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State Singles Tournament A Great Success Chris Cole and Lisa Ecker Emerged Victorious Over a Field of 330 Competitors!

by Arlene Allan

Once again, Mount Clemens Racquet Club hosted this year's State Singles Tournament. Their spacious facilities and abundant hospitality were able to comfortably accommodate the participants and staff of this season's event. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

There were no byes or late starting times for Chris Cole, the Mens Open number one seed. Chris had entered both the Open and the Junior 18A Divisions with his first Open match against Gordon Gallagher, starting on Friday evening and ending with an easy two game victory.

On Saturday, Chris played two Open matches. One against Craig Hodges, which ended with a tie breaker win and the second against Blaine Harris. Chris ended his day with an easy victory over Brian Kelly in the Junior 18A Division.

On Sunday, Chris faced the fourth Open seed Mike Magnoli. Although the details and scores of this match were not available to me it's my understanding that the games were long and drawn out with a close tie breaker win for Chris. He then went on to win the Junior 18A State Singles Title by defeating Mark Heckman in two games and the Mens Open State Singles Title by defeating the second seed, Mike Anderson, also in two games. Great Job Chris! I'm sure that you've earned it!

Mike Anderson deserves to be congratulated for his second place win in the Mens Open Division. He defeated the third seed, Chuck Teets, with an eleven - ten tie breaker victory and then went on to defeat the second seed Brian Chermiside, also with an eleven - ten tie breaker victory to claim the Mens 25+ State Singles Title. Congratulations Mike! This is certainly a nice way to end the season.

Lisa Ecker, the number two Womens Open seed, was off to a slow start in her first match against Sheri Anderson. Sheri was the only opponent able to challenge Lisa. Their match ended with a tie breaker win for Lisa, who then went on to easily defeat the third seed, Judy Gonyea and the fourth seed, Irene Chmura. Congratulations Lisa! I'm sure that it feels great to regain your Womens Open State Singles Title!

Although Joetta Hastings, the first Womens Open seed, suffered a tie breaker loss to Irene in the semi finals, she easily defeated Kathy Stellema and Beth Gutowski to win the Womens 25+ State Singles Title. Good Job Joetta!

Irene Chmura also easily defeated Chris Eldon and Beth Gutowski to earn the Womens 30+ State Singles Title. Again, Congratulations Irene!

At this time, I would like to draw attention to the Junior Divisions by commending all of them for skillfully mastering the necessary techniques of this



sport as well as being able to demonstrate a competitive and courteous attitude at an early age. I'm sure that I speak for everyone by wishing all of you **THE VERY BEST OF LUCK** in this year's National Juniors Competition!

One final closing comment deserves recognition. I had the pleasure of watching a Mens Open semifinal match between Stu Hastings and Mike Magnoli. It lasted for two and a half hours with Mike Magnoli eventually winning the tie breaker. During that time, there were some questions and disagreements about the calls, which were made by a very competent female referee. Even after being appealed to linesmen, the players were sometimes still not satisfied with the outcome. In spite of their intense feelings and the constant pressure that they endured, they never once lost their respect for each other or the match officials. It was refreshing to see that this kind of attitude still exists. Both of you should be very proud of your technical skills as well as your court conduct. You're a true credit to our sport!

Once again, thank you and congratulations to everyone who competed in this year's State Singles Championship. You made this tournament a success! Also, a special thanks is extended to the club and tournament staff for making this success a reality!

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President's Corner



President
RAM
Jim Easterling

In this article, I am going to write about several racquetball related subjects. Some of these subjects are about new things that have just occurred in the last few months and others are about old problems that are still here but are better than they used to be.

NEW NEWSLETTER

We are now going to have our newsletter done by a professional company involved in the business of printing newsletters. Our newsletter is quite large and is a very big job for one person to handle. We hope that with this new format our newsletters will be more timely and will contain more of the information that is important to you, the player.

NEW ADDRESS

RAM has a new mailing address and a new phone number. I have moved and so if you need to contact RAM through me, please write:

RAM, 321 Village, Lansing, MI 48910
or call evenings at (517) 887-0459

NEW RAM MEMBERS

Sandy Wiegierink from Grand Rapids, is now a member of RAM. Sandy has been very active in racquetball and a member and past president of the Grand Rapids Patrons Association and we welcome her to the RAM Board.

Arlene Allan is also a new member of the RAM Board. Arlene has been active in racquetball in the Lansing area and we also welcome her to the RAM Board.

BETTER REFEREES

Racquetball referees are, on the whole, better now than they were five years ago. Now we all still have a match once in awhile where the referee, in our judgement, is not that good. Most tournament directors now make a point to know the rules. Also, there are more referees calling technicals and avoidable hinders now than ever before. A lot of the credit for this goes to the referee clinics and the referee certification testings. There will always be good and bad referees, but the number of good and better referees is steadily increasing.

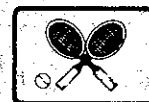
BETTER TOURNAMENTS

Racquetball tournaments are better now, in general, than they used to be. In past years there were only five or six major tournaments a year in this state and many times the courts were so wet you felt that you were on an ice skating rink. Now there seem to be very few tournaments with this problem. Sure, there will always be some wet courts due to large crowds, poor ventilation systems, and outside temperature changes. Another problem that is a lot better is LATE matches. Most of us at one time or another has had a match

scheduled for a certain time and finally got on a court one or two hours late. In years gone by it was standard practice, if you had a Saturday starting time of 3:00 pm or later, to show up and play at least one hour late. Thank goodness this has gotten better.

CONFLICTING TOURNAMENT DATES

There will always be some conflicting tournament dates in this state. There are around 200 places in Michigan to play racquetball and there are only about 30 "prime" weekends to run a tournament. If only half of the clubs ran one tournament a year during the prime weekends, there would be over three tournaments each weekend. The best we can hope for is not to have two major tournaments running the same weekend close to each other. A few years ago, I remember a weekend that had five racquetball tournaments in Michigan running on that same weekend and two of them had prize money. Florida now has a rule where there cannot be two major tournaments run the same weekend within 200 miles of each other. Michigan has not yet gone to that extreme but with the cooperation of all tournament directors and working through RAM, we hope to minimize this problem in future years.



"Racquetball Blues"

*You all know the feeling
Of Tournament Play
Hoping your shots are
All on for that day.*

*You look at the draw
To see who'll you'll meet
"Oh no, not him,
I'm already Beat"*

*When you step on the court
He looks straight in your eye
You wish to yourself
You had gotten a "Bye"*

*What a rip, what a dive
What a rollout, nice splat
And you think to yourself
Why can't I do that?*

*When finally you settle down
And your hands are now quite steady
The ref calls 15-0
And you've lost the game already.*

*You get so mad at how you played
And feel so very rotten
You think of shots you should have made
And those you should have gotten.*

*It's now you know what shots to make
You know you should have won
Just let me at him one more time
I'll show him how it's done.*

Luann Stivason



Tournament Calender

APRIL 18 - 20
RAM State Singles Championships
APRIL 25 - 27
Three Days in April/Riverview/
Gr. Rapids \$
Macomb County R A /Detroit
MAY 2 - 4
The Last Shot/Gr. Rapids \$
MAY 9 - 11
Open
MAY 16 - 18
Super Seven Finals/Colliseum R C \$

\$ - Indicates Money Available in Open Division



RAM State Doubles Championship

ANN ARBOR COURT CLUB
February 7, 8, and 9, 1986

ANN ARBOR - The annual event was a weekend filled with good action, companionship, and pleasant surroundings. Bob Hanna and Trish Gardner were special in the way the club and hospitality was presented to the players. As the owners of the club, they were always available to smooth out the always present rough edges.

Six mens, three womens and three mixed divisions were all made into double elimination competition. As you might already guess, that means a lot of play occurred. Many finals were played TWICE. We finally left the club around six o'clock Sunday, tired but pleased with the weekend.

RESULTS

Mens Open Hall and Scherba (undefeated)
Mens A Johnson and Rozzer (undefeated)
Mens B Lawlor and Taniellan
Mens O/C Brady and Bedinis
Mens Seniors Croff and Lechowicz
Mens 40-55 Schermer and Pudduck
Womens Open Spielberger & Frederickson
Womens A Insko and Shaw
Womens B/C Szpont and Reauso
Mixed Open Smith and Dutcher
Mixed A/B Woolford and Krause
Mixed C/D Bean and Marble

Lee Frederickson

Great Lines

Stu Hastings was at a racquetball tournament. The club was Oakland Racquet Club in Birmingham, Michigan. It was Sunday, January 13, 1984. Stu was having a bad day on the court against Pat Walsh. Calls were not going his way and the referee gave him an avoidable hinder, result side out. As Pat was about to serve, Stu held up his racquet and looked up at the referee and said, "Since we're playing by the rules today, could you watch a little closer on the serve. He is stepping over the front line about a foot."

Jim Easterling

MCS Closes a Chapter on Racquetball History in Michigan

The Michigan Championship Series (previously known as the Michigan Racquetball Association tournaments), the longest running tournament series in Michigan, ceased operation with MCS #6 held in March at the Woodland Racquet Club in Brighton. At the February Tournament Committee meeting, the committee members voted to discontinue running tournaments. Committee members felt the need to pursue other interests both racquetball and non-racquetball related instead of running tournaments.

Under the Michigan Championship Series, the tournaments have run for the past two racquetball seasons. Prior to the 1984-85 season, the tournaments were known as the Michigan Racquetball Association tournaments (MRA) and as such begin with the 1981-82 season. Taking over the format from Matchpoint Enterprises, the MCS/MRA attempted to standardize tournament operation in the state. As one of the early tournament series, MCS/MRA attempted to run tournaments throughout all of Michigan so that all players would have the opportunity to compete close to home. Other features of these tournaments included the standardization of rules and policies for the series

with respect to all aspects, (i.e. late entries, payment policies, division eligibility, etc.). As more well-run tournament series and individual tournaments began to appear, the need for the state-wide series began to lessen.

One of the highlights of the MCS/MRA series has been the September tournament at the Little Traverse Racquet Club in Potoskey. The Potoskey tournament is one of Michigan's longest running tournament traditions having its start in 1980 with Matchpoint Enterprises. But Potoskey fans don't despair. Discussions are underway with the Little Traverse Racquet Club to continue this September tournament tradition. Watch your future newsletters and mail boxes for further information on the Potoskey tournament.

The MCS/MRA wishes to thank all of the players who have supported the tournaments over the last five to six years. The lasting friendships, the good times and the fun and exciting competition will long be remembered by all who were there. We urge all players to actively support AARA sanctioned events in their areas in the next few years to keep the sport of racquetball alive and healthy in Michigan.

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"View of the Vice-President"

Michigan

Intercollegiate Racquetball

"New Faces"

by W. T. Blakeslee

What I would like to see is some "New Faces" at our racquetball tournaments. We need to get some new ideas, new personalities, and new players involved in our sport. It seems that the same players are at every tournament stop. I'm worried that our sport will follow the handball route. The game will end when its players are too old to compete any longer.

A strong Junior Program will perpetuate our sport and develop "New Faces". Golf and Tennis have a strong junior base. I don't need to remind anyone of Boris Becker or Nathaniel Hope. Our RAM organization spends lots of resources trying to promote Junior Racquetball activities. Jim Hiser is letting Juniors play for free in his tournaments. All of these ideas will help promote Junior Racquetball.

Another way you can help promote "New Faces" is to invite a friend to play in a tournament. Could be lots of fun for both of you especially if your friend is of the opposite sex. Remind your friend that just because he can't beat you, there are other divisions. Nowadays the club should be full of weight lifters, aerobics, wally-bailers and softball players. They all watch us play and are obvious sources of new faces. Get someone interested in an individual sport. How did you get hooked? Help promote your sport because in the end it will be more fun for you too!

The clubs are attracting "New Faces", as I've mentioned with the many non-racquetball activities. They hope the attraction will at least get traffic in the club. Racquet companies have bigger racquets for easier play and exercise is "IN". They too help attract "NEW FACES". The AARA and we too, RAM, all seek new players and friends. Help out, do your part!

Finally, a word about the "Old Faces". WE still need you, stick around. I'll beat you yet!

Bud Light Super Seven - Rose Shores

With more than 275 competitors, the Rose Shores Racquet Club hosted the largest state tournament since the Bud Light Open in September. This was the first tournament of the season in which all mens and womens divisions were held, and the mens open draw attracted 32 players including National Champion and U.S. Team Member Doug Ganim from Ohio.

With Cable TV coverage of three final matches, and a live radio broadcast on Friday night, this Bud Light Tournament attracted more media attention than previous Super Seven Tournaments.

MENS OPEN: 1st - Doug Ganim, Ohio; 2nd - Mike Ceresia, Canada; Semi - Ralph Hackbarth, Canada & Mike Anderson, Gr. Rapids

MENS A: 1st - Richard DeCooman, Ctland; 2nd - Jack Lobrido, Backwall; Semi - Tom Yates, Mt. Clemens & Chester Defore, Coliseum

MENS B: 1st - Doug Susitko, Rose Shores; 2nd - Pat Presutti, Salt River; Semi - Ron Liikala, Gr. Blanc & Terri Eldred, Rose Shores

MENS C: 1st - Pat Schiller, Canada; 2nd - Gary Rajter, Mt. Clemens; Semi - Bob Williams, Ohio & Allen Klann, Gateway

MENS D: 1st - Rex Balch; 2nd - Gary Kinmer, Rose Shores; Semi - Rich Larry, Salt River & Jeff Pressler, Team Hastings

MENS 30A: 1st - Stu Hastings; 2nd - Dave Paskan, E.M.U.

MENS 35A: 1st - Larry Tackinovich, Trenton; 2nd - Dave Woodcox, Courttime; Semi - Doug Toth, Meadowbrook & Mike Stephens, Gr. Rapids

MENS 35B: 1st - Mike Young; 2nd - Ron Liikali, Gr. Blanc; Semi - Bernard Smith, Meadowbrook & Brian Liecefelt, Fern Hill

MENS 35C: 1st - Mike Coll, Davison; 2nd - Tim Ward, Rose Shores; Semi - Charles Ray Dearborn & Joe Biniecki

MENS 45: 1st - Jesse Madden, Pt. Huron; 2nd - Charles Whelahan, Pt. Huron

MENS 55: 1st - Richard Caretti, Rose Shores; 2nd - Al Micelli, Canada

BOYS 12 & UNDER: 1st - Brian Garron, Davison; 2nd - Brian Jones, Davison

WOMENS OPEN: 1st - Kathy Nichols, Canada; 2nd - Cindy Doyle, New York; Semi - Colleen Brint, Ohio & Lisa Ecker, Davison

WOMENS A: 1st - Lesley Kishiglan; 2nd - Tammy Smith; Semi - Beth Ann Geehlend, Ann Arbor & Mary Ann Syont, Mt. Clemens

WOMENS B: 1st - Mary Gasslander, Backwall; 2nd - Laura Fox, Saginaw

WOMENS C: 1st - Faye Cobb, Backwall; 2nd - Jan Kelley

WOMENS D: 1st - Ann Schiller, Canada; 2nd - Lorna Richelieu, Canada; Semi - Phyllis O'Brien, Mt. Clemens & Denise Bammel, Rose Shores

WOMENS 30+: 1st - Bridgette Hartz, Ohio; 2nd - Lois Hamel, Requetteime

WOMENS OPEN DOUBLES: 1st - Sara Ali/Cindy Doyle, New York; 2nd - Chris Hengle/Vicki Anderson, Backwall

MENS OPEN DOUBLES: 1st - Bob Wilhelm/Jimmy Floyd, Davison; 2nd - Mike Anderson/Larry Longeliene, Gr. Rapids; Semi - Troy Hall/Matt Scherba, Davison; Bruce Hayward/Steve Meloche, Canada

MENS A/B DOUBLES: 1st - Jack Lobaido/Tom Yates, Backwall; 2nd - Bart Turner/Roger Turner, Ohio

MENS C/D DOUBLES: 1st - Sisenger/Buescew, Gateway; 2nd - Terry Jones/Jim Grimm, Davison; Semi - Mike Davis/Rick Frisch & Al Micelli/Pat Schiller, Windsor

On January 11th and 12th, the 29th Street Fitness Center of Grand Rapids hosted the State Intercollegiate Racquetball Championship. 52 college students representing 4 colleges and universities shot it out for 6 men and 6 women division titles.

Mark Heckman, C.M.U. defeated last year's #1 singles champ. Pete Ruhala.

MEN'S NO. 1 SINGLES

Mark Heckman, CMU 10
Pete Ruhala, MSU 7
Mike Chambon, GVSC 5
Al Cull, FSC 2

MEN'S NO. 2 SINGLES

Todd Luethjohann, FSC 10
Jim Ward, MSU 7
Chris Henderson, GVSC 5
Mark Carson, CMU 2

MEN'S NO. 3 SINGLES

Scott Futch, MSU 10
Bill Deck, FSC 7
Steve Grein, CMU 5
Matt Medic, MSU #2 2

MEN'S NO. 4 SINGLES

Rob Mewer, MSU 10
Kurt Erkleben, MSU #2 7
Doug Simons, FSC 5
Paul McBride, CMU 2

MEN'S NO. 1 DOUBLES

Ruhala/Ward, MSU 10
Deck/Luethjohann, FSC 7
Salinas/Considine, GVSC 5
Isola/Crago, MSU #2 2

MEN'S NO. 2 DOUBLES

Futch/Mewer, MSU 10
Hartel/Applehoff, FSC 7
Bedenis/Cull, FSC 5
Henderson/Chambon, GVSC 2

MEN

MSU 54 FSC 36 GVSC 17 CMU 19
MSU 97 FSC 78 GVSC 54 CMU 28

Cathie and Lee Frederickson and Ken Bonnet provided a great facility and fine hospitality for the college tournament.

The Ferris State College racquetball team recently competed in the midwest regional tournament March 14th and 15th in Indianapolis, IN and placed third in a field of nine colleges and universities represented.

Purdue University captured the overall championship with 99 points while the University of Illinois was second with 77 points. The third place Ferris team scored 68 points. 36 by the women's squad and 32 by the men.

Scoring for Ferris were:

Todd Luethjohann First No. 2 Singles
Robin Harder First No. 3 Singles
Greg Bedenis Second No. 4 Singles
Linda Cok Second No. 4 Singles

MCS Sends 10 Players to the State Singles Free

by Dianne Easterling

The Michigan Championship Series is sending players to the RAM State Singles Championship for 1986 free. Players who played in all six of the MCS tournaments during the 1985-86 tournament series were given free entries to this year's state singles. The MCS would like to thank these people for their support during the year, say congratulations and wish them good luck in the upcoming tournament.

Jim Hiser

M.S.U. and Shari Anderson, G.V.S.C. defeated defending champ. Pina Finnazzo, M.S.U., to claim the #1 singles women's title. Todd Luethjohann and Bill Deck, F.S.C., 1984 and 1985 #1 doubles defending champs lost a tough match, 11-10 tie-breaker to Pete Ruhala and Jim Ward of M.S.U.

The individual division champs and points scored were as follows:

WOMEN'S NO. 1 SINGLES

Shari Anderson, GVSC 10
Pina Finnazzo, MSU 7
Melody Matties, CMU 5
Lisa Klutz, FSC #2 2

WOMEN'S NO. 2 SINGLES

Diane Dawson, MSU 10
Robin Harder, FSC 7
Carolyn Forester, GVSC 5
Lynn Lightner, CMU 2

WOMEN'S NO. 3 SINGLES

Sharon Lintemuth, FSC 10
Judy Erickson, FSC #2 7
Jean Haney, MSU 5
Carol Buck, GVSC 2

WOMEN'S NO. 4 SINGLES

Linda Cok, FSC 10
Nita Dickerson, MSU 7
Marilee Johnson, GVSC 5
Joan Cass, MSU #2 2

WOMEN'S NO. 1 DOUBLES

Anderson/Forester, GVSC 10
Finnazzo/Starter, MSU 7
Ward/Wyly, FSC 5
Matties/Lightner, CMU 2

WOMEN'S NO. 2 DOUBLES

Harder/Lintemuth, FSC 10
Haney/Dickerson, MSU 7
Buck/Johnson, GVSC 5
Najor/McGuire, MSU #2 2

WOMEN

MSU 54 FSC 36 GVSC 17 CMU 19
MSU 97 FSC 78 GVSC 54 CMU 28

Anyone interested in starting a college racquetball club competitive team or want information on state, regional or national collegiate tournaments should contact:

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Ferris State will be competing at the Collegiate National Tournament April 11, 12 & 13 in Warwick, Rhode Island. The team, 8 men and 8 women, are self-supporting, raising money through tournaments, play-a-thons, clinics, raffles, etc.

Jerry Gray

Players receiving free entries were:

George Goudie, Muskegon
Janet Insko, Ferndale
Jeff Kummier, Birmingham
Ron Morse, Bancroft
Leonard Poole, Jackson
Kim Tucker, Grand Blanc
Dan Verbeck, Burton
Radiation Man, Lansing
Sandy Cox, Burton
Judy Gonyea, Bancroft

The Women's Metro Touring League

A banquet, held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, ended the 1985-86 season for the members of the league. Traditionally, this is a fun night out; everyone looks forward to the banquet: as a night to relax, eat a delicious meal, and last but not least are the trophy awards:

The winners for the 85-86 season were:
Sunday Level I - Backwall Racquet Club - 1st, Gateway Racquetball Center - 2nd
Sunday Level II - Backwall Racquet Club - 1st, Gateway Racquetball Center - 2nd

M.W.T.L. ROSTERS

Second Half - 1985/86 Season
Level I Sunday

GATEWAY GETAWAYS

Pat Colombo	Gloria Schilkey
Nancy McMahon	Evelyn Pasko
Joann Schulentz	Dee Young
Sharon Cole	Donna Falardeau
Mary Meeseman	Margaret Hawkins
Nancy Thoenus	Sharon Huczek

GATEWAY I

Donna Murray	Margaret Raucher
Tracey Troszak	Shirley Vanderbrook
Irene Chmura	Donna Falardeau
Luann Yeip	Joetta Hastings
Linda Lutz	Vonne Kreuzweiser

BACKWALL EAGLES

Anne Jahn	Jan Insko
Kris Hengel	Peg Shaw
Vickie Anderson	Debbie Stack
Marilyn Kauchek	Jo Rearick
Tammy Smith	Mary Gisslander
Kelly Schmelter	Faye Cobb

BACKWALL WOLVERINES

Jan Insko	Tammy Smith
Elaine Barch	Sue Gordon
Vickie Anderson	Faye Cobb
Janet Kelley	Sandy Ridkey
Jo Rearick	Sharla Muskin
Mary Gisslander	Sandy Pawloski

MT. CLEMENS

Alide Mainhardt	Leslie Kishigan
Barb Randle	Deb Reauso
Cindy Siders	Jean St. John
*Vickie Schulte	Mary Ann Szpont
Sadie Allison	Mary Alyce Gaffke
Josi Pranter	Sharon Huczek

MAPLE COURT

Kathy Trotter	Cindy Rosiek
Dorothy Marble	Linda Driver
Joan Cleland	Lona Morris
Cynthia Rasanen	Carol Radinski
Kris Reilly	Roberta Zald
Cadine Wiegand	Cathy Mason

Second Half - 1985/86 Season
Level II Sunday

COURTHOUSE

Lona Morris	(1252 Void - 1267)
Kristen Kohler	Barb Rockwell
Jeanette Kehoe	Donna Comfort
Francis Flowers	Julie Skinner
Mary Jane Olasovsky	Edith Withey
Karen Warriner	Faye Marenkewicz
	Evelyn Shoup

GATEWAY

*Pat McKerrig	(1253)
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	Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
Margaret Hawkins	Nancy McMahon
Debbie Ketter	Donna Falardeau
Vickie Kitson	Janice Mechlowitz
Tami Reynolds	Claire Pelc
Karen Visgar	Gayle Buttrey
Sharon Huczek	

Thursday Level II - Clinton Racquet Club - 1st, Gateway Racquetball Center - 2nd
Thursday Level III - Warren Racquetball Center - 1st, Courtland Racquetball Club - 2nd

CONGRATULATIONS!

We'd like to thank all of the women involved in the Touring League. Everyone had a good year, and are all looking forward to the 1986-1987 season.

MT. CLEMENS

Michèle Singel	(1254)
Karen LaPeikus	Linda Eldred
Liz Zielinski	Lisa Russo
Jean St. John	Sandy Heiden
Pam Yandura	Gail Cunningham
Sharon Llimbeck	Phyllis O'Brien
	Debbie Reauso

BACKWALL STARS

Mary Mulholland	(1255)
Sherla Muskin	Sandy Corrión
Jean Gisslander	Donna Nibler
Cindy McDaniel	Toni Bondono
Sandy Pawloski	Meggi Kurzaia
Janet Kelley	Stacey Barbas
	Jo Rearick

BACKWALL STRIPES

Maggie Kurzaia	(1256)
Sandy Pawloski	Rita Hawes
Sandy Corrión	Natalie Dunbar
Mary Mulholland	Linda Horn
Donna Nibler	Donna Dietrich
Wendy Casey	Shirley Kwaiborski
	Lory Ledford

MAPLE COURT

Joan Cleland	Pam Reno
Kathy Trotter	Thalia Schunk
Cindy Rosiek	Peggy Pizzati
Kris Reilly	Cadine Wiegand
Cynthia Rasanen	Michèle Pidek
Fran Brandenburg	Dorothy Marble

Second Half - 1985/86 Season
Level II Thursday

UNIVERSITY

*Tina Erlandson	(1242)
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Alice Beckwith	Mary Ann Shaw
Therese Benninger	Penny Smith
Mary Frey	Joyce Wright
May Huebner	Miriam Dowling
Marty Morris	Cheryl Martin
Jane O'Connor	

GATEWAY

Janice Mechowitz	(1243)
Donna Falardeau	Valarie Palmer
Pat McKerrig	Gayle Buttrey
Judy Bell	Sonna Johns
Evelyn Pasko	Elaine Torvinen
Sharon Salamon	Pat Kiann

FRANKLIN

Linda Driver	(1244)
Maggie Thornton	Nancy Pearn
Jan McAllister	Rita Jones
Linda Milan	Joan Herlitz
Yvonne Duminski	Marcia Auslander
Marty Novak	Jenny Palmer

CLINTON

Shirley Bolling	(1245)
Cathy Brown	Pam Yandura
Dee Young	Judy Dunbar
Sadie Allison	Cookie Barto
Jean St. John	Valarie Palmer
Pat Linke	Connie Cercone
	Meeseman

Bud Light Super Seven - Grand Rapids

The Christmas Extravaganza hosted by 29th Street Fitness Center offered more than \$4000 in money and awards for all divisions.

Approximately 260 players competed in Super Seven Number Five. Two new innovations which proved very successful were, a seven player team competition and individual best performance award. The team competition with total prizes of \$750 was won by division team #2, and the individual player performance was won by Scott Zimmerman who played five matches winning every match in three games straight.

With free beer and tremendous hospitality provided by the 29th Street Club, the tournament lived up to its billing as a Christmas Extravaganza.

MENS OPEN: 1st - Mike Ceresia, Canada; 2nd - Ralph Hackbarth, Canada; Semi - Mike Anderson Gr. Rapids; C.C. Melvin Gr. Rapids

MENS A: 1st - Mike Moody, Saginaw; 2nd - Dave Larry, Crescent Lake; Semi - Randy Minto Davison Perry Melvin Mt. Pleasant

MENS B: 1st - Lerry Meusen, 29th St; 2nd - John Brennen, Rose Shores; Semi - Dave Dalke Gr. Rapids Jason Reynolds Gr. Rapids

MENS C: 1st - Bryan Kircher, Lansing; 2nd - Tim Kan, Petosky; Semi - Greg Sheffield, Tri Cities Y. Brian Flowers Gr. Blanc

MENS D: 1st - Gerald Tucker, Gr. Blanc; 2nd - Noel Bosch, Gr. Blanc; Semi - Paul Gordon Gr. Blanc Chris Henderson Lansing

MENS NOVICE: 1st - Larry Carrier Gr. Blanc; 2nd - Mark Rice 29th St.

MENS 30A: 1st - Ralph Hackbarth Canada; 2nd - Stu Hastings

MENS 35A: 1st - Rick Scott, Muskegon; 2nd - Mike Stephens, 29th St; Semi - Jim Hiser Davison Ken Bonnett 29th St.

MENS 35B: 1st - Rick Parkhurst Gr. Blanc; 2nd - Terry Jones Davison

MENS 35C: 1st - Larry Cole Davison; 2nd - Jim Skinner Court House

MENS 45: 1st - Tom Sharum; 2nd - Ron Williams 29th St

BOYS 16: 1st - Jimmy Skinner Court House; 2nd - T. Duwen G. Rapids

BOYS 10: 1st - Scott Zimmerman 29th St; 2nd - Scott Gondie

BOYS 8: 1st - Tim Van Dyke; 2nd - Ryan Brady

WOMENS OPEN: 1st - Tamara Low Iowa; 2nd - Kathy Nichols, Canada; Semi - Joetta Hastings Kathy Frederickson 29th St

WOMENS A: 1st - Carol Collins Court Time; 2nd - Arlene Allan Lansing

WOMENS B: 1st - Ann Fecher, Davison; 2nd - Theresa Carrano Gr. Rapids

WOMENS D: 1st - Linda Culler 29th St; 2nd - Cindie Tanner Gr. Blanc

WOMENS 30A: 1st - Irene Ackerman Chmura; 2nd - Beth Gutkowski

MENS OPEN DOUBLES: 1st - C.C. Melvin/Dennis Melvin; 2nd - Jim Hamilton/Dave Larry

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES: 1st - Mike Anderson/Lisa Ecker; 2nd - Tamara Low/M. Low

MIXED A/B DOUBLES: 1st - D. Krueger/T. Troszak; 2nd - A. Allan/T. Luethingohan

MENS A/B DOUBLES: 1st - J. Bonnett/K. Bonnett; 2nd - M. Johnston/K. Rozier

MENS C/D DOUBLES: 1st - Jim Skinner/G. Tucker; 2nd - Mike Care/T. Jones

Jim Hiser

MT. CLEMENS

Claire Pelc	(1246)
Marylou Ondra	Sue Peltier
Mona Davis	Lise Stemple
Nancy McMahon	Gloria Schilkey
Lita Tatoris	Karen Visgar
Joan Baker	Hetty Ouerrella
	Carol Gentry

Second Half - 1985/86 Season
Level III Thursday

WARREN

Pat Klann	(1247)
Rose Moen	Laurie Troszak
Joyce Rudder	Cindy Ford
*Val Palmer	Betty Bachorek
Judy Walzak	Lisa Stemple
Sue Koss	Lita Tatoris
	Rose Wedel

GATEWAY

Betty Navarre	(1248)
*Cindy Giddings	Eunice Schmidt
Betty Gallagher	Carole Kraemer
Patty Gooch	Karen Allar
Cindy Harrison - Ilmi	Lorraine Fitzpatrick
Judy Marince	Mary Hooker
	Donna Senopde

COURTHOUSE

Linda Fitchett	(1249)
Betty Burgess	Kit Skinner
Donna Shreve	Elenore Slater
Cathy Mashburn	Annette Niedzielski
Donella Rak	Candi Pavlica
Mary Renton	Barb Jacobs
	Bobbi Copoola

Lona Morris
(Team Manager)
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GATEWAY GATORS

Grace Brooks	(1250)
Claudette Monacelli	Rita Sisinger
Lilia Meyers	Kathy Monacelli
Dotty Goy	Jan Lemanski
Debbie Hibdon	Nancy Brault
Mary Burke	Linda Hoffman
	Claudia Nowak

COURTLAND

Diana Hord	(1251)
Gwen Klimek	Merry Berletic
Diane Maio	Karen LaLacheur
Kathy Garissi	Barbara Zanardo
Jan Bradley	Diane Meagher
Margo Groth	Cindy Merritt
	Diana McCrudden

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1986 Michigan Championship Racquetball State Singles Results:

MENS OPEN

Semifinals: Cole d. Magnoli, Anderson d. Teets (15-4, 13-15, 11-10)
 Finals: Cole d. Anderson (15-3, 15-7)
 Consolation: Jeff Hardenbrook vs. Gordon Gallagher (results na)

MENS A

Semifinals: Ken Bonnett d. Ted Dutcher Jr. (14-15, 15-8, 11-10), Dan Werner d. Mike Moody (15-2, 15-4)
 Finals: Werner d. Bonnett (15-6, 15-7)
 Consolation: Rob Mewer

MENS B

Semifinals: Ron Liikala d. Brian Flowers (6-15, 15-14, 11-2), Curt Glover d. Rick Parkhurst (15-7, 6-15, 11-8)
 Finals: Liikala d. Glover (15-5, 14-15, 11-10)
 Consolation: Bryan Kircher

MENS C

Semifinals: Kollins d. Frisch (15-10, 15-11-6), Davis d. Hetke (sna)
 Finals: Davis d. Kollins (15-8, 15-13)
 Consolation: Allan Mell

MENS D

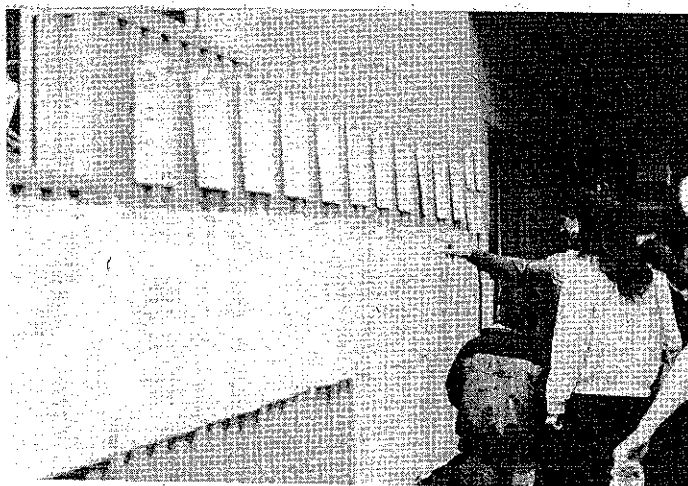
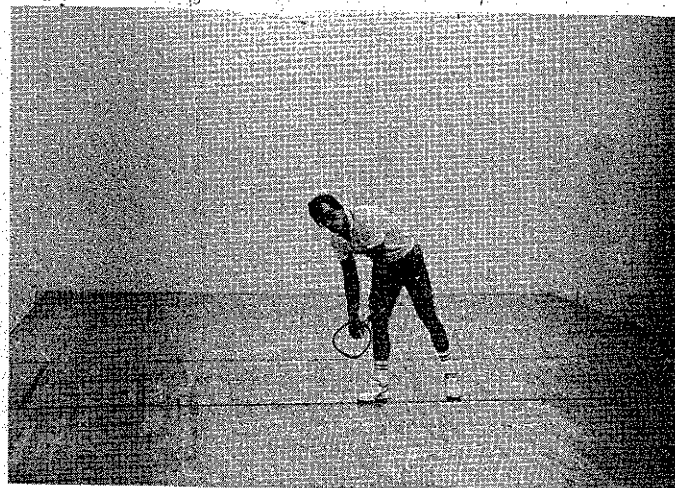
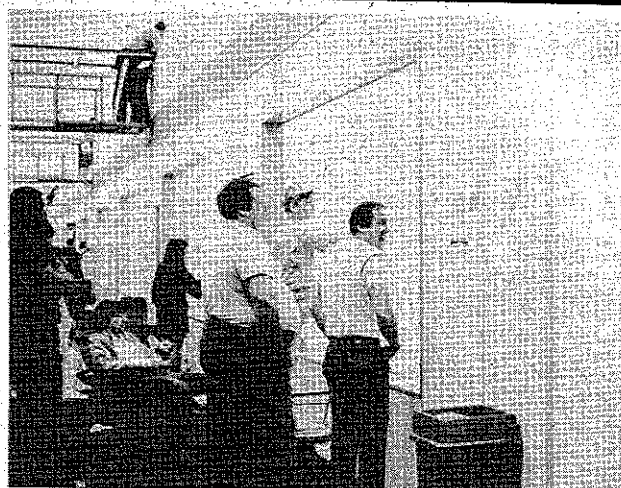
Semifinals: Pfeffer d. Wagner (15-2, 15-6), Webb d. Balassone (15-5, 15-1)
 Finals: Webb d. Pfeffer (15-11, 15-4)
 Consolation: Scott Soulliere

MENS NOVICE

Semifinals: Morey d. Lewerenz (6-15, 15-4, 11-7), Monte d. Hatton (15-3, 15-2)
 Finals: Morey d. Monte (15-4, 9-15, 11-6)
 Consolation: Brian Michmerhuizen

MENS 19+

Semifinals: Dutcher d. Tackett (11-15, 15-9, 11-4), Ruhala d. Hamilton (15-11, 15-0)
 Finals: Ruhala d. Dutcher (15-2, 15-10)



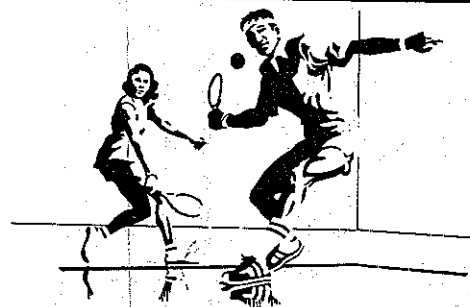
MENS 25+

Semifinals: Anderson d. White (14-15, 15-6, 11-3), Chermide d. Longeliere (15-9, 15-4)
 Finals: Anderson d. Chermide (15-4, 13-15, 11-10)

MENS 30A

Semifinals: Hastings d. Woolcock (15-4, 15-8), Worthy d. Harderbrook (0-15, 15-11, 11-4)
 Finals: Hastings d. Worthy (7-15, 15-11, 11-2)

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Passing Shots

... ever notice how your "nice" matching racquetball outfits end up "mix and match" after one wearing?

... it's okay though, you don't want to look like a tennis player.

... anyone figure out what to do with old racquetballs besides letting your dog play with them?

... or what do do with your "used" state of the art" racquet when the new state of the art" racquet comes out every year?

... does anyone really know what Boron and Kevlar are? They sound like a comedy team from Russia.

... why do 180 pound weight training athletes worry that their racquet may be five grams too heavy?

... how come every time you buy a larger racquetball bag you manage to fill it up?
 ... probably all the used state of the art racquets and old racquetballs.

... how come even "control" players look like "power" players in Open divisions?

... don't you love to hear that "thwack", when you're hitting the ball an inch off the floor on the front wall during warm-up?

... don't you hate to hear that "thwack" when you're smashing your graphite racquet against the wall?

by W. T. Blakeslee

RULE 14. – TECHNICALS

- 1) Profanity: Profanity is an automatic technical and should be invoked by the referee whenever it occurs;
- 2) Excessive Arguing;
- 3) Threat of any nature to opponent(s) or referee;
- 4) Slamming of the racquet against walls or floor, slamming the door, or any action which might result in injury to the court or other player(s);
- 5) Delay of game, either in the form of taking too much time during timeouts and between games, in drying the court, in excessive questioning of the referee on the rules, or in excessive or unnecessary appeals;
- 6) Intentional front line foot faults to negate a bad lob serve;
- 7) Anything considered to be unsportsmanlike behavior

If a player's behavior is not so severe as to warrant a referee's technical, a technical warning may be issued without point deduction.

If a referee issues a Technical Warning, it shall not result in a loss of rally or point and shall be accompanied by a brief explanation of the reason for the warning. If a referee issues a referee's technical, one point shall be removed from the offender's score. The awarding of the technical shall have no effect on service changes or side-outs. If the technical occurs either between games or when the offender has no points, the result will be that the offender's score will revert to a minus (-1).

In addition to Rule #14, Rule 1.E.4 allows the referee to forfeit the match when the player(s) continues to violate the rules. Three technicals are not required. The point is act accordingly; good sportsmanship only helps the game and makes you a better person.

The Racquetball Reporter is looking for any individual who is interested in doing some writing for the newsletter. Any topics are welcome: tournaments, instructional, humor, etc. If you are interested or have any questions at all about what is involved please contact RAM at:

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MC	DOUG GANIN	960	MC	RICHARD DECOMAN	275	MC	RON LESZCZYNSKI	10
MC	MIKE ANDERSON	900	MC	TODD RICHARDS	240	MC	SCOTT MCCONNELLEE	10
MC	NASHA HENBARTH	780	MC	CHRIS GUGLIEMO	210	MC	JOE O'CONNOR	10
MC	NICK BALES	485	MC	RICK PARLUEP	195	MC	JIM O'SHEA	10
MC	RAYDEN JONES	580	MC	LARRY MEUSEN	190	MC	GERRALD TUCKER	10
MC	CHRIS COLE	480	MC	MIKE MEYER	190	MC	RIKKE VALLE	10
MC	LARRY FOX	480	MC	DOUG SUTHER	190	MC	BUTVAN	10
MC	ANDY ROBERTS	450	MC	MIKE JOHNSTON	180	MC	JERRY GREY	10
MC	CHUCK TESTS	460	MC	RON LIKALIA	180	MC	SCOTT ZIMMERMAN	5
MC	BO TACKETT	450	MC	JIM PANASKEWICH	175			
MC	STU HASTINGS	375	MC	TODD GRAMM	160			
MC	MIKE MAGNOLI	300	MC	BOB GARROW	150			
MC	BLAKE HARRIS	280	MC	JOHN LARIN	140	MC	GRAHAM TUCKER	315
MC	BOB RADATON	265	MC	DAVID MEYER	140	MC	GARY KIMBER	30
MC	GREG HODGES	260	MC	PAT PRESUTTI	140	MC	GARY RAUER	30
MC	CHARLES NICHOLS	260	MC	JIM WRAY	140	MC	JEFF PUSKAR	240
MC	BRIAN GEMMELDE	225	MC	AL BROTON	120	MC	CHRIS HENDERSON	215
MC	C.C. MELVIN	220	MC	BRIAN FLOWERS	120	MC	MICHAEL DAVIS	105
MC	BILL SELL	220	MC	DAVID GOULD	120	MC	REX BELCH	190
MC	BILL J. BIRCH	200	MC	JOHN BENART	110	MC	WES BOEHM	190
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MC	RAY VANOVER	190	MC	RANDY FRENCH	110	MC	DAVID BALASSONE	190
MC	RANDY ANDERSON	180	MC	MARK MUSCOLE	110	MC	WAYNE HOLLANDER	180
MC	BRIAN VALLEY	170	MC	JASON REYNOLDS	110	MC	SCOTT SCHILLIERE	150
MC	JIM HAMILTON	140	MC	TOM BANNER	105	MC	JIM EARLY	160
MC	MATT SCHERBA	140	MC	GLENN HARR	105	MC	PAT PRESUTTI	160
MC	DOCK HECMAN	120	MC	JEFF KUMMER	100	MC	RYAN BUEHLER	150
MC	NIKE LEVINE	120	MC	JERRY ELSCH	100	MC	TAT ERKENSEN	130
MC	DAVID RODRIGUEZ	120	MC	MARK HEIMBOKEL	90	MC	JOE MORATON	120
MC	LARRY LONGSHORE	110	MC	JIM NICHOLSON	90	MC	MURRAY EDWARDS	130
MC	NIKE STEPHENS	110	MC	CURT GLOWAC	90	MC	RICH HASTING	120
MC	JOHN KASER	95	MC	JOHN GERVAH	70	MC	MARCIA STEIN	120
MC	JOHN AMATULLI	80	MC	POWER	70	MC	PAUL GORDON	110
MC	TIM ARONBY	80	MC	WELL GIBSON	50	MC	MARK HEDRULSKI	105
MC	DOLMAH GREENE	80	MC	BRYAN KIRCHER	50	MC	TIM PERKINS	100
MC	TROY HALL	80	MC	DAN KROGER	50	MC	RICH LARRY	105
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MC	MORRIS KAM	80	MC	SCOTT BENKARD	40	MC	NIKE GILLIS	90
MC	STEVE HELLOCH	80	MC	PAT BURKICK	40	MC	BILL LEE	90
MC	RAY NAVARRO	80	MC	JEFF HARDIN	40	MC	VIRGIL MAINI	90
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MC	BOB WILHELM	80	MC	JOHN JAMESCO	40	MC	STEVE FISHER	85
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MC	JOHN BARALIS	50	MC	TYRO RUIZ	40	MC	MARK KATIE	80
MC	DAN DUTCHER	50	MC	DOUG SIMON	40	MC	NIKE WOODILL	80
MC	GORDON GALLAGHER	50	MC	DENNIS STRISTER	30	MC	GARY ISAAC	60
MC	BIG 2	45	MC	JEFF APPIKHOV	20	MC	JAMES KUCH	60
MC	CURT ATWELL	45	MC	BILL EVANS	20	MC	JIM ARCHIBALD	60
MC	TIM DOYLE	40	MC	LARRY FUCHIN	20	MC	THOMAS BERRON	50
MC	DAVE EAGLE	40	MC	BILL GENTILE	20	MC	SPENCER WEBB	50
MC	JOHN FREE	40	MC	G. HALL	20	MC	DALE DENNING	40
MC	MARTIN GENUALS	40	MC	TOM HIGGINS	20	MC	BURLEY PASHINELLO	40
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MC	PETER HAWKSWORTH	40	MC	WAYNE HOLLANDER	20	MC	KEN VANPIT	30

Tournaments in this Rating • BUD LIGHT PROAM • WOMEN'S HEAD START • MCS #1 • PETOSKEY • S/S #1 • S/S #4 • MT CLEMENS • MCS #4 • GRAND BLANC • GRP #1 • GRAND RAP

Volunteers

Feelings and Frustrations

There are many times racquetball volunteers invest great amounts of time and effort into developing racquetball programs and events. If development of these programs and events are broken down into all possible components, it does not just consist of waving a magic wand to make programs appear. Initially, one must identify a specific area in racquetball where programming would be beneficial and supported. Secondly, the idea must be developed. If the plan goes beyond that stage the real work begins. The volunteer must begin contacting the right people to aid in making the program occur, locate a club willing to work with the budget, develop entry and informational forms, and finally promote the event. Promotions . . . probably the most important yet the hardest to do.

My experience has been the programs or events are judged ahead of time and the volunteer with all the time and money invested, must talk and persuade potential participants into entering the program. In addition many participants wait for the last day to enter. They expect the volunteer to give them special consideration by changing the system for them. In the end it increases the work load and the stress for the volunteer. If the volunteer can't have the participants' full commitment that is shown through taking the time to fill out the entry form and mail it with the appropriate amount of money, how do they know they have their commitment for the day for the event?

The inevitable ending is participants zap the energy from the volunteer as though there is an unlimited source of ideas, energy, money and time. Discouragement eventually sets in and the volunteer quits, which hurts racquetball and programming for all racquetball enthusiasts.

I encourage everyone interested in developing and securing the future of racquetball to participate in racquetball programs and events, support the efforts of the volunteer. It's easy to sit and criticize. However, my feelings are that if one is not involved in dedicating services to a non-profit racquetball organization, or does not support the efforts of the volunteers, then it is not fair to sit back and criticize.

New Rule Changes or Adoptions

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER, 1985

by W. T. Blakeslee

SECTION 2 - COURTS & EQUIPMENT

2) e) Receiving Line. A broken line parallel to the short line. The back edge of the receiving line will be five feet from the back edge of the short line. The receiving line will begin with a line 21 inches long that extends from each side wall; the two lines will be connected by an alternate series of six-inch spaces and six-inch lines (17 six-inch spaces and 16 six-inch lines).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sites of all state, regional and national championships taking place after Sept. 1, 1985 must have the receiving line painted on the floor. Until Sept. 1, 1986, all other sanctioned tournaments may use tape to designate the receiving line. Official court specifications must be complied with by Sept. 1, 1986.

18	NEIL GIBSON	20	35C GARY HOLVICK	30	WA MARILYN REIGLEY	50
18	TODD GRAMM	20	35C GRANT HORD	50	WA LINDA LUTZE	10
18	MIKE WITHERSPORN	10	35C ARMY LOGO	50	WA JULIE MAY	10
19	TOD LUTHERMAN	115	35C RAY ROSS	40	WA KATHY MCCARTNEY	10
19	STU HASTINGS	110	35C BOB BOBCK	20	WA FERRY THOMPSON	10
19	ALAN TACKETT	110	35C KEN GIBSON	20		
19	MIKE MOTRA	75	35C JAMES GRIMM	20		
19	ROY OBERG	40	35C JOHN MCNEELY	20		
19	DAN VORSECK	40	35C DEANARD SMITH	20		
			35C AL DIONISE	10	WB SANDY COX	27
			35C TADPH KUMMER	10	WB MARY GISSLANDER	25
			35C RICH MATTSON	10	WB ANNE FECHER	21
			35C JOSEPH O'CONNOR	10	WB LONA MORRIS	21
			35C MICHAEL TAYLOR	10	WB LAURA FOX	24
					WB TERRY HEISTERLING	17
30A	STU HASTINGS	850			PAMELA MADSEN	14
30A	RALPH RACBARTH	340			WB TERESA CARRIANO	16
30A	RAY VANOVER	255			WB KIM TUCKER	11
30A	CHESTER DEFORD	200	40A RICK PARKHURST	170	WB YVONNE WEBER	11
30A	JAMES WOLOCK	195	40A MIKE CORINTI	20	WB MARIA CARUSO	11
30A	DAVID PASKAN	160	40A RICHARD SALMON	20	WB TERESA DELANEY	11
30A	CURT ROSEIER	145	40A CHARLES WHEELIKAN	20	WB JULIE MAY	11
30A	CC HELVIN	140			WB LINDA ELROD	11
30A	RICK VANDERLIND	90	45A JESSE MADSEN	1050	WB SADIE ALLISON	8
30A	DAVID MARTINEZ	85	45A THOMAS SHARUM	335	WB STEPHANIE BUTTRY	7
30A	RANDY ANDERSON	70	45A LYNN HARR	230	WB MARILYN MCGLORY	7
30A	TIM HESER	70	45A RON WILLIAMS	160	WB EDITH WITHEY	7
30A	BRYAN SMITH	20	45A BOB WILLIAMS	140	WB SHARON HUCKER	7
30A	DAVID LOEW	20	45A DAVE LUND	130	WB SHARON LINTWORTH	7
30A	LARRY MILLER	20	45A RANDY HILTON	105	WB KELLEY MATTIES	7
30A	BRIAN MORRIS	20	45A ARNOLD ECKHOUSE	75	WB SANDY RICKY	7
30A	BOB OLIVER	20	45A GARY GIBLIN	60	WB BECKY BREVITZ	7
			45A RON HUTCHERSON	60	WB WITHEY EDITH	7
			45A JEN STRAPIS	60	WB CARLSON	4
			45A TYLER BRADDOCK	50	WB PEGGY HOSFIELD	2
			45A FRED ROSEIER	40	WB KATHY HILLER	2
			45A PAUL BUCKER	20		
			45A DAVE MATYAS	20	WC SANDY RICKY	36
			45A HORD GRANT	10	WB MELROY MATTIES	26
					WB JAN KREAR	14
			45B CHARLES WHEELIKAN	370	WC FAYE COBB	17
			45B BOB WILLIAMS	130	WC RUTH PEULER	17
			45B STUART PERKMAN	110	WC KIM TUCKER	17
			45B DONALD HARRY	85	WC CHRIS PERBANS	17
			45B WALTER BIESTERFELDT	60	WC JUNE O'CONNOR	12
			45B ED NAWICK	50	WC LORIE KORZET	12
			45B GRANT HORD	50	WC JANET FORTNER	12
			45B ED LARSON	40	WC STEPHANIE BUTTRY	11
			45B DON REVELS	20	WC J. DUNBAR	9
					WC DAWN FRANKHOUSE	9
			55A RICHARD CARETTI	690	PAT FLANN	8
			55A AL MICELLI	455	WC LYNN GRAPHER	8
			55A DUANE RUSSELL	445	WC KRISTEN ROCHER	8
			55A NOEL LESAGE	430	WC CHERYL KIM	8
			55A JOE MIZI	270	WC ANTHONITA DICKESSON	8
			55A LEONARD POOLE	265	WC LIZ RITTER	8
			55A JOSEPH LA MIZIA	180	WC TONI WILLYARD	7
			55A RUDY NARPOK	150	WC LINDA ELROD	7
			55A LEONARD VANDURA	130	WC MARY GISSAVSKY	7
			55A J.D. DRIVER	110	WC TRACEY PRESSIANA	7
			55A GERRY LEONE	85	WC VALERIE PALMER	7
			55A MARY JORDAN	85	WC ANNE SCHUPACK	2
			55A AL MAY	85	WC JUDY WOLAK	2
			55A BOB MANN	75	WC LINDA COX	1
			55A SEYMOUR ERLIMAN	75	WC DONNA GREEN	1
			55A JERRY GERVAIS	50	WC PIPER WORTHINGTON	1
			55A JACK BENDELON	10		
			55A NIKOS NICHOLSON	10		
			55A DICK WEBER	10		
			55B JOE MIZI	100	WB BARB ROWELL	23
			55B ARTHUR BURKE	65	WB JUDY WALZAR	21
					WB LINDA CULLEUA	19
					WB LINDY GRABBER	18
					WB ANNE TANGER	18
					WB CATARIE BROWN	17
			WB KATHY NICHOLS	1000	WB ANN SCHILLER	17
			WB JOETTA HASTINGS	980	WB ANN ARBERGROD	17
			WB CINDY DOYLE	840	WB LORNA KISHLEUBER	12
			WB LISA ECKER	840	WB SANDY RICKY	12
			WB CHRIS TOWN	840	WB LORNA ROCHLER	12
			WB JUDY GONYEA	325	WB JUDITH RUZOVANA	12
			WB IRENE CHURMA	320	WB VALERIE PALMER	11
			WB ELAINE MADARA	290	WB KRISTEN HAMES	9
			WB KATHY STELLERNA	280	WB CHRIS BASSLIN	9
			WB COLLEN BRINT	240	WB MELISSA SMITH	9
			WB TAMARA LOW	240	WB JOANNE GAFFER	7
			WB R. MADALA	240	WB JUDY HENRY	7
			WB CAROL MCFETRIDGE	240	WB CHERYL KESSLER	7
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			WB R. LATRIELLE	150	WB KAREN ARNOTT	7
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			WB SARA ALI	80	WB JEAN ST. JOHN	5
			WB KERRI WIGGINS	70	WB DIANE WHITTAKER	4
			WB SHELLEY WESLOCK	70	WB AMY WOOD	4
			WB NARRIT PHANEY	50	WB JANE FANGSSEN	3
			WB TRACEY TROSBAR	50	WB KRISTEN HINTO	2
			WB LYNETTE SHOWMAN	45	WB AMY ROCHER	2
			WB COLLIER ADAMS	40	WB JANE TANGELER	2
			WB SHERI ANDERSON	40	WB JEAN CARBENO	1
			WB CHRIS ELSON	40	WB DEBBIE GLAZA	1
			WB BETH GUTKOWSKI	40	WB DONNA KEITMAN	1
			WB BRIDGETT HARTZ	40	WB DIANE PAIL	1
			WB CINDY MCTAGGART	40		
			WB CINDY SIEGERS	40	WB LINDA PITCHETT	13
			WB DEBBIE STACK	40	WB L. TROSZAK	8
			WB LOIS HAMEL	30	WB N. ST. JOHN	5
			WB DIANE ALLARDING	20	WB N. ROCKWELL	1
			WB LESLIE KISHIGIAN	10	WB BETTY BRUGESS	1
			WB PAULA SPAGULIA	5	WB DONNA SHERVE	2
			WB TAMMY SMITH	410	WB KIM TUCKER	10
			WB TRACEY TROSBAR	355	WB LYNN LIGHTNER	7
			WB ARLENE ALLEN	325		
			WB SANDY COX	275	WB3A BETH GUTKOWSKI	54
			WB BETH ANN GILLILAND	275	WB3A JANET INSKO	41
			WB SHIRLEY VANDERBROEK	260	WB3A BRIDGETTE HARTZ	29
			WB LESLEY KISHIGIAN	250	WB3A ANNE JAHN	23
			WB LONA MORRIS	210	WB3A LOIS HAMEL	20
			WB SHARON HUCKER	205	WB3A DONNA HENRY	19
			WB CINDY MCTAGGART	190	WB3A IRENE ACKERMAN	17
			WB CAROL COLLINS	170	WB3A IRENE CHURMA	17
			WB LOU FICHER	170	WB3A VICKI SCHULTE	12
			WB MARY GISSLANDER	160	WB3A CAROL BURT	12
			WB MARY ANN SEPORT	140	WB3A SHIRLEY VANDERBROEK	11
			WB REGINA SPILLBERGER	140	WB3A JUDY GONYEA	9
			WB CAROL BURT	135	WB3A PRICILLA WASHBURN	7
			WB KELLY SCHMELTER	120	WB3A DENISE GRAVELLY	7
			WB JANET INSKO	110	WB3A SHIRLEY VANDERBROEK	4
			WB MARTHA MILAN	110	WB3A ARLENE ALLEN	4
			WB BETH GUTKOWSKI	95	WB3A JOYCE ARNOTT	2
			WB D. MILLER	90	WB3A KRIS HENGLE	2
			WB KAREN RICHWINE	75	WB3A SHARON HUCKER	2
			WB MARY HASKIN	70	WB3A ANN SCHILLER	2
			WB KIM REID	65	WB3A GRACE TOWH	2
			WB PRICILLA WASHBURN	50		
			WB DIANNE EASTERLING	40	WB3B SHARON HUCKER	11
			WB PAULA SPAGULIA	40	WB3B DIANNE EASTERLING	6
			WB KIM PHILLIPS	30		
			WB VI GROVER	25	WB3B EDITH WITHEY	15
			WB CINDY CONSEN	20	WB3B F. COBB	12
			WB A. MAINHARDT	20	WB3B MARY CAFFEY	10
			WB CHRISTINE HASKINS	10	WB3B LINDA DRIVER	4
					WB3B D. RAK	10

VTON - MCS #2 - MUSKEGON - S/S #2 - BACKWALL - MCS #3 - ZODIAC - S/S #3 - GRAND RAPIDS
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4/12/86

Metro Travel League a Success in G.R.

by Roy White, League Coordinator

The Grand Rapids Metro Men's Racquetball League was a terrific success in its first season of operation. The G.R. Racquetball Patrons sponsored league drew teams from six clubs (Riverview Racquet Club, 29th Street Fitness, Alpine Racquetball Club, Grand Rapids Racquet Club, Racquetville and North Courts) in the G.R. metro area. Over 100 players battled it out on Saturday mornings starting in early November and culminating in a league tournament and party at Riverview on March 8th. Each team played a home and away match with the other five teams making up the ten match schedule. Dual matches consisted of four singles matches and one doubles match. Players were self-rated (using the

G.R.R.P.A. Self Rating System) making most matches very close and competitive.

Riverview won this first round of competition with a perfect 10-0 dual record, led by Rick Conklin and Tom Sharum in singles and the stellar doubles play of Hank Bult and Larry Nix. The friendship, sportsmanship and plain fun of this venture was and is a true testimony to the sport of racquetball. It is surely "alive and well" in Grand Rapids.

Any city or group wishing to start a similar program in their area please write

Roy White, 4940 Plainfield Ave NE., Grand Rapids, MI 49505 for details or call (616) 363-7769.

SELF-RATING SYSTEM

Grand Rapids
Racquetball Patrons Association
P.O. Box 1444
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501

The rating categories are generalizations about skill levels. You may find that you actually play above or below the category which best describes your skill level, depending on your competitive ability. The category you choose is not meant to be static, but may be adjusted as your skills change or as your match play demonstrates the need for reclassification.

GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN SELF-RATING

To Place Yourself:

- Read all categories carefully and then decide which best describes your present ability level.
- Be certain that you qualify on all points of all preceding categories as well as those in the classification.
- If you are uncertain between two categories, place yourself in the lower one.
- Your self-rating may be verified by a teaching professional, league coordinator or other qualified expert.
- The person in charge of your racquetball program has the right to reclassify you if your self-placement is thought to be inappropriate.

RATING

NOVICE 1.0 — This player is just starting to play racquetball.

NOVICE 1.5 — This player has played a limited amount but is still working primarily on keeping the ball in play; has knowledge of scoring and rules but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles or cut-throat play.

NOVICE 2.0 — This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles play.

D 2.5 — This player has more dependable strokes but is still unable to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage; is still working just to keep the ball in play with others of the same ability level.

D 3.0 — This player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of medium pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks variation and consistency in serving; has basic knowledge of singles strategy.

C 3.5 — This player still lacks stroke dependability, control and variety but has improved ability to direct shots away from opponent; rarely double faults but does not usually force errors on the serve; hits forehand and backhand with consistency if the ball is within reach.

C 4.0 — This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including passing shots, ceiling balls, corner kills, and Z serves.

B 4.5 — This player has begun to master the use of power and placement; has sound footwork; can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with about average power and accuracy and place second serve; is able to hit kill shots on set-up balls against players of similar ability.

B 5.0 — This player has good shot anticipation; is able to overcome some stroke deficiencies with outstanding shots or exceptional consistency; will hit correct shot at opportune times and is often able to force an error or make a winning placement; can execute pinch kills and back wall kills with above average success.

A 5.5 — This player is able to execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit first serves for winners and second serves to set up an offensive situation; maintains a winning level of play in social racquetball and can reach at least the semifinals of a city wide "A" tournament.

A 6.0 — This player has mastered all the above skills; is able to hit winning shots with forehand and backhand consistency; can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation; is capable of a city "Open" ranking.

OPEN 6.5 — This player has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; has all of the above skills as well as the concentration necessary for successful tournament play; is capable of earning a state "A" or "Open" ranking.

OPEN 7.0 — This player is highly skilled in all of the above categories; is a polished tournament player who has traveled extensively for sanctioned competitions; has been ranked nationally by the AARA.

GRAND RAPIDS METRO RACQUETBALL LEAGUE MARCH 6, 1986 PLAYERS STANDINGS (POINTS WON) (Sponsored by G.R.R. Patrons Association)

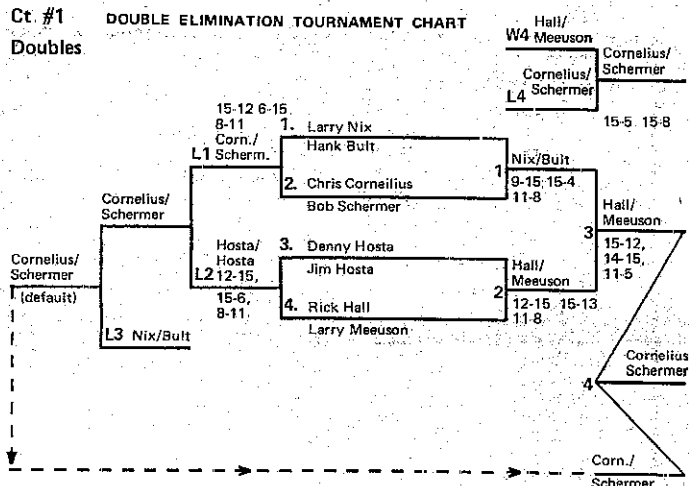
REC #	NAME	CLUB	#1, 2 SING	#3, 4 SING	#1 DOUBL	GAMES	MATCH
1	Conklin, Rick	Riverview	421			25-5	10-0
2	Sharum, Tom	Riverview	416			25-5	10-0
3	Hildenbran, Steve	Alpine	374			20-7	8-1
4	Schermer, Dave	G.R.R.C.	282			15-2	4-3
5	Mulvey, Mike	G.R.R.C.	256			10-6	3-4
6	Dionise, Al	Alpine	215			10-11	3-4
7	Garcia, Art	North Courts	206			8-10	4-12
8	Westgate, Ken	Alpine	196			5-13	2-4
9	Vanderlip, Steve	Racquetville	153			8-4	3-1
10	Host, Doug	Racquetville	138			6-6	2-2
11	Maeuson, Larry	29th Street	135			9-0	3-0
12	Cornelius, Chris	G.R.R.C.	123			7-2	2-1
13	Hartman, Brent	North Courts	115			5-4	1-2
14	Mohr, Mike	G.R.R.C.	113			5-4	1-2
15	Oatley, Greg	29th Street	113			2-7	0-3
16	Peterson, Dave	29th Street	99			4-5	1-2
17	Jansen, Vern	North Courts	88			1-3	0-3
18	Wilson, Lew	Racquetville	83			4-5	2-1
19	Hosta, Jim	North Courts	78			4-2	1-1
20	Middendorf, Kevin	Racquetville	75			2-7	0-3
21	Duval, Ed	29th Street	68			2-7	2-1
22	Jenkins, Ron	Racquetville	64			2-7	0-3
23	Debaar, Dan	29th Street	62			1-5	0-2
24	Matulaitis, Ray	Racquetville	61			2-4	0-2
25	Ohanesian, Jim	Alpine	40			1-2	0-1
26	Hosta, Denny	North Courts	34			2-1	1-0
27	Lahuis, Rick	29th Street	31			1-2	0-1
28	Reffitt, Gil	Racquetville	28			0-3	0-1
29	Van, Haitsma	Racquetville	28			0-3	0-1
30	Guonard, Jerry	Alpine	24			1-2	0-1
31	Hall, Rick	29th Street	19			0-3	0-1
32	Kirkwood, Jack	Alpine		311		15-12	6-3
33	Reed, Russ	Riverview		301		17-7	5-2
34	Totten, Ross	Riverview		286		15-6	6-1
35	Parks, Steve	G.R.R.C.		247		8-10	3-4
36	Hamlin, Bill	29th Street		245		11-7	6-1
37	Rice, Mark	29th Street		237		10-8	3-2
38	Weerstra, Marty	North Courts		217		6-18	1-7
39	Grover, Arnold	Alpine		215		12-3	4-1
40	Lau, Doug	29th Street		153		8-7	3-2
41	Hassevoort, Jerry	North Courts		140		5-7	2-2
42	Gantos, Dick	G.R.R.C.		130		6-6	2-2
43	Stallmer, John	29th Street		130		7-8	2-3
44	Svetich, Dave	G.R.R.C.		114		5-4	1-2
45	Appelbach, Keith	Racquetville		112		4-5	1-2
46	Berez, Frank	Racquetville		85		2-7	1-2
47	Ehrmann, Steve	G.R.R.C.		83		5-1	2-0
48	Szcpanick, Jim	Racquetville		82		3-3	1-1
49	Dibble, Larry	Racquetville		79		2-7	0-3
50	Bloom, Tom	G.R.R.C.		67		2-4	0-2
51	Vanderveen, Richard	Riverview		65		3-3	1-1
52	Vanhouten, Mike	Racquetville		60		3-3	1-1
53	Wolf, Tim	29th Street		50		2-4	1-1
54	Saylor, Craig	North Courts		48		1-5	0-2
55	Cole, Tom	G.R.R.C.		45		3-0	1-0
56	Gauthier, Tim	Alpine		45		3-0	1-0
57	Johnson, Mark	Alpine		45		3-0	1-0
58	Keizer, Bill	G.R.R.C.		45		3-0	1-0
59	Rowlander, Jeff	Racquetville		45		3-0	1-0
60	Sowders, Dick	Riverview		45		3-0	1-0
61	Bronkema, Tom	Racquetville		36		1-8	0-3
62	Barbour, Jim	Riverview		26		0-3	0-1
63	Stegmier, Jeff	Riverview		26		0-3	0-1
64	Roche, Shawn	North Courts		22		0-3	0-1
65	Nix/Bult	Riverview			342	19-3	8-0
66	Cornelius/Schermer	G.R.R.C.			160	8-4	3-1
67	J. Hosta/D. Hosta	North Courts			148	5-5	1-3
68	Cornelius/Mohr	G.R.R.C.			90	6-0	2-0
69	Stephens/Vanhaitsma	Racquetville			84	4-2	2-0
70	Reffitt/Rowlader	Racquetville			76	3-3	1-1
71	Debraber/Oele	Alpine			75	4-2	1-1
72	Hassevoort/Hartman	North Courts			75	2-4	1-1
73	Oele/Smith	Alpine			70	3-1	1-1
74	Vanderlip/Dibble	Racquetville			69	3-1	1-1
75	Hall/Wolf	29th Street			62	1-3	0-2
76	Bult/Reed	Riverview			45	3-0	1-0
77	Lahuis/Hall	29th Street			45	3-0	1-0
78	Nix/Sowder	Riverview			45	3-0	1-0
79	Post/Sterken	North Courts			45	3-0	1-0
80	Mohr/Schermer	G.R.R.C.			42	2-1	1-0
81	Meuson/Hall	29th Street			38	2-1	1-0
82	Vanderlip/Frederick	Racquetville			38	1-2	0-1
83	Mohr/Bloom	G.R.R.C.			37	1-2	0-1
84	Oele/Gauthier	Alpine			33	0-3	0-1
85	Reffitt/Fredrick	Racquetville			33	1-2	0-1

REC #	NAME	CLUB	#1, 2	#3, 4	#1	DOUBL	GAMES	MATCH
86	Lahuis/Stallmer	29th Street			32	2-1	1-0	
87	Meeusen/Wolf	29th Street			31	1-2	0-1	
88	Vanhalsma/Jenkins	Racquetville			31	1-2	0-1	
89	Hartman/Saylor	North Courts			27	0-3	0-1	
90	Wolf/Duval	29th Street			27	0-3	0-1	
91	Bloom/Gantos	G.R.R.C.			25	0-3	0-1	
92	Meeusen/Stallmer	29th Street			25	0-3	0-1	
93	Smith/Debraber	Alpine			25	0-6	0-2	
94	Braber/Nyhuis	Alpine			19	0-3	0-1	
95	Debraber/Kirkwood	Alpine			18	0-3	0-1	
96	Vanhalsma/Frederick	Racquetville			14	0-3	0-1	

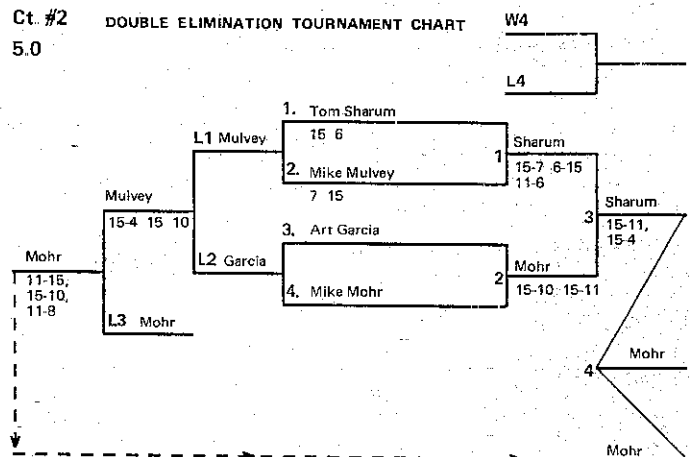
CLUB STANDINGS
(Sponsored by G R R Patrons Association)

REC #	CLUB	POINTS	GAMES	MATCH	DUAL RECORD
1	Riverview Racquet Club	1958	115-35	43-7	10-0
2	29th Street Fitness	1464	71-79	24-26	8-2
3	Alpine Racquetball Club	1785	80-70	28-22	4-6
4	Grand Rapids Racquet Club	1733	89-61	26-24	4-6
5	Racquetville	1524	56-94	18-34	3-7
6	North Courts (Holland)	1156	41-109	13-37	2-8

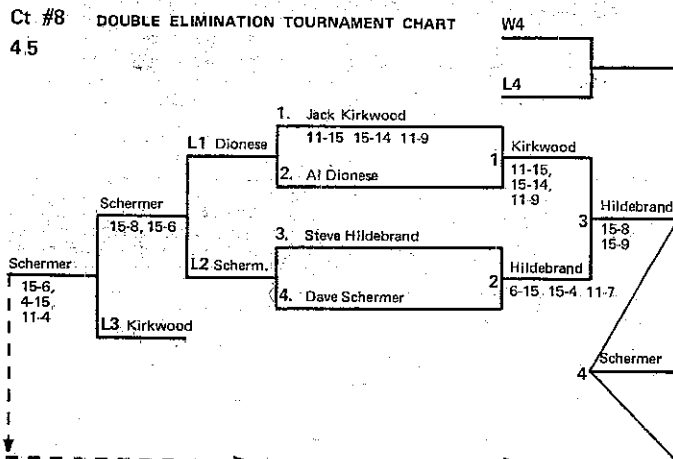
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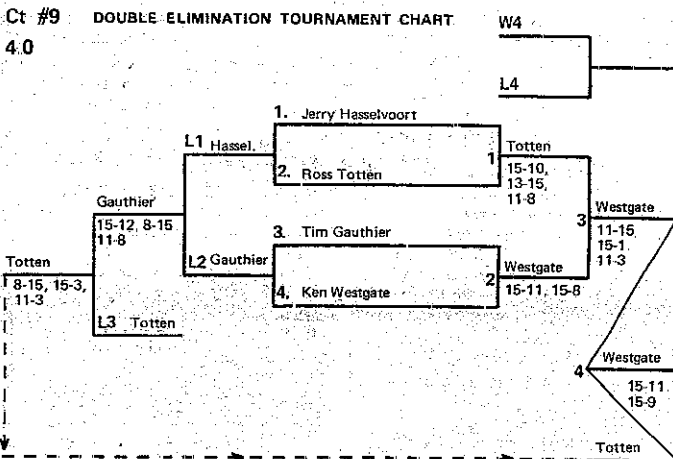
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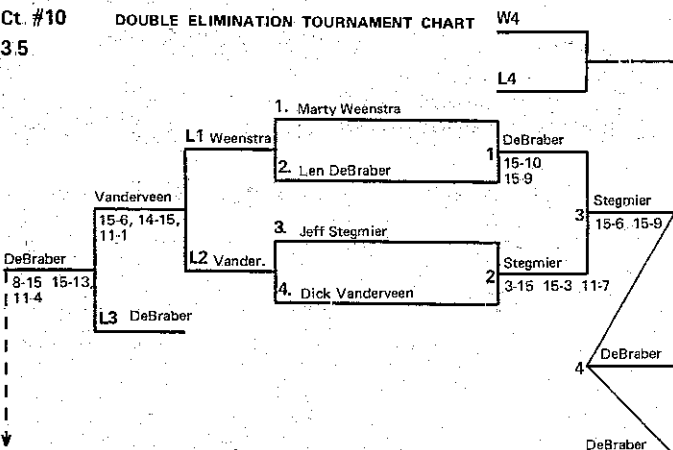
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Ct. #9
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Ct. #10
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Racquetball Recognized by International Olympic Committee



As Official Sport

January 14, 1986 marks an important date in the development and growth of racquetball. After numerous years and endless hours of presentations and meetings, the I.O.C. recognized the tremendous world growth of racquetball by officially including it in its list of official sports.

Although this does not mean racquetball will immediately appear in olympic competition, it does give our sport instant

recognition within the United States Olympic Committee and greatly increases our chances of becoming a part of the Olympic Games within the next eight years.

Although chances are slim that racquetball will be accepted in the next Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, the A.A.R.A. is doing everything within its power to gain olympic acceptance as soon as possible.

The U.S. National Team, comprised of 12 players and coaches, recently toured Japan and Korea and received very enthusiastic support.

Hopefully, we will soon be able to see racquetball in the position it so rightfully deserves -- as an olympic sport

Jim Hiser

NATIONAL RACQUETBALL SCHEDULE & CAMPS

EKLELON NATIONALS:
Anaheim, CA — April 30 - May 4th

AARA NATIONALS:
Houston, TX — May 20 - 25

DP NATIONALS:
Dallas, TX — June 11 - 15

AARA JUNIOR NATIONALS:
Chicago, IL — June 28 - July 2

AARA JUNIOR CAMP:
Marquette Olympic Training Ctr
July 20 - 26

AARA ADULT CAMPS:
Olympic Training Center
Colorado Springs — Sept 8 - 27



RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
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The Racquetball

*My eyes are blue
And so is my skin.
No rounder body
Has there ever been.
When I'm knocked down
I bounce right back.
More bounce to the ounce,
Unless I'm cracked.
I'm splatted and pinched
And lots of times killed.
My hollow middle
With air is filled.
My name is written
Across my chest
And when I'm new
I'm at my best*

*I fly to the ceiling
And skip on the floor.
I can be bought
At all sporting goods stores.
I sail all around
This great big white room,
Sometimes this room
Becomes my tomb.
I can make bullseyes
On backs and on knees
Red, white and blue
And all of them free.
So come on and join me
For an hour of fun.
You'll be more tired
Than me when we're done.*

Sadie Allison

Michigan Athletic Club

It's long overdue, but in the case of the new Michigan Athletic Club the wait has been worth it for Grand Rapids area racquetball players.

From its glass courts to its spacious spectator areas, plush locker rooms and luxurious spas, the MAC is a true racquetball showcase.

Opened in the month of March, the club has 11 racquetball courts, 10 of which have glass back walls. Four "spectator" courts have 15-foot glass in back and six others have 7-foot glass walls. All the courts have fast, solid cement plaster wall systems.

Two of the special spectator courts are adjacent to the club's gymnasium so that temporary bleachers can be erected on the basketball court to seat as many as 300 or 400 persons on a single court for big state or national caliber tournaments.

All 10 glass courts also have sound systems with speakers both inside and outside the courts for tournament use.

The Michigan Athletic Club management is tourney tested and oriented. The club is operated by a group from Arizona which has owned the Tucson Athletic Club for 12 years and the Arizona Athletic Club in the Phoenix area for nine years. During that time, they have held 10 national racquetball and handball championship tournaments at those two facilities.

"We are anxious to become a part of the Michigan racquetball community and to do everything we can to promote and support the sport," says MAC Managing Partner Carl Porter. "We particularly want to do everything we can to support the tournament circuit."

In addition to plush locker rooms and spa areas, the club has a 25-yard indoor swimming pool, a full gymnasium, 17 Nautilus machines, free weights, sun tan lounges, child care, a pro shop and a bar. Under construction are six indoor and four outdoor tennis courts, a 293-yard indoor running track and a restaurant — all of which should be ready in September.



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MENS 30B
Semifinals: Wray d. Solis (15-3, 8-15, 11-), Gervasi d. Presutti (15-9, 15-9)
Finals: Gervasi d. Wray (15-7, 13-15, 11-9)

MENS 35C
Semifinals: Tann d. Goudie (15-3, 15-7), Niedzielski d. Pfeffer (15-2, 15-13)
Finals: Tann d. Niedzielski (6-15, 15-14, 11-9)
Consolation: Ron Leszczynski

MENS 35B
Semifinals: Greg McKinney d. Bob Gravelyn (15-7, 4-15, 11-8), Ron Liikala d. Terry Lawlor (15-12, 15-2)
Finals: McKinney d. Liikala (15-8, 13-15, 11-4)

MENS 35A
Semifinals: Larry Jackinovich d. Mike Stephens (15-0, 15-13), Jim Santino d. Tom Blakslee (15-8, 13-15, 11-7)
Finals: Jackinovich d. Santino (sna)

MENS 40A
Semifinals: Fred Lewerenz d. J.R. Slavik (15-14, 15-5), Mike Young d. J.R. Slavik (15-3, 15-13)
Finals: Lawerenz d. Young (15-3, 15-13)

MENS 40B
Semifinals: Gene Henderson d. Larry Cole (15-8, 15-10), Rick Parkhurst d. Bill Gentile (15-5, 15-4)
Finals: Parkhurst d. Henderson (9-15, 15-5, 11-3)
Consolation: Joe Koppel

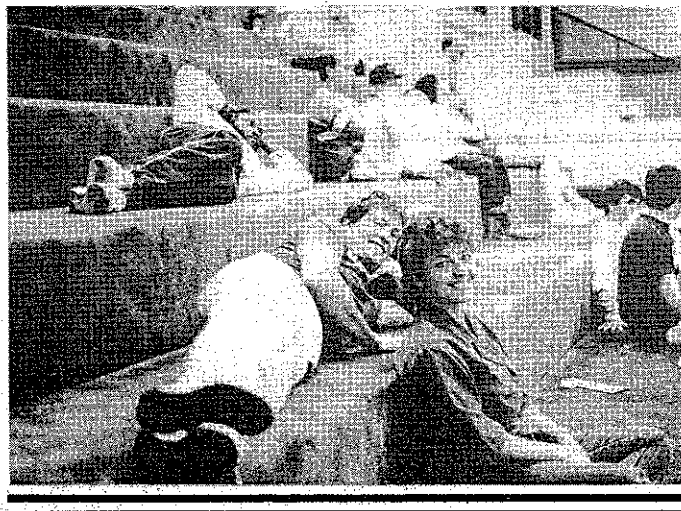
MENS 45A & 45B
Semifinals: Ronald Henry d. Keith Douglas (15-7, 15-10), Charles Wheelihan d. Charles Wolford (15-8, 15-9)
Finals: Henry d. Wheelihan (15-6, 6-15, 11-9)
Consolation: Paul Becker

MENS 50
Semifinals: Ron Puaddock d. Lynn Hahn (15-7, 13-15, 11-10), Lynn Hahn d. Gundars Stravtnieks (15-11, 15-4)
Finals: Puaddock d. Hahn (10-15, 15-14, 11-5)

MENS 55A & 55B
Semifinals: Richard Caretti d. Jack Yanikan (15-5, 15-8), Fred Rapoport d. Seymour Ekelman
Finals: Caretti d. Ekelman (15-4, 15-4)

MENS 60
Semifinals: Seymour Ekelman d. Dan Wood (15-6, 15-9), Dan Wood d. Mike Sohikian (15-4, 15-4)
Finals: Ekelman d. Wood (15-8, 15-5)

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GIRLS 12 UNDER

Melissa Smith d. Christine Skinner (15-0, 15-0)

BOYS 16A UNDER

Semifinals: Nick Rallis d. Mike Johnston (15-1, 15-2), Jim Floyd d. Larry Meusen (15-9, 5-15, 11-9)
Finals: Floyd d. Rallis (15-10, 14-15, 11-1)

GIRLS 14A/B UNDER

Semifinals: Tera Flowers d. Jeni Eichenberg (15-7, 15-14), Jeni Eichenberg d. Paige Sowders (5-15, 15-14, 11-10)
Finals: Flowers d. Eichenberg (8-15, 15-0, 11-7)

BOYS 16B UNDER

Semifinals: Jeff Boudrie d. Jimmy Skinner (15-0, 15-3), Shane Sowders d. Tom Duiven (15-3, 15-4)
Finals: Boudrie d. Sowders (15-6, 13-15, 11-5)
Consolation: Scott Nyenhuis

BOYS 10-12 UNDER

Semifinals: Brian Garrow d. Ryan Flessner (11-15, 15-7, 11-2), Scott Zimmerman d. Brian Jones (15-2, 15-5)
Finals: Zimmerman d. Garrow (15-9, 15-6)

BOYS 18A

Semifinals: Chris Cole d. Brian Kelly (15-6, 15-1), Mark Heckman d. Dave Larry (15-8, 15-5)
Finals: Cole d. Heckman (15-7, 15-9)



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BOYS 14A UNDER

Semifinals: Joel Bonnett d. James Garrow (15-8, 15-4), Jason Howard d. J. Kummel (15-7, 11-15, 11-1)
Finals: Howard d. Bonnett (15-6, 15-6)



WOMENS OPEN

Semifinals: Irene Chmura d. Joetta Hastings (7-15, 15-10, 11-1), Lisa Ecker d. Judy Gonyea (15-6, 15-6)
Finals: Ecker d. Chmura (15-9, 15-7)
Consolation: Chris Eldon

WOMENS D

Semifinals: Judy Walzak d. Melissa Smith (15-5, 15-11), Maggie Kurzava d. Jean Carbeno (15-13, 15-14)
Finals: Kurzava d. Walzak (15-3, 15-5)
Consolation: Chris Suever

WOMENS A

Semifinals: Vicki Schulte d. Sharon Huczek (15-2, 15-6), Lou Fecher d. Pat Folkertsma (15-14, 6-15, 11-0)
Finals: Schulte d. Fecher (15-6, 4-15, 11-10)

WOMENS 25+

Semifinals: Joetta Hastings d. Kathy Stellema (9-15, 15-7, 11-7), Beth Gutkowski d. Sheri Anderson (15-11, 4-15, 11-8)
Finals: Hastings d. Gutkowski (15-7, 15-5)

WOMENS B

Semifinals: Melody Matties d. Sandy Ridky (15-9, 15-14), Kathia Trotter d. Kim Tucker (15-13, 15-14)
Finals: Trotter d. Matties (15-1, 15-9)
Consolation: Julie May

WOMENS 30+

Semifinals: Irene Chmura d. Chris Eldon, Beth Gutkowski d. Ann Jahn (15-7, 15-9)
Finals: Chmura d. Gutkowski (15-12, 15-6)

WOMENS C

Semifinals: Lori Trozak d. Cheryl King (8-15, 15-6, 11-5), Pauline Southworth d. Linda Callear (8-15, 15-5, 11-0)
Finals: Trozak d. Southworth (15-9, 15-8)

WOMENS 35A & 35B

Semifinals: Kathie Trotter d. Fran Flowers (15-3, 15-4), Kris Hengel d. Sharon Huczek (15-3, 3-15, 11-7)
Finals: Hengel d. Trotter (15-4, 15-14)



Winning Strategy for D to Open

by Stu Hastings

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The best offense is a good defense? There is a great deal of talk about keeping the pressure on by taking offensive shots at all times. This idea in theory can be true at times. Many times players become too offensive and actually hurt themselves by either skipping the ball or leaving the ball up in their opponent's hitting zone. The skip balls and the left up balls now allow your opponent to control you.

Consider the following simple strategy: Keep your opponent as far away from the front wall as possible (by ceiling balls and passes) If your opponent is on one side of

the court, hit the ball to the other side. Keep your opponent moving because it is harder to shoot if he can't set up. Your strategy should remain simple even at the higher levels of play. Many players, as they improve, feel that they must make a radical change in game plans in order to win. They begin to look for fancy or trick shots to push them into this new higher level of play. The key to winning is to have a sound game plan and be consistent in the execution of that plan. It is consistency not flash, that builds a winner.

The method I am talking about is called KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid). Consistency, not flash, is the key. By following this theory, you will not win every match. However, if executed properly, you will take the pressure of execution off yourself and put it on your opponent.

Consider the following:

1) WHEN IN DOUBT, TAKE IT UP.

If you are caught in rallies and you don't know what to do with the ball due to lack of set up time, then don't force the ball and try and shoot it. If you do try and force the ball for a kill, 3 things can happen: (a) You can hit a kill that can't be returned (30% of the time at best), (b) You can skip the kill attempt (30% on the average), or (c) leave it up for your opponent to rekill or redrive. Two of the 3 are bad for you. Why not hit a ceiling ball deep to back court which takes all the pressure off you and shifts it to your opponent. Now he is forced to attempt a low percentage kill from deep in the court. You already know his percentage of possible success.

2) ALWAYS HIT WITH A PURPOSE.

Your level of execution will increase if you pick specific shots. If you are going for a pass then pass. If going for a kill then go low zone (bottom 6 inches of wall). However, do not go for pass kills. The mind can not work in general goal setting. It will follow what you visualize. The mind follows your thoughts like a road map. So, general thoughts give general results and specific thought shot selection results in specific results.

3) PASS FIRST — KILL SECOND.

Whenever I have a choice to take the easy way out, this means that I will always use a high percentage pass compared to attempting a low percentage kill whenever possible. A pass doesn't look as awesoma as a roll out but it is easier to execute and continues to put pressure on your opponent and forces him to execute the low percentage shots in order to beat you.

4) STAY BACK (ON DEFENSE).

When your opponent has offensive opportunities, realize that on the average only 30% of all kill attempts bounce twice before the short line. 30% skip and 40% are left up and bounce a second time well beyond the short line. If you stay deeper in the court (never farther forward than the hash marks) this will prevent you from being passed easily and will allow you set up time to rekill left up balls by your opponent.

5) BE PATIENT —

WAIT FOR A SHOT TO COME UP.

Don't try to end the rally too soon. A key to winning is patience. A good player might want to drive or kill and if not patient will attempt these shots while the ball is out of the hitting zone. A question that I ask my ball players in private instruction after they force a ball (which means

trying to kill when the ball is too high or they had insufficient set up time) is: was that a set up? They have usually just skipped the ball and they reply yes it was if it were a little lower, or my feet were set or if I didn't have to reach for the ball, etc. My response is that if those situations occur again that they should wait for a better opportunity when the conditions are more ideal. Most players make up their mind as the ball is coming to them that they are going to shoot the ball and they attempt to do so regardless of the variables. As a pedestrian, with a car coming at your intersection and the crosswalk sign says walk, a smart person would wait for a better opportunity to cross. A smart racquetball player would not force the situation and would take that less than ideal "set up" and either pass or go back to the ceiling waiting for a more reasonable opportunity.

6) PLAY A DEFENSIVE GAME UNTIL FORCED TO SHOOT.

I play a little game with some of my lessons. I bet them a pop that I can beat them left handed. No tricks. I even give them the option of cancelling the bet after the first few points into the game just in case I am a ringer left handed, which I am not. I usually win about 75% of my matches.

If your opponent is hurting you by being "on", then you must change gears from defensive to more offensive to take away set up time from your opponent. This will help force mistakes. I am not saying to just keep the ball in play and eventually your opponent will break a leg and you'll win. I am saying, however, to put pressure on him to beat you and if a set up occurs you must take offensive shots (drives, kills) to end rallies to maintain pressure and to show him you will take the offensive — by shooting a few. This encourages him to move up toward the service area in attempt to get these kills which makes our passes good again playing even good Class B men. I have the mechanics, shooting ability, and power of a 1 legged dog. How can I win. I play good court position (deep in the court). I hustle a lot, and I let my opponent beat himself. I can't beat them, so the only way that I can win is if they beat themselves by skipping the ball. I know it sounds too easy. I have an easier time beating a male C or B player than a Novice woman. Why? The lower-level player keeps the ball in play. The higher level player tries to beat me and beats himself. Reread the first paragraph of this article. It works at all levels of play more than you would think

Hiser Appointed Commissioner for Professional Racquetball

Jim Hiser was recently appointed by the Racquetball Manufacturers Association as Commissioner for the Mens Professional Racquetball Tour. Jim's duties will be organizing the tour, raising funds to expand the prize money purse, monitoring the players' behavior and creating new ideas to stimulate spectator and media interest. Although Jim will be attending all professional stops, he will continue to be involved with the American Amateur Racquetball Association, and also promote his Super Seven Tournament Series.

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A Classic Story

"The Beard (Less) Ones"

A long time ago in August of 1975 there was a USRA (United States Racquetball Association) PRO-STOP in Livonia, MI. It was held at the then new 14 court racquetball facility called Racquetime. At that time Racquetime was the largest racquetball only facility in the state and one of the largest in the country. This tournament had all of the big shooters in it. There was Steve Keeley, Davey Bledsoe, Steve Serot, Rich Wagner, Mike Zeitman and Jim Pruitt. Jim Who???

Jim Pruitt was the person who ran the first Seamco-Leach Pro-Stop in Lansing, Michigan. Well as the story goes, Jim Pruitt and Mike Zeitman were good friends. Mike played on the "pro circuit" and Jim well, he was definitely not pro material. Mike always liked to tease Jim and said he could spot Jim 20 points and still beat him in a game to 21. At this Pro Stop at Racquetime, the teasing finally came to an end.

Mike and Jim made a bet. The bet was the two would play a match and the loser would have to shave off his beard. The rules were best two of three games to 21 points. Davey Bledsoe was the referee. Jim served the first game (with a 15 point spot) and lost 21-20. Mike served the second game and Jim won that game pretty easily.

Doubles

*Doubles is a lot of fun
And if you lose a game
You never have to feel bad
You've got someone else to blame*

*I thought that shot was yours
And you're just standing there,
"You're making us look stupid
And at your partner's meanly glare*

*"Now keep it off the floor.
Pay attention to the shot"
And every ball he misses
You know you would have got*

*Oh boy, here comes a set up
"It's mine, it's mine" you say
You get your racquet ready
And your partner's in the way*

*You shake your head disgustedly
Your partner's a disgrace
How could he play so awful
You want to smack his face*

*"This is unbelievable
You look at him and say
"That last shot that you made
Was the worst shot of the day*

*"Okay," he says, "It's comeback time
Don't worry I'll get great"
"I'll start getting everything
It never is too late*

*The game is running neck in neck
Your partner's finally ripping
He's shooting every ball down low
Not one shot is he skipping*

*You rip a shot right by them
A ball they can't retrieve
You know you've got them scared now
With shots they can't believe*

*And now the score is 14 up
Your partner serves an ace
You stare at him in disbelief
"Have we really won first place?"*

Luann Stivason

The only problem was now that Jim was out of gas and everyone knew it. While Jim was taking a LONG break between the second game and the tie-breaker and doing a little worrying, a young lady by the name of Teri Davis came up to him and said, "It's really a shame Jim. I always liked your beard." Needless to say this did not exactly build up Jim's confidence.

Game three began and it looked like poor Jim was going to have to get out his Gillette razor. Mike was serving at 20 serves to 18, and then at 20 serves 19 and then at 20 serves 20. Well, the Gods must have been on Jim's side that day because he got the serve and won the game 21-20 and therefore won the match.

Mike Zeitman was a man of his word because shortly thereafter he was seen in the lockerroom razor in hand. That is the story of the Beard(less) Ones" and I ought to know as I saw Mike shave off his beard.

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

by Jim Easterling