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OUCH! ... CAN YOU GUESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



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Did you guess what happened next?

The young lady on the front cover is Georgia Charles from WA. **She literally got up and won the point!**

To get that shot before she got up and played on was the work of photographer Natalie Mitchell ... Top Shot Nat!

As for Georgia well it isn't the first time she has done the splits on court ... Here is a shot from the previous day!



Congratulations to all the winners of the Australian Junior Open Championships.

Thank you to photographers Toni van der

Kreek and Natalie Mitchell. Your photos were wonderful and much appreciated.

In January **Natalie Grinham** retired from the PSA World Tour bringing the curtain down on a fabulous career.

Despite switching nationality in 2008 the Aussie born star is best known for winning 3 GOLD medals at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Grinham was also a finalist in four World Open Championships. She won 21 PSA titles and achieved a career high ranking of #2 in February 2007. She was W#2 for 29 months between Feb 2007 to Mar 2010.

We wish you well Natalie.

Finally, a massive congratulations to **Ryan Cuskelly** on your recent victory in the Motor City Open in Detroit.

There were upsets a plenty in that event with the Elshorbagy brothers eliminated!

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Toni van der Kreek, John Lockton and Natalie Mitchell have kindly agreed for their squash images to be used in this publication.

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Aussie Success

Australia was represented in the main draw of the Tournament of Champions by **Ryan Cuskelly, Cameron Pilley** and **Donna Urquhart**. Unfortunately, there was no joy for Australia with both our men eliminated in the 2nd round and Urquhart bowing out in the first round. At least all three players lost to higher seeded players. Pilley lost to the eventual champion 9-11 in the 5th!

Cuskelly went on to win the Motor City Open. Seeded #7 Cuskelly beat #4S Omar Mosaad in the Quarter Finals in three and then overcame a one game deficit in the final to destroy W#7 Ali Farag in four.

Sarah Cardwell reached the final of the Delaware Open with a hard fought 11-8, 4-11, 11-9, 15-13 victory over compatriot **Tamika Saxby**. Seeded #2 Cardwell was definitely in the mix against #1S Kazy Emad El Defrawy (EGY) in the final but went down in straight 8-11, 9-11, 8-11 (41m).

Whilst January was a relatively quiet month it was so good to see Ryan Cuskelly win the Motor City Open and Sarah Cardwell reach the final of the Delaware Open. Following a great victory Cuskelly moved up 4 places on the PSA World Rankings to #15 and replaced Cameron Pilley as Australia's highest ranked professional player.

Ryan CUSKELLY				
WON	M70	[7]	Motor City Open	[3] Ali Farag (EGY)
R2	M150	[U]	Tournament of Champions	[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)
Cameron PILLEY				
R2	M150	[U]	Tournament of Champions	[2] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)
David CLEGG				
R1	M5	[8]	Finnish Open	[U] Jaakko Vahamaa (FIN)
Donna URQUHART				
R1	W150	[U]	Tournament of Champions	[7] Amanda Sobhy
Sarah CARDWELL				
RU	W10	[2]	Delaware Open	[1] Kazy Emad El Defrawy (EGY)
Tamika SAXBY				
SF	W10	[4]	Cincinnati Gaynor Cup	[8] Zeina Mickawy (EGY)
SF	W10	[3]	Delaware Open	[2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS)



Australia's Cuskelly Sees Off Farag to Lift Motor City Open Crown

STORY by Sean Reuthe PSA

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Australian World No.19 **Ryan Cuskelly** upset defending champion Ali Farag to claim his biggest ever title at the the Suburban Collection Motor City Open, PSA M70 tournament held at the Birmingham Athletic Club in Detroit.

Cuskelly, the 29-year-old based in Greenwich, United States, was appearing at his ninth Motor City Open, but was making his debut final appearance in Detroit after battling past Kiwi qualifier Campbell Grayson, former World No.3 Omar Mosaad and South Africa's Stephen Copping in the earlier rounds.

World No.7 Ali Farag, who defeated three-time World Champion Nick Matthew to win last year's title, eased past Frenchman Gregoire Marche and Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez, before recovering from 2-1 down to beat Peru's Diego Elias in the last four.

It was the man from Egypt who started the better of the two as he raced out of the traps with pinpoint precision, dominating the first game to go ahead, before a resurgent Cuskelly controlled games two and three to take the lead.

Farag looked to be on course to level the scores in the fourth game, going 9-4 up,



but a succession of winners from Cuskelly brought the number seven seed back into contention, and a sublime winner at match ball gave him a 4-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9 victory and his 15th PSA World Tour title.

"I'm pretty excited to win my biggest title in my favourite tournament on the Tour," said Cuskelly.

"I always told the guys here I'd win it someday, but I didn't expect it to be this year."

"It's unbelievable. I lost in qualification for years, but I did a lot of hard training in December and it paid off."

The vanquished Farag said: "He stepped it up. I couldn't find the right balance between being aggressive and playing smart. Every time I would try to be aggressive, I would hit the tin."

"He put too much pressure on me."



Australia's Cuskelly Sees Off Farag to Lift Motor City Open Crown

Final
[7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) def [3] Ali Farag (EGY) 4-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9 (51m)
Semi Finals
[7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) def Stephen Coppinger (RSA) 5-11, 11-8, 14-12, 11-4
[3] Ali Farag (EGY) def [8] Diego Elias (PER) 15-13, 8-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7
Quarter Finals
Stephen Coppinger (RSA) def Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-4, 11-7, 19-17 (54m)
[7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) def [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 (57m)
[3] Ali Farag (EGY) def [5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-9, 11-5, 11-3 (37m)
[8] Diego Elias (PER) def [2] Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) 7-11, 11-7, 4-11, 11-8, 11-7 (71m)
Round 1
Cesar Salazar (MEX) def [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 11-2, 13-11, 6-11, 12-10 (59m)
Stephen Coppinger (RSA) def [6] Borja Golan (ESP) 8-11, 5-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-9 (84m)
[7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) def [Q] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 (62m)
[4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) def [Q] Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (QAT) 12-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-9 (50m)
[3] Ali Farag (EGY) def Gregoire Marche (FRA) 12-10, 11-6, 11-7 (41m)
[5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) def Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 11-13, 11-9, 13-11, 8-9 ret. (94m)
[8] Diego Elias (PER) def [Q] Raphael Kandra (GER) 12-10, 11-7, 11-2 (37m)
[2] Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) def [Q] Ivan Yuen (MAS) 11-8, 11-3, 11-3 (25m)



The 2016 Australian Squash Player Annual has just been released.

Go to squashmedia.com.au to download the publication.



AJO: Australian Junior Open



169 juniors participated at the Australian Junior Championships in Darwin in January. The 10 events saw NSW and WA share the top of the honour board with 3 wins followed by Queensland, New Zealand, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea each securing one title.



Event	#P	Winner/Score	Second/Third
U11B	8	Tushyal Selvakumar (MAS) 16-14, 11-6, 11-7 (18m)	[2] Zane Wolpers (QLD) [1] Aryan Madan (SA)
U13B	9	[1] Oscar Curtis (WA) 12-10, 11-3, 11-4 (22m)	[2] Dylan Classen (WA) [3] Oscar Lindsey (WA)
U15B	33	[4] Leo Fatialof (NZ) 11-4, 11-9, 11-6 (25m)	[3] Gregory Chan (WA) [2] Remi Young (WA)
U17B	32	[4] Jacob Ford (NSW) 11-8, 6-11, 11-2, 11-7 (44m)	[2] Maaz Khatri (SA) Wee Jun Anders Ong (SIN)
U19B	22	[4] Eugene Heng (NSW) 13-11, 11-8, 11-5 (25m)	[2] Jon van der Kreek (QLD) [1] Scott Galloway (NZ)
U11G	3	[1] Haylee Besant (NSW) 6-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-5 (23m)	[3] Wai Lynn Au Yeong (SIN) [2] Tara Black (NSW)
U13G	12	[2] Erin Classen (WA) 18-16, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9 (37m)	[1] Natalie Sayes (NZ) Diana Galloway (NZ)
U15G	18	[1] Hayley Hankinson (QLD) 4-11, 12-10, 4-11, 11-9, 11-7	Katie Davies (QLD) Isabella French (WA)
U17G	15	[2] Kiara Rogers (WA) 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 (28m)	[4] Olivia Lindsey (WA) [3] Jade Woods (WA)
U19G	17	[1] Lynette Vai (PNG) 11-13, 0-11, 11-9, 11-2, 11-6 (44m)	[2] Kaitlyn Watts (NZ) [4] Wai Yhann Au Yeong (SIN)

AJO: COURT ACTION



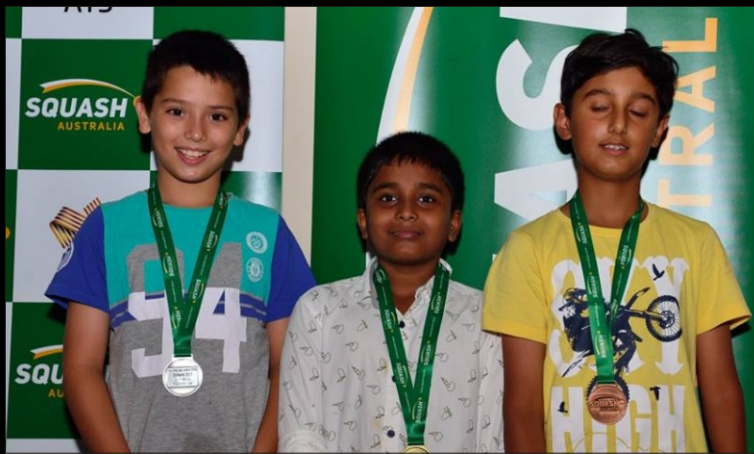
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AJO: OFF COURT



AJO: PRESENTATIONS





JP MORGAN Tournament of Champions

12-19 January 2017



2017 Champions:

Karim Abdel Gawad [Egypt] W#3 and **Camille Serme [France] W#4**

Cameron Pilley

R2: Lost to [2] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) 2-3: 11-8, 4-11, 6-11, 11-8, 9-11 (82m)

R1: Def [Q] Raphael Kandra (GER) 3-0: 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 (55m)

Ryan Cuskelly

R2: Lost to [1] Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY) 0-3: 4-11, 6-11, 6-11 (44m)

R1: Def Max Lee (HKG) 3-1: 11-7, 11-4, 6-11, 11-8 (73m)

Donna Urquhart

R1: Lost to [7] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 0-3: 3-11, 8-11, 3-11 (24m)

TOC: OUR GOLDEN GIRL RETIRES



[10] Joelle King (NZL) def [WC] Natalie Grinham (NED) 3-0: 11-4, 11-9, 11-7 (27m)

Story by Nathan Clarke PSA

Three-time Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winner and former World No 2 **Natalie Grinham**, the 38-year-old from Toowoomba, Australia, will bring down the curtain on a glittering 20-year career when this month's iconic JP Morgan Tournament of Champions gets underway inside New York's Grand Central Terminal on January 12.

The four-time World Championship runner-up and winner of 21 PSA World Tour titles will make her last competitive appearance when she takes up the Wildcard at the prestigious World Series event - which she won in 2012 and 2013.

"There was always going to be a time that my professional career had to come to an end, and it just seems like that time, for me, is now," said Grinham, who competed in 47 finals during her tenure.

"It was a difficult decision to make because it's not that my body has said 'I can't do this any more' - it's just become too difficult to fit tournaments into family life.

TOC: OUR GOLDEN GIRL RETIRES

"I'm extremely honoured that John Nimick has given me the wildcard to end my professional career at such a fantastic event. The TOC is definitely one of my favourites - the location is spectacular and the atmosphere it gives off is simply amazing. So many passers-by stopping in awe of this incredible sport of ours, is fantastic to see.

"In the beginning squash was just something that I did while I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do. I was 19 and working 2 jobs, when I remembered the words a friend's mother told me when I was younger that I should see how far I could go with squash, because if I didn't, I would look back later in life and potentially regret it.

"I never really knew before what my plans were, and for now I'll probably coach a bit more and keep trying my best to be a good mum. I'll stick with that until I figure something else out!"

After making her debut during the 1998 British Open Grinham went on to compete in over 160 tournaments, playing over 450 matches, but it was during the Commonwealth Games that one of her stand out memories stems from.



Rachael & Natalie

After winning **GOLD** in Women's
Doubles at the 2006 CG

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"I have a lot of good memories from my career but my favourite would have to be after I beat Nicol David in the semi final of the Commonwealth Games," she said.

"I then had to watch my sister, Rachael, play Shelley Kitchen in the other semi. The nerves, the excitement, they were so unbearable I felt physically sick but the moment Rachael won that match, knowing we had achieved Gold and Silver, was the most amazing and indescribable feeling I've had.

"Nothing can top that memory for me."

Grinham spent 29 months at her career high of No.2 having been prevented from reaching the top spot by firstly her sister Rachael, whom she lost to in the 2007 World Championship final, and then Nicol David the Malaysian who reigned at No.1 for over nine years.



TOC: OUR GOLDEN GIRL RETIRES

In 2010 she gave birth to her first child, Kieran, but returned to the competitive scene to triumph at the Atwater Cup in Canada less than a year later before going on to reclaim a spot inside the World's Top Ten.

Her second son, Ryan, was born in 2014 and Grinham again returned to competitive action to rise as high as No.35 at the start of 2016.

"I've had a great career but it wouldn't have been possible without a lot of people, and I especially need to thank Noel Ziebel who owned Willows Squash and Fitness Centre in my home town Toowoomba. Noel let my sister and I (as soon as we could walk) use the courts and facilities for free so if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have achieved what I have, or be where I am today.

"I know my parents are proud of me, but to them it wouldn't matter if I played squash or not. I'm very grateful that there was no pressure to play squash.

"And my best friend and my sister, Rachael - I'm not sure if I could've done without her. From game plans, to unorthodox routines, to just always being there to share a room with. It was great being able to spend so much time with her on the tour, it made all the hard work so much easier.

"I need to thank my husband, Tommy Berden, for 17 years of support on and off tour. From training together, coaching me during tournaments, being there to comfort me if I was struggling with losses or injury, organising my flights, to looking after the kids while I was travelling.

"And to the organisations that have supported me throughout my career, such as the AIS, NOC and Dunlop, to name a few!"

Tournament of Champions promoter John Nimick said: "It is an incredible honour to produce a tournament like the ToC that strikes such a cord in a player that they elect to end their competitive career in its care.

"And care for Natalie we will this last time, though as a two-time Champion and a player of the highest quality and character, the doors to the ToC will always be open to her, Tommy, Kieran, and Ryan."

Thanks for the wonderful memories Natalie ...

2018 Gold Coast Com Games



Our 2nd Commonwealth Games article will take us back to where it all began - 1998.

Australia sent a very strong team to the 1998 Games in Kuala Lumpur. The team included World Champions Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Rod Eyles.

The Australian Team enjoyed great success finishing on top of the medal table for squash.

Michelle Martin was the star of the show winning an individual gold medal and a mixed doubles gold medal with partner **Craig Rowland**.

Sarah Fitz-Gerald won a silver medal in singles whilst **Rod Eyles & Byron Davis** won silver in the men's doubles. **Rachael Grinham & Robyn Cooper** won silver in the women's doubles.

Our only bronze medal was won by **Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens** in the women's doubles.

1998 Australian CG Team

Byron Davis
Rod Eyles
David Palmer
Paul Price
Craig Rowland

Robyn Cooper
Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Rachael Grinham
Michelle Martin
Carol Owens



KUALA LUMPUR 98
XVI COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Most importantly the inaugural squash competition at the Commonwealth Games was judged a wonderful success and the sport has remained in the CG family ever since.

Michelle Martin



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WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Cassie Jackman (ENG) def **Carol Owens (AUS)** 0-9, 9-2, 9-1

Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) def Suzanne Horner (ENG) 9-3, 9-1, 9-4

Michelle Martin (AUS) def Linda Charman (ENG) 9-1, 9-1, 9-4

Sue Wright (ENG) def Leilani Joyce (NZL) 9-2, 9-6, 4-9, 1-9, 9-0

Semi Finals:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald def Cassie Jackman 9-2, 9-0, 9-2

Michelle Martin def Sue Wright 9-7, 9-1, 9-2

Final:

Michelle Martin def Sarah Fitz-Gerald 9-0, 9-6, 9-5



KUALA LUMPUR 98
XVI COMMONWEALTH GAMES

MEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Alex Gough (WAL) def Craig Wapnick (RSA) 9-6, 9-0, 10-8

Jonathon Power (CAN) def David Evans (WAL) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2

Peter Nicol (SCO) def Mark Chaloner (ENG) 9-5, 9-3, 9-3

Paul Johnson (ENG) def **Rodney Eyles (AUS)** 9-1, 10-8, 9-2

Semi Finals:

Peter Nicol def Paul Johnson 9-2, 9-3, 9-1

Jonathon Power def Alex Gough 9-4, 9-2, 9-4

Final:

Peter Nicol def Jonathon Power 3-9, 9-2, 9-1, 2-9, 9-2

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DAYS TO
GO

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Claire Nitch & Natalie Grainger (RSA) def A. Clifton & Parks & Annelize Naude (RSA)

15-11, 17-15

Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens (AUS) def Nicol David & Leong Siu Lynn (MAS)

15-9, 15-10

Robyn Cooper & Rachael Grinham (AUS) def Leilani Joyce & Philippa Beams (NZL) 17-15, 15-17, 15-13

Sue Wright & Cassie Jackman (ENG) def Linda Charman & Jane Martin (ENG) 17-16, 6-15, 15-10.

Semi Finals:

Sue Wright & Cassie Jackman def **Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens**

13-15, 17-14, 15-5

Robyn Cooper & Rachael Grinham def Claire Nitch & Natalie Grainger 15-7, 15-9

Final:

Sue Wright & Cassie Jackman def Robyn Cooper & Rachael Grinham 15-10, 15-12



MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Chris Walker & Mark Cairns (ENG) def
Kenneth Low & Michael Soo (MAL) 15-7, 15-10
Peter Nicol & Stuart Cowie (SCO) def
Jonathon Power & Graham Ryding (CAN) 15-3, 15-7
Rodney Eyles & Byron Davis (AUS) def
David Palmer & Paul Price (AUS) 12-15, 15-12, 17-15
Paul Johnson & Mark Chaloner (ENG) def
Alex Gough & David Evans (WAL) 15-17, 15-6, 15-12.

Semi Finals:

Rodney Eyles & Byron Davis def Chris Walker & Mark Cairns 4-15, 15-12, 15-10
Paul Johnson & Mark Chaloner def Peter Nicol & Stuart Cowie 15-10, 17-14

Final:

Paul Johnson & Mark Chaloner def Rodney Eyles & Byron Davis 15-8, 15-4.



KUALA LUMPUR 98
XVI COMMONWEALTH GAMES

MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Sarah Cook & Glen Wilson (NZL) def Katrina Hogan & Gareth Davis (WAL)
15-4, 15-13
Natalie Grainger & Rodney Durbach (RSA) def Fiona Dean & Wayne Werder (NZL)
15-10, 11-15, 15-7
Michelle Martin & Craig Rowland (AUS) def Senga Macfie & Stuart Cowie (SCO)
15-9, 15-6
Susan Horner & Simon Parke (ENG) def Claire Nitch & Craig Van Der Wath (RSA)
15-12, 6-15, 15-9

Semi Finals:

Suzanne Horner & Simon Park def Sarah Cook & Glen Wilson 15-13, 15-8
Michelle Martin & Craig Rowland def Natalie Grainger- & Rodney Durbach
15-9, 15-11

Final:

Michelle Martin & Craig Rowland def Suzanne Horner & Simon Parke
15-4, 15-7

Australia: 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze



CG's Records: Australian Players

Australian Players have performed well at the Commonwealth Games from 1998 to 2014 (5 games).

David Palmer is the only athlete to have represented Australia at all 5 Games.

Palmer leads the Aussie Men's medal count with 8 whilst Rachael Grinham leads the Aussie Women's medal count with 7, including a complete set of medals at the 2006 games

Only 9 Australians have won **GOLD** at the Commonwealth Games. It is a pretty exclusive club of 5 women and 4 men!

Natalie Grinham has won the most **GOLD** medals and she did it in style winning all three at the 2006 Melbourne Games.

The Grinham sisters played each other in the 2006 singles final and then teamed up to win **GOLD** in women's doubles. They won 6 of their collective 11 medals at the 2006 Games.

Australia has never won a **GOLD** medal in Men's Singles.

Mixed doubles appears to be our best event with 4 **GOLD** medals won.

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Stewart Boswell		3	1	4
Kasey Brown	1		3	4
Ryan Cuskelly			1	1
Robyn Cooper		1	1	2
Byron Davis		1		1
Rodney Eyles		1		1
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	1	1	1	3
Natalie Grinham	3		1	4
Rachael Grinham	2	2	3	7
Dan Jensen			1	1
Joseph Kneipp	1		1	2
Michelle Martin	2			2
Carol Owens			1	1
David Palmer	2	2	4	8
Cameron Pilley	2		2	4
Paul Price			1	1
Anthony Ricketts		2		2
Craig Rowland	1			1
Donna Urquhart			1	1
	15	13	22	50

Singles

Mens		1	2	3
Womens	3	2	2	7

Doubles

Mens	1	4	3	8
Womens	1	1	3	5
Mixed	4		3	7
	9	8	13	30

Note: In 1998 and 2002 there was no playoff for the bronze medal in either singles or doubles.



AST 2017



AUSTRALIAN SQUASH TOUR



Men's AST

ELANORA OPEN AST 5 11-12 MAR
 AUSTRALIAN CLOSED AST 10 24-26 MAR
 NATIONAL GRADED AST A-C-E 24-26 MAR
 NORTHERN TERRITORY OPEN AST 10 11-14 MAY
 KALGOORLIE OPEN AST 5 2-5 JUN
 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 5 7-10 JUN
 TASMANIAN OPEN AST 5 29 JUN-2 JUL
 VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 11-16 JUL
 BENDIGO INT'L AST 5 17-20 AUG
 SHEPPARTON INT'L AST 5 24-27 AUG
 BEGA OPEN AST 5 1-3 SEP
 NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 7-10 SEP
 NEW SOUTH WALES OPEN AST 5 15-17 SEP
 QUEENSLAND OPEN AST 5 19-22 OCT
 MACKAY OPEN AST 5 26-29 OCT
 CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 4-5 NOV
 AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 14-18 NOV
 NATIONAL GRADED AST P-B-D 17-18 NOV

Women's AST

BRISBANE CITY OPEN AST 5 2-5 MAR
 AUSTRALIAN CLOSED AST 10 24-26 MAR
 NATIONAL GRADED AST A-C-E 24-26 MAR
 KALGOORLIE OPEN AST 5 2-5 JUN
 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 5 7-10 JUN
 VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 11-16 JUL
 BENDIGO INT'L AST 5 17-20 AUG
 NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 7-10 SEP
 NEW SOUTH WALES OPEN AST 5 15-17 SEP
 QUEENSLAND OPEN AST 5 19-22 OCT
 MACKAY OPEN AST 5 26-29 OCT
 CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 4-5 NOV
 AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 14-18 NOV
 NATIONAL GRADED AST P-B-D 17-18 NOV

\$10,000 PRIZE POOL

ALL POINTS CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL AST RANKING



1st February 2017



RANKINGS



WORLD TOP 5 MEN

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
3	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Ramy Ashour	EGY

WORLD TOP 5 WOMEN

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Camille Serme	FRA
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY
4	Nouran Gohar	EGY
5	Laura Massaro	ENG

TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
15	19	Ryan Cuskelly	13
17	18	Cameron Pilley	11
55	57	Rex Hedrick	51
75	74	Zac Alexander	36
86	84	Joshua Larkin	84
98	95	Matthew Hopkin	89
131	134	Rhys Dowling	120
178	179	Thomas Calvert	178
194	194	Mike Corren	38
201	201	Solayman Nowrozi	201

28 Aussie players listed

TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
18	19	Donna Urquhart	13
32	31	Rachael Grinham	1
41	45	Sarah Cardwell	41
49	49	Christine Nunn	36
50	51	Tamika Saxby	50
63	64	Lisa Camilleri	28
76	76	Jessica Turnbull	73
101	97	Samantha Foyle	73
107	104	Stephanie Wighton	98
120	123	Samantha Calvert	111

17 Aussie players listed

AUSSIE MILESTONES ... CONGRATULATIONS

Achieves a new HWR

Tom Calvert
Sarah Cardwell
Tamika Saxby
Ryan Cuskelly

Returns to Aussie #1

Returns to the World Top 100
Returns to the Aussie Top 10

2017



CALENDAR



<<< MARCH 2017 >>>

MAR 2-5 Sandgate, QLD: **Brisbane City Squash Sandgate Squash MS** (PSA W5)

MAR 4-5 Esperance WA: **Horizon Power Esperance Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)

MAR 11-12 Elanora, NSW: **Pure Blonde Elanora Open** (PSA M5)

MAR 24-26 Townsville QLD: **Australian Closed Championships** (PSA National Closed Satellite) ***

<<< MAY 2017 >>>

MAY 11-14 Darwin, NT: **NT Open** (PSA M10)

<<< JUNE 2017 >>>

JUN 2-5 Kalgoorlie, WA: **City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open** (PSA M5/W5)

JUN 6-10 Campbelltown, SA: **SA Open** (PSA M5/W5)

JUN 29-2 Devonport, Tasmania: **Tas Open / Devonport Open** (PSA M5/W5) ***

<<< JULY 2017 >>>

JUL 11-16 Mulgrave, VIC: **Victorian Open** (PSA M10/W10)

<<< AUGUST 2017 >>>

AUG 16-20 Bendigo, VIC: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (PSA M5/W5)

AUG 23-27 Shepparton, VIC: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (PSA M5)

AUG 30-3 Bega, NSW: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (PSA M5)

<<< SEPTEMBER 2017 >>>

SEP 7-10 Coffs Harbour, NSW: **North Coast Open** (PSA M5/W5)

SEP 14-17 Thornleigh, NSW: **NSW Squash Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< OCTOBER 2017 >>>

OCT 19-22 Venue TBC, QLD: **Queensland Open** (PSA M5/W5)

OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre QLD: **Mackay Open** (PSA M5/W5)

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NOV 2-5 Cairns, QLD: **Cairns International** (PSA M5/W5) ***

NOV 14-18 Darwin, NT: **Australian Open** (PSA M15/W15)

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MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

ACT

Australian Capital Territory

MAY 6-7: Woden: **ACT Open**

MAY 20-21 Woden: **ACT Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

NSW

New South Wales

MAR 11-12 Elanora: **Pure Blonde Elanora Open** (AST PSA M5)

JUL 7-9 Thornleigh: **NSW Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

AUG 30-3 Bega: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (AST PSA M5)

SEP 7-10 Coffs Harbour: **North Coast Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

SEP 14-17 Thornleigh: **NSW Squash Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NT

Northern Territory

MAY 6-7 Darwin: **NT Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)

MAY 11-14 Darwin: **NT Open** (AST PSA M10)

OCT 17-18 Darwin: **Australian National Graded Championships** (Premier, B & D)

NOV 14-18 Darwin: **Australian Open** (AST PSA M15/W15)

NOV 19-20 Darwin: **Australian Doubles**

QLD

Queensland

MAR 2-5 Sandgate, QLD: **Brisbane City Squash Sandgate Squash MS** (PSA W5)

MAR 24-26 Townsville **Australian Closed Championships** (AST PSA National Closed Satellite) ***

MAR 24-26 Townsville: **National Graded Championships** (A C & E Grades)

APR 29-30 Carseldine: **QMSA State Titles - Best of 5 - Traditional AGED**

JUN 25-28 Venue TBC: **Queensland Junior Championships (Individuals)** (AJST Gold)

OCT 19-22 Venue TBC: **Queensland Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre: **Mackay Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NOV 2-5 Cairns: **Cairns International** (AST PSA M5/W5) ***

SA

South Australia

JUN 6-10 Campbelltown: **SA Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

JUN 10-11 Campbelltown: **South Australia Junior Age Championships** (AJST Gold)

TAS

Tasmania

MAR 4-5 Hobart: **TAS Junior** (AJST Gold)

JUN 29-2 Devonport: **Tas Open / Devonport Open** (AST PSA M5/W5) ***

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MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

VIC

Victoria

- JUN 24-25** MSAC: **Victoria Junior State Titles** (AJST Gold)
- JUL 11-16** Mulgrave: **Victorian Open** (AST PSA M10/W10)
- AUG 16-20** Bendigo: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (AST PSA M5/W5)
- AUG 23-27** Shepparton: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (AST PSA M5)
- SEP 4-8** Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Individuals)**
- SEP 11-15** Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Teams)**
- SEP 30-8** Geelong: **Australian Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)

WA

Western Australia

- MAR 4-5** Esperance: **Horizon Power Esperance Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)
- MAY 25-27** Terrace: **WA Open**
- JUN 2-5** Kalgoorlie: **City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)
- JUL 1-2** Mirrabooka: **WA Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)
- JUL 21-23** Venue TBC: **Masters State Championships**

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AST: Australian Squash Tour
AJST: Australian Junior Squash Tour
Masters



Important Overseas Events

- APR 14-16** New Zealand: **Oceania Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)
- APR 18-19** New Zealand: **Trans-Tasman Test Match**
- APR 21-23** New Zealand: **NZ Junior Open**
- JUL 19-23** Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Individuals)**
- JUL 24-28** Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Women's Teams)**
- AUG 1-5** England, GB: **WSF World Doubles Championships**
- NOV 28-3** France: **WSF Men's World Team Championships**
- NOV 30-4** Singapore: **Singapore Junior Open**
- DEC 6-11** Kuala Lumpur, MY: **KL Junior Open**



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By **Steve Walton**

SQUASH ● UNITED

Clearly, Squash Courts are critical to the future of our sport.

One of the four major goals we have set at Squash United is to build or facilitate the build of at least 10 significant Squash Centres in the next 10 years.

First I should clarify on what we mean by significant! If a town has no courts then clearly 2 courts would be significant and in some cases this is required because a private centre has gone and nothing has taken its place.

However, in most cases we want to see the development of Centres that contain at least 8 courts. With 8 courts you can conduct major events and become a place that houses a number of squash programs.

Before anything else occurs though it is very important to give consideration to just what a Squash Centre should look like these days and what it will require to be financially stable for a long time.

In fact we want even more than this. We want it to be profitable so that developers want to be involved and want to include squash courts in the planning of any leisure facility.

So right now I am busy speaking to court owners and leisure facility managers to collect their comments. And of course I would welcome any feedback from readers. Let me tell you what some of the

strongest ideas are at present. They will not surprise you.

1/ Minimum of 6 courts with a learn to swim pool.

2/ 6 or 7 courts with a gym/personal training studio. The courts must have moving walls so that of a morning they can be used for Yoga/pilates classes.

3/ Minimum of 4 courts with cafe and child-minding capability plus indoor kidszone.

4/ 8 courts with a bar/cafe/function room and gym.

Now obviously all the feedback I have received has been biased to the particular location of the people answering my questions! In reality you could probably use any combination of the above to get a great centre.

But even so these ideas are not unique and may not safeguard the courts into the future so we have to use a recent innovation and an emerging innovation to really build some great facilities!

The first feature that every new centre must have is that it must be 24/7. This means more than just building a centre that people can have access to. It means that everything that a player needs must be available in the centre even with no-one staffing it.

So right now we are developing products so that racquets, balls, shoes, food and drinks can be obtained by the customer.

But the really exciting innovation that is

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Only just beginning is interactive surfaces. On glass courts this can be touch sensitive so that targets light up for you and scores appear on the glass ... and so much more!

Even traditional courts can be upgraded to use light and motion detectors to give the players feedback on training and matches.

This is the stuff that really excites us and what Squash United is looking into right now. If we get it right you will see it in action before the end of this year!

So how is this going to happen? Well obviously money is required to build courts and we are working through a number of models at the moment.

We already have private investors that can and will fund the building of squash courts. However we are perfecting our management model first because we want these investors to get such a great return that they decide to build more than one centre!!

The other model that will definitely be used is the membership model. Many years ago when I lived in Portugal we created a collective that all put money in to buy a Squash Centre which they were then share holders in.

It worked perfectly. We will do the same in Australia and are working on the legal structure now!

So that's how we are going to build 10 significant centres in the next 10 years. I hope someone copies our ideas and uses them to build more centres!



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