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Ann Arbor to host State Doubles

by W.T. Blakeslee

The 1996 RAM State Doubles Tournament is set for December 7 & 8 at the One on One Athletic Club in Ann Arbor. Last year we tried to make the tournament as "people" friendly as possible. Where practical, in the small draws, we will try to make it a one-day tournament. A few players will have to play Sunday based on the number of players in the draw and court availability. Last year it worked out extremely well and many of you had Sunday at home. Entry fee of \$25 per en-

trant is excellent and you receive a sweatshirt worth almost that much just for playing, not to mention lunch, court time and trophies. This is a fun event and every year almost 100 RAM players participate. Where else could you have so much fun for so few dollars? You can even get some Christmas shopping in at the famous Briarwood Mall.

The entry form is available in this issue. Questions can be directed to tournament directors Tom Blakeslee at (810) 468-2787 or Lou Ellen Fecher at (810) 658-8097.

U.S. Open tourney set for Nov. 13-17

The first annual Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships, presented by American Express, are set for November 13-17 at the luxurious Racquet Club of Memphis, where the top professionals in the world will compete for the largest prize money purse in the history of racquetball. The event will benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will be nationally televised on ESPN and will debut the "made-for-tv" portable racquetball court, complete with dramatic player introductions, laser light shows and booming music.

The top pros from the men's International Racquetball Tour (IRT) and the women's International Racquetball Tour (WIRT) will participate along with hundreds of amateur players in age and skill divisions for every level.

All of the pro matches will be held at the Racquet Club of Memphis.

The world class health club is experiences in hosting top notch sporting events as it is the annual site for the acclaimed Kroger/St. Jude ATP Tennis Tournament. The

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1996 Racquetball Association of Michigan State Doubles Tournament

December 7 & 8, 1996

One on One Athletic Club
Ann Arbor

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Team USA retains World Cup Title

Team USA captured the World Cup for the eighth time at the Ektelon VIII International Racquetball Federation World Championships presented by Penn Racquet Sports held in the City Square Sports Club in Phoenix, Arizona

The World Cup went down to the last match of the team competition Michelle Gould, USA's No. 1 woman, needed to defeat Canadian Josee Grand'Maitre in two games to win the cup for the United States. Gould was successful by breezing through Grand'Maitre 15-6, 15-1. The U.S. women won their head-to-head match with Team Canada 3-1.

The men of Team Canada won the men's bracket for the third time in the history of the IRF World Championships. Led by No. 1 singles player Sherman Greefield, the Canadians put away Team USA 3-1. Greenfield executed his game plan perfectly to handle U.S. National Champion Ruben Gonzalez 15-7, 15-10.

With the combined matches tied at four a piece, the first tiebreaker for the IRF World Championships is the total of games won in all final matches. The United States came out on top 10-8 to win the World Cup.

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Memphis readies to host U.S. Open tournament

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Kevin Vicroy, Media/Public Relations Coordinator for the United States Racquetball Association (USRA), at (719) 635-5396 ext. 26. amateur divisions will be played at the University of Memphis Recreation Center and Wimbleton Sportsplex.

Special events include "Party with the Pros", and industry trade show, Hospitality Village complete with concessions, live entertainment and fan fair activities.

For more information, please call

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Racquetball Association of Michigan
presents the
STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 7 & 8, 1996

at

One on One Athletic Club, 2875 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor, MI

Phone: 313-761-4440

Directors: Tom Blakeslee (810) 468-2787 and Lou Ellen Fecher (810) 658-8097

Fees: \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per team/per event
\$15.00 per person/second event
Non-AARA members add \$20.00

Lodging: Courtyard Marriot (313) 995-5900
Holiday Inn Holidome (313) 665-4444

AARA Sanctioned: *Yearly AARA membership required. AARA Rules will prevail. Two games to 15, tiebreaker to 11.*

Trophies and Awards: Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in all divisions. Semi plaques will be awarded in full (draw of 16) divisions only. Each entrant will receive a complimentary **SWEATSHIRT**

Starting Times: Play begins Saturday, December 7, 1996. Divisions are limited to draws of 16. Call the club Thursday, December 5, 1996 after 6:00 PM for starting times. NO Friday play.

Referees: Losers must referee or pay \$5.00

Tournament Ball: PENN ULTRA BLUE

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1, 1996

Name _____ Partner 1 _____
Address _____ Partner 2 _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ Club Affiliation _____
Phone: days _____ nights _____ Date of birth ____/____/____

Sweatshirt size (circle one) M L XL XXL*

*Please enclose \$2.00 for XXL

Make checks payable to RAM and mail to:

RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

3152 S. Henderson Rd.

Davison, MI 48423

Entry Fee: _____

USRA: _____

Extra XXL: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Waiver clause: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all claim for damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tournament staff and their agents, for all injuries suffered by me in conjunction with my participation in this tournament.

Signature _____

Guardian's Signature _____

(if under 18)

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices/limit two events

MENS WOMENS

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

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

Join the Racquetball Association of Michigan

Membership includes:

**Membership card, AARA official rule book, travel and equipment discounts*

**AARA medical, life and liability insurance at sanctioned events*

**Four issues of the RAM newsletter, The Racquetball Reporter*

**Six issues of the AARA national publication, Racquetball Magazine*

**RAM sanctioned tournament entry forms mailed to your home*

**Eligibility to play in all sanctioned tournaments and receive state and national ranking points*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SUPPORT THE U.S. NATIONAL TEAM
(DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

DATE _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Home Phone _____

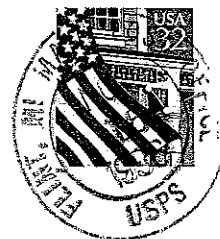
_____ \$20.00 Adult Competitor

_____ \$15.00 Junior Competitor

_____ \$10.00 Junior Competitor (without Racquetball Magazine subscription)

_____ \$15.00 Racquetball Magazine subscription only

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