recent selection to the U.S. National Team as a singles player. This has been a dream of mine and now that I

am officially a member, I want to let you know that I will represent you well in international competition. I'll try to keep the winning tradition for the U.S. and I will uphold Michigan's success on the team. My buddy Jim Floyd has done much on the U.S. Team and I hope to continue his trend. My first competition will likely be the Tournament of the Americas in April in Honduras. Hopefully, I will bring back the gold.

Ann Arbor One on One just hosted the first tournament and it looks like the club will be a first class establishment with top of the line equipment. I ended up losing on an
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Comments from RAM's V.P.

by W.T. Blakeslee

The RAM racquetball 1991-92 season has reached almost the half-way point and in my view, seems to be better than ever. With the collapse of the Super Seven Series from the onset of the tournament year, the tournament faithful were undoubtedly worried about getting enough play. However, with Ken Bonnett's Racquetball One Series, Jim Earley's transfer to One on One, and the continuation of many tournaments at Rac-

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Cole makes U.S. national team

Michigan's Chris Cole, by virtue of his ninth place finish at the National Singles last May, has been selected to be on the United States National team. He and two other players, Tim Hansen (Georgia) and Mike Guidry (Texas) were picked to fill three vacancies made available by the former U.S. Team members Tim Doyle, Andy Roberts and Brian Hawkes. Because of a confusing process, these former U.S. Team players have resigned their places as part of an agreement with the Men's Professional Racquetball Association whereby those pros ranked in the Top 16 would not be allowed to be a part of the U.S. Team or eligible for amateur competition. Of the four singles players on the U.S. Team right before the AARA National Doubles Championships in October, only National Singles Champion Tim Sweeney (Illinois) decided to keep his amateur status and remain with the U.S. Team, thus creating the void recently filled by Cole, Hansen and Guidry.

The players on the U.S. Team are chosen from Men's and Women's Open players from the various national tournaments the AARA puts on. These finishes will earn people spots on the team: first through third place at National Singles, first place and National Doubles, first place at Intercollegiate Nationals

(#1 singles only), and U.S. Olympic Festival first place (both doubles and singles).

Obviously, with the various possibilities to make the team, double qualifiers are probable, thus placement at National Singles goes beyond finishing in the top three.

Here is a rundown of how the National Singles Championships went and why certain people made the team: First-Sweeney (still with the team), second-Egan Inoue of Hawaii (ineligible because of a suspension imposed on him by the AARA), semi's-Doyle and Roberts (resigned from team), fifth-Hawks (resigned from team), sixth-Hansen (on the team for the past year after winning National Doubles with Michigan's Jim Floyd, lost in 1991 National Doubles in quarterfinals, named to

U.S. Team as singles player in place of Doyle), seventh-Doug Ganim (already on team for winning Doubles at Olympic Festival with Hawkes), eighth-Guidry (named to replace Roberts).

With one more singles spot to be filled it was necessary for the U.S. National team committee to look past the quarters at the National Singles and thus the ninth place finisher, Cole, to find the third replacement for Hawkes. Unfortunately, missing out by one spot was Grand Rapid's Joel Bonnett who placed tenth at National Singles.

"I feel badly for Joel," said Cole, "because we played off at Houston for ninth place the very last day of the national tournament. We were told

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State Doubles Results

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partner Sandy White. Gutowski completed her two for the price of one by capturing Women's Open with partner Valarie Springer. In an interesting tandem, Rick Parkhurst teamed with his southpaw daughter-in-law Pam and won Mixed A, to wit ruining all the old wife's tales that in-laws don't get along!

Tournament director Tom Blakeslee did a superb job running the whole operation and he had an all-star cast for support including Lou Ellen and Anne Fecher, Mark Werthman and Jim Earley. The One on One Athletic Club gets a mighty thank you from RAM for hosting the event and thanks also to PENN, Mike Anderson, Hilton Screeners and all those who participated.

*Happy Holidays
from
the
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*Chris Cole
Tom Blakeslee
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Best of luck in 1992

Congratulations Winners!

1991 State Doubles Champions

MEN'S OPEN

Troy Hall/Chris Cole

MEN'S A

George Stec/Mike Young

MEN'S B

Bill Jacoby/C. Knickerbocker

MEN'S C

Girish Minosha/Manu Walia

MEN'S D

David Pillsbury/Mike Loll

MEN'S 30+ A

Stu Hastings/Jack White

MEN'S 30B/35B/35C

Tony Barra/Terry Lawlor

MEN'S 45+

Richard Sewell/Milo Karhu

WOMEN'S OPEN/A

Val Springer/Beth Gutowski

WOMENS B/C

Sue Papke/Lorraine Gohn

MIXED OPEN

Jack White/Beth Gutowski

MIXED A

Rick and Pam Parkhurst

MIXED B/C

Rob Moesta/Michele Moore

Seniors tournament draws 100

by Jim Easterling

The Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing played host to the 1991 Michigan's Mid-West Seniors Masters Invitational Open on November 8-10, 1991. This tournament is Michigan's only Level 4 AARA ranked tournament for the 1991-92 season.

The event featured 100 entrants in a round robin format from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, Ontario and Quebec Canada. The tournament is for players 35 years and older and features all matches played on the

honor system without referees. Play was available in Men's divisions from 35+ through 65+ and in Women's 35 and 40 divisions. Many racquetball champions attended, including former U.S. National 70 champion Earl Acuff, current Canadian National 65+ champion Ed Boyer and Women's National 40+ quarter finalist Shelly Ogden. The competition was quite fierce and only one or two points in many cases decided who advanced out of the

brackets into the playoffs and even who won individual matches.

Hosted by the new Michigan Athletic Club in Lansing, players from all over the mid-west got a look at Michigan's premier racquet and health facility.

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	2nd	Mark Casey
Men's 40	1st	Andy Butterbaugh
	2nd	Jim Santino
Men's 45	1st	Tom Perna
	2nd	Tom Brownlee
Men's 50	1st	Ron Johnson
	2nd	Jim Connor
Men's 55	1st	Charlie Douglass
	2nd	Frank Taylor
Men's 60	1st	J.D. Driver
	2nd	Lynn Hahn
Men's 65	1st	Dick Caretti
	2nd	Duane Russell
Women's 35	1st	Beth Gutowski
	2nd	Karen Green
Women's 40	1st	Shelley Ogden
	2nd	Betty Ann Gilliland

Hastings/Davis defend national title; bring home gold from doubles tourney

Michigan's Stu Hastings teamed with New Jersey's Fran Davis to successfully defend their 1990 National Doubles 35+ Championship by defeating Mel and Terry Hokanson of California 12-15, 15-8, 11-6. The successful National title defense showed all that, despite Stu's responsibility as Head Coach of Junior

Team USA and Fran's commitment as Assistant Coach for the Adult U.S. Team, they were still up for any challenge thrown their way.

Other notables were Joel Bonnett who teamed with California's Bill Sell to reach the Men's Open semi-finals; Jim Floyd who tried unsuccessfully with Tim Hansen of

Georgia to defend their 1990 National Championships, lost in the quarters, as did this year's Michigan State Men's Open Champs Troy Hall and Chris Cole. Other Michigan team participants included Rick Vanderlind/Mike Stephens, Paula Saad/Stacey Barbas and Joetta Hastings/Beth Gutowski. The team of Saad/Barbas lost in the quarters of Women's 25+ while Hastings/Gutowski lost in the semi's of that same division.

Another fine showing by the Michigan contingent. Way to go players! Did someone say three-peat for Stu in 1992?

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Letters...

Dear Sandy,

Great job on your newsletter. I enjoyed the new format and articles. The article by your new president was a little weak (*!?!*) but I am sure his writing will mature and develop.

Jim Hiser

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Dear Sandy,

I just wanted to let you know that I appreciated your response to my letter by offering RAM's apologies for the misprint in the previous issue of *The Racquetball Reporter*.

Often we like to complain when we find an error, but forget to say "thank you" when the error is corrected. So, thanks!

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From the Rule Book

by W.T. Blakeslee

The weekend of December 7, 1991, at the State Doubles Tournament, the following rules were the most often discussed.

OUT OF ORDER SERVE

In doubles, when either partner serves out-of-order, the points scored by that server will be subtracted and an out of serve will be called: if the second server serves out-of-order, the serve will be applied to the first server and the second server will resume serving. If the player designated as the first server serves out-of-order, a sideout will be called. In a match with line judges, the referee may enlist their aid to recall the number of points scored in out of serve order.

RULE 4.2 START

The server may not start the service motion until the referee has called the score or "second serve." The serve is started from any place within the service zone. (Certain drive exception, see Rule 4.6) Neither the ball, nor any part of either foot may extend beyond either line of the service zone when initiating the service motion. Stepping on, but not over, the lines is permitted. When completing the service motion, the server may step over the serve (front) line provided that some part of both feet remain on or inside the line until the served ball passes the short line. The server may not step over the short line until the ball passes the short line. See Rules 4.10(a) and 4.11(k) for penalties and violations.

RULE 3.7 APPEALS - (d) LIMIT ON APPEALS

A player or team may make three appeals per game. However, if either line judge agrees 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.

View of the President

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11-10 tie-breaker to Jimmy in the Men's Pro final and I'd like to make a comment about my conduct because it has been brought to my attention that I ruffled some feathers. During the match, Jimmy and I were having fun playing as intense as we have all year. I was suffering from the flu, but playing nicely, and because of this sickness was not in the best of moods. Following the final point, I was not a happy camper, but wasn't losing my temper and I was quietly retrieving my stuff to go to the locker room. I failed to notice, but apparently someone tried to shake my hand and since I didn't notice, I didn't make an attempt to grasp the hand. Apparently, this miffed this person and I apologize for that, but after an 11-10 loss where I had match point first, I am in no mood to shake someone's hand and to hear the maddening "nice match". Ten people must have said that to me right after, and that's ten too many. I appreciate the fact that they enjoyed the match, but my energy is still pumping and I still have adrenaline coursing through my veins, so please give me my space to wind down.

Until next time, I hope you are enjoying the tournament season and have a Happy Holiday season as well.

AARA Michigan

MEN'S OPEN

- 1 Chris Cole
- 2 Joel Bonnett
- 3 Nick Rallis
- 4 Jim Floyd
- 5 Troy Hall

MEN'S A

- 1 Mark Werthman
- 2 Jim Hamilton
- 3 Mike Lydy
- 4T John Kundrot
- 4T Mike Voorheis
- 4T Brent Zimmerman
- 5 Charles White

MEN'S B

- 1 Scott Hale
- 2 Ian Ladomer
- 3 Mike Foley
- 4 Shawn Battle
- 5 Mark Fedus

MEN'S C

- 1 Micheal Garbarino
- 2 Jim Davidson
- 3T Tom LaFave
- 3T Jim Rankin
- 4T Kirk Bachman
- 4T Rick Beck
- 4T Les Brumar
- 4T Don Stadnika
- 5 Doug Patton

MEN'S D

- 1 Tom Mathy
- 2 Mark Ohs
- 3 Matt Raymond
- 4 Ken Franz
- 5 Todd Mead

MEN'S NOVICE

- 1 Greg Colton
- 2 Richard Wordbec
- 3 Ted Vadella
- 4 David Kleinberg
- 5 Mark Dabiero

MEN'S 19+

- 1 Jim Hamilton
- 2 Dave Werschay
- 3T Larry Panetta
- 3T Peter Ruhala
- 4 Al Tackett
- 5 Scott Pufahl

MEN'S 25+

- 1T Jim Hamilton
- 1T Pete Ruhala
- 2 Jai Shekhawat
- 3 Mike Hotra
- 4T Chris Kelley
- 4T Pete Kilbildis
- 4T Todd Luethjohann
- 4T Jack White

Men's 30+ B

- 1 Mark Novak
- 2 Tony Barra
- 3 Richard Woodcox
- 4T Doug Callow
- 4T Dan McAlindon
- 4T Shane McKibben
- 5T Dan Hendee
- 5T Scott Reneaud
- 5T Scott Stone

MEN'S 35+

- 1 Stu Hastings
- 2 Jim Woolcock
- 3 Randy Anderson
- 4 Rick Vanderlind
- 5 Dave Paskan

MEN'S 35+ B

- 1 John Gervasi
- 2 Mark Mrocca
- 3T Dan McAlinden
- 3T Scott Stone
- 4 Wayne Hollander
- 5 Ed Swica

MEN'S 40+

- 1 Jim Santino
- 2 Tom Blakeslee
- 3 Mike Stephens
- 4 Rick Vanderlind
- 5 Marty Mangino

MEN'S 40+ B

- 1T Lenny Chaltraw
- 1T Mike Young
- 2 Wayne Gunckle
- 3 Jim Skinner
- 4 Terry Lawlor

MEN'S 45+

- 1 Rick Parkhurst
- 2 Gary Phipps
- 3 Ed Barter
- 4 Ron Morse
- 5 Joe Tomlinson

MEN'S 45+ B

- 1 Dan Greene
- 2 Art Murphy
- 3T Sixto Calvo
- 3T Dennis Hardin
- 4 Vince Callahan
- 5T Robert Fournier
- 5T Bill Gentile

MEN'S 50+

- 1T Paul Becker
- 1T Tom Sharum
- 2 Jim Connor
- 3 Sixto Calvo
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- 4T Dave Lund
- 4T Art Murphy
- 5 Richard Sewell



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Player Standings

MEN'S 55+

- 1 Ron Pudduck
- 2 Lynn Hahn
- 3 Hank Gates
- 4 Dave Lund
- 5T Daniel Day
- 5T Ken Maurer

MEN'S 60+

- 1 J.D. Driver
- 2T Richard Caretti
- 2T Lynn Hahn
- 2T Bob McClelland
- 3 Leonard Poole
- 4 Joe Lamilza
- 5T Arthur Burke
- 5T Robert Finkleman
- 5T Jack Yanikian

WOMEN'S OPEN

- 1 Joetta Hastings
- 2 Valerie Springer
- 3T Lesley Kishigan
- 3T Paula Saad
- 4 Diane McCauley
- 5 Beth Gutowski

WOMEN'S A

- 1 Diane McCauley
- 2 D. Frankenhause
- 3 Melody Matties
- 4 Stacey Barbas
- 5 Julie May

WOMEN'S B

- 1 Kathy Beck
- 2 Fran Morris
- 3 Stephanie Wiet
- 4 Diana Trombley
- 5 Sarah Wolodkiewicz

WOMEN'S C

- 1 Diane Pearson
- 2 Debbie Hotra
- 3 Jenny Riker
- 4 Rae McIntyre
- 5T Theralene Howell
- 5T Janet Woerner

WOMEN'S D

- 1 Joanne Caleo
- 2 Maureen Mead
- 3T Jill Feest
- 3T Michele Moore
- 4 Paulette Brown
- 5 Joanne Armour

WOMEN'S 25+

- 1T Anithita Dickerson
- 1T Sandy White
- 2 Tracey Troszak
- 3 Marta Rubcich
- 4T Joetta Hastings
- 4T Melody Matties
- 5 Paula Saad

WOMEN'S 30+

- 1 Diane McCauley
- 2T D. Frankenhause
- 2T Beth Gutowski
- 3 Joetta Hastings
- 4T Janet Insko
- 4T Melody Matties
- 5T Claire Kruse
- 5T Fran Morris

WOMEN'S 35+

- 1 Beth Gutowski
- 2T Lesley Kishigan
- 2T Cindy Sieders
- 3 Karen Green
- 4T Denise Gravelyn
- 4T Janet Insko
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Harbor Cove tourney returns

by Patrick Goodwin

A new season starts... following the Alpena tournament, state players saw the return of the Harbor Cove Open, September 6-8. The draw was quite small compared to years's past, but a double elimination format satisfied everyone's playing desires. A very loose atmosphere was the order with excellent hospitality to make everyone feel right at home.

The National Health and Racquet Club (N.H.R.C.) would like to thank everyone who attended, with special thanks to the Davison and MAC clubs for a strong showing. Saturday's match after match grind saw many favorites fade into Northern Michigan's beautiful sunset. A late night and last call at Bar Harbor made this tournament director's Sunday morning open finals match a refereeing joy!

Dave March (MAC, E. Lansing) caught Mike Stephens (MAC, Grand Rapids) sleeping in the semi-finals, to advance against Jim Woolcock (Davison)... Woolcock, the cash winner (12, 14). In the Men's A, two Davison players battled it out with Mike McPhearson defeating Rick Parkhurst (10, 14). Women's A saw Lin Showerman (MAC,

Grand Rapids) coast through the ranks in round robin play, tagging Melody Matties (2, 6) in the finals. In his second final Sunday morning, Gary Cimbala (Davison) lost 8-5 to Mike Call (Davison) in Men's B. Livonia player Evan Lyall took the Men's C title from MAC player Doug Kochneff. Men's D saw Petoskey players Dave Smith and Tim Hasse go the distance with Dave winning in three. Road warrior Randy Lada thumped Cimbala for the 35+ crown... expect to see more of Randy! Rounding out weekend action was Rick Parkhurst's three set victory over Paul Becker (Omni-Mus-

kegon) in 45+.

With the season still early there should be plenty of hot racquetball to come. Ken Bonnett's Racquetball One Series will build a lot of strength and character in Michigan's racquetball programs.

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Cole named to U.S. Team

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that the match didn't mean much because it just would determine seeding at the Olympic Festival and we were both already guaranteed being invited to the Festival. At the time, no one in the AARA knew of this Top 16 pro rule so it was totally unforeseen that our 9:00 a.m. Monday morning match would have so much importance. Anyway, I won in a tie-breaker after we played a rather nonchalant match with me kind of ambushing Joel in game two after I had bored him being lackadaisical. Joel and I can beat each other at any given time, so it's just one

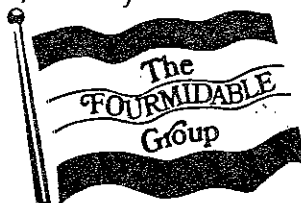
of those quirks of fate."

Cole's tenure will last into May up to National Singles. Along the way, the U.S. Team will be competing in two international events, the Canadian Challenge and the Tournament of the Americas which suits Cole just fine. As he explains: "Coach Jim Winterton (head coach of the U.S. Team) said it was likely I would go to Honduras for the tournament of the Americas. I am comfortable with this because I went to Venezuela two summers ago when the U.S. won the World Championships and even though I have got a ring to show for

those two weeks, I didn't get to play. I am excited and feeling mighty privileged to be given this opportunity. I only wish Jimmy (Floyd) was still on the team because to have two people who grew up together on the U.S. Team would be truly phenomenal. It may still happen, as a matter of fact, and I feel it is inevitable and would say a lot about our long time coach Jim Hiser and our home club, Davison Racquet and Fitness."

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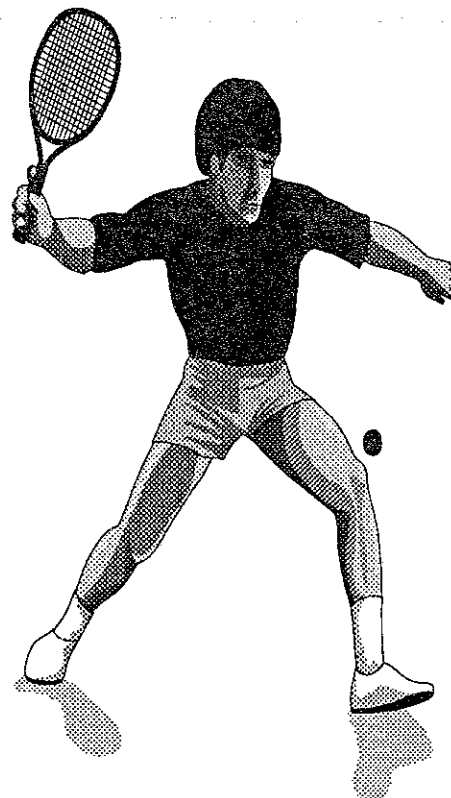
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RAM board meeting minutes

Date: August 24, 1991

Attendance: Chris Cole, Tom Blakeslee, Jim Earley, Lou Ellen Fecher, Mark Werthman and Jim Easterling.

Treasurer's Report: There was no activity in July other than the closing of the Lansing account and the opening of the Davison account.

Vice President: The constitution is being revised and will be forwarded to everyone upon completion.

President: The AARA now has a recreation membership for \$3.00 for those club players that would like additional AARA information.

There is a 95% chance of being in the 1996 Olympic's and will be in the 1995 Pan-Am games. Intercollegiate Nationals will be the same weekend as the regional championships the 1st weekend of April (3-5).

Sanctioning: Upon the resignation of Jean, Jim Earley stepped in as sanctioning committee chair. The schedule was handed out and will be finalized today. It will be included in the Sept. newsletter. Tom brought up that the Alpena tournament was not sanctioned therefore should

not be on the schedule. It was held in August and was a great success. About 80 people played and donated money to the Kidney Foundation. The Olympic format was used for the scheduling and the players loved it.

The Ohio schedule is already out and has been out for several weeks. Jim suggested that we get the 1992-93 season's card sent out by July. This means that he will start putting the card together beginning in January of 1992. An article will be put in the newsletter.

Guest: Jim Easterling: The Adult Regional Tournament is already scheduled for Feb 28-Mar 1 at the Sawmill Club in Columbus. Steve Lerner will be the director.

Referee Certification Letters will be going out soon to all referee's about renewing their certification. Maybe ref's should be paid \$10. At Racquettime ref's were donating their money to the Junior program. Gary will continue to help Jim with the referee certification.

Additional comments: Tom-Intercollegiates should be

added to the tournament card and move the Junior Regionals to be included with Super 7 #7, April 10-12 to be held in the Detroit area.

Jim Earley- Suggested that the State Doubles be moved before National Doubles. It was discussed but everyone felt that the tournament did well where it was and that there was not enough people who did go to Nationals that it would be beneficial to move it.

Next meeting: Livonia Racquettime Super 7 tournament Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ellen Fecher

Date: September 22, 1991

Attendance: Chris Cole, Tom Blakeslee, Jim Earley

Treasurer's Report: None

Vice-president: The constitution is being retyped. Tom will proof and bring to the next meeting. State doubles was discussed. It was decided there would be a

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limit of 16 teams. It will be a Saturday, Sunday tournament only. Chris will talk to Sandy about doing the entry/mini-newsletter. We will be using PENN balls at the tournament. We discussed Davison as a possible location for the State Singles. A banquet was suggested for Saturday evening. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Secretary: Jim Earley reminded the Board that sanctioning insurance forms are not being utilized. All tournament directors should contact Chris Cole for further info.

Next meeting: October 14, 7:00 at DRFC.

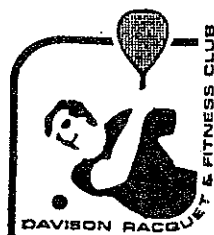
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January 3-5	Racquettime Rollout Raquetime Health Club, Livonia
January 10-12	Racquetball One Series Seniors #1 Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids
January 17-19	One on One Series One on One Athletic Club, Ann Arbor
January 31- February 2	Racquetball One Series Mid-Michigan Championship Michigan Athletic Club, Lansing
February 15-16	Las Vegas Doubles Championship Racquettime Health Club, Livonia
February 21-23	One on One Series One on One Athletic Club, Ann Arbor
February 28- March 1	AARA Regional Singles Sawmill & Westerville Athletic Club Columbus OH
March 6-8	Racquetball One Series Seniors #2 Trenton Athletic Club
March 20-22	One on One Series One on One Athletic Club, Ann Arbor
March 27-29	Racquetball One Series FINALE Michigan Athletic Club, Lansing
April 24-26	State Championships TBA
May 1-3	One on One Series One on One Athletic Club, Ann Arbor
May 20-25	National Singles Houston, TX

** Junior regionals to be announced.
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Comments from RAM's V.P.

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quetime, more tournaments have been available and more people have played them. If there is someone out there that wants to run a tournament series, I think the Detroit or Flint area is still under played.

The RAM Board is still learning to work with each other with our new leadership and can always use help. For

the record, it is a nonprofit organization and does not pay any salaries. We still need to be more cohesive and through time we will be an effective Board. Early in January we will attend the directors meeting in Colorado Springs and help shape racquetball in the next century. Although racquetball growth seems to have leveled, an interesting parallel exists with other

sports that includes tennis, golf and bowling. Don't be surprised that racquetball may experience major growth as it enters the Olympics in 1996. A couple of final notes: Sandy is doing a fabulous job on the newsletter and Chris and Troy had a three-peat at the State Doubles. Finally, Happy New Year! See you on the hardwood!

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