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Juniors Prepare for QJC

Cairns juniors (Kiara Stublely, Courtney Mather, Michael Lawrence, Josh Porter and Francis Morove) are in the final stages of preparations for the QJC to be played at Nerang in June.

Photo: Stewart McLean.

The Cairns Post

Success for Master Coach

Their coach Marc Forster has just won the QMSA State Title and Great Barrier Reef Masters title beating his brother Shaun in both finals.





Congratulations to **Ben Courtice** who won the Moranbah Open and **Lisa Camilleri** who partnered with Sarah Cardwell to win the NT Open Women's Doubles.

Q Squash and NR are experiencing a lot of change at the moment. Change delivers a mixture of good and not so good!

Fresh energy is absolutely fantastic and contagious. Maintaining that enthusiasm and delivering new ideas on a consistent basis is the challenge.

On the other hand, change can lead to some people disengaging. Sadly, some incredible people walk away leaving a massive void.

The trick is for the new leaders to communicate and find ways to engage with their predecessors.

Every person has worth and when they are embraced they tend to contribute positively in a new role.

Most importantly their skills and knowledge are not completely lost from our sport.



2017

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

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

*** (Not Registered on PSA)



1 June 2017 **TM: HWR:**

Ben Courtice **451 333**

Lisa Camilleri **65 28**

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

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PRESIDENT'S COURT

By Dean Morzone

As I write, many of our NR players are travelling to the Queensland Secondary Schools State Championships in Rockhampton from 25-28 May 2017. The championship is a Bronze sanctioned event by Squash Australia and provides a terrific avenue for players to gain points towards their Australian ranking.

I am particularly excited to see our far northern players back in the QSS after almost a decade. A big thanks to Marc Forster and Michael Arcidiacono for resurrecting the far northern participation as part of the President's Team. All the very best to all players throughout the NR.

For us 'oldies' the Great Barrier Reef Masters is being held in Cairns on 25-28 May 2017. I hope the physiotherapists don't gain too much from our continued loyalty and love of our great sport. Good luck to all!

The QJC is just around the corner. The committee, team managers, supporting parents and coaches are in final preparations to ensure our Redbacks enjoy the best team spirit and camaraderie throughout the event. I wish all our NR players the very best in the individual and team competition. All eyes will be on you, with a view to AJC in October.

We will dedicate a photographer to the QJC event, but we'd also love to see your photos on and off the court, including QSS, Masters and QJC. Please send your photos (with names and places depicted) to kim@squashmedia.com.au. If you use a smart phone take and send your photos in high resolution. Published photos are always a valuable keep-sake for years.

Of course we must also keep looking forward to our NR Tournament dates for the 2018 season. Our provisional dates are:

Ingham 14/15 October 2017
Cairns 17/18 February 2018 (compulsory qualifier)
Townsville 17/18 March 2018
Mackay 5/6 May 2018 (compulsory qualifier)



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In the last few years, I couldn't help but notice that we see the same dedicated players and barely any new faces at our tournaments. Of course, there are competing sports, family priorities, travel costs and player reticence. Nevertheless, I fear that our participation rates are at a critical low and the sport continues to decline before our very eyes. Seriously, we have to do something different and try harder.

So, for our 2018 season can I urge all our Centres to explore ways to recruit and encourage more local players to participate in their local tournaments? How can we make our tournaments more accessible and friendly to the local juniors? That is the starting point. From there, some will travel and compete at other events.

Now that the committee is settled and we are getting down to the usual tasks furiously using text, email and Facetime. I'm also hoping we can shortly explore some exciting and new ideas, including:

1. As I've touched on above - How can we (as a committee, centres and individually) promote and introduce new junior players to the sport and tournaments. For example, the Cairns junior club has grown exponentially since marching in the Cairns Festival and 'Try for Free' promotions, which have provided our coaches with the opportunity to get more players tournament ready.
2. Establishment of a Sponsorship and Fundraising Sub-Committee comprising one or more representatives of each centre. This committee could strengthen our partnership with the Bendigo Bank and explore additional corporate/business sponsorship, run "big" raffles, and make government grants applications. We are losing a lot of money to more active sports!
3. Funding via grants or sponsorship will enliven many opportunities, including greater access to coaches, uniform sponsorship, ball machines, travel subsidies, and player bursaries etc. In addition, we could consider more valuable prizes in tournaments whether in cash or kind (like the good old days).
4. Our regional coaches could use our tournaments to conduct 'train the trainer' sessions. This will build coach collegiality and camaraderie, and provide opportunities for interested parents and others to learn some basic training to support local athletes.



PRESIDENT'S COURT

5. Our regional coaches could also provide coaching clinics at each tournament (eg. 30-45 mins at the end of the first day). These may include advanced stroke correction, fitness and stretching. These could be extended to any local players who are not yet confident to compete.

Can I urge everyone to 'get involved' by volunteering for the fundraising committee or otherwise share your ideas to help us improve and grow. Please contact our Vice President **Jules Condon** at qsnvicepresident@gmail.com.

Keep sharing your passion for our great game by sending your tips, stories and photographs (including our old photos and memories of the golden era of squash) to kim@squashmedia.com.au.

Play well and play hard. See you on and off the court.

Dean Morzone
President

Thanks



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14-15
OCT17
INGHAM



17-18
MAR18
TOWNSVILLE

17-18
FEB18
CAIRNS

2018 JUNIOR QUALIFIERS
COMPULSORY
SELECTION TOURNAMENTS

5-6
MAY18
MACKAY



BROTHERS IN QMSA FINAL



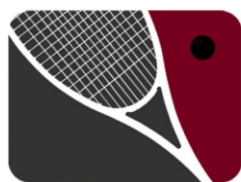
The Forster Brothers (Marc and Shaun) played each other in the Over 50 Masters final at the QMSA State Title final at Carseldine. Their other brother Brett also took part in the same event and finished in the Top 8.

The trio then participated in the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns. It was **GOLD - SILVER and BRONZE** to the Band of Brothers. Congratulations!





Great Barrier Reef MASTERS GAMES



CAIRNS
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Band of Brothers take Gold, Silver and Bronze

Marc, Shaun and Brett have just won a full set of GBRMG Medals for the family. They dominated the Over 50 event.

Marc is the professional coach at Sportsworld in Cairns whilst Shaun and Brett reside in Innisfail.

Steve Finitis (also from Innisfail) was on hand to make the presentations.



GBRMG Squash Results

Mens O35

G: Meglin Rathnasamy
S: Rob Remington
B: Wade Jorgensen

Mens O40

G: Mark Gwynne
S: Glen Cabasug
B: Tony Sexton

Mens O45

G: Alan Zaeh
S: Dean Morzone
B: Tony Kerr

Mens O50

G: Marc Forster
S: Shaun Forster
B: Brett Forster

Mens O55

G: Peter Anich
S: Mark Johnston
B: Kerry Foster

Mens O60

G: Alan McLaren

Mens O65

G: Barry Werth
S: John Hartley

Mens O70

G: Barry Hall
S: Graham McBride

Mens O75

G: Fred Mellick

Womens O35

G: Alesha Greenwood

Womens O40

G: Gida Varina

Womens O45

G: Di Whitchurch
S: Geyam Derby
B: Julie Dunn

Womens O55

G: Imong Brooksbank
S: Debbie Burgess
B: Michelle Todd

Womens O65

G: Bev Lynn

Womens O70

G: Patricia Chatto





Great Barrier Reef **MASTERS GAMES**



CONGRATULATIONS



**GREAT BARRIER REEF
MASTERS GAMES**
25-28 MAY 2017
Cairns Australia



MEDIA WATCH

JORDAN GERRANS REPORTS

Jordan.gerrans@news.com.au,

AFTER taking on the best in the world, Innisfail's Steve Finitis has turned his attention to teaching the next generation of Far North squash players.

Finitis, who retired last year from the world tour having reached number 43 in the world, is now coaching with Squash Vision head coach and founder Marc Forster in Cairns.

The pair sent a team of fledgling squash stars to the Mackay compulsory junior qualifier recently with 12 Cairns crew juniors selected for the 2017 Northern Region Redbacks Team to compete at the Queensland Junior Championships in Nerang next month.

Finitis said the group had put in the effort to reach the squad.

"A lot of the kids are training four or five times a week now, it is all coming together for them," Finitis said.

"Going away to tournaments gives them more experience and knowledge of the game to keep improving."

"There has been an accumulation of juniors and they are now getting to play in Tournaments."

The Cairns Post

"They are always picking up more experience."

"It is another step up to see how the kids around the state play — the best in Queensland will be there."

Finitis said he was happy in retirement, giving all he had to the game.

"Hopefully I can pass on some of what I learnt while I was away on the tour overseas," he said.

"I am enjoying coaching and looking forward to helping the kids."

Forster has been coaching for more than 30 years, including Queensland and Australian representative teams. He was named the 2011 Australian Coach of the Year.

Cairns Crew Squash:

Boys U/11 Michael Lawrence and Francis Morove

Boys U/13 Josh Porter

Boys U/15 Matthew Finitis and Xavier Morzone

Boys U/17 Sean Julius-Wright

Boys U/19 Gavin Condon

Girls U/13 Kiara Stubley

Girls U/15 Amy Condon, Kurstyn Mather and Caitlin Porter

Girls U/17 Sophie Fadaely

Girls U/19 Courtney Mather

A BIG THANK YOU TO JORDAN & THE CAIRNS POST



MORANBAH: OPEN TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Mackay's **Ben Courtice** on his victory at the 2017 Moranbah Open. Ben won his final 3-0!

Club President **Amanda O'Sullivan** was full of praise for her committee who worked tirelessly to resurrect the Open Championship to ensure all participants had a great time

Thank you to the **Moranbah Worker Club** for their wonderful support which ensured the tournament ran and attracted a number of competitors from Brisbane, Mackay, Gladstone and Townsville.

Amanda also expressed her appreciation for the support given by the **AMWU, Hasting Deering** and **BI-RITE**.

No event runs smoothly without key people behind the scene ensuring what needed to be done, was done.

Amanda made special mention of **Gill Nielsen** and **Louise Cox** who did the draw for the event and were outstanding with their support for the tournament.

The Moranbah Squash Club really appreciates all the players who participated in our tournament and making the weekend so successful.

**Congratulations to all
the graded winners**



2017 Moranbah Open Results

Men's Open

Champion: Ben Courtice
Runner Up: Darren Moss
3rd Place: Brendan MacDonald

A Grade

Winner: Tyas Williams
Runner Up: Mitchell Surawski
3rd Place: Adrian Bader

B Grade

Winner: Nathan Cox
Runner Up: Josh Ferguson
3rd Place: Gill Nielsen

C Grade

Winner: Tom O'Sullivan
Runner Up: Glenn Cafferky
3rd Place: Michael Agius

Novice

Winner: Nathan Turner
Runner Up: Ben O'Sullivan
3rd Place: Troy McCulloch



CATCHING UP WITH **LISA CAMILLERI**

May was a busy month for our very own **Lisa Camilleri**.

Lisa travelled to Darwin to compete in the NT Open Doubles where she and partner Sarah Cardwell enjoyed success.

“Sarah and I played very well together. With my main focus being a Commonwealth Games gold medal in the women's doubles, I will be playing in the Vic doubles with Sarah as well as getting in as much practice as possible on proper size doubles courts in lead up to selection”.

Lisa then delivered her first elite training camp just for girls in Brisbane.

Lisa described the camp as a huge success “the girls got a lot out of the 3 days. The highlights were a Q&A session with **Liz Irving** as well as learning new things, for them to incorporate into their daily training back home”.

The six girls received expert advice from some of Australia’s finest coaches: Lisa Camilleri (two times Commonwealth Games representative), **Vicki Cardwell** (former World Champion) and elite coach **Liz Irving** (former World#2).

Mackay’s Payton Douglas participated in the camp.





REVISED 2017 NR JUNIOR REP TEAM

UNDER 11

Liam Fascetti	Sarah Brazier
Michael Lawrence	Kayce Hoani-Vincent
Francis Morove	

UNDER 13

Lachlan Erba	Kiara Stubley
Josh Porter	

UNDER 15

Matt Brazier	Amy Condon
Jordan Di Bella	Hayley Hankinson
Matthew Finitsis	Kurstyn Mather
Brendan MacDonald	Caitlin Porter

UNDER 17

Wesley Dyer	Charlotte Erba
Sean Julius-Wright	Sophie Fadaely
Bradley Martin	Danielle Hankinson
Jake Webb	Kaci Newman

UNDER 19

Brody Di Bella	Courtney Mather
Gavin Condon	Summer Palmer: Captain
Kyle Hoani-Vincent	
Michael Sutherland: Captain	

Coach/Manager: Alec MacDonald

Coaches: Kim DiBella, Janelle Fox, Gillian Nielsen

Selector: Lucas Nielsen

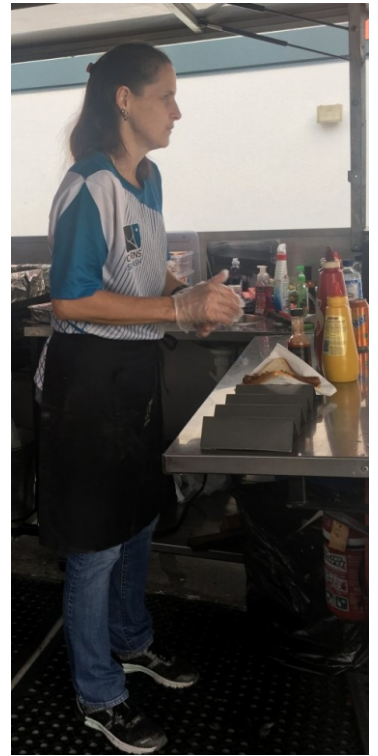


CAIRNS: FUNDRAISER



The Bunnings fundraiser was undertaken to raise money to help our coaches **Marc Forster** and **Steve Finitsis** attend the QJC and AJC with the Cairns Juniors. **After expenses we raised \$1700!**

It was a long day, it was hot and it rained. Which is "normal" in Cairns in April. Our families stayed most of the day and everyone pitched in, which made it fun and easy to do. Thanks guys!



Our juniors are all training very hard with Marc and Steve leading up to the QJC in the June/July school holidays. It will be a major benefit to have Marc and Steve supporting our juniors at the QJC and AJC. Good job Cairns Crew!



Family FUN Day Fund Raiser

For Cairns Representative Junior Squash Players

'Live' Music

Funny Games

Competitions

Sausage BBQ

Family FUN!

Great Prizes



Saturday 10 June 2pm

Cape York Hotel
Spence St. Cairns

Enquiries: Di Ph. 0418797104 or Mark Ph. 0402327560



INGHAM: QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SQUASH



Thirteen Ingham junior squash players have been selected to represent the Northern Region at the Queensland State Secondary Schools Squash Titles.

The Ingham players will be competing against squash competitors from seven regions across the state. Each player will be vying for a position in the Queensland School Team to take on NSW and New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Challenge in August.

Ingham State High School students, Brody Di Bella and Abbey Butcher will captain the team. Both students have represented Queensland in the past and show great leadership skills both on and off the court.

All players have been training hard at the Ingham Squash Centre in preparation for the event. Team manager, Kim Di Bella, said "Ingham players were the most represented town, making up thirteen out of the sixteen positions in the team. She said the strength of the team was in its depth of players".

With a strong junior base, Ingham has been well represented at the school event over a number of years. Last year, the team had two players in tier finals. Jordan Di Bella won the 2nd tier final and Alana Romano won the 4th tier final in her first championship.

Brody Di Bella and Abbey Butcher were both selected in the 2016 Queensland team.



INGHAM: QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SQUASH



Back left to right: Brendan Aquilini, Brody Di Bella, Jordan Di Bella.
Front left to right: Mark Grasso, Beau Lepinath, Luke Rotondo.



Back left to right: Kaci Newman, Sara Scuderi, Alana Romano, Rachel Hobbs.
Front left to right: Mackenzie Rhodes, Charlotte Erba, Abbey Butcher.



NR: QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SQUASH

Congratulations to the NR players who reached the finals of the 4 age groups played at the Queensland Secondary Schools Squash Championships: Wes Dyer (Champion), Brody DiBella, Hayley Hankinson and Courtney Mather.



CONGRATULATIONS



Queensland School Squash - 2017 State Championships

15 & Under Boys

FINAL Wesley Dyer Declan Cashman 12-10, 11-8, 11-6

19 & Under Boys

FINAL David Turner Brody Di Bella 11-8, 11-13, 11-8, 11-7

15 & Under Girls

FINAL Ella Burge Hayley Hankinson 10-12, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 11-4

19 & Under Girls

FINAL Mackenzie Sleep Courtney Mather 12-14, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-5

Q **QUEENSLAND**
J **JUNIOR SQUASH**
C **CHAMPIONSHIPS**



WHEN:
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
June 25 - 28, 2017

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
June 29 - July 2, 2017

WHERE:



CONTACT:
Caitlin Penfold
0403 688 815



ENTRIES CLOSE: 5PM FRIDAY 12th MAY 2017



CAIRNS CREW FAMILY FUN DAY

The purpose of the Cairns Crew Family Fun Day was to bring together the juniors and families to socialise and have fun away from the squash courts.

Over lunch and while the kids climbed the tree house, ran around and kicked a footy, the parents talked about the junior tournament pathway, how our families have been travelling to tournaments and our fundraising.

Cairns has a growing junior club and many new juniors are reaching the level where they will be able to start playing in tournaments. We are hoping the number of Cairns Crew juniors travelling to tournaments will increase in the 2017/2018 season.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEITH WONE

Story by Karolyn Lawrence and Jules Condon (Keith's daughters)

Happy Birthday Keith "Dad/Grandad" Wone.

Keith has been playing squash for over 40 years.

Since his early teens he was playing rugby league and captained most of his teams. He switched to squash in his mid 20's and found a new sporting challenge but more importantly great friendships that would last a lifetime. Squash became his passion.



Keith has always supported junior squash and continues to do so now with Marc Forster and Steve Finitsis.

Keith enjoys coaching the juniors and travelling to tournaments to watch them put what has been practiced into play. Keith has become affectionately known as "Grandad" to the juniors.

Squash has always been a family affair. Grandad now has 4 'actual' grandchildren Gavin, Corey, Amy and Michael among the Cairns Crew, who are continuing the family squash tradition.

Thanks Keith for supporting junior squash!





INGHAM COURTS UP FOR LEASE



FOR LEASE:
Ingham Squash Courts,
96 Cartwright Street, Ingham.

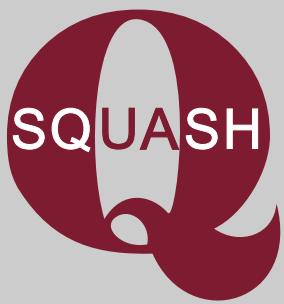
The dwelling contains an upstairs fully refurbished apartment consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, large lounge, dining and kitchen area. A laundry and large study/gym room are situated on the ground floor level. The dwelling also contains a lock up 2 bay garage.

The centre consists of 4 courts with showers and toilet facilities. A generous size working sauna room is an added feature. A fully fitted kitchen exists off the retail shop area on the ground floor.

For more information contact:

Frank and Chris Erba on 07 4776 2639

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TRIPLE CROWN SQUASH SERIES



QUEENSLAND OPEN ♦ MACKAY OPEN ♦ CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL



**Mackay
Open**
26-29
October 17



**Queensland
Open**
19-22
October 17



**Cairns
International**
2-5
November 17

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Champion

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2017 REDSTAR AWARDS



In an effort to recognise more NR juniors we have introduced a new system of performance recognition. From now on **every finalist will be recognised**. Each winner will be listed in the Achievement category and every finalist (runner up) will be listed in the Encouragement category.

Once a player has won an event they will be elevated and listed in the Achievement category even if they finish runner up in other events. If players are equal they will be listed in alphabetical order.

Players receive 2 points for winning a qualifier, 4 points for winning a State title and 6 points for winning a National title (AJO & AJC). Players will receive 1 point for finishing runner up in a qualifier, 2 points for runner up in a State final and 3 points for runner up in a National final.

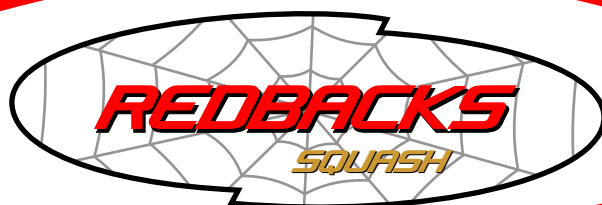
Even though the Ingham qualifier was played in October 2016 it is still a 2017 qualifier so the results from that event will contribute to the **2017 NR Player of the Year Award**. A 2018 qualifier played in 2017 will not be included.

The player who accumulates the most points will be declared the Player of the Year. There will be joint winners if 2 players finish on the same number of points. The aim of the points system is to automate the selection and player results determine the outcome. The system is also designed to encourage players to support all events in their quest to accumulate points.

To be awarded points there must be at least two players competing in an age group.

If an event is combined eg U17 and U19 Combined then it will be analysed to ensure points are allocated to both U17 and U19. A direct match up of the best two players in an age group will determine the winner of that age group. Otherwise the highest finishing position in an age group will receive the maximum points.

A player can only enter up to 2 events so they can only be rewarded with 2 results. An U9 player who might win a combined event eg U9, U11 and U13 Combined can only be rewarded for the U13 victory and their own age group U9. If they were the only player in U9 they will earn points for both U13 and U11.



2017 REDSTAR AWARDS

The Northern Region Player of the Year will be announced in the December 2017 edition

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD							
	Pts	Mackay		Townsville		Cairns	
Hayley Hankinson	17	Q15	Q17	Q15	Q17	Q15	QF17
Wes Dyer	12	Q17	Q19	Q17	Q19	Q17	Q19
Michael Lawrence	10	Q9		Q11		Q11	
Kayce Hoani Vincent	8	Q11		Q11		Q11	
BJ MacDonald	8	Q15		QF17	QF19	Q15	QF17
Courtney Mather	8	Q19				Q17	
Kiara Stublely	8	Q13		Q13		QF13	
Brody DiBella	6	QF19				QF19	
Shantelle Ale	5	QF13		QF13		Q13	
Matt Brazier	5			Q13		Q13	
Kurstyn Mather	5	QF15		QF15		QF15	
Mathew Finitsis	4			QF15		QF13	
Jordan DiBella	3	QF15					
Sean Julius-Wright	3			Q15		QF15	

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD							
	Pts	Mackay		Townsville		Cairns	
Josh Porter	3	Q13		QF13			
Sarah Brazier	3	QF11		QF11		QF11	
Jack Butcher	2						
Bradley Martin	2	QF17					
Kaci Newman	2	QF17			QF17		
Summer Palmer	2						
Kate Butcher	1						
Quinn Douglas	1	QF9					
Lachlan Erba	1	QF13					
Liam Fascetti	1			QF11			
Danielle Hankinson	1	QF19					
Francis Morove	1					QF11	
Jake Webb	1						

The results for the Ingham Qualifier and AJO have now dropped off



Rankings as at **1st June 2017.**

UNDER 9 BOYS

- 1 Michael Lawrence
- 2 Quinn Douglas

UNDER 11 BOYS

- 1 Jack Butcher
- 2 Prabhneer Singh Marawaha
- 3 Francis Morove
- 4 Liam Fascetti
- 5 Tyrone Ale

UNDER 13 BOYS

- 1 Josh Porter
- 2 Lachlan Erba
- 3 Tyler Harris

UNDER 15 BOYS

- 1 Brendan MacDonald
- 2 Jordan DiBella
- 3 Matthew Finitsis
- 4 Matt Brazier
- 5 Xavier Morzone

UNDER 17 BOYS

- 1 Wesley Dyer
- 2 Bradley Martin
- 3 Sean Julius-Wright
- 4 Jake Webb
- 5 Kyle Hoani-Vincent

UNDER 19 BOYS

- 1 Brody DiBella
- 2 Michael Sutherland
- 3 Gavin Condon
- 4 Lachlan Forster

TOP 5 RANKINGS

UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS

- 1 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
- 2 Sarah Brazier

UNDER 13 GIRLS

- 1 Kiara Stubley
- 2 Shantelle Ale
- 3 Kate Butcher

UNDER 15 GIRLS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kurstyn Mather
- 3 Amy Condon
- 4 Caitlyn Porter
- 5 Sophie Fadaely

UNDER 17 GIRLS

- 1 Kaci Newman
- 2 Danielle Hankinson
- 3 Chloe Thompson

UNDER 19 GIRLS

- 1 Courtney Mather
- 2 Summer Palmer



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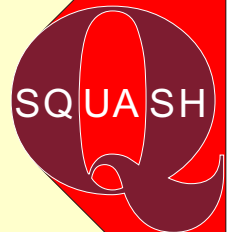


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