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(54) **Improved games racket**

(57) A games racket having a head providing a frame for a bed of strings, the strings entering holes in the frame, and at least part of the frame having a cross-section which is concave in a region where the strings enter the holes, whereby the actual area (A) occupied

by the bed of strings exceeds its visible area (P) when viewing the racket face on. By increasing the actual strung area in this way, the ball speed obtainable when striking the ball can be increased, compared with a conventional racket of equivalent overall size.

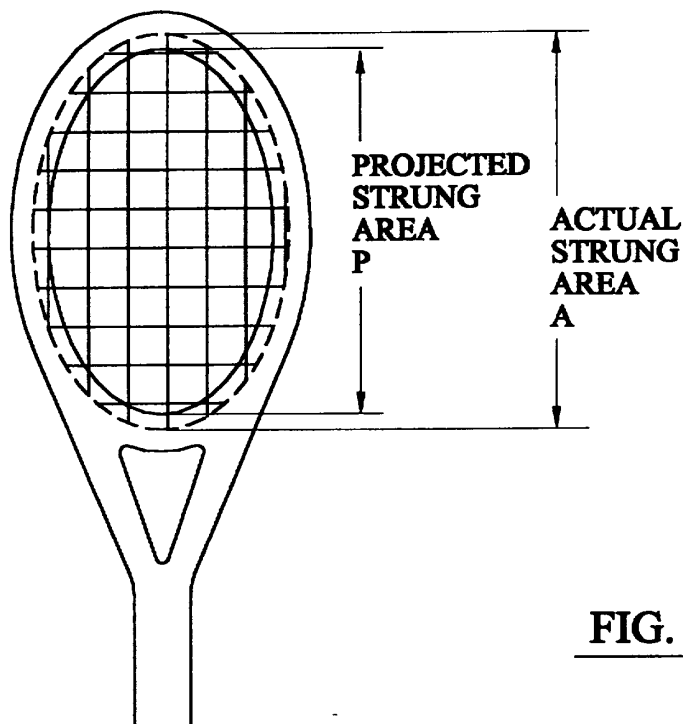


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