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Huczek captures 1999 National Title

by Sharon Huczek

The Junior Nationals were held at Arizona State University in Tempee, Arizona from June 26-30, 1999.

Jack Huczek continued his winning streak by defeating Bart Crawford of Oregon, 15-7, 15-8. In years previous, Jack has also captured the championship titles in the 14, 12, 10 and 8 & under divisions.

By winning the event, Jack again qualified to participate on the Junior National Team. Along 21 teammates, Jack attended a training camp at the Olympic Training Center this past August. The team will compete in the World Championship Tournament slated for December 17-22, 1999 in Fountain Valley, California.

Congratulations Jack!

USRA Membership Drive

The USRA has instituted a separate membership drive to help augment efforts at the state level. This past May, the USRA began offering \$100,000 in prizes as part of the drive to build membership. Here is how the program works:

The offers are made through the *Racquetball Magazine*, with a tear-out card. Any member who signs up a new member is eligible to be entered in the random drawing (the new member is entered into the drawing also). For each new member that the current member signs up, they get a chance for an additional prize. For example, sign-up ten (10) new members and get 10 chances for the drawing.

The grand prize is two round-trip airfares on United Airlines, which will be drawn at the U.S. Open in December.

For further information, please contact Tom Blakeslee at (810) 468-2787 or by e-mail at racketboat@aol.com.

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View of the President

by W. T. Blakeslee

The latest news is the \$100,000 USRA giveaway to booster racquetball memberships. All you have to do is sign someone up as a USRA member. If you sign up twenty (20) members, you will receive a \$200 premium racquet.

The 2000 millennium RAM racquetball schedule (see page three) is ready and you will find some significant changes. Good-bye for now to our friends at the Davison and Madison Athletic Clubs as we move the RAM sponsored tournaments to new locations. The State Singles Championships will be held at the Lansing MAC the last weekend in March.

The RAM State Doubles tournament will be hosted by Total Sports in Mt. Clemens, the first weekend in December. I encourage your participation in the Doubles event because I guarantee that you will never see a souvenir like this and a special membership related free second event. This will be the best value in Michigan since I played, back in the good ol' days! Not to mention the way Total Sports throws a tournament with their hospitality and Saturday night party. Don't miss this one, it will be the best ever!

In other racquetball news, Chris Cole is playing again, which is good news for Jack Huczek — he needs the competition. Jack won the 16 & Under Junior National Championships this summer to go along with his previous victories in the 14, 12, 10 and 8 & under age divisions. I predict that he will eventually win the 18's and accomplish a feat no one else has ever done (include Sudsy Monchik).

You can now e-mail me at racketboat@aol.com if you have any comments or questions. See you on the hardwood!

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1999 - 2000 Racquetball Association of Michigan Tournament Schedule

November 6-7, 1999	Seniors/Masters Lansing MAC
November 13-14, 1999	7th Annual Turkey Shoot Players Athletic Club
December 2-5, 1999	USRA OPEN Memphis, Tennessee
December 4-5, 1999	RAM State Doubles Total Sports Club Mt. Clemens
January 15-16, 2000	Courtland Utica
January 29-30, 2000	Felicia Mann
February 5-6, 2000	Total Sports Club Mt. Clemens
February 26-27, 2000	Players Club
March 11-12, 2000	Madison Athletic Club Madison Heights
March 25-26, 2000	RAM State Singles Lansing MAC
April 13-16, 2000	Adult Regional TBA
May 24-29, 2000	USRA Nationals Houston, Texas
June 24-28, 2000	Junior Olympics

USRA POLICY UPDATE

Effective for the 2000 season, the USRA Board of Directors has re-established its former policy regarding mandatory regional qualifying for National Singles competition for all entrants.

All players, regardless of age, must pre-qualify for competition in Houston by competing in a designated regional tournament.

However, the Board also recognized two additional senior/master events at which formerly exempted players can now also qualify for national competition. The Women's Senior/Master Championship in Baltimore, MD (Jan. 21-23, 2000) and the NMRA Masters Singles Championships in Fountain Valley California (Feb. 16-19, 2000) will both be considered "regional" events for the purpose of qualifying the 45 and over participants for competition at the 2000 National Singles in Houston.

Please note that all 35 and 40+ players must still qualify through a regularly scheduled regional event, and that all other stipulations remain in force.

For further clarification contact the USRA offices at (719) 635-5396.

Source:
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USRA

Michigan

Rankings

Women's A

1	Terry Fields	240
2	Stephanie Cobb	165
3	Diana Courtney	150
4	Terry Truvillian	130
5	Kerri Bergum	80
6	Barb Barber	75
7	Debbie Reauso	20
8	Veronica Brown	15
9	Lorna Rose	15

Women's B

1	Becky Kent	50
2	Veronica Brown	15

Women's C

1	Natalie Warren	150
2	Bridget Kundrot	140
3	Beth Feiertag	100
4	Jenny McIlhargie	75
5	Marion McClellan	50
6	Juli Suupi	20
7	Patricia Kelsay	15
8	Glenda Rankin	10

Women's D

1	Judy Kohl	75
2	Patricia Kelsay	30

Women's OPEN

1	Melissa Stephens	285
2	Paula Saad	230
3	Felicia Mann	175
4	Laura Patterson	110
5	Lesley Kishigan	70
6	Melody Gorno	60
7	Janet Insko	60
8	Sharon Huczek	15

Women's 14

1	Lindsey Anderson	30
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Women's 30+

1	Felicia Mann	200
2	Melissa Stephens	150
3	Terry Fields	100

Women's 35+

1	Paula Saad	450
2	Terry Truvillian	115
3	Melody Gorno	100

Women's 40+

1	Karen Green	200
2	Janet Insko	150
3	Laura Patterson	150
4	Becky Kent	10

Women's 45+

1	Lesley Kishigan	400
2	Janet Insko	300
3	Laura Patterson	250
4	Lorna Rose	100

Women's 45+A/B

1	Sharon Huczek	300
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Women's 50+

1	Sharon Huczek	850
2	Faye Cobb	175

Men's A

1	John Kundrot	310
2	Jeff Connell	300
3	Glen Williams	120
4	Len Kleparek	100
5	Shannon Kohl	100
6	Jake Cardona	85
7	Augie Pasko	80
8	Alex Cobb	50
9	Pete Dembeck	50
10	Kevin Thomas	50

Men's B

1	Darrel Bartowiak	150
2	Twayne Howard	150
3	Buzz Suupi Jr.	85
4	Jeff Mullins	75
5	Mike Sobczyk	60
6	Jerry Leija	50
7	Ron Papke	50
8	Rich Torres	50
9	Bob Wood	50
10	Pat Rose	45
11	Art Murphy	10

Men's C

1	Mike Sobczyk	250
2	Dean Cline	180
3	Bryan Hall	100
4	Jason Kennedy	70
5	Sherman Gipson	55
6	William Hollowell	50
7	Ricky Lewis	35
8	Mark Berishaj	30

Men's C (continued)

9	Jeff Ignatowski	30
10	Jason Carroll	25
11	Richard Worobec	25

Men's D

1	Greg McClellan	175
2	Jeff Cardona	100
3	Ian Emerson	75
4	Chris Harr	50
5	Alan Koshko	50
6	Corey Sobczyk	50
7	Dwight Teachworth	30
8	Roger Whitehead	30
9	Nicholas Cline	25
10	Bruno Gervasi	25
11	Ken Smith	25

Men's OPEN

1	Jack Huczek	375
2	Peter Ruhala	110
3	Brad McIlhargie	105
4	Augie Pasko	85
5	Michael Anderson	50
6	Jake Cardona	45
7	Pete Denbeck	30
8	Edwin Moore	30
9	Troy Hall	25
10	Lewis Forrest	20
11	Scott Boswell	15

Men's 12

1	Bruna Gervasi	150
2	Andrew Hoss	100
3	Jordan Lerner	75

Men's 14

1	Jack Huczek	900
2	Bruna Gervasi	50
3	David McIlhargie	30
4	Jack Henry	15

Men's 16

1	Jack Huczek	400
2	Shannon Kohl	150
3	Buzz Suupi Jr	100
4	Mike Deangelo	75
5	Tony Connell	50
6	Brandon Cortese	50
7	Ian Emerson	25
8	Devin Yunker	25

Men's 18

1	Jack Huczek	550
2	Shannon Kohl	150
3	Brandon Cortese	50

Men's 25+

1	Craig Dennings	90
2	Paul Stanwick	35
3	Mike Sobczyk	25
4	Chad Visgar	25

Men's 25 C/D

1	Twayne Howard	150
2	Jason Carroll	75

Men's 30

1	Augie Pasko	200
2	Pete Dembeck	100
3	Glen Williams	100
4	Kevin Thomas	90
5	John Kundrot	70
6	Jeff Connell	50
7	Tom Blakeslee	30
8	Chris Kelly	20

Men's 35+

1	Peter Ruhala	350
2	Jim Hamilton	250
3	Michael Anderson	125
4	Jeff Connell	100
5	Jack White	100
6	Mike Homan	85
7	Ron Barton	75
8	Steve Goedker	75
9	Tom Brownlee	50
10	Dan Veith	50

Men's 40

1	Michael Anderson	750
2	Jack White	200
3	Greg Hodges	175
4	Gene Rodgers	150
5	Dan Verbeck	150
6	Brad McIlhargie	100
7	Kim Hyde	75
8	Tom Blakeslee	50
9	Bob Cardona	35
10	Tom Yates	30

Men's 45

1	Tom Blakeslee	150
2	John Gervasi	150
3	Ric Scott	150
4	Jim Santino	100
5	Kim Hyde	75
6	Allan Mell	75
7	Roger O'Connor	75
8	Jim Easterling	50
9	John Coaker	35
10	Jim Panasiewicz	35
11	Van Conway	25
12	Jerry Leija	25

Men's 50

1	Mike Stephens	270
2	George Goudie	200
3	Bill Hughes	150
4	Jim Santino	150
5	Ed Barter	100
6	Bob Gravelyn	100
7	Rick Parkhurst	75
8	Tom Brownlee	50
9	Robert Fournier	50
10	Bob Goodin	50

Men's 55

1	Art Murphy	175
2	Doug Nordhaus	150
3	Richard Worabec	75
4	Vince Callahan	50
5	Sixto Calvo	50
6	Robert Fournier	50
7	Hank Gates	25
8	Jerry Gray	25
9	David Lepczyk	25
10	Charles Wheelihan	25

Men's 60

1	Dave Lund	250
2	Ron Pudduck	225
3	James Emerson	175
4	Hank Gates	150
5	Charles Kaiser	150
6	Frank Dascenza	25

Men's 65

1	Charles Kaiser	400
2	Stan Kurzman	200
3	Robert McClelland	150
4	Elliott Rott	150
5	Carl Schreiber	75

Men's 70

1	J.D. Driver	150
2	Bob Miller	75

*Ranking information provided
by the United States Racquet-
ball Association as of June 27,
1999.*

*Points are based on the amount
accumulated during the last 12
month period.*

*For more information, please
contact Tom Blakeslee.*

Contact us!

The Racquetball Association of Michigan would appreciate input from players and racquetball enthusiasts.

We encourage you to attend a board meeting or submit an article or photo for publication in the newsletter. We also accept tournament results from USRA sanctioned events for publication. The newsletter is printed quarterly and mailed to all RAM members.

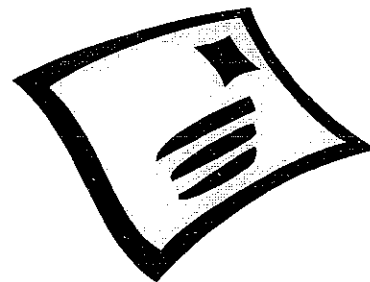
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MC/Visa _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

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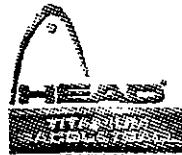
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