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Michigan Has A National Champion



L. HAHN - 1987

The picture of the man holding the trophy to the right is a common site for Michigan tournament players. Yes, that's right! It's Lynn Hahn (Whitehall, MI) again victorious. But this time the tournament was bigger and the competition stiffer. After all, it was the 1987 National Masters Invitational.

Held at the Maverick Athletic Club (Arlington, Texas) on February 20-22, 1987, the tournament drew 146 men from 30 states from Washington to Florida, New Hampshire to California and from Canada. The tournament featured competition in the 45+ 50+ 55+ 60+ 65+ and 70+ brackets.

Hahn, a Michigan Hall of Fame inductee, competed in the 55+ bracket along with 33 of the nation's top players. In winning the division Hahn played eleven 15 point games during the weekend and never lost a single game. That is quite an accomplishment at a national tournament! This is Lynn's second national title. He previously won the 50+ bracket of this tournament back in 1983.

Congratulations to Lynn Hahn on his 1987 National Masters title. We are looking forward to seeing Lynn defend this title in 1988 in Las Vegas. Back in Michigan Lynn plays out of the MBA Health and Wellness Center in Muskegon.

Michigan State Singles Championship Results

April 10 - 12, 1987

Rose Shores East Racquet Club
Tournament Director: Tom Blakeslee

MENS OPEN

Finals: Chris Cole def. Larry Fox
Semis: Chris Cole def. Stu Hastings
Larry Fox def. Mike Anderson
Quarters: Chris Cole def. Joel Bonnett
Stu Hastings def. Jim Floyd
Larry Fox def. Nick Rallis
Mike Anderson def. Mike Magnoli

MENS A

Finals: Larry Yeip def. Curt Glover
Semis: Larry Yeip def. Bill Beers
Curt Glover def. John Brennan
Quarters: Larry Yeip def. Tom Blakeslee
Bill Beers def. Rick Parkhurst
John Brennan def. Joe Nipote
Curt Glover def. Mike Moody

MENS B

Finals: Sean McCune def. Jim Wray
Semis: Sean McCune def. Rob Garrow
Jim Wray def. Mark Niedzielski
Quarters: Sean McCune def. Jim Nicholson
Rob Garrow def. Mark Kowalewski
Jim Wray def. Pat Presutti
Mark Niedzielski def. Gary Scott

MENS C

Finals: Bill Jacoby def. Troy Altenburg
Semis: Bill Jacoby def. Scott Bruce
Troy Altenburg def. Paul McBride
Quarters: Bill Jacoby def. Gary Rajter
Troy Altenburg def. Greg Lewerenz
Paul McBride def. Robert Stevens
Scott Bruce def. Joe Kollins

MENS D

Finals: Keith Limback def. Mike Garbiano
Semis: Keith Limback def. Wayne Gunkle
Mike Garbiano def. Lionel Guerra
Quarters: Keith Limback def. Scott Soulliere
Mike Garbiano def. Tom Self
Lionel Guerra def. John Arntz
Wayne Gunkle def. Bill Marshall

MENS NOVICE

Finals: Dan Voran def. Brad Tannen
Semis: Dan Voran def. Bill Hein
Brad Tannen def. Mike Cooper
Quarters: Dan Voran def. Steve Joseph
Brad Tannen def. Ken Perry
Mike Cooper def. Howard Christian
Bill Hein def. Jon Farnes

MENS 19+

Finals: Paul Licari def. Alan Tackett
Semis: Paul Licari def. Dan Dutcher
Alan Tackett def. Charlie Chapell

MENS 25+

Finals: Mike Anderson def. Larry Longliere
Semis: Mike Anderson def. Brian Chermide
Larry Longliere def. Greg Hodges
Quarters: Mike Anderson def. Tim Sigafosse
Larry Longliere def. Pat Walsh
Greg Hodges def. Bruce Hayward
Brian Chermide def. Jack White

MENS 30A

Finals: Randy Anderson def. Stu Hastings
Semis: Randy Anderson def. Ben Stanley
Stu Hastings def. Scott Worthy

MENS 30B

Finals: Grozenski def. Alan Klann
Semis: Grozenski def. David Johnson
Alan Klann def. Terry Lawlor
Quarters: Grozenski def. John Gervasi
Alan Klann def. Gilbert Solis
David Johnson def. Pat Presutti
Terry Lawlor def. Robert Frisch

MENS 35A

Finals: Rick Vanderlind def. Mike Stephens
Semis: Rick Vanderlind def. Ken Bonnett
Mike Stephens def. Jim Hiser
Quarters: Rick Vanderlind def. Bob Gravelyn
Mike Stephens def. Johnny Northern
Jim Hiser def. Jim Easterling
Ken Bonnett def. Tom Blakeslee

MENS 35B

Finals: J.R. Slavik def. Terry Lawlor
Semis: J.R. Slavik def. Dan Flowers
Terry Lawlor def. Mike Call

MENS 35C

Finals: Ron Morse def. Scott McConnelee
Semis: Ron Morse def. Mike Hakes
Scott McConnelee def. Dan Sutton
Quarters: Ron Morse def. Wayne Gunkle
Scott McConnelee def. Ron Byrum
Mike Hakes def. Bob Madigan
Dan Sutton def. Jim Skinner

MENS 40+

Finals: Tom Brownlee def. Ken Bonnett
Semis: Tom Brownlee def. J.R. Slavik
Ken Bonnett def. Jim Moore

MENS 40B

Finals: Paul Becker def. Larry Cole
Semis: Paul Becker def. Mike Corinti
Larry Cole def. Bill Gentile

MENS 45A

Finals: Fred Lewerenz def. Sam Key
Semis: Fred Lewerenz def. Paul Becker
Sam Key def. Tom Sharum

MENS 45B

Finals: Don Revels def. Oscar Olivo
Semis: Don Revels def. Jerry Risher
Oscar Olivo def. Hank Pety

MENS 55+

Finals: Lynn Hahn def. Duane Russell
Semis: Duane Russell def. Jack Yanikian
Lynn Hahn def. Duane Russell

MENS 60+

Finals: Richard Caretti def. Duane Russell
Semis: Richard Caretti def. Sohikian
Duane Russell def. Dan Wood

WOMENS OPEN

Finals: Irene Chmura def. Joetta Hastings
Semis: Irene Chmura def. Sheri Anderson
Joetta Hastings def. Beth Gutowski
Quarters: Irene Chmura def. Janet Insko
Joetta Hastings def. Lori Troszak
Sheri Anderson def. Tracey Troszak
Beth Gutowski def. Kathy Stella

WOMENS A

Finals: Beth Gilliland def. Carol Marshall
Semis: Beth Gilliland def. Mary Gisslander
Carol Marshall def. Josie Prantera
Quarters: Beth Gilliland def. Sandy White
Carol Marshall def. Dianne Easterling
Mary Gisslander def. Tracy Pessina
Josie Prantera def. Arlene Allan

WOMENS C

Finals: Marlee Kleckner def. Judy Walzak
Semis: Marlee Kleckner def. Jeanne Haney
Judy Walzak def. Jill Stanley
Quarters: Marlee Kleckner def. D. Maio
Judy Walzak def. Paige Souder
Jill Stanley def. Dawn Frankhouse
Jeanne Haney def. Sylvia Cumberworth

WOMENS D

Finals: Jean Carbeno def. Sharon Limback
Semis: Jean Carbeno def. Christine Suever
Sharon Limback def. Pat Klann

WOMENS NOVICE

Finals: Pam Harklerodd def. Donna Alexander
Semis: Pam Harklerodd def. Tina Melfi
Donna Alexander def. Tina Melfi

WOMENS 19+

Finals: Tracey Troszak def. Lori Troszak

WOMENS 25+

Finals: Kathy Stella def. Judy Gonyea

WOMENS 30A

Finals: Joetta Hastings def. Beth Gutowski
Semis: Joetta Hastings def. Leslie Kishigian
Beth Gutowski def. Mary Gisslander

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Classic Story

"3 Big Technicals"

Once upon a time in 1980, there was a big racquetball tournament that had all the big name men PRO players in it. The tournament was held at Davison Racquet Club. The word was out that Davison was going to pay \$10 a match to anyone who would referee a PRO match on Sunday.

Sunday morning I got on the phone and called the club to talk to Jim Floyd (Senior) and asked if there were any PRO matches left that I could referee. He said sure and it would be Don Thomas against Marty Hogan in the semi-finals.

As I got in my car and started the drive to Davison, I started to get nervous. I was thinking that these guys aren't just open players, they are PROS. Marty Hogan was #1 in the World at that time. My pulse rate sped up, my palms began to sweat and my knees began to knock. I was scared to death. Then I quit worrying. I thought, I've been reffing matches for quite awhile. I've reffed the Men's Open finals at the State Championships and have given many referee clinics and one of the top 10 best referees in the whole state. (Back then I was a little cocky and very stubborn.)

As I got out of my car at the club, I thought all I have to do is what I've done in the past as a referee. Make the calls loud, make them fast and be CONSISTENT.

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1987 Regionals Dominated By Michigan

This year's regionals, hosted by Dansin Racquet Club, attracted over 250 competitors from Ohio, West Virginia, Canada and Michigan. Although Michigan dominated the open and letter brackets, the mens age groups were controlled by Ohio players.

Region Nine attracts some of the nation's best players as demonstrated in the following list of 1986 National Winners: Chris Cole Michigan - 3rd National Jrs.; Larry Fox, Michigan - 3rd Nationals 25+; Stu Hastings, Michigan - 3rd 30+, Ron Woolard Ohio - Quarters 35+; Bobby Sanders, Ohio - Second 45+; Otis Chapman, Ohio - Semis 50+ and 55+; Joetta Hastings-Quarters 25+; **1987 Regional Results:**



WOMENS OPEN
1st Place - Barb Harrison - Ohio
2nd Place - Lisa Ecker - Michigan

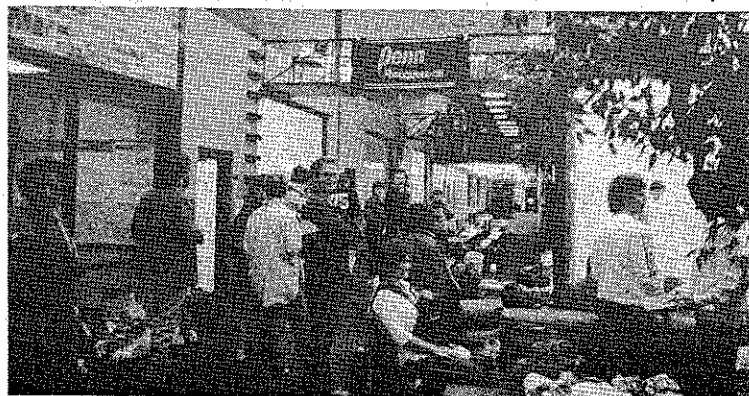


MEN'S OPEN
1st Place - Mike Anderson - Michigan
2nd Place - Chris Cole - Michigan

CORRECTIONS TO ARTICLES IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the February issue in the article called "Classic Story", I misspelled a person's name. The correct spelling is **GOTTLIEB**. Also part of the answer to question 1 in the Trivia 8 section that we forgot to list was **30 courts**. I apologize for the errors.

Jim Easterling



SOME SPECTATORS AT THE REGIONALS

Mens Open	1st	Mike Andersen	MI	Mens 35B	1st	Terry Jones	MI
	2nd	Chris Cole	MI		2nd	Dale Sutton	MI
	Semi	Dave Eagle	OH	Mens 35C	1st	Tony Horners	MI
		Randy Anderson	MI		2nd	Bill Lietzau	MI
Mens A	1st	David March	MI	Mens 40+	1st	Bobby Sanders	OH
	2nd	Larry Yeip	MI			Tom Brownlee	MI
	Semi	Bob Jackson	WV	Mens 40B	1st	Dave Lepczyk	MI
		Brian Ferguson	OH		2nd	Larry Cole	MI
Mens B	1st	Greg Lutch	OH	Mens 45	1st	Bobby Sanders	OH
	2nd	Dennis McCune	MI		2nd	Thomas Sharum	MI
	Semi	Dave Matts	MI	Mens 50	1st	Otis Chapman	OH
		Brett Rogers	OH		2nd	Dave Lund	MI
Mens C	1st	Gary Boucheau	Ca.	Mens 55	1st	Otis Chapman	OH
	2nd	Mike Davis	MI		2nd	Richard Caretti	MI
	Semi	Sean McCune	MI	Womens Open	1st	Barb Harrison	OH
		Mark Niedzieki	MI		2nd	Lisa Ecker	MI
Mens D	1st	David Balassine	MI		Semi	Bryette Hartz	OH
	2nd	Mike Williams	OH			Joetta Hastings	MI
	Semi	Chuck Ikard	MI	Womens A	1st	Sandy White	MI
		Lionel Guerra	MI		2nd	Cathy McCartney	OH
Mens 19+	1st	Dan Dutcher	MI	Womens B	1st	Fay Cobb	MI
	2nd	Jack White	MI		2nd	Rosemarie Cook	MI
Mens 25+	1st	Dave Eagle	OH	Womens D	1st	Lorna Rochelean	Ca.
	2nd	Mike Anderson	MI		2nd	Anita Dickerson	MI
	Semi	Dan Werner	MI	Womens 19+	1st	Sheri Anderson	MI
		Larry Fox	MI		2nd	Lisa Ecker	MI
Mens 30+	1st	Randy Anderson	MI	Womens 30+	1st	Joetta Hastings	MI
	2nd	Mike Hotin	MI		2nd	Donna Henry	MI
	Semi	Ron Woolard	OH	Womens 35+	1st	Irene Chmura	MI
		Curt Rozier	MI		2nd	Bridgetti Harty	OH
Mens 35+	1st	John Free	OH				
	2nd	Ron Woolard	OH				
	Semi	Ken Bonnett	MI				
		Mike Stephens	MI				

Jim Hiser

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WOMENS 35A—

Finals: Donna Henry def. Irene Chmura

BOYS 18A

Finals: Nick Rallis def. Jim Floyd

Semis: Nick Rallis def. Dave Larry

Jim Floyd def. Dave March

BOYS 16A

Finals: Joel Bonnett def. Jason Howard

Semis: Joel Bonnett def. Bryan Kircher

Jason Howard def. Bryan Kircher

BOYS 16 & 14

Finals: Sean McCune def. Ryan Covell

Semis: Sean McCune def. Troy Altenburg

Ryan Covell def. Troy Altenburg

BOYS 12

Finals: Brent Zimmerman def. Jim McGrail

BOYS 10

Finals: Scott Zimmerman d. Brian Garrow

GIRLS 12

Finals: Colleen Covell def. Angie Gardner

Semis: Colleen Covell def. Christine Skinner

Angie Gardner def. Christine Skinner

8 & UNDER

Finals: Billy Hall def. Julie Degutis

Semis: Billy Hall def. Julie Degutis

Julie Degutis def. Scott McConnelee

"Trivia 8" is eight questions about racquetball or racquetball related events/items in Michigan.

by Jim Easterling

1. What is "Radiation Man's" real name?
2. Who are the two people that set up and run the MCRA tournaments?
3. In 1978 what was the largest "national" racquetball tournament held in Michigan and where was it held?
4. What club, in Michigan, had an "instruction court" published in the "National Racquetball" magazine in August, 1979?
5. Who was the first woman pro player to ever manage a racquetball club in Michigan, what was the club and where was it?
6. What sport was invented in 1930 at the University of Michigan and who invented it?
7. Who started the Women's Metro Travel League?
8. Why is this article called Trivia 8?

See the back page for answers.



Women's Metro League News

February and March are exciting months for the Women's Metro Travelling League. It is almost the end of the season and playoffs are looming in the near future.

February 25th and March 4th were significant dates for many members of the League. What could be better for your racquetball game before playoffs, than a Clinic with Ektelon Representative, Tom Brownlee, and Company.

Tom came to Gateway Racquetball, with instructors Arlene Allan, Donna Henry, Tom Blakeslee and Larry Yeip, and captivated the audience with a lecture on racquet stroke and court strategy. Later, the instructors took groups of women into the courts and gave them more individualized attention.

The Metro League would like to thank Tom, Larry, Tom, Arlene and Donna for taking the time to help us improve our games. We would also like to thank the RAM Board for arranging these Clinics.

A banquet at the King's Mill Inn will officially end the League season. Trophies will be awarded at this time to all the winning teams.

RESULTS OF THE 1986 - 1987 SEASON

Sunday Level I
Gateway I — 1st Place
Backwall Eagles — 2nd Place

Sunday Level II
Playoffs April 12
Maple Courts A vs. Gateway

Thursday Level II
Gateway I — 1st Place
Gateway II — 2nd Place

Thursday Level III
Playoffs April 2
Gateway vs. Warren

*Congratulations to the winning teams!!!
You played hard and deserve to win!*

Two hundred women played in the Metro League this year, and all should be congratulated on their own contribution to racquetball.

Thank you to all of the Clubs who participated, the coaches, captains and the spectators. We appreciate your support.

OFFICERS FOR THE 1987 - 1988 SEASON

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We're looking forward to the next season and we'd like to include more teams, especially Level IV Novice. If you have a team, would like to join a team, or would like more information, call Alida Mainhardt (313) 264-2270.

Alida Mainhardt



Stu Hastings (L) and Tracey Troszak
are the Mixed Open Doubles Champs



Stu Hastings (L) and Chris Cole (R)
are the Men's Open Doubles Champs



Irene Chmura (L) and Kathy Stellema (R)
are the Women's Open Doubles Champs

1987 RAM Doubles Championship

The 1987 RAM State Doubles Championship was held on February 28-March 1 at the Woodland Racquet Club in Brighton, Michigan. The Championship was a big success and consisted of 81 total doubles teams playing in 13 divisions. DP helped the success of the tournament by contributing gloves, racquets and bags to be given away to the players as door prizes.

Competition was hotly contested in all divisions as five of the semi-final matches in regular divisions went to a tiebreaker and seven of the final matches went to a tiebreaker. New champions were crowned in all divisions and the tournament saw two players become winners of two divisions. Priscilla Washburn was a double winner by winning the Women's A with her partner Carol Collins and then by winning the Mixed A with her partner Neal Goodman. The other double winner was Stu Hastings winning the Open with partner Chris Cole and then winning the Mixed Open with partner Tracey Troszak. The tournament also saw perhaps two of the biggest supporters of doubles play return as champions: Jack Sisinger and Alex Birescu returned to win back their title in the Mens 35C division. As you can see by the picture this team has been very successful in the State Doubles tournaments.

Congratulations to all the players who took part in the tournament for the excellent display of sportsmanship during the entire weekend. A special thanks also to our sponsor DP, and Penn and to the host club, Woodland Racquet Club, and its manager Jenny Fredenburg. Not to be forgotten — should be a special thank you to Rita Sisinger. Although not a player in the tournament, Rita was there all weekend taking pictures of the matches and the crowds. She was there Sunday taking pictures of all the winning teams so the winners could have something other than a trophy to remember the tournament by. We are looking forward to seeing all doubles players at next year's State Championship.

RESULTS:

Mens Open

Semis — Mike & Randy Anderson d. Nick Rallis/Dan Dutcher 15-7, 15-4
Semis — Stu Hastings/Chris Cole d. Rick VanderLind/Larry Longlietier 15-4, 15-7

Finals — Hastings/Cole d. Andersons 15-14, 7-15, 11-6

Mens A

Semis — Jeff Steinkirchner/Joe Mullin d. John Brennan/Randy Lada 15-8, 15-4

Semis — Curt Rozier/Terry Jones d. Mark Heinbokel/Dave Goldstein 9-15, 15-9, 11-2

Finals — Rozier/Jones d. Steinkirchner/Mullin 15-1, 15-10

Mens B

Finals — Jeff Steinkirchner/Joe Mullin d. Ron/Brian Ozimek 15-8, 15-5

Mens C

Semis — Dennis Lechowicz/Phil Croff d. Jack Sisinger/Alex Birescu 15-11, 15-1

Semis — John/Pete Rehm d. Mike Davis/Wayne Hollander 15-11, 12-15, 11-7
Finals — Rehms d. Lechowicz/Croff 13-15, 15-5, 11-10

30A

Finals — Curt Ferrell/Bob Thompson d. Mark King/George Goudie 15-14, 15-12

35A

Finals — Fred Lewerenz/Tom Brownlee d. Mike Stephens/Rick VanderLind 15-9 (one game playoff)

35C

Finals — Jack Sisinger/Alex Birescu d.

Mike Call/Scott McConnelee 15-5, 15-6

Womens Open

Finals — Irene Chmura/Kathy Stellema d. Anne Jahn/Elaine Barch 15-9, 15-9

A

Semis — Carol Collins/Priscilla Washburn d. Cheryl Mayer/Chris Eldon 15-12, 15-6

Semis — Shirley VanderBroek/Tammy Smith d. Janet Insko/Mary Gisslander 15-11, 15-8

Finals — Collins/Washburn d. VanderBroek/Smith 15-7, 6-15, 11-9

C/D

Finals — Barb Rockwell/Fran Flowers d. Denise Bammel/Patty Hysell 8-15, 15-8, 11-8

Mixed Open

Semis — Stu Hastings/Tracey Troszak d. Irene Chmura/Jack White 5-15, 15-13, 11-1

Semis — Nick Rallis/Tammy Smith d. Dave Paskan/Donna Henry 12-15, 15-2, 11-9

Finals — Hastings/Troszak d. Rallis/Smith 15-5, 4-15, 11-6

A

Semis — Priscilla Washburn/Neal Goodman d. Bob/Denise Gravelyn 15-13, 10-15, 11-7

Semis — Arlene Allan/Curt Rozier d. Janet Insko/Jerry Tucker 15-5, 15-4

Finals — Washburn/Goodman d. Allan/Rozier

Finals — Donna/Bruce

C/D

Finals — Donna/Bruce Backus d. Gloria Doe/Robert Finkleman 15-13, 8-15, 11-6

Jim Easterling



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"View of the Vice-President"

BY W.T. BLAKESLEE

Once again the Racquetball season is winding down after a very successful State Singles Tournament at Rose Shores which declared this year's champions. However, the real winners were you, over 300 RAM members who played in the tournament. Did you know the largest group in the tournament was the Seniors Division? Almost 45 players in A, B, and C brackets! The tournament had few surprises. It was good to see Chris Cole win his third straight State Singles. The

oversize racquet was used by all male winners except Chris and Paul. Thanks to everyone who played.

On a serious note, not many persons must read my article during the year. I've had less than a handful of comments. If we didn't publish this Newsletter, we could run the state tournament for about \$12 per entry. Is the paper worth it? Please tell me.

Another concern of mine is Junior Racquetball. We've got to get the kids to play, or our sport will not survive! I

mentioned that at the States the biggest player group was 35. We need the kids, male & female. The Junior Regional Tournament will be May 15, 16 & 17 and the Nationals will be June 20-24. I've been to the Nationals and it is quite an experience. Please get your favorite kid, son or daughter, involved.

In closing, Dianne Easterling and Duane Russell were elected to the RAM Board of Directors. I wish them well. The pay is great. We still have openings — anyone interested?

Tom

A: Because you can relate a lot of what you've learned from other sports to racquetball not only physical but mental as well.

Q: What are your future goals?

A: Right now at the top of my list is to become a mentally tough player, not just mechanically sound.

Q: How much do you play a week?

A: I play fifteen to twenty-five hours a week depending on if there's a tournament.

Q: What else do you do for your game besides play racquetball?

A: I ride a stationary bike three to four times a week for 20 to 30 minutes. I lift weights 2 to 3 times a week. I also try to read about racquetball so I know what's going on.

Q: What is your weakness?

A: In the beginning I wanted to win so badly. My coach feels that I wanted it too much and this put pressure on me to perform and thus took the fun out of competition. He is now teaching me to work hard and to play for fun. He feels that the winning will take care of itself.

Q: Are you the only person that plays racquetball in your family?

A: No. My sister Lori has taken to the game very well. She has improved very rapidly through a combination of her natural talent and coaching from Stu. She and I have a healthy competition between us. Her improvement pushes me to work harder, because I know she will pass me by if I don't keep pushing to get ahead.

1986 RAM

RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Most Outstanding Female Player Most Improved Female Player

JOETTA HASTINGS

Age: 29

Occupation: General Motors (Buick)

Years Played: 7

Sponsor: Ektelon, Footjoy Shoes

Clubs:

Courthouse, Meadowbrook, Backwall

TRACEY TROSZAK

Age: 22

Occupation: Artist

Years Played: 2

Sponsor: HEAD

Clubs: Backwall, Meadowbrook

Q: When did you start playing racquetball?
A: I started playing racquetball in December of 1984.

Q: Why did you start playing racquetball?

A: I started playing racquetball because when I was in high school I played sports all year round (Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball). I went to a college that didn't have a sports program. After two years of not playing sports I chose racquetball. At first because you only needed one other person to get a good workout. Then came tournaments, lessons, and the people I met along the way. I fell in love at my first tournament.

Q: How did you improve so quickly?

A: First of all as soon as I picked up a racket I also started taking lessons from Stu Hastings. That meant no bad habits to break. I had an open mind that wanted to learn to play the right way. I worked at my game a great deal and played every tournament possible.

Q: How was being a part of Team Hastings helped you with your games?

A: Team Hastings is a special kind of program in that you can learn not only from the coach, but from the other members on the team. Because we all learn from each other, whether it's a good or bad experience. Even the coach learns new things all the time.

Q: How does being a part of Team Hastings help you at a tournament?

A: There's always someone at the tournament to help you out if you're having a tough time in a match. There's always someone you know so you don't feel alone at a tournament. (Being on your own is a bummer.)

Q: Is there any other reason you improved so quickly?

A: My background in sports from school helped a great deal with my improvement.

Q: Why did playing other sports have an effect on your improvement?

Q: How did you get started in racquetball?
A: My husband taught me paddleball first. It was fun and good exercise too. I then switched to rackets because there was more state wide competition available.

Q: What was your first tournament like?

A: I didn't know what to expect. It was my husband's idea to play in it. He worked hard and practiced a lot for this first tournament and I played casually for fun. He ended up losing in the 2nd round and I ended up in the finals. After my second round I was out of clothes. I ended up playing 6 rounds. I was lucky that my husband knew what to expect and packed extra clothes for me.

Q: Why do you play tournaments now?

A: I like the competition and it gives me a reason to stay in shape. I enjoy the people I meet at tournaments. Also, because it's a good way to see my husband.

Q: Do you always expect to win?

A: No. It's not realistic. Over the years I've learned that you can't always win. The other dog will have his day no matter how badly you want to win or how hard you work at it. So, it is important to want to play well. Playing well is actually winning.

Q: What kind of workouts do you have?

A: In the early days I just played a lot. Now I have a variety of activities to keep from getting bored with the game. I swim 2 times a week (1/2 mile each day). I run a few miles per week.

Q: How did teaching lessons help your game?

A: It made me breakdown the game and think out other aspects that I took for granted as a player.

Q: What keeps you up when you are down?
A: My husband Stu has been a great inspiration. We give each other a great deal of support in racquetball and life in general.

Expect Bad Breaks

Have you ever had a match where it seemed as though every single break was going against you. Maybe your opponent rolled one out from between his legs. The shot that looked like a perfect setup for you spun crazily off the door handle. Perhaps the referee missed an easy call and your opponent claims he really didn't see it.

What do you do? How do you react? Well, I think the majority of us would get upset. We might begin to think that these things only happen to us. Believe me, they don't. And they do even out. But how do we handle that anger in us. I suggest that you defuse the anger by turning it into a game.

I use to get upset when I rode my bike to work because it seemed some car would try to run me off the road every day. I'd get to work and bore some poor co-worker about my latest brush with death. Then I realized that this was happening all the time. I decided that it would be reasonable to expect 2 close calls a day. If more than two occurred, I was free to corner a co-worker with my tale. If there were exactly 2 close calls I would pat myself on the back for my supreme perception. And on the days that I had less than 2 close calls, it seemed to restore my faith in humanity. In other words, it became a game that helped control my anger. When some jerk ran me off the road I would smile and say to myself, "There goes Number 1. I wonder who will be Number 2." I enjoyed my ride more and my co-workers didn't avoid me as much.

Now I am not sure what the exact number of bad breaks to expect per match is, but you know it will be a lot more than 2. When that bad break occurs on the court, don't blow a fuse, laugh it off and then bear down a little harder on that next point. Use the bad breaks as a device to improve your concentration instead of losing it.

John T. Larin

It Is Your Responsibility To Vote

This year every RAM member has the opportunity to vote for members of the National AARA Board of Directors. Up for reelection are six candidates including Jim Hiser from Michigan. Since every candidate recruits votes from their local area, it is important that Michigan members voice their opinions to renew Jim's three year position as Vice President of the AARA. To vote, simply cut out the ballot from your AARA Racquetball in Review and send it along with your mailing label to the AARA headquarters in Colorado.

Also, members are encouraged to vote on proposed rule changes. The following rule changes are up for review. Please cut out the following ballot and mail it to national rules committee member Jim Hiser who will voice your concerns at the National Board Meeting in late May.

RULE 1 — Screen Serves Changed to Fault Serve

The intent here is to penalize the server for hitting a bad serve.

☐ Agree with change ☐ Disagree

RULE 2 — Drive Serve Rule

This is a similar rule to the drive serve box used in the Super 7's. The intent is to

restrict the serving box to 16 (4 feet from each side wall) and eliminate intentional screens. The player attempting a drive serve to the left side of the court must start and finish the service motion in the 16 foot area outside the four foot line on the left side of the service box.

☐ Agree with change ☐ Disagree

RULE 3 — Out-of-Court Ball

A ball which strikes the front wall, and on the fly, goes out of the court through an opening in the back wall will end the rally. A point or sideout will be awarded. Again the intent is to penalize the player for a bad shot.

☐ Agree with change ☐ Disagree

RULE 4 — Playing Out of Division

Men and Women are restricted to competing in events for their sex only during regional and national events.

☐ Agree with change ☐ Disagree

RULE 5 — Eyeguards

Lensed eyeguard protection which bears the label of the National Society to Prevent Blindness is required apparel for players in all sanctioned events.

☐ Agree with change ☐ Disagree



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 1987

MINUTES: RAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 13, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Allan, Rick Hall, W.T. Blakeslee, Jim and Dianne Easterling, Judy Gonyea and Sandy Cox.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee and Cathie Frederickson, and Jim Hiser.

GUESTS PRESENT: Duane Russell.

MINUTE CORRECTIONS: Arlene Allan's name still misspelled. Minutes Heading should read: Minutes: RAM Board of Directors not Agenda: RAM Board of Directors. Also, the newsletter will be out in February not March.

J. Easterling motioned that the minute corrections be approved and D. Easterling seconded it.

J. Easterling motioned that the bulk of the RAM meetings be held in Lansing with three or four held at tournament sites. A. Allan suggested that if the meeting site (Lansing) be moved, it should be held in a central location. The Board unanimously voted to renew our twelve month lease at the Lansing YMCA beginning in March.

J. Easterling said that the State Doubles Tournament will be held in Brighton on February 27 - March 1.

The Regionals will be held at Davison, on February 20 - 22, with Jim Hiser and Tom Blakeslee as the Tournament Directors.

At the February meeting, further discussion will be held in order to develop a letter to be sent to tournament directors soliciting support for benefit tournaments.

S. Cox suggested that a tournament be held with the profit given to the Board. W.T. Blakeslee said that our Board already had \$1700.00.

W.T. Blakeslee suggested that we establish an additional Board consisting of members that would attend some meetings and contribute time when they can. The full-time members would then become the Executive Board.

Two Board positions are open. Notice

of this will be published in the February newsletter. Rankings will be published in the February newsletter.

S. Cox says that nobody sends her their tournament results. A suggestion was made to use the National ranking system. Sandy will make a comparison showing how points are distributed using her system versus the National's system.

February 6, our insurance premium must be paid. We were told that the policy protects the members against suits. Only the Board's assets may be threatened. Although we are a corporation legally we are not recognized by the courts. J. Easterling motioned to pay \$77.75 premium. D. Easterling seconded it. Rick Hall opposed.

W.T. Blakeslee is negotiating better options for the State Singles Tournament. He is requesting bleachers, racquet stringers, and unlimited food.

J. Easterling said that the club must have the dotted five foot line on their courts. W.T. said it would be there if he had to tape it there himself. Tournament sponsor will either be Penn or Ektelon. Shirts have not been acquired yet. Sponsor will be decided by the February meeting. W.T. said that the Singles tournament generates large profits which should be given back to the players in the form of shorts, sweats, etc.

Junior Regionals will be held at the Backwall Super Seven Finale on May 15-17.

Next newsletter to be published in May. Articles are due at the April meeting. Gerry Gray: Collegiate Coverage; Rick Hall: Patrons Article; Jim Easterling: Trivia B Article. It is uncertain if Fred Lewerenz will continue to write a Sports Medicine Article. Sandy Cox will not include the rankings in this newsletter. They are not accurate.

W.T. Blakeslee would like to establish criteria for the player profile selection. This will be taken up with Lee at the February meeting.

S. Cox suggested that a male and female player be selected each month.

Club listings need to be updated.

Next meeting February 10 at 7:00 P.M. in Lansing.

JANUARY 13, 1987

MINUTES: RAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 10, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Allan, Jim and Dianne Easterling, Jim Hiser, W.T. Blakeslee, Sandy Cox, Judy Gonyea and Rick Hall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lee and Cathie Frederickson.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Radiation Man and Duane Russell.

MINUTE CORRECTIONS: Matt Klein is no longer a Board Member.

The RAM Board meeting site will continue to be held at the Lansing (downtown) YMCA every second Tuesday of each month unless a change of notice is given. This policy will remain in effect thru December 1987. The April Board meeting will be held at the State Singles Tournament on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

At present, there are two Board vacancies available. Also, Cathie Frederickson's and Dianne Easterling's positions are up for renewal this season.

A doubles team was forfeited after winning a quarter final match when it was discovered that one of the players was ranked higher than the division they were competing in. The losing team was then reinstated as the winner of the match. This happened at the Regionals at Davison Racquet Club.

The possibility of a part-time RAM Board may be established to provide assistance to the existing Board.

Due to poor conduct, which also resulted in property damage, a player has been banned from competing in any AARA events for the rest of this season. This includes the State Singles Tournament.

It has been suggested that the Open players be separated from other age division players by creating an Open class for each age group. This would result in a small Open group competing in a round robin format while the rest of the class would compete against similar skill levels.

This situation already exists in a sense that the Senior Class offers a choice of A, B or C divisions, with A representing the Open players.

Penn and DP will sponsor the State Singles Tournament. Junior and second event entry fees will be fifteen dollars.

Players will not be allowed to play in two skill divisions at the state singles due to the difficulty in preventing them from entering lower classes.

Board Members will not run the tournament desk during the State Singles this season. This service will be provided by hired staff.

Juniors owing entry fees for competing in non-junior events, at various AARA tournaments will be banned from the State Singles Tournament this year.

No one should sanction an event without first notifying the Sanctioning Committee.

Juniors must raise \$2600.00 for their trip to the Nationals. This is approximately \$125.00 per junior.

There will be a Juniors Committee meeting at the State Singles Tournament.

Three women's clinics have been organized to date. They were conducted by Tom Brownlee and assisted by Team Ektelon players. Larry Cole was a guest speaker. The participants appreciated the information offered and expressed an interest in further development of these programs.

Letters were sent out to all tournament series directors requesting next season's schedules. To date, the Super Seven Series has complied with this request.

The Junior Scholarship Fund will award \$2000.00 to a deserving and promising junior player. To insure that this award doesn't become the prize in a political or popularity contest, specific criteria must be established. Once this has been done, junior players may apply for this award by submitting a resume.

Arlene Allan

FERRIS STATE RACQUETBALL TEAM THIRD AT NATIONALS Michigan Collegiate Racquetball

Ferris State College, led by a balanced women's team, finished 3rd in combined men and women competition at the 16th Annual National Collegiate Racquetball Championships held at the International Athletic Club in Denver, Colorado. Ferris' women placed 3rd and the men's team placed ninth.

Forty colleges and universities with 348 entrants competed in singles and doubles competition for the national title. Sacramento State University edged Memphis State University for the second consecutive year with a victory in the final match of the tournament.

Top place finishers for the Ferris team were as follows:

Sheri Anderson	#1 Singles	4th
Marci Gray	#2 Singles % Finals	
Linda Cok	#3 Singles	1st

		Consolation
Sharon Linternuth	#4 Singles	3rd
Judy Erickson	#4 Singles	4th
Sheri Anderson/ Linda Cok	#1 Doubles	4th
Marci Gray/ Sharon Linternuth	#2 Doubles % Finals	
Todd Luethjohann	#3 Singles	1st
	Consolation	
Greg Bedenis	#4 Singles	4th
Bedenis/ Luethjohann	#2 Doubles % Finals	

Other members of the racquetball team that scored points were Al Cull and Scott Lang.

The 3rd place national finish culminated the end to a fine season in which Ferris won the State, and most recently, the Midwest Regionals in Milwaukee, WI.

Much of the success of the women's

team is due to the efforts of Marilyn Keigley, Asst. Professor of Marketing, who organized the women's team, and drilled them in the fundamentals. The men's team was coached by Jerry Gray, part-time faculty, who was also the Midwest and National tournament director.

Central Michigan University was the only other Michigan college to participate as a team and they finished 17th. Central had some individual fine performances from Melody Matties, 4th, #2 Singles and Mark Heckman, 3rd, #3 Singles.

Ferris State is starting a limited scholarship program in the 1987-88 school year and is interested in meeting with open level players, men and women. Any students interested in playing collegiate racquetball should contact Jerry Gray or Matt Klein at the respective addresses:

110 1/2 N. Michigan Avenue
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 796-9291

Ferris State College
Starr Educational Bldg. - Room 120
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 796-0461 ext. 5808

TOP TEN NATIONAL RANKING

- 1 Sacramento State University
- 2 Memphis State University
- 3 Ferris State College
- 4 Montana State University
- 5 University of Texas
- 6 University of Minnesota
- 7 Wichita State University
- 8 Ohio State University
- 9 Southwest Missouri State
- 10 North Texas State University

Jerry Gray



AARA/RAM SANCTION

1986

MENS OPEN

Larry Fox	210
Nick Rallis	700
Scott Worthy	645
Oan Outcher	545
Oave Larry	605
Brian Chermiside	115
Paul Licari	90
Jim Hamilton	760
Alan Tackett	745
John Kabir	265
Joel Bonnett	1140
Todd Luehthjohann	270
Brian Duff	120
Mike Anderson	885
Brian Kelly	20
Ric Scott	90
Larry Longeliere	1085
Chris Cole	525
Jacoby	20
March	130
Winter	20
Ed Andrews	170
Larry Meesun	60
Jason Reynolds	110
Sean Maskwa	120
Dave Rodriguez	230
Ken Bonnett	20
Mark Bishop	40
Dave Paskan	20
Mark Vandenheede	20
Blaine Harris	680
Charlie Chapell	165
Stu Hastings	525
Bayagich	40
Mike Witherspoon	40
Egan Inove	340
Oan Werner	40
Tom O'Brien	40
Dave Eagle	80
Mike Ceroia	80
Tim Armetrong	40
Boo McKinney	40
Doug Ganim	120
Lance Gilliam	40
Rocky Lemmert	40
Martin Gervais	120
Todd Stead	40
Tim Anthony	80
Andy Roberts	400
Sid Hales	40
Nolan Glantz	80
Les Bentsen	80
Jessa Graves	280
Bruce Hayward	25
Al Broton	20
Jack Nolan	120
Tim Doyle	260
Mike Greenberg	40
Mike Magnoli	110
Ralph Hackbarth	40
Mark Litchfield	40
Jim Floyd	130
Bill Sell	120
Dave Martinez	50
Randy Anderson	420
Randy Minto	260
Mike Johnston	40
Jack Lobaido	40
Mike Stephens	860
Curt Rozier	40
Larry Yelp	40
Ben Stanley	40
Scott Reid	75
Troy Hall	40

MENS A

Bob Bayagich	40
Dan Verbeck	530
Lynn Hahn	85
Roy Oberg	140
Curt Glover	790
Mike Witherspoon	110
Scott McNitt	270
Randy French	140
Greg Bedenis	90
Al Broton	390
Mike Carlson	120
Mike Stephens	20
Mark King	135
Gary Hall	300
John Stallmer	90
Jeff Eckhouse	90
Bob Gravelyn	105
Tom Benaglio	20
Chris Henry	25
Joe Nipote	50
Chris Kelly	25

Kerry Marks	25
Jerry Raciewicz	10
Tim Friskosky	10
Mike Corinti	40
Bob Tobler	20
Gordon Gaillager	90
Jay Liggins	20
Mike Moody	190
Brent Campbell	170
Tom Blakeslee	50
Joel Bonnett	210
Dave Mosier	20
Mike Meyer	40
Ken Harper	20
Mike Johnston	380
Jeff Hanno	20
Bill Beers	145
Brad Melhardie	25
Jack Fogle	20
Steve Galassini	90
Bill Malcolm	20
Greg Sheffield	90
Dan Veith	240
John Brennan	315
Rick Parkhurst	180
Larry Yelp	745
Mark Kaufman	70
Neal Goodman	90
Dave Paskan	195
Ken Bonnett	270
Curt Rozier	170
Jeff Steinkirchner	40
David Buchenen	150
Bryan Kirchner	300
Jim O'Shea	20
Shawn Kennedy	190
Steve Weisman	20
Thomas Pizio	140
Mike Harris	20
Jack Lobaido	110
Bob Popovich	20
John Larin	110
David March	140
Mike Wagner	40
David Goldstein	20
Mark Ballantyne	20
Jason Howard	160
Rick Urosh	10
Rick Conklin	10
Tino Rulz	20
Ron Herron	50
Thomas Higgins	40
Jeff Hackman	20
Jim Bolger	40

MENS B

Len Kleparek	90
Tim O'Shea	20
Jeff Kummier	590
John Coccimiglio	110
Steve Burgdorf	70
Dan Kroeger	330
Jim Wray	330
John Stallmer	190
Mark Carson	70
Tim Ruiz	120
Bryan Kirchner	430
Vern Jensen	20
Forest Woolridge	90
Vince Dimaggio	30
Mark Johnson	60
Greg Voss	140
Tom Benaglio	110
Rick Covert	20
Ryan Flessner	105
Gary Isaac	105
Lewarenz	90
Nickerbocker	10
Pat Brady	110
Ryan Covell	135
Al Stadlberger	140
Bill Hamlin	70
Bob Tobler	220
Gary Cimballa	20
Marty Lowe	210
Joe Mullins	340
Mike Davis	80
Gary Sachman	10
Mark Niedzielski	145
Kurt Hetke	25
Gary Scott	50
Mike Novak	25
Jim Nicholson	50
Sean McCune	255
Bill Hughes	85
Kent Kiley	60
Paul Drewry	10
George Goudie	20
Robert Frisch	20
Rick Parkhurst	160

Yvon Shank	20
Mike Chamber	20
Terry Lawlor	60
Rudy Guillas	20
Frank Poletta	110
Jason Howard	40
Adam Khan	20
Kirk Raiche	175
Darin Bryce	210
Scott Siegfried	20
David Polvi	40
David Meyers	110
Tom Friskosky	190
Spencer Webb	260
Mike Wagner	220
Ted Edsall	140
Jim Panasiwicz	140
Dennis Strieter	150
Troy Altenburg	45
Wayne Hollander	20
Rick Goldsmith	20
Pat Presutti	70
Allan Klann	40
Ron Klick	160
Steve Vergote	45
Scott Dunn	20
Jeff Puskar	20
Chris Eahoo	210
Mark Kowalewski	330
Tom Banner	20
Gerald Tucker	40
Rob Garrow	235
Shane Sowders	40
Jay Kelley	10
Dave Schermer	10
Mike Summers	130
Kevin Middut	10
Dave Huizenga	10
Jerry Williams	20
Gary Luczek	90
Steve Kiss	45

MENS C

Gerald Tucker	580
Gary Ailis	20
Rich Mattson	70
Kurt Erxleben	140
Vern Hill	90
Spencer Webb	580
Jerry Gray	130
Al Mell	120
Jeff Tloczynski	130
Dave Williams	90
Chris Reeds	70
Tim Finch	140
Dave Wellhowsers	20
Vince Dimaggio	110
Ted Edsall	190
Mike Summers	20
Tim Rattenmair	110
Lucian Labozzetta	30
Scott Soulliere	145
Ray Matthews	100
Greg Lewerenz	25
Mike Clem	25
Robert Stevens	25
Bill Jacoby	230
Scott Bruce	130
Joe Kollins	50
Tom Herron	40
Jim Kuch	75
Steve Vassas	190
Goebel	135
Cumberworth	140
Cohoe	10
Norwick	10
Dave Balassone	140
Leonard Vanprocyen	190
Mike McCarthy	110
David Wells	60
Steve Vanderlip	20
Kerwin Roelofs	210
Roger Kamps	20
Scott Law	110
Tom Corinti	40
John Grysziakiewicz	40
Rahdy Richard	40
Jeff Kern	10
John Schmitt	130
Ron Leszozynski	240
Don Morey	20
James Gilbert	20
Ron Morse	160
Mike Wagner	170
Doug Nyberg	20
Scott Dunn	60
Paul McBride	215
Steve Boulton	20
Peter Dieringer	140
Henry Ferry	20
Gary Jaizer	65

John Montie	190
Dan Flowers	110
Robert Frisch	60
Mike Davis	380
Gary Isaac	40
Phillip Roach	40
Steve Lerner	20
Richard Stevens	40
Robert Wagner	110
Dale Stevens	20
Mar Riley	180
Craig Lerner	20
Corey Osborne	210
Mike Vachell	40
Jim Earley	130
Henderson	20
Chris Devarasetty	20
Tom Quivan	20
Kim Forbear	90
Jerry Raiche	90
Bill Rugenstein	20
Greg Jewett	20
Barnes	20
Matt Brobeck	20
Doug Ryan	20
Shawn Zimberg	40
Gary Boudreau	210
Sean McCune	40
Jim Liebling	20
Troy Altenburg	335
Larry Brown	190
Mike Call	60
Scott Lotts	20
Len Kieparek	160
Chris Simpson	20
Pat Presutti	20
Don Sarkisian	40
Mark Kowalewski	210
Jeff Uskar	65
Bill Henderson	160
Tony Gioustos	20
Dean Khaber	20
Dan Hemmelsbach	40
Mike McPherson	90
Pat Burdick	190
Jay Kelley	50
Marc Carter	10
Larry Lowell	10
Jay Costen	95
Mike Vanhouten	10
John Dewerd	50
Scott Zimmerman	50
Gilbert Solis	140

MENS D

Samir Boudjab	150
Greg Lear	20
Jim Gordon	40
Mark Adams	20
Mike Taylor	90
Alex Debay	20
Rich Larry	90
Daryl Richardson	20
Larry Carrier	20
Randy Schneider	20
Gary Cimballa	160
Tony King	390
Al Zamarron	90
Kim Koza	20
Dave Barham	60
Ed Palakis	20
Lew Gorbach	140
Frank Thompson	20
Tom Corinti	20
Bill Lee	250
Mike McKinney	70
Dan Pullen	120
Tracy Sibson	70
Paul Gordon	110
Eddie Hatton	40
Dave Miller	100
Chuck Ikard	110
Gerry Leone	260
Billy Marshall	70
Sean McCune	190
Don Morey	545
Will Flatt	40
Michael Cole	140
Mike Klem	110
Craig Nelson	40
Jim McCabe	75
Todd Hayes	20
David Cook	45
Paul Voran	190
Mike Fritts	115
Keith Limback	255
Allan Hilson	25
Chuck Knickerbocker	25
Curt Behlow	25
John Arntz	50

Tom Self	50
Mike Garbiano	210
Paul Fowlerick	20
Jerald Taylor	20
Bill Hansen	190
Thomas Penny	90
John Lacroix	20
Gary Isaac	160
Hank Ferry	40
Wayne Gunkle	205
Troy Altenburg	110
Greg Lewerenz	20
Scott Diehm	20
Marv Riley	210
Scott Dunn	110
Bill McGrail	40
Jason Hachman	40
David Balassone	230
Wade Gates	20
Marin Touchette	20
Gary Boudreau	170
Mark Werthman	20
Tim Switzer	210
Paul Titus	40
Matt Segin	180
Rob Casalou	40
Jerry Lansky	20
Scott Soulliere	350
Kurt Robinson	20
Gary Gron	40
Laslo Brumer	110
Mike Gillis	40
James Cookley	20
Gary Phipps	110
Jeff Pressler	155
Larry Henry	160
Mike Whalen	20
Lionel Guerra	365
Steve Estes	40
Vito Basirico	130
Marv Riley Jr.	20
Steven Alexander	140
Ken Van Pelt	20
Rick Covert	40
Gary Krantz	10
Mike Leach	40
Marv Vanerark	85
John Huizenga	40
Walt Gutowski	10
Mike Bloomquist	120
Jim Forbear	190
Howard Lazzaro	90

MENS 19+

Alan Tackett	150
Charlie Chappell	95
Paul Licari	205
Joe Mullins	90
Dave Larry	210
Greg Bedenis	20
Dan Verbeck	70
Mike Witherspoon	110
Dan Dutcher	365
Todd Luehthjohann	170
Al Broton	220
Art Garcia	70
Curt Ferrell	20
Mike Hotra	60
Yvon Shank	75
Scott Worthy	190
John Larin	70
Dave Rodriguez	170
Jack Lobaido	70
Jack White	190
Stu Hastings	480
John Free	210
Chris Kelly	90
Spencer Webb	20
Mike Anderson	170
Randy Minto	20
Mark King	20
Bob Wilhelm	70
Randy Anderson	70
Ben Stanley	20
Kilbreath	120

MENS 25+

Pat Walsh	25
Glen Steinkircher	25
Mike Hotra	20
Tim Sigafosse	45
Gordon Gallager	90
Dave Paskan	140
Mike Garberino	25
Greg Hodges	120
Bruce Hayward	25
Larry Fox	190
Larry Longeliere	205
Jack White	305
Brian Chermiside	210

Chris Kelly	20
Blaine Harris	30
Jeff Hunno	20
Len Bentsen	140
Dan Dutcher	120
Al Broton	70
Jack Lobaido	90
Mike Anderson	400
Stu Hastings	190

MENS 30A

Ray Vanover	25
Joe Nipote	25
Jim Woolcock	180
Dave Martinez	120
Scott Worthy	395
Ralph Hackbarth	450
Craig Lancaster	20
Brian Morris	20
John Free	110
Don Granahan	20
John Linden	20
Stu Hastings	710
Ben Stanley	165
Randy Anderson	465
Jack White	20
Steve Farrell	20
Mike Hotra	20
Dave Paskan	25

MENS 30B

J.R. Slavik	260
Gary Luczak	260
Bill Gentile	20
Jim Wray	260
Stan Tuckwell	170
Bill Hughes	20
Rick Covert	90
Gilbert Solis	115
Johnson	120
Gozenski	230
Ron Morse	120
John Montie	170
Gerry Tucker	70
Mike Corinti	140
Terry Lawlor	410
Alan Klann	755
Mike Ricci	70
John Bervasi	195
Terry Jones	290
Pat Presutti	115
Al Todek	160
Dan Flowers	160
Mike Call	90
John Coccimiglio	90

MENS 35A

Chris Henry	20
Jim Easterling	165
Rick Parkhurst	90
Dale Graham	170
Randy Lada	55
Al Montoya	70
Mike Stephens	1235
Dennis Reid	20
Ken Bonnett	1020
Jerry Rackiewicz	20
Ric Scott	210
Steve Galassini	70
Bob Gravelyn	115
Pancho Gutierrez	110
Ron Likala	240
Jerry Grudzinski	170
Dennis McCune	70
Greg McKinney	120
Rick Broucek	70
J.R. Slavik	160
W.T. Blackless	405
John Free	520
Dave Woodcox	110
Johnny Northern	65
Don Granshan	110
Jim Hiser	650
Jim Santino	210
George Riscile	40
Mike Corsanti	40
Rick VandenBerg	420
Paul Crossman	20
Neal Goodman	20
Jimmy Eldred	20
Jerry Pansiewicz	20

TURNAMENT RANKINGS

1987



RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Jerry Gray	140
Brian Winters	130
Chris Brook	10
Charles Wheelahan	85
Graham Frost	40
Dennis McCune	70
Neal Goodman	170
Jim Fanasiewicz	120
Mike Call	120
Dan Flowers	120
Dan Foy	20
Ron Nead	100
Bill Hagedorn	220
J.R. Slavik	365
Joe Koppel	20
Gary Hughes	20
Dave Lepczyk	280
Kerry Servan	190
Danny Mardas	20
Clark	20
Stan Tuckwell	60
Lee Frederickson	120
Terry Jones	410
Kent Beatty	170
Terry Lawlor	470
Rick Hall	75
Dick Sowders	10
Tom Bielecki	40
K. Smith	110
Larry Nix	40
Steve Burgdorf	190

MENS 35C

Ron Byrum	25
Jim Skinner	25
Dan Sutton	120
Bob Madigan	25
Wayne Gunkle	25
Larry Cole	170
Rich Mattson	90
Mike Call	170
Mike Hakes	210
Mike Moir	90
Ron Moir	680
George Goudie	260
Jim Kuch	140
Dave Williams	70
Jerry Rackiewicz	170
Rick Hall	140
Lee Frederickson	180
Allan Meli	20
Mark Niedzielski	150
Glen Pauler	150
Dale Wedge	75
Hank Pety	280
Robert Kosutic	70
Jim Haynes	240
Gary Bachman	20
Scott McConnelee	325
Ray Ross	20
Bill Gentile	260
Phillip Roach	20
Scott Boltman	190
Carl Mullins	70
Robert Bobcock	90
James Peterson	120
Ron Leszozynski	240
Bob Wella	20
Don Belcher	140
Robert Zakowski	90
Charles Ray	240
Paul Gordon	70
George Cook	170
Bill Allan	70
Rex Balch	170
Lionel Guerra	70

MENS 40A

Tom Brownlee	205
J.R. Slavik	95
Ken Bonnett	140
Mike Corinti	140
Larry Cole	140
Joe Weidman	120
Dan Greene	70
Ed Barter	120
Dennis McCune	70
Don Boone	120
Ron Morse	150
Dick Lobstein	100
Tom Sharum	80
Arnie Eckhouse	70
Bob Schermer	75
Jim Moore	95

MENS 40B

Bill Gentile	120
Dick Lobstein	25
Larry Cole	160
Mike Corinti	95
Paul Becker	205

MENS 45A

Charles Hise	140
Gary Nash	40
Paul Becker	325
Gundars Strautnicks	340
Lynn Hahn	170
Tom Sharum	390
Randy Miles	20
Duane Russell	110
Jerry Gray	290
Jesse Madden	940
Bill Filiatreau	360
Bill O'Neill	70
Joel Carr	20
Fred Lewerenz	415
Sam Key	420
Len Stemple	20
Charles Wheelahan	110
Dave Lund	70
John Perna	360
Ron Pudduck	70
Gary Giblin	20
Rex Balch	90
Joe Lamila	20
Don Revels	240
Dave Lepczyk	95
Richard Carretti	170
Charles Wolford	25

MENS 45B

Jerry Risher	95
Ralph Kummel	220
Don Revels	870
J.D. Driver	150
Hank Gates	120
Walter Biesterfeldt	110
Rex Balch	240
Oscar Olivo	500
Duane Cumper	70
Hank Pety	635
Glen Weaver	120
Neil McMahon	70
Ron Henry	170
Leonard Poole	70
C.J. Smulketis	20
Bob Hagenah	320
Charles Wolford	170

MENS 55+

Seymour Ekelman	25
Pat Connelly	120
Harry Jordan	120
Al May	220
J.D. Driver	310
Moses Nicholson	465
Noel LeSage	100
Duane Russell	520
Leonard Poole	70
Gerry Leone	70
Bob Madigan	20
Ed Revesz	100
Richard Carretti	520
Lynn Hahn	545
Len Stemple	120
Hy Chambers	20
M.A. Khan	100
Joe LaMila	95
Robert Finkleman	90
Sam Key	100
Thomas Sharum	150
Jack Yanikan	235

MENS 60+

Richard Carretti	205
Sohikian	95
Dan Wood	95
Duane Russell	160

JRS. 18A & UNDER

Dave Larry	185
Mark Kaufman	20
David March	115
Mike Clem	70
Jeff Lewerenz	70
Nick Rallis	180
Jim Floyd	135
Neil Gibson	190
Brian Kelly	140
Jeff Clark	20
Jeff Kummel	20
Eric Schoen	90
Bryan Kirchner	340
Sean McCune	310
Troy Altenburg	120

JRS. 18B & UNDER

Rob Garrow	170
Gary Boudreau	290
Tom Duivan	20
Nyenhuis	110

Scott Zimmerman	120
Mike Dunn	70
Mike Clem	90
Troy Altenburg	20
Pete Roscoe	150

JRS. 16A & UNDER

Rob Garrow	120
Bill Werthman	70
Dave Lampron	120
Jim Edmondson	170
Brian Flowers	20
Mike Johnston	170
Gary Hall	165
Ryan Covell	20
Bryan Kirchner	260
Chris Goudie	20
Dan Slater	20
Jim Annett	70
Troy Altenburg	70
Mike Clem	100
Jason Howard	405
Joel Bonnett	205

JRS. 16B & UNDER

Ryan Covell	210
Tom Duivan	170
James Garrow	150
Jeremy Cox	125
Chris Goudie	190
Darren Michmerhuizen	20
Brent Zimmerman	170
Tim Van Dyke	70
Sean McCune	345
Billy Marshall	70
Brian Flowers	150
Robert Wagner	90
Marv Riley Jr.	20
Rocho Roach	20
Jason Schoen	140
Ron Anderson	20
Troy Altenburg	365
Jim McGrail	120
Rosenberg	70
Brian Jones	150

BOYS 14 & UNDER

Eric Martin	70
Scott Hale	170
Mike Dunn	120
Ron Anderson	170
Jeff Vanderlind	140
Rob Snell	70
Chad Bott	70
Hagenah	20

JRS. 12 & UNDER

Brian Garrow	240
Rocho Roach	120
Brian Griffith	90
Dale Stevens	170
Myron Brough	120
Jeff Cox	70
Angie Gardner	230
Scott Zimmerman	180
Christine Skinner	95
Colleen Covell	205
Craig Stevens	100
Scott Goudie	120
Richie Deklyen	65
Tim Van Dyke	270
Brent Zimmerman	345
Darren Michmerhuizen	90
Brian Jones	240
Laurie Hagenah	140
Jim McGrail	395
David Slater	20
Rob Lerner	20
Eric Martin	40
Geoff Hill	90
Scott Hale	190
Myron Brough	150
Brian Garrow	135

8 & UNDER
NO BOUNCE

Robby Thompson	120
Eric Swears	70
Steve Pethers	170
Norman Cardinal	70
David Degutis	525
Anne Hagenah	305
Jack Huczek	180
Emily Newman	110
Billy Hall	205
Scott McConnelee	120

WOMENS OPEN

Joetta Hastings	1745
Irene Chmura	1330
Beth Gutowski	425
Kathy Stellema	935
Sheri Anderson	1330
Tracey Troszak	605
Martha Milan	180
Janet Inako	175
Ann Jehn	10
Jo Hutter	40
Chris Eldon	10
Shirley Vanderbrook	160
Arlene Allan	20
Regina Spielberger	330
Carol Burt	70
Robin Latreille	120
Penny Thompson	90
Cathie Frederickson	310
Judy Gonyea	110
Harriet Phineuf	40
Shelly Weslock	75
Tammy Smith	70
Elaine Mardas	380
Naom Scotté	40
Sara Ali	40
Cathy Nichols	280
Donna Henry	40
Diane Fletcher	40
Cindy Doyle	180
Lisa Ecker	560
Randie	180
Cindy McTaggart	280
Carol McFetridge	380
Cheryl Irving	40
Leslie Kishigian	70
Lori Troszak	25

WOMENS A

Tammy Smith	320
Debbie Weston	105
Julie May	200
Aida Mainhardt	130
Lori Troszak	710
Kim Tucker	180
Dianne Easterling	95
Josie Pranter	120
Tracey Pessina	25
Carol Collins	170
Sharon Huczek	330
Carol Burt	170
Penny Thompson	190
Pam Madsen	310
Marilyn Keigley	70
Darlene Miller	110
Denise Gravelyn	20
Cindy Rosema	85
Cheryl Irving	170
Judy Hill	140
Ann Fecher	20
Pat Folkertsma	70
Arlene Allan	85
Mary Jane Ryan	120
Linda Lutze	40
Cathie McCartney	90
Theresa Delaney	90
Diane Allard	120
Sadie Allison	90
Regina Spielberger	190
Ruth Pauler	20
Mary Tom	140
Diana Kaber	170
Jill Percy	70
Melody Matties	280
Sandy White	285
Priscilla Washburn	90
Carol Marshall	305
Stephanie Buttrey	380
Linda Elrod	20
Shirley Vanderbrook	180
Beth Ann Gilliland	400
Lona Morris	120

WOMENS B

Melody Matties	315
Linda Cok	240
Lynn Graebner	360
Peggy Hoshield	170
Tracey Pessina	90
Judy Ruonsvaara	20
Diane Kaber	170
Marci Gray	120
Joyce Beckett	20
Cumberworth	100
Kim Tucker	180
Schaeff	170
Carol Marshall	170
Dawn Frankhouse	90
Julie May	100
Shirley Vanderbrook	170
Lori Troszak	120
Arlene Allan	70
Pauline Southworth	70
Marilyn Keigley	120

Newman	180
Dania Haback	140
Faye Cobb	20
Theresa Delaney	170
Sandy Cox	170
Barb Rockwell	70
Jackie O'Connor	40
Paige Sowders	40
Meissa Smith	75
Sandy White	190
Jo Hutter	40

WOMENS C

Stacey Stojabs	70
Donna Alexander	70
Marlee Kleckner	400
D. Malo	25
Jeanne Haney	120
Paige Sowders	25
Judy Walzak	195
Jane Falgren	130
Barb Rockwell	205
Ann Piper	200
Frances Flowers	120
Sandy Pawlowski	10
Meissa Smith	500
Dorothy Burgdorf	190
Piper Worthington	120
Dania Haback	340
Cheyl King	140
Karen Jongekrijg	20
Judy Erickson	70
Theresa Brady	120
Dawn Cumberworth	90
Jayne Fris	90
Janet Lugers	20
Marla Stein	170
Cheryl Kessler	140
Norman Amrhein	70
Liza Ritter	190
Lorna Rocheleau	100
Sherri Mishrell	170
Jill Stanley	410
Sylvia Cumberworth	95
Donna Backus	140
Noreen Durkin	70
Pat Hysell	190
Rosemarie Cook	260
Dawn Frankhouse	95
Chris Ferrans	190
Cathie Matyka	70

WOMENS D

Cindy Storer	110
Linda Colinders	40
Donna Graebel	75
Diane Jolliffe	50
Nancy Roggero	150
Kim Rothermal	240
Kim Urbanik	290
Mary Jane Ryan	120
Maggie Brown	20
Rachael Ruiz	90
Shiela Parkinson	140
Barbara Lyons	95
Sherri Wray	170
Donna Grobel	145
Sue Purcey	100
Sharon Limback	160
Maureen Boelkins	120
Terry Siegfried	10
Karen Mell	40
Donna Lee	75
Lorna Rocheleau	170
Andie Tanner	120
Kyon Goebel	70
Jean Carbone	375
Charlene Allen	95
Stacey Barbas	50
Betty Burgess	10
Rae McIntyre	10
Donnella Rak	260
Dania Haback	120
Pam Dingwell	70
Karen Warriner	170
Patricia Waterbur	70
Carl Craig	120
Marlee Kleckner	310
Sharon Welch	170
Barb Moskema	140
Cathie Matyka	70
Regina Van Pelt	120
Jill Pessina	120
Regina Gummow	20
Dawn Cumberworth	90
Huyette Ballantyne	190
Melissa Takens	110
Jennifer Roach	20
Linda Cok	90
Pat Klann	235
Sylvia Cumberworth	20
Christine Suerer	95

WOMENS 19+

Lori Troszak	135
Tammy Smith	200
Linda Cok	70
Marilyn Keigley	100
Judy Gonyea	330
Kim Tucker	10
Shirley Vanderbrook	120
Beth Gutowski	270
Martha Milan	170
Kathy Stellema	150
Sheri Anderson	70
Irene Chmura	170
Joetta Hastings	120
Tracey Troszak	180

WOMENS 25+

Irene Chmura	750
Leslie Kishigian	160
Beth Gutowski	390
Kathy Stellema	300
Fletcher	70
Donna Henry	170
Sheri Anderson	310
Martha Milan	20
Janet Insko	70
Joetta Hastings	530
Beth Ann Gilliland	180
Priscilla Washburn	20
Barb Trickey	20
Carol Collins	90
Judy Gonyea	135

WOMENS 30+

Beth Gutowski	160
Mary Gieslander	95
Leslie Kishigian	95
Marilyn Keigley	110
Arlene Allan	20
Pam Madsen	20

Stu Hastings - 1986 Outstanding Male Player And The Team Hastings Mystery

Stu was voted the outstanding male racquetball player in Michigan for 1986. This is the second year in a row (1985) that Stu has received this award. I was very honored to receive this award. It's nice to know that people see your hard work and publicly recognize it with an award like most outstanding player. I wouldn't be able to excel however, without my #1 coach and wife, Jo Etta. She is the one that tells me after I lose that I'm still a good player and I can be competitive with the young players. My sponsors HEAD, Footjoy, and A&E play a vital role in my excellence. Also, my personal friend Jim Hiser has been a strong force in my continued growth and development in racquetball. It would be a lot tougher road without his support which I appreciate. Lastly, Team Hastings. Rather than discuss my personal successes, I would like to take this time to discuss my #1 success — THE TEAM," said Stu. He then explained how the team got started

THE TEAM HASTINGS MYSTERY BEGINS

As I developed as a player in the late 70's, my reasonable level of success became obvious to the club where I played. Since I teach high school and have played and coached many sports, the club wanted me to teach racquetball lessons.

As time moved on I began to enjoy the progress and success of my students almost as much as my own success in tournament play. I knew that if I worked hard as a player, I could be successful in competition. That was a challenge, but I already know what I can do. The greater challenge was to take someone else, give them your knowledge, and help them to become a

successful player. Could I do it? Also could I do it with people who are not naturally gifted? This was just as challenging as trying to win a tournament.

My main objective is to help this person achieve their given potential; not necessarily make them into open players. If they are physically talented enough to be open players then fine. However, my goal is to help them be as good as they are capable of being. When they become successful, many of them thank me for making them into good players. I make it very clear to them that they are the person that made them a better player, not me. I merely gave them the tools to become a better player, but it was they themselves that did the work.

After my racquetball college" started to grow in numbers, one of my students, Bill Chittendon, said that there were so many students that we should have a way of signifying that they were part of my group. I asked what they should be called and he said that since they were almost like a team and they were basically learning under my instruction they could be called "Team Hastings." The idea stuck with me. I thought about it for several weeks and thought it would be a good idea that might give "individual" players a positive "group identity". I then decided to buy team visors with our team name on it. It was my first attempt at designing something like this and they were pretty ugly. But everyone liked it and the team concept began to jell. Team Hastings was born. I now buy the team members shirts and shorts to signify that they have incorporated my instruction. They can't buy the shirt and shorts, they must earn them by changing their game which takes work and dedication.

The team concept continued to develop

as team members watched me coach them during or between matches. After a while, if I were playing or not in the club and one of the team members was in trouble, they would coach each other. Since they were all trained the same way, they each knew what to look for and how to correct it. Seldom would a team member be without a coach nearby.

People have asked me, "Don't you wish all of your students were like Tracey Troszak or Nick Ballis?" It is true that Nick and Tracey have become outstanding players. I also feel that I have had a part in their progress. However, with talented individuals like this, they may have become excellent players on their own. However, it may have taken a lot longer. To me, the greatest challenge is to help develop a player from scratch. The most notable would be Shirley Vanderbroek. She started off with no athletic background of any kind. She had minimal talent; maybe even less than minimal, but through hard work and determination she became an open player. She did everything I asked her to do, and she had desire. My first job is to help players get the most out of their ability. I would have to say that Nick and Tracey, even though top players, are still seeking their potential. I am pleased to say that Shirley reached hers. I am proud of the fact because my goal is to help someone be as good as they can be. This is why I am willing to take on any player who has the desire to improve regardless of ability.

The key for someone that has reached their potential is to maintain the standard they have achieved. Don't give up something you worked so hard to get. The greatest compliment is to have someone say you are getting the most out of your ability.

When you think of getting the most out of what you got, think of my first teen project, "Big Z". Mike was a fifteen year old student of mine at Stevenson High School when he became involved in racquetball. He was 250 pounds with low self esteem, and few friends. Through hard work, Mike became a confident and self assured young open player. When you are good at something, your positive self esteem carries over into your personal life. Mike, through racquetball, became interested in a college education, at Memphis State University which has a top ranked racquetball team. Mike has done well on this very competitive team. Not bad for a fat kid of 15, with no ambition, no friends, or social skills. I'm proud to have been a part of this change.

When I was nominated for the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame 2½ years ago, Mike wrote this letter in my behalf to the board of voters.

"As a person Stu is very special to me. He is a father, a best friend, but most of all a caring individual. Stu has developed me into the person I am and I love him for it. He has brought me from a shy person into a developing young man. Stu started me out in racquetball and has helped me develop into a great competitive player. With his love and guidance, I have accomplished and conquered everything I have wanted to do and more. This person is a great man and everybody should commend him for a job well done."

Mike Z "The Big Z"

"I wonder why I feel so strongly about this game of racquetball and the people that play it."

Stu Hastings

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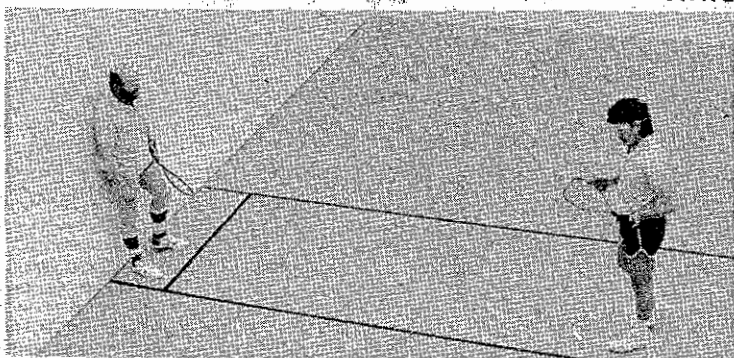
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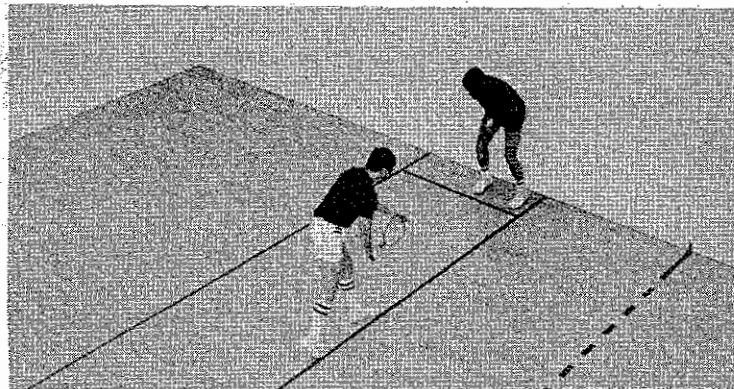
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35C
Mike Call, Scott McConnelee



35C
Bill O'Neill, Don Revels

Bud Light Super 7 Grand Blanc, Michigan

Once again the Grand Blanc Racquet Club treated the Super 7 players to some of the best hospitality in the state. With the weather reaching into the high 60's it

was difficult for the players to concentrate on their game, but hometown favorite Chris Cole survived early spring fever and once again captured the mens pro division.

Mens Pro	1st	Chris Cole - MI
	2nd	Mike Cerina - Can.
	Semi	Ralph Hackbarth - Can. Mark Kilreath - Can.
Mens Open	1st	Al Tackett
	2nd	Larry Longeliere
	Semi	Rany Minto, Mike Stephens
Mens A	1st	Dan Verbeck
	2nd	Al Broton
	Semi	Jason Howard, Rick Parkhurst
Mens B	1st	Spencer Webb
	2nd	Mark Kowalewski
	Semi	Ted Edsall, Rob Garrow
Mens C	1st	Pat Burdick
	2nd	Marc Riley, Sr
	Semi	Mike McPherson, Troy Altenburg
Mens D	1st	Lionel Guerra
	2nd	Stephen Alexander
	Semi	Vito Boserico Dan Morey
Mens 30+	1st	Stu Hastings
	2nd	Mark Kilreath
	Semi	Randy Anderson Bob Wilhelm
Mens 35+	1st	Mike Stephens
	2nd	Ken Bonnett
<i>Jim Hiser</i>		
Mens 35B	1st	Terry Lawlor
	2nd	Terry Jones
	Semi	Mike Call, Dan Flowers
Mens 35C	1st	George Cook
	2nd	Scott McConnelee
Mens 40+	1st	Ken Bonnett
	2nd	Don Boone
Mens 40B	1st	Ronald Morse
Mens 45	1st	Dick Caretti
	2nd	Jesse Madden
Womens Open	1st	Carol McFetridge
	2nd	Kathy Stettlme
	Semi	Cindy McTaggart, Joetta Hastings
Womens A	1st	Cheryl Irving
	2nd	Judy Hill
Womens C	1st	Jill Stanley
	2nd	Rose Marie Cook
Womens D	1st	Karen Warriner
	2nd	Donella Rak
Womens 19+	1st	Irene Chmura
	2nd	Joetta Hastings
Juniors 16	1st	Jason Howard
	2nd	Robert Garrow
Juniors 12	1st	Brian Garrow
	2nd	Milan Brough
Juniors 8	1st	Steven Pethers
	2nd	Robby Thompson

Anderson Wins Fifth Grand Rapids City Racquetball Open Title

Mike Anderson won his fifth Grand Rapids City Racquetball Title in the last six years this past weekend at the Michigan Athletic Club. This annual tournament sponsored by the Grand Rapids Racquetball Patrons Association began Thursday March 19 and concluded Sunday the 22nd with finals in fifteen divisions.

Anderson defeated Joel Bonnett in the semi-finals 11-6, 11-6, 11-3 to land a berth in the finals for another year. Scott Reid defeated Randy Anderson (Mike's brother) in the other semi-final 11-9, 10-11, 10-11, 11-9, 11-7. Unfortunately Scott Reid had to forfeit his final match due to sickness. Randy Anderson took Scott's place in the finals but was defeated by brother Mike 11-9, 11-9, 11-2. Mike sponsored by ETV Trucking is currently the only West Michigan player traveling on the Men's Pro Racquetball Tour. Mike attributes his fine play this past weekend to good concentration and toughness of the competition he faces on the tour. One hundred sixty area players competed in the fifteen divisions. Results are as follows:

MENS OPEN	Anderson, M defeated Anderson, Randy 11-9, 11-9 11-2
MENS A	Gary Hall defeated Bob Gravelyn 3-11, 4-11, 11-9, 11-10 11-5
MENS B	Mike Summers defeated Ryan Covell 11-10 9-11 11-6, 11-7
MENS C	Lenord VanProoyen defeated Jay Costen 11-7 7-11, 5-11, 11-2 11-8

MENS D	Mike Bloomquist defeated Mary VanderArk 6-11 11-10 11-4, 6-11, 11-1
MENS 35B	Kim Smith defeated Rick Hall 11-5, 11-0, 9-11, 7-11 11-9
MENS 40A	Ken Bonnett defeated Bob Schermer 4-11, 9-11, 11-3, 11-9 11-7
WOMENS A	Darlene Miller defeated Cindy Rosema 11-3, 11-10, 11-1
WOMENS B	Kerri Neuman defeated Melissa Smith 11-0, 11-6 11-6
WOMENS C	Cindy Storer defeated Donna Graebel 11-7, 11-6, 7-11, 11-5
BOYS 10 & UNDER	Tim VanDyk defeated Richie DeKlyen two matches to one
MENS OPEN DOUBLES	Mike and Randy Anderson defeated Joel Bonnett and Dave Rodriguez in five games 11-10 Tiebreaker
MENS A DOUBLES	Scott McNitt and Bob Gravelyn defeated Mike Chambon and John Stallmer in the finals
MIXED DOUBLES	Lin Showerman and Gary Miller defeated Robin Latrielle and Scott McNitt in the finals
WOMENS C DOUBLES	Marianne Nelson and Jackie O'Conner defeated Diane Joliffe and Linda Colindres in round robin competition
<i>Submitted by Rick Hall, GRRPA</i>	

How to Lose a Tournament While Packing Your Bag!!!

Stu Hastings

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When you prepare to go to a tournament, how do you prepare your bag? What do you carry? Do you examine each article carried?

Many people fail to prepare themselves totally for a tournament. They will practice an unlimited amount of hours. They will run, swim, bike, and drill to prepare for this important event. These players will also take lessons and work out on nautilus. They leave nothing to chance. They have done everything possible to ensure a positive outcome, or so they think.

The following list will only be as important or as necessary as winning is to you.

1) Always carry at least two (if not three) racquets of the same material, grip, and string tension. I have seen matches where a top amateur breaks a string in his racquet. His favorite racquet is a standard size and his backup racquet is a mid-size. He attempted to find someone to patch his racquet while he continued to play with the replacement. The match was downhill from there. I asked the player, now a referee, why he didn't have a backup racquet like the one he favored. His response was that he sold one and the other was broken and at the factory for warranty. This player was one of the top players in the nation. This story, or one similar to it, is more common than you think.

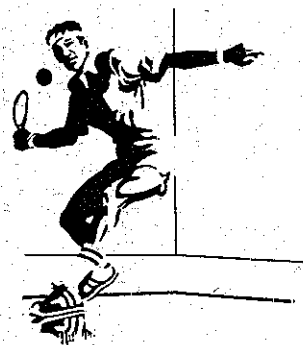
- 2) Don't forget that racquets, like car tires, will fall when least convenient.
- 2) Check your strings for weakness or possible breakage. If a potential problem is found, have it restrung before the tournament. There is nothing worse than playing a tough match while knowing your string may break at any moment. Remember you have to restring it sooner or later. Do it prior to the tournament and save the trauma.
- 3) Carry two pairs of shoes. As unlikely as it may sound, I have ripped out shoes at the seam during play. I have also seen it happen to others. What would you do? Would you forfeit or hope that someone in your club has size 11 athletes foot? Your backup shoes can be kept in your car.
- 4) Gloves — It is better to have too many than not enough. People see the number of gloves on my bag and ask why I have so many. Since I sweat a lot, I go through at least 1 to 2 gloves a game. My answer to these people is that I train and play many hours for the tournament. I'll pay entry fees, food and hotel for a weekend, and then play an important match with my racquet spinning on my hand because all the gloves are wet. You are going to use the gloves eventually. Why not have them as spares just in case you need them? I even have my gloves separated into good and bad ratings. I use my bad gloves for practice, lessons, and warm up in a tournament play. My good ones are saved for when it really counts.
- 5) Use the tournament ball — balls play differently. Practice with, and use in warm-up, the ball that you will compete

with. This way you don't have to adjust during play. Don't give your opponent an edge.

- 6) Sweatbands — If you use them, don't be in short supply.
- 7) Shirts — shorts — socks — It's better to carry home clean clothes after a first round loss than to go to the finals wearing one outfit. When you are in stressful situations, which tournaments can be, you want to have everything in your control comfortable. Don't wear garments that may cause discomfort. Go for comfort, not style. Just remember how much little things bother you when you are losing.
- 8) Aspirin — For stress related headaches or possible relief from past-play stiffness and/or cramps. You may be glad you did carry aspirin during your Sunday morning semi-finals.
- 9) Band-aids — A must for the possible hand or foot blisters.
- 10) Ear plugs — For sleeping at night at the noisy motel or off to the side rest between matches. Insure the rest you will need by being prepared.
- 11) Sweat suit — For obvious heat retention. It seems obvious that everyone would carry one, but since it is usually carried and not packed it is many times forgettable.
- 12) Stereo with headphones — For a mental break from the action to relax the mind. This would be a substitute for leaving the club for the same reason.
- 13) Charting card file — I make everyone that I teach put together a card file on each player's style of play that they might play in the tournament. Before they play each round they look up the

strengths and weaknesses that they have listed on the card and review it. They now know what works and doesn't so they can develop a game plan prior to the start of the match. The less we leave to chance the better off we are.

- 14) Knee wraps — ankle supports — Have you ever seen a player twist a knee or sprain an ankle? If prepared, you might be able to finish the match. A good way to look at this is like a car entering a race. You would examine every logical part of your car to prevent breakdown. Why not do the same with your racquetball equipment. This racquetball bag contains the tools of your trade. Why not buy insurance against failure by thinking out every possible situation that you could prevent before it happens? So, while packing for a tournament, when in doubt — bag it!



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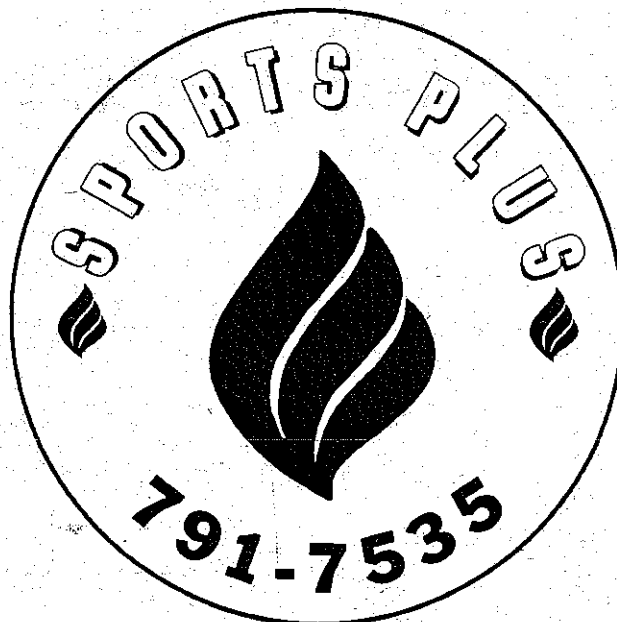
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The only thing I thought I would do different was be more hardnosed. I knew if you gave a PRO an inch, he would take a mile. I was determined not to give even a half inch.

As I took the referee card from the tournament director, I knew it was time to put up or shut up. As the match between Hogan and Thomas started, I was just waiting for one of them to give me a hard time. In the first game, Don swore on the court during a rally and I jumped up and said "That's a technical, Mr. Thomas." He said what for? I then replied that he received the technical for swearing and that swearing is an automatic technical. After that I didn't have any more trouble from either player.

When I finished that match, I went back to the tournament director and asked for another PRO match. He then handed me the other semi-final match between Mike Yellen and Jerry Hilecher.

At one time way back when, Jerry Hilecher was a referee's nightmare. He would appeal, yell, question calls right and left and about everything else. So now I figured I would really have my work cut out for me.

As the match got under way, Jerry hit a ball once, somewhat in anger, after the rally was over. I then said, "Mr. Hilecher, this is a warning, if you hit the ball like that again after the rally, I will give you a technical." Jerry just turned around and glared at me. A little while later, he really got upset at himself and he hit the ball straight down into the floor after the rally, and the ball almost hit the ceiling. "That's a technical, Mr. Hilecher," I said. He turned around and said, "All I did was..." Then I cut him off in the middle of his line and said, "I am perfectly aware of what you did. And, Mr. Hilecher, if you do it again you will receive a second technical." From this point on, there were no more problems with the match.

When the match was over, I was feeling pretty good and cocky about myself as I gave out one warning and two technicals. Then the tournament director walked up to me and asked me to ref the PRO finals since I knew both players. It was Marty Hogan and Mike Yellen. As these two players were warming up, I started getting nervous again. They were the #1 and #2 players in the world. On the very first rally — the ball was hit about six or seven times and just as I called hinder, Mike moved aside and Marty hit a flat roll out

about 100 mph plus. This whole hinder play took only a fraction of a second. Marty turned around to me and said, "Jim, would you mind letting us finish out the rally without stopping play?" I said, "Mr. Hogan, I will try and watch that in the future." I only called two more hinders in the entire match.

A few points later Marty hit a backhand pinch shot so hard that I never saw the ball after it hit his racket until it was four feet from the wall ON IT'S WAY BACK. Luckily Marty went up to the service area and Mike walked to the back because I never saw anything. By this time my knees were shaking again. A short time after that one of the players called time out and I started to get nervous. The winner of this match would get \$5,000 and the loser \$2,500. If I started making bad calls I would not be very popular with these two players. After all they were using the Seamco 600 ball (which was a fast ball back then) and I totally missed Marty's shot. I told myself to quit worrying and get back in the game.

A few rallies later, Marty had a plum up front and he skipped the ball in and as a result he swore out loud. Instinct took over and I said, "That's one technical, Mr. Hogan." He turned around at me with his hands at his sides with his racket just hanging from his wrist and he just glared at me. He finally said, "What was that call?" I felt like he was implying who is this guy to take a point away from me. His action got under my skin because I knew I was right and I knew he was in the wrong.

As he stood in the middle of the court glaring at me and I sat in my referee chair glaring back at him, I said "Swearing is an automatic technical and you have just received one. Mr. Hogan." As we continued to glare at each other for a couple of seconds, someone in the audience began to applaud. Soon almost the entire audience was applauding and cheering because "Marty Hogan" got a technical.

Well, Marty finally looked at the crowd and started smiling and I quit shaking and began to relax. The match continued on smoothly and Marty went on to win. I will always remember the day I gave out three technicals, one each to Don Thomas, Jerry Hilecher and Marty Hogan.

A Classic Story is a racquetball related story about an event from the past. For those of you who were there and involved, it will be fun remembering. For those who weren't there, I hope you will enjoy some racquetball "history" from Michigan.

Jim Easterling

Gateway Racquet Tri-County Men's Travel League Club Wins

Sunday Night Travel League in Macomb Oakland and Genesee Counties is a new league from several of the old travel leagues throughout the Detroit area. Its players are men that have not recently reached the "B" finals or higher in a major state sanctioned tournament. Because of a late start last fall, it was decided that the league would play every Sunday night.

Competition was great this year and fun was had by all who participated. Each team played each other team 3 times during the season. Following are the final standings.

1. Gateway Racquet Club
2. Court House Club - Flint
3. Crescent Lake - Pontiac
4. Kectington - Pontiac
5. Waterford Hills - Clarkston

The season was completed with a great round robin tournament party hosted by Waterford Hills Racquet Club.

Bryan Turner from Crescent Lake Racquet Club was the President, Secretary & Treasurer of the whole league. He kept the records, did the scheduling, and the league was a huge success.

It is planned to expand the league next year. Anybody who has a team or interest in the league should contact Bryan Turner at Crescent Lake Racquet Club or Jim Skinner at Court House Club - Flint. MI 743-4510.

Jim Skinner

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA 8

1. William Gottlieb
2. Pancho Gutierrez and Mike Witherspoon
3. USRA Nationals, Sports Illustrated Court Club, Belleville, MI
4. Franklin Racquet Club
5. Kathy Williams, Livonia Racquet-time, Livonia, MI
6. Paddleball, Earl Riskey
7. Kathy Zale
8. There is a 'Super Seven' set of tournaments and I had to go one better (HA-HA)

Bud Light Super 7 Coliseum Racquet Club - Taylor, Michigan

The last qualifying Super 7 prior to the Grand finale was held at Coliseum Racquet Club April 2, 3 and 4. Many of the state's top players used this as a final tune-up for the RAM State Championships scheduled for the next week.

Pro	1st 2nd Semi	Mike Anderson Jimmy Floyd Chris Cole, Stu Hastings
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D	1st 2nd Semi	Paul Voran Donald Morey Jeff Pressler, Mike Fritts
Mens 30+	1st 2nd Semi	Stu Hastings John Free Joe Mullin, Scott Worthy
Mens 35+	1st 2nd Semi	John Free Mike Stephens W.T. Blakeslee, Jim Hiser
Mens 35B	1st 2nd	John Montie Ron Morse
Mens 35C	1st 2nd	Rex Bolch Charles Ray

Mens 45	1st 2nd Semi	Tom Perna Sam Key Rex Bolch, Bill Filiatreau
Mens 55+	1st 2nd	Richard Caratti J.D. Driver
Womens Open	1st 2nd Semi	Joetta Hastings Irene Chmura Tracey Troszak, Leslie Kishigian
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Womens C	1st 2nd Semi	Marlee Kleckner Chris Ferrans Stacey Stojeba, Donna Alexander
Womens D	1st 2nd Semi	Lorna Rocheleau Marlee Kleckner Marj Bologos, Kim Dothermol
Womens 25	1st 2nd	Joetta Hastings Beth Gutkowski
Mixed Open Doubles	1st 2nd	Mike Anderson/ Beth Gutowski/ Stu Hastings/ Tracey Troszak
Mixed A/B	1st 2nd	Charles Wolford/ Carol Collins/ Priscilla Washburn/ Neil Goodman
Mens A Doubles	1st 2nd	Terry Bishop/Moore Jim Runde/Bob Tobler
Juniors 18 & Under	1st 2nd	Sean McCune Troy Altenburg
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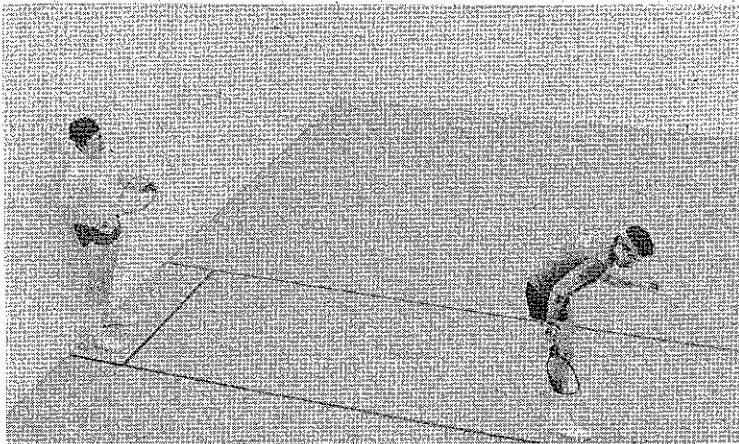


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GREAT LINES

It was at the "Racquetball Courts of Farmington" in 1974 or 1975. Tom Brownlee was playing Kathy Williams in the finals of the "Men's Open" division (Kathy in Men's Open ???) There was a tough rally going on and finally after many hits Tom got this great set up. He was about 6 feet from the front wall and he shot the ball straight into the floor. He then looked at the front wall, put his hands on his hips and said "TOM, YOU OUGHT TO BE SHOT!"

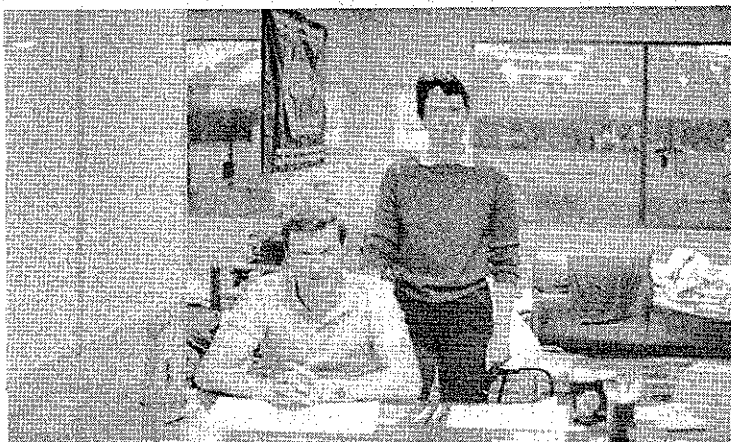
Jim Easterling



Jerry Tucker — Right
Jim Skinner — Left



Alex Birescu (L) and Jack Sisinger (R)
are the Men's 35C Doubles Champs
(picture shows their best side)

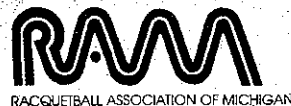


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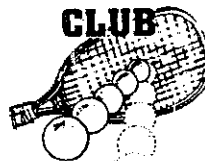
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