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## (54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN INFLATION BLADDER COMPOSITE GAME RACKET

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#### (57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and methods for creating a strong game racket using multiple inflation bladders. A strong game racket frame comprising a handle, a throat member coupled to the handle, a bridge portion coupled to the throat member and a head frame couple to the throat member. A method for creating a strong game racket comprising the acts of placing a pre-preg first bladder into a mold cavity shaped like a racket frame, placing various pre-formed members and/or secondary mold members into the cavity, and placing a second and/or third pre-preg bladder into the mold cavity above the first bladder and any pre-formed members and/or secondary mold members. After the mold is configured it is closed, pressurized, and heated so that the strong composite game racket can be cured.

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