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MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES ADOPTS PENN AS THE OFFICIAL BALL

DIANE EASTERLING

When the Michigan Championship Series kicks off the 1985-86 Season this September, a new sponsor will be on board. The MCS has named Penn as the 'Official Ball' of the Series and Penn will sponsor all six of the tournament stops during 1985-86.

The Series kicks off again at the Little Traverse Racquet Club in Petoskey on September 13-15. Featured as the fall tournament/vacation in northern Michigan, this year's tournament will be sponsored by KHQ, the Andrew Kan Travel Service, and Penn. The tournament will feature LaCoste style collared shirts for all tournament players as well as coupons for many local businesses. Tournament headquarters will again be at the Harbor Cove Condominiums located on the Little Traverse Bay. Don't forget the impromptu bonfires and beach parties on both Friday and Saturday evenings. For those of you

who have sweet teeth, downtown Petoskey features many varieties of fudge or Mackinaw Island is just a 30 minute drive away.

There will be some new changes in the MCS this year. The first will be in allowing players to play in two different age divisions. This year players, for example, can play in Seniors A and Veterans A or in Masters A and Golden Masters. However, players cannot play in 2 divisions in the same age group. For example, you cannot play in Seniors B and Seniors C. Another change will be the two new AARA rules changing the time between the first and second games to two minutes instead of five minutes, and allowing the winner of the coin toss to choose to receive.

MCS #2 will be at the MBA Health and Wellness Center in Muskegon on October 18-20. This will be a prize money tournament with over \$1,000 in prize money. See the upcoming

tournament entry form for more details. Watch for surprises at this tournament including the possibility of shrimp on Saturday evening. MCS #2 is sponsored by Penn, JK's Car Wash, MBA, Someplace Else III and Bud Light.

MCS #3 will be at the Zodiac Racquet Club in Southgate. This tournament will be sponsored by Penn and be November 15-17. This is a great way to lose those extra few pounds before the Thanksgiving feast.

MCS #4 will be at the Grand Blanc Court Club on January 17-19, 1986. This tournament will be sponsored by Penn and Northwestern Mutual Life. The tournament headquarters for the event will be Walli's Motor Lodge East on Center Rd.

MCS #5 will be at the Parkwood YMCA in East Lansing on February 14-16. The Parkwood YMCA features an indoor running track and exercise room for stretching out prior to match. This tournament will be sponsored by WIBM FM 94 and Penn and the tournament headquarters will be the Red Roof Inn on Dunckel Rd.

Finally, MCS #6 will be the Finale to the 1985-86 Series. The Finale will be held at the Woodland Racquet Club in Brighton on March 21-23, 1986. This tournament will feature door prizes and prizes in addition to trophies for division winners. Circle March 21-23 on your calendar now and watch for more information and special tournament souvenirs.

As a SPECIAL THANK YOU to MCS tournament players the MCS will send players who play in the Series to the RAM State Championship free. If you PLAY IN ALL 6 MCS TOURNAMENTS the tournament committee will pay for your entry fee for one division to the MICHIGAN STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP in April of 1986.

So, here's the scoop. And we hope to see you at all the MCS tournaments during 1985-86.

GRIPA HOSTS TEAM MICHIGAN FOR 1985 CLINIC

The New 29th Street Racquetball and Fitness Center in Grand Rapids hosted all Team Michigan Players on June 1st for their annual clinic. All players, parents and chaperones were treated to a fine luncheon put on by the parents of many of the West Michigan players. Following a brief meeting and lunch all players took to the courts to warm-up for their trip to the Nationals! Stu Hastings video-taped the players and analyzed many of their games. After the clinic all players gathered together to watch a film titled "The Psychology of Winning."

The 1985 Junior Nationals should be an excellent opportunity for all our fine young players to experience racquetball at its most competitive level. They have all worked very hard for their trip to California and Michigan wishes them the BEST!!!

REID/NICHOLS WIN NATIONAL DOUBLES TITLE

Scott Reid (Michigan) and Charlie Nichols (Florida) were the right combination at the 1985 Junior Nationals in Newport Beach, Ca. This powerful twosome walked through an outstanding field of the best eighteen year olds in the nation winning every match in two games. Scott and Charlie won their National Title with a 15-6, 15-13 win over California's top seeded team in the finals.

The impressive trek to the finals by Reid and Nichols left many teams wondering what had hit them. Results of all matches totaled very few points for their opposition. Scores are as follows: 15-3, 15-2/15-5, 15-10/15-5 15-4. An impressive record and a fine win for Scott and Charlie
CONGRATULATIONS!

TEAM MICHIGAN HAS EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

KEN BONNETT

On June 19th twenty-five Michigan Juniors boarded a United 727 for their trip to the Junior Nationals at the Newport Beach Sporting House in Newport Beach, Ca. Little did the kids and their five chaperones realize that in Chicago the team would switch planes and we would all step aboard the giant of the friendly skies — a Boeing 747 jumbo jet!!! A real treat for the largest state juniors team to represent racquetball at the 1985 Nationals. With all their team gear (jackets, shirts, hats) Team Michigan was off in style.

After arriving at the L.A. International Airport the team was informed that there was no shuttle to the Westin Hotel in Costa Mesa. Plus... the hotel was a good fifty miles away. After renting a bus and fighting three hours of

bumper to bumper traffic the team finally arrived at the Westin!

Being only Wednesday and no tournament until Saturday, the team had to make their first big decision. Should it be the beach, Disneyland or go shopping? So the next few days involved all the above... tough decision!

On Saturday, most of our players hit the courts. Many of our fine players met other fine players and bowed out in the first and second rounds of the tournaments. Seven year old Brent Zimmerman hung on the longest of all Team Michigan players going down to defeat in the semi's 11-4, 11-8. Brent did win the playoff for third defeating another mighty no bouncer 11-6, 11-9! *Congratulations Brent and all Team Michigan players in a fine tournament and fantastic experience!*

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Brent Zimmerman
Stu Hastings
Matt Scherba
Jim Floyd
Mike Johnson
Ken Bonnett
Joel Bonnett
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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

September 13-15 MCS No. 1 (Michigan Championship Series)/Petoskey	November 15-17 MCS No. 3/Zodia RC/Southgate USA-Canada Senior Master Challenge Cup/Davison	January 17-19 MCS No. 4/Gr. Blanc	March 21-23 MCS No. 6/Brighton
September 19-22 Bud Light Pro Stop/Davison \$	November 22-24 Turkey Shoot Out/Rose Shore East \$	January 24-26 Gr. Rapids patrons - W Michigan Championships	March 28-30 Easter
September 27-29 Grand Rapids Patrons No. 2/Gr Rapids	November 29-December 1 Thanksgiving	January 31 - February 2 Super Seven No. 5/Rose Shores East \$	April 4-6 Super Seven No. 7/Davison Racquet Club \$
October 4-6 MCRA (Macomb County Racquetball Assoc.) Players Club/Warren	December 6-8 Super Seven No. 3/Christmas Extravaganza/29th Street/Gr. Rapids \$	February 7-9 RAM State Doubles — TBA	April 11-13 Open
October 11-14 Super Seven No. 1/Trenton Racquetball Club \$	December 13-15 Grand Rapids Patrons No. 3/Holland	February 14-16 MCS No. 5/Lansing Lawrence Invitational \$	April 18-20 RAM State Singles Championships/TBA
October 18-20 MCS No. 2/Muskegon	December 20-22 Open	February 21-23 Second Annual Women's Day/Gr Rapids	April 25-27 Three Days in April/Riverview/Gr. Rapids \$
October 25-27 Super Seven No. 2/The Blackwall Madison Hgts. \$	December 27-29 Open	February 28 - March 2 AARA Regional No. 9/Columbus, Ohio	May 2-4 Macomb County R.A./Detroit
November 1-3 Autumn Open/Riverview/Gr. Rapids	January 3-5 Super Seven No. 4/Mt Clemens \$	March 7-9 Super Seven No. 6/Clinton Racquet Club \$	May 9-11 Open
November 8-10 Canadian Pro-Am Maple Leaf/Windsor, Canada \$	January 10-12 Intercollegiate State Championships	March 13-16 Gr. Rapids Patrons/City Championships Gr Rapids	May 16-18 Super Seven Finals/Colliseum R.C. \$
	January 10-12 TBA Riverview One Thousand/Gr. Rapids \$		

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DP NATIONALS

The last major national tournament of the season has just concluded. It was billed as the tournament that would name our national champions. It was everything that the people hoped it would be.

Would would win, Hogan or Yellen? The winner of the tournament would be crowned national champion. Now, the envelope please. The winner of the tournament: Greg Peck.

He wins the tournament, but Mike Yellen who lost in the finals to Greg, went one round farther than semi finalist Hogan to retain the National title. They don't call the Michigan favorite consistent for nothing. One tournament doesn't make a champion, consistency over the length of a season does.

The entry fee includes a nice sweater, a Boston Harbour Cruise, and admission to the Boston Red Sox famed Fenway Park. Last, but not least, was the tournament banquet which included the famous Jim Hiser slide show which is worth the entry fee itself.

The Night harbor cruise gave the tournament pro and amateur players a chance to take in the Boston sights and relax and enjoy a little (or a lot) of socialization. The baseball game was

especially nice because it was against the Detroit Tiger rival Toronto Blue Jays. The Red Sox won with a come from behind victory to sweep the weekend series. The tournament was stopped for several hours to allow attendance without missing tournament action.

Michigan was well represented in Boston. The results were as follows:

Matt Sherba	18	and
		under 2nd
Beth Quikowski	25	1st
Jim Hiser	35	Semi finalist
JoEtta Hastings	25	2nd
C C Melvin	30	Semi finalist
Stu Hastings	30	2nd
Greg Hodges	A/25	Consolation 1st

A special highlight of the tournament found top pro Heather McKay playing in her last tournament in the U.S. against pro qualifier Cathie Frederickson. Cathie tried hard but McKay won. Cathie was pleased to have a chance to play the best female player of our time at her last U.S. tournament. What a memory.

STU HASTINGS

IT'S A NEW SEASON FOR THE GRAND RAPIDS RACQUETBALL PATRONS ASSOCIATION

Newly elected officers of the "Patrons" are President Paula Spagnuolo, Vice-President Ken Bonnett, Secretary Theresa Cariano, Treasurer Regina Spielberger. Board of Directors for "Patrons" are: Lee and Cathy Frederickson, Mike Anderson, Marilyn Zimmerman, Roy White, Darlene Miller, Viola Grover, Dan Wood, Pat Folkertsma, Rick Hall, and Carl Mys.

These dedicated individuals donate their time, money and efforts into promoting racquetball in the Greater Grand Rapids area. Because of the "Patrons Association" and all of its enthusiastic members racquetball continues to grow in Western Michigan.

One of the main goals of this organization is the promotion and support of junior racquetballers. By taking a grass roots approach "patrons" hope to broaden the base of racquetball in Grand Rapids.

"Patrons" has its own series of tournaments. For the first time they are offering the West Michigan Championship. In order to play in this one you

must play in one other "Patrons" tournament. So plan your tournament schedule to include at least two "Patrons" tournaments this year. As usual they will be outstanding tournaments. Please note that the city championship is open to city residents or club members only.

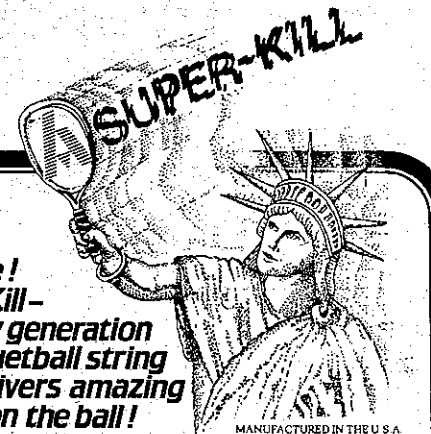
Patrons #1	Aug. 3&4
Grand Haven, Michigan	
Patrons #2	Sept 27-29
Patrons #3	Dec. 13-15
Holland, MI (North Cts)	
Patrons #4	Jan. 24-26
West Michigan Championship	
Patrons #5	March 13-16
City Championship	

Organizations like the "Patrons" are to be applauded for all their efforts in promoting the sport we all love. Their members work hard because of a commitment to racquetball. If you care to support this non-profit organization your contribution may be sent to GRRPA, P.O. Box 1444 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501

RAM WANTS YOU

The Racquetball Association of Michigan wants to sanction your racquetball event. During the 1984-85 season we sanctioned over 25 events for the 1985-86 season we have already sanctioned 32 events, along with several instructional clinics. If you are interested in sanctioning your event or finding out more information regarding the benefits of sanctioning please contact Lee Frederickson at (616) 792-9543 or Jim Easterling at (517) 694-4298.

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FLINT DOMINATES RACQUETBALL AT 1985 CANUSA GAMES

Nineteen Juniors and six Adults, all residents of the Flint area, competed in 10 divisions at the 1985 CANUSA Games held in Hamilton, Ontario. Players were selected to represent Flint, by competing in the Flint Summer Olympian Games. The top 3 players of each division were honored with a position on the Flint team.

Flint's strongest showing was in the Boys 15 and Under class, where Mike Johnson (Davison Racquet Club), Jimmy Skinner (Court House Club) and Jerome Cox (Grand Blanc Court Club) swept the top three positions in their division.

Hamilton's women had to forfeit two matches, giving the advantage to Flint. Strong winning performances from Christine Skinner (Court House Club), 10 and Under Girls, Julie Skinner (Court House Club) 17 and Under, and Sandy Cox (Grand Blanc Court Club) 18 and Over guaranteed the win for Flint.

Brian Flowers (Court House Club), who actually played up 1 age division, severely punished Mike Oliphant, a Hamilton star.

Jeff Cox 12 and Under Boys, and Chris Palid, Flint started the events with important first wins.

The team was coached by Jim Skinner, owner of the Court House Club, who claims victory as a coach even though he lost his individual match in the men's division.

The CANUSA Games are an annual event co-sponsored by the cities of Hamilton, Ontario and Flint. The nineteen event Olympian Games were developed to be a highlight of Flint and Hamilton residents exchanging hospitality. The Juniors were bused to Hamilton this year on

23 buses. There were in excess of 900 athletes that participated in the various sport categories.

Results: Flint 13, Hamilton 11.

Boys 12 and under—Chris Palid (F) d. Nathan Jamieson 15-1, 13-15 11-5 Jeff Cox (F) d. Sean Harney 15-9, 15-7. Bruno Matrioanni (H) d. Marv Riley 15-8, 15-12.

Girls 12 and under—Jennifer Giasai (H) d. Nikki Stefanski 15-10, 15-14. Christine Skinner (F) d. Giasai 15-5, 15-1.

Boys 13 and under—Joe Francella (H) d. Jason Sietoff 15-4, 15-2. Bruce Robinson (F) d. Steve Swaisland 15-0, 15-7. Steve Wallace (H) d. Larry Col liver 15-3, 15-2.

Girls 13 and under—Michelle Sykes (H) d. Terra Flowers 15-1 15-13.

Boys 15 and under—Jerome Cox (F) d. Mike Wood 15-1, 15-13. Jimmy Skinner (F) d. Jeff Hogan 15-12, 15-9. Mike Johnson (F) d. Rob Morgan 15-10, 15-3.

Boys 17 and under—Paul Robertson (H) d. John Sommerset 15-8, 15-12. Tim Watt (H) d. John Aremia 15-4, 15-3. Brian Flowers (F) d. Mike Oliphant 15-11, 15-10.

Girls 17 and under—Julie Skinner (F) d. Yasmin Khan 15-14, 15-14.

Girls 15 and under—Tracy Taub (i) d. Kristen Minto 14-15, 15-11, 11-6. Becky Oliphant (H) d. Amy Robarge 15-2, 15-7.

Men 18 and over—John Barman (F) d. Bill Bowman 15-9, 15-8. Mohammed Khan (H) d. Jim Skinner 15-13, 15-13. Dan Berbeek (H) d. John Susi 15-2, 15-3.

Women 18 and over—Sandy Cox (F) d. Betty Swift 15-1, 15-5. Yasmin Khan (H) d. Kristen Kehler 15-7, 15-8. Geri Galassi (F) d. Lona Morris 15-12, 15-1.

JIM SKINNER

ON THE RECORD WITH THE PRESIDENT

**President
RAM
Jim Easterling**

Well, the 1985-86 racquetball season is now upon us. Now that the newly formed Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM) has one year under its belt, we can now move upward and onward. There are a few national racquetball facts that I think are important and that all racquetball players should know.

1. Cathie Frederickson (Grand Rapids) is now on the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA) Board of Directors. She also holds the title of Women's Commissioner.

2. Jim Hiser (Flint) is on the AARA Board of Directors and is the newly elected Vice President of that Board.

Congratulations to both Cathie and Jim.

3. The 1985 World Games, a new multi-sport event for sports that are not included in the Olympics, will be hosted on July 26-August 4 in London, England. Racquetball is one of 24 sports to hold competitions at the World Games. The event, to be televised, will be broadcast to an estimated 60 countries, with a potential television audience of

900,000,000. THIS IS A VERY BIG AND IMPORTANT PLUS FOR RACQUETBALL.

Listed below are some of the important racquetball facts dealing with Michigan that I think you should be aware of:

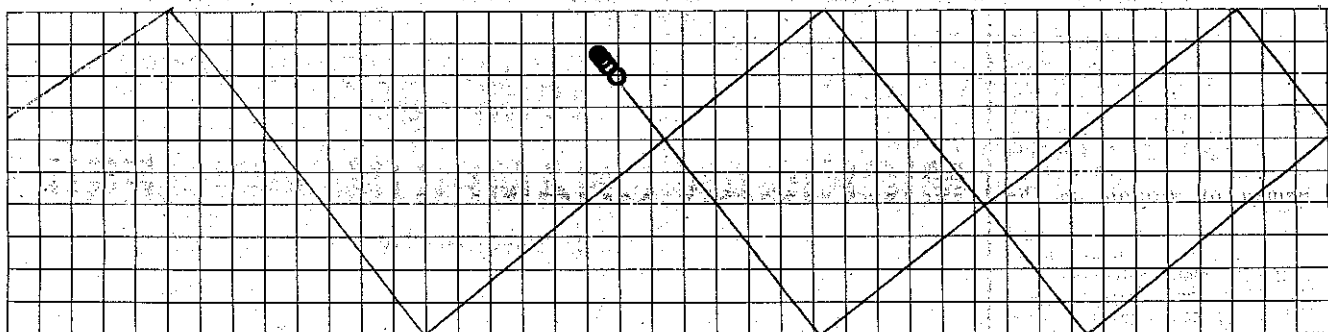
1. This season the RAM is going to be involved in organizing a owners/managers seminar.

2. The Super 7 set of racquetball tournaments is now going to make eye guards mandatory in all divisions except the PRO division. I have been a believer of eyeguards for a long

time and am glad to see this happen.

3. The Macomb County Racquetball Association (MCRA) is now having their tournaments sanctioned by the RAM/AARA for the first time. This is a big plus for RAM.

These are a few of the important happenings in racquetball which I think you should be aware of. As the President of RAM, I will try to keep you informed of any and all important racquetball facts in our newsletter.



THERE'S A STIFF PENALTY FOR WEARING THE WRONG RACQUETBALL GLOVE.

You see, after a few games with most gloves all that sweat you work up starts working its way into the leather.

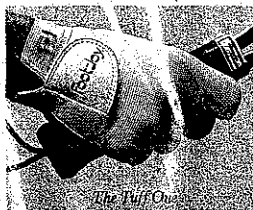
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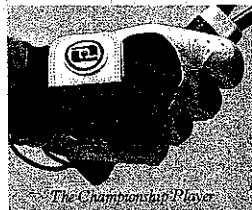
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All Super Seven Tournaments
Clinic — Sat. 1:00 p.m.
Testing — Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 5 Macomb County Players Club - Warren
Oct. 19 Muskegon MCS
Jan. 25 Gr. Rapids W. Michigan Championships

MICHIGAN STRONG IN AGE GROUPS

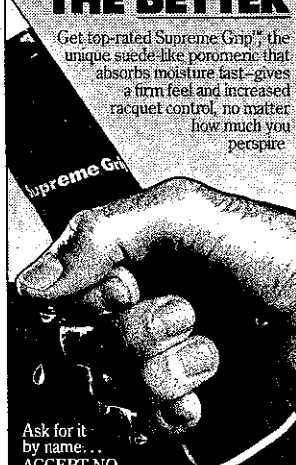
It is always interesting to keep track of a player's development in racquetball. In the case of Stu and Joetta Hastings there is twice as much to follow. They have both been very successful in Michigan, being highly ranked open players for several years. This summer however, Stu and Joetta returned from the DP Nationals in Boston, along with several other Michigan players with a new dimension added to their game. That is the dimension of success, on a National level. Stu lost in the finals, of Men's 30 and over, to Dennis Aceto of Massachusetts. In a very close and controversial match Stu outlasted fellow Michigander, Clee Melvin in the semifinals. Clee, back after a 2 year lay off from tournaments, had a good season making the top four in Men's 25 and over at the regionals and nationals while finishing in the top 4 in the State Open Finals. Welcome back CC Joetta, meanwhile was busy working her way through the Women's 25 and over division, before losing out to another player from Michigan, Beth Gutkowski, in the finals. Beth, a pro at the Court House Club in Flint, has come on strong in the last two years in Michigan, moving from Women's A into Open and this year defeats one of Michigan's top female players to win the Nationals. Jim Hiser, competing in the Men's 35 and over had a good showing until losing out to eventual winner Ed Remen of Virginia in the semifinals.

It should not go unmentioned that Michigan seems to have some of the top talent in the country in the 25, 30 and 35 age divisions. This says quite a bit about the level of competition in our state as well as the ability of these players to rise to the top. Congratulations are in order to everyone mentioned, and to those I forgot to mention, because you deserve it!

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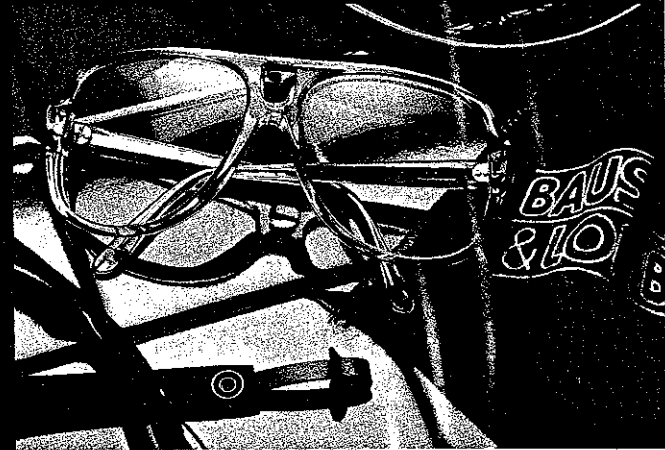
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STATE SINGLES FINALS TOURNAMENT April 19-21, 1985

The RAM State Singles tournament was held April 19-21, 1985, at the Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club. There were approximately 400 entrants. Many exciting matches were played and the hospitality was excellent. The club was very cooperative and we appreciated all the help we received. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped to make this a special tournament.

Results

MO- Cris Cole Def. Bob Wilhelm
MA- Nick Rallis def. Jimmy Floyd
MB- Jim Nicholson def. Dan Verbeck
MC- Jim Wray def. T. Powell
MD- Kevin Mullin def. Paul Leikert
MN- Jeff Pressler def. Dale Massey
M19- Dan Dutcher def. Radiation Man
M25- Mike Anderson def. C.C. Melvin
M30A- Stu Hastings def. Jeff Hardenbrook
M30B- De Cooman def. John Gervasi
M35A- Larry Jackinovich def. Tom Brownlee
M35B- Don Sheer def. Ron Lukala
M35C- Steve Burgdorf def. Joel Carr
40A- Fred Lewerenz def. Larry Jackson
45A- Gordon Kelly def. Ron Pudock
45B- Arnold Eckhouse def. Bill Allen

50- Lynn Hahn def. Bill Malcolm
M55- Richard Caretti def. Duane Russell
M60- Dan Wood def. Gerry Leone
WO- Cathy Frederickson def. Lisa Ecker
WA- Anne Jahn def. Linda Lutze
WB- Josianne Prantera def. Sharon Huczek
WC- Mary Gessler def. Dorothy Marble
WD- Melody Matties def. Janet Kelly
WN- Judy Walzak def. Patricia Klann
W19- Kathy Stellema def. Tracey Troszak
W25- Joetta Hastings def. Sheri Anderson
30A- Donna Henry def. Laura Martin
30B- Dianne Easterling def. Vi Grover
35A- Linda Lutze def. Darlene Miller
35B- Sharon Huczek def. Priscilla Washburn
Boys 8- Brent Zimmerman def. Brian Bovee
Boys 10- Scott Zimmerman def. Brian Garrow
Boys 12- Ryan Covall def. C. Anderson
Boys 14A- Joel Bonnett def. Rob Garrow
Boys 14B- Lee Steinbach def. Ryan Covell
Boys 16A- Jimmy Floyd def. Dave Lorry
Boys 16B- Ian Lattimer def. Matt Postma
Boys 18A- Chris Cole def. Scott Reid
Girls 12- Iera Flowers def. Oaige Souders
Girls 14- Reid def. Eichenberg
Girls 16- Courtney Mip def. Julie Skinner

Congratulations to all the winners!

JUDY GONYEA

GRAND RAPIDS TEAM WINS BIG AT STATE!

The Grand Rapids Patrons Junior Racquetball Team won five State Championships in April at the Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club. The GRRPA sponsored nineteen juniors this year, paying entry fees, providing lodging and running clinics. The team began working at tournaments last fall and has been very active this year raising money for a possible trip to California.

Championships were won in the following divisions:

Brent Zimmerman - 8 and under
Scott Zimmerman - 10 and under
Ryan Covell - 12 and under
Joel Bonnett - 14 and under
Courtney Mys - 16 and under

All five State Champions will be traveling with TEAM MICHIGAN to the Junior National in Newport Beach, California!

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

A women's state board of directors is going to be organized sometime in September (dates are to be announced). If you are interested in getting involved with women's racquetball and would like to receive information or if you have any questions concerning involvement, please contact Cathie Frederickson at 616-942-5190.

HELP

The Racquetball Reporter is looking for any individual who is interested in doing some writing for the newsletter. Any topics are welcomed; tournaments, instructional, humor, etc. If you are interested or have any questions at all about what is involved please contact Bob Wilhelm at (313) 235-9440.

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REFEREE'S COURT

Jim Easterling

Earlier in this newsletter there is an article dealing with some of the new racquetball rules which will go into effect as of September 1 1985. I am going to go over a few of the rules that went into effect in September 1984 that people still have questions about.

1. The receiving line (safety zone) encroachment rule is appealable. The receiver can enter the safety zone, on the serve, after the ball has bounced. The receiver can also contact the ball, on a lob serve that is going to bounce first out of the safety zone, as long as he is standing behind and contacts the ball behind the receiving line.

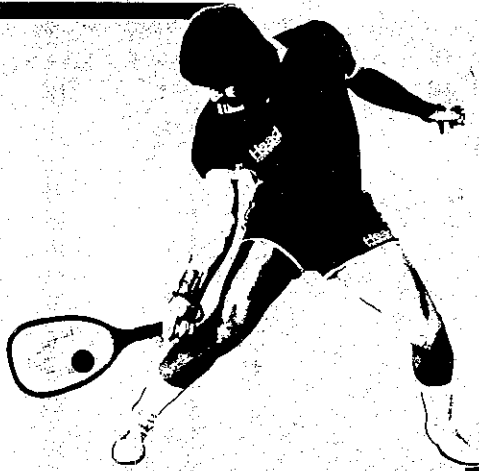
2. If the server foot faults on the front line (service line), the server may appeal it. But if in the referee's judgment this was a deliberate foot fault, the correct call is a technical

and one point should be taken away.

3. If a person uses all of his/her time outs and the referee feels that a "common sense" time out is needed, he may allow a player an extra two minute time out. This time out is devised to change ripped clothing or any other "common sense" situation so determined by the referee.

4. Another rule that is still not used correctly is when a person has served the ball, if he/she has started their serve with their back foot outside the short line (back line) the result is a foot fault. If he/she has started to serve the ball but steps back past the short line before the ball has crossed the short line plane, the result is an out serve.

If you have any questions, please write to me at 900 Long Blvd., #423, Lansing, MI 48910.



STRANDEMO'S

RACQUETBALL TIPS:

When returning serve, be an opportunist and when your opponent serves a low drive off the backwall or brings a hard z in a little short, be ready to be offensive with your return. Remember errant serves dictate offensive returns and really tough serves will dictate defensive ceiling ball returns.

THANK YOU TO THE RACQUEBALL PLAYERS

The Michigan Championship Series (MCS) would like at this time to say thank you to the people who made the MCS racquetball tournaments a success for 1984-85. We receive a lot of help from sponsors — ball companies, radio sponsors, cash sponsors and others. The MCS would like to thank all of them for their help and support.

There are a lot of racquetball facilities across Michigan that offer their clubs to host MCS tournaments. These facilities and their staff members provide a lot of hard work to help make sure the tournament weekends are enjoyable for all players. We would like to thank all of the host clubs for 1984-85.

Now, I would like to thank the most important people — you, the players. Without you there would not be any Michigan Championship Series of tournaments. Listed below are the names and the cities of those people who played in five or more of the seven MCS tournaments. These people are to be congratulated for their dedication and support of racquetball in Michigan.

Sheri Anderson, Grand Rapids, 5 tournaments; John Bakalis, Sterling Heights, 6 tournaments; Michael Corinti, Muskegon, 5 tournaments; Sandy Cox, Burton, 7 tournaments; Dianne Driver Easterling, Lansing, 5 tournaments; Jim Easterling, Lansing, 5 tournaments; Murray Edmonds, Burton, 5 tournaments; Jerry Eldred, St. Clair Shores, 6 tournaments;

Bill Gentile, Rochester, 5 tournaments; Judy Gonyea, Bancroft, 7 tournaments; Joetta Hastings, Clarkston, 5 tournaments; Stu Hastings, Clarkston, 5 tournaments; Mark Heinbokel, Pontiac, 6 tournaments; Sharon Huczek, Lake Orion, 5 tournaments; Janet Insko, Ferndale, 6 tournaments; Jeff Kummier,

Birmingham, 5 tournaments; Dave Larry, New Baltimore, 5 tournaments; Dave Loew, Kalamazoo, 5 tournaments; Al May, Flint, 6 tournaments; Joel Moreno, Lincoln Park, 6 tournaments; Leonard Poole, Jackson, 6 tournaments; Radiation Man, Lansing, 7 tournaments; James Skinner, Burton, 5 tournaments; Tammy Smith, Detroit, 5 tournaments; Michael Stephens, Lowell, 5 tournaments; Alan Tackett, Dearborn Heights, 5 tournaments; Shirley VanderBroek, Pontiac, 7 tournaments; Dan Verbeck, Burton, 5 tournaments; Daniel Zoller, Clawson, 5 tournaments.

From the entire list above, first of all we would like to thank all of the players. But, a special thanks goes to Shirley VanderBroek who was the only non-tournament committee member to play in all seven tournaments. Thanks to all MCS players for the 1984-85 season for your continued support of racquetball in Michigan.

Jim Easterling, MCS Tournament Committee Chairman

AARA CODE OF ETHICS

In keeping with the Constitution of the American Amateur Racquetball Association, the following Code of Ethics is hereby accepted as responsibility to stimulate the interest of people in healthy sport participation through racquetball.

The spirit of this Code of Ethics is to summarize principles of behavior we should be willing to impose upon ourselves. As players we need to bring credit to the sport of racquetball in the eyes of spectators, media, sponsors and other players.

The Tenets of this Code of Ethics are as follows:

(These tenets apply to everyday play unless otherwise specified.)

- 1.) Safety first. Whenever possible, hold up your shot or movement rather than risk injury to your opponent.
- 2.) Give your opponent the benefit of the doubt. Play the rally over if you disagree. If in doubt of your own shot, call it down. In tournaments accept the decision of the referees or linespeople. Don't argue or enlist aid of spectators in making a call.
- 3.) Offer a hinder whenever you obstruct your opponents shot. Always attempt to clear your opponent's hitting lane.
- 4.) Always call the score and serve before you begin to put the ball into play.
- 5.) Know the official playing rules and or specific tournament rules and abide by them always.

6.) Play your best always and maintain continuity of play. Do not stall, sulk, complain, ridicule your opponent, yourself or the officials in tournaments. Never make a mockery of your match whether winning or losing. Do not use any profanity or any loud or abusive language during the match.

7.) As a courtesy, show up early for your match with proper attire and equipment. If time permits allow your opponent the use of the court alone for warm up if he/she requests. Do not withdraw from a match or tournament except for illness, injury or personal emergency. Try to play opponents of equal or higher caliber whenever possible. Sandbagging is not within the spirit of competition.

8.) Be prepared and willing to referee and/or line-judge whenever called upon during tournaments. Learn to referee as quickly as possible and attend certification clinics whenever you can.

9.) Coaching is not encouraged during tournament matches except during time outs and breaks between games. Do not interfere with or participate in on court matters as a spectator.

10.) Win and lose in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Be gracious in victory and be without excuses in defeat. Shake hands at the end of every match.

Prepared and submitted to the AARA Board of Directors by: Clint Koble; Gillette, Wyoming

EKTELON NATIONALS

Bob Wilhelm of the Davison Racquet Club took second place in the men's veterans division at the Ektelon Nationals held in Anaheim, California. Wilhelm, a member of the AMF Head pro staff lost to Scott Clark of Virginia in the finals.

Wilhelm qualified for the finals by winning the Ektelon Regionals held in Chicago, earlier in the year. This

was Wilhelm's second trip to the Ektelon Nationals where last year he lost to eventual winner Jay Schwartz in the semi-finals.

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NEEDED: MORE JUNIOR RACQUETBALL PLAYERS

A productive, positive junior development program is the foundation of the future growth and development of racquetball at the club, city, regional, or national level. Not exactly new words of wisdom . . . perhaps a more thorough explanation would be beneficial.

Creating an effective junior development program is like creating a successful meal — it requires a fine blend of essential ingredients. I believe that the six essential ingredients necessary to produce a successful junior development program include: (1) Juniors, (2) Courts, (3) Coaching, (4) Parental Involvement, (5) Competition and (6) AARA/RAM Support.

Juniors: Obviously it would be impossible to have a junior program without the main ingredient. The sample handmade fliers shown here have produced fantastic results for Riverview R.C. Over 100 kids for the Junior Racquetball Day, and between 30 and 40 every Saturday morning since.

Courts: Club management/ownership can help by keeping junior rates low. Teaching staff should keep an open mind in developing games that will allow large groups of juniors to work effectively on as few courts. As the level of the player goes up, then the ratio of children per court must drop.

Coaching: Effective coaching is the cornerstone of the successful junior

program. Good coaching includes, but is certainly not limited to, teaching techniques in footwork, racquetwork, and headwork. The best coaches are motivators as well as instructors. They must be capable of analyzing the weaknesses and strengths in their overall program as well as those of their students.

Parental Involvement: Good communication between coaches and parents is important. Positive encouragement and emphasis on having fun, being a good sport, and trying one's best are the areas a parent can help. Of course, as the player continues to improve there is an ever increasing need for more cash support to meet the needs of sophisticated and effective coaching methods and stronger competition in bigger and better tournaments.

Competition: As the juniors become better in basic fundamental techniques, competition becomes vitally important to their future development. Competition and tournaments should be challenging but realistic.

AARA/RAM Support: State and National organizations have the means to contribute expertise and manpower. Michigan is fortunate to have the leadership available to help out any club or organization willing to start a Junior Development Program.

by Roy White

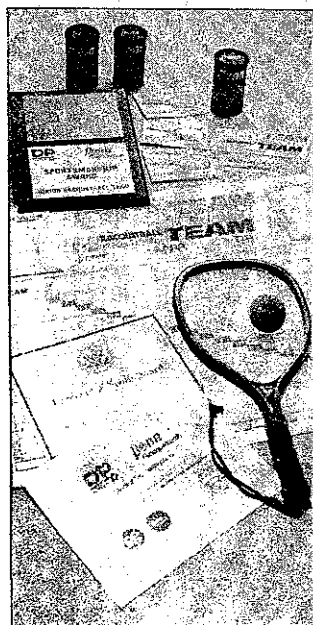
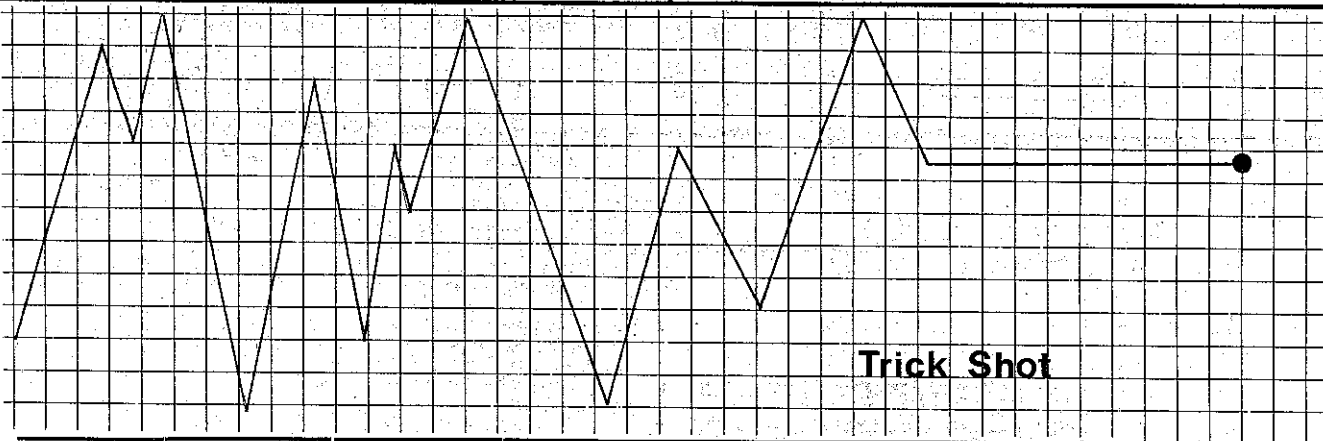
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That's a lot of stuff! And all you have to do is write the AARA Headquarters or call 303-635-5396 for the packages.

To organize your Junior's Program, here's a typical monthly schedule to give

you an idea of the events. First, schedule meetings for the kids every Saturday or immediately after school some night. It's best to have about 21 kids. Divide the participants into seven teams of three players per team. Each team should have one good player, one medium player and one novice player (or one eight years or younger that plays no bounce).

Begin with 30 minutes of junior clinic instruction. Then have 30 minutes of games to test racquetball skills like shooting at cans, and carrying the ball on a racquet. After that allow 30 minutes to an hour for team play.

Post the results of the competition on the Team Competition Chart displayed in a prominent club location. The winners of the league, the first two teams, will receive a DP Junior Hawk racquet for each participant.

It's a good idea to have a mini-tournament each month for round robin

play. It gives everybody a chance to play everyone else in the league. Then, encourage your top players to enter the state junior tournaments in your area organized by the AARA.

Remember, each team member will receive a T-shirt transfer, a Participation Certificate, a Presidents Fitness Award and a Rule Book. The participants must be an AARA member and must must play in the league for six weeks or more. The iron-on transfers must be placed on team uniforms as specified in the package instructions. Additional local sponsors are welcome as long as they don't compete with DP or Penn.

There are detailed instructions that come with the kit, so if you have more questions, it's best to contact the AARA. That phone number again is 303-635-5396. Call right now to start a juniors program in your club.

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