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WELCOME



INTRODUCING: SQUASH MEDIA

Squash Media is a new and exciting website being developed to share stories and information on squash.

Initially, the website will house the newsletters produced by Kim Schramm for Northern Region (Queensland) and WA Squash.

It will also feature a new monthly newsletter titled **Australian Squash Player**.

The Australian Squash Player launched as an Annual in 2015 to highlight the winning performances of our Aussie players on the World stage.

The Annual will continue but this monthly newsletter will provide a more extensive coverage of news in squash.

ASP Monthly is designed to promote positive contributions to the game by various stakeholders around Australia.

Together with Steve Walton (Squash United) we both have goals to see our sport advance over the next 10 years.

Join us by becoming a contributor to this newsletter telling your good news story, promoting your event, recognising achievement and significant advances in our sport, thanking others, etc.

It is a National publication so everyone in Australia is welcome to make a contribution to better inform and encourage others to get involved and make a difference.

We all need to put some energy into doing positive things to revitalise our Great sport!

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The annual publication goes to credit and celebrates the success of Australian Squash Players at major and professional events around the world.

Ryan Cusack (pictured) was the most impressive player of 2015 rising from 85 to the 20th rank of the World after going to level into the World Top 20 and reaching a career high world ranking of 16 in December.

The 28 year old Ballarat based player captured 4 titles in 2015 and finished the year with a 100% win record. Cusack has reached 14 PSA World Tour titles.

Justin Leitch broke through the men's main tour 500 and quickly claimed that title as two world 2nd place finisher dominated the domestic scene winning 21 titles to represent his respective ITF member state.

Sarah Cartwright won four events in late 2015 to bring her tally up to 5 career titles. Downs (pictured) returned from foot surgery to snatch her 8th career title in Tangle and Cheltenham over her 30 career title.

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AUSSIE NEWS : MAY 2016

- 1** Squash Australia announces the Aussie Team to compete at the World Doubles Championship to be held Darwin in August. **MD:** David Palmer & Rex Hedrick, Cameron Pilley & Ryan Cuskelly **WD:** Rachael Grinham & Donna Urquhart, Christine Nunn & Sarah Cardwell **XD:** David Palmer & Donna Urquhart, Cameron Pilley & Rachael Grinham.
- 4** Cameron Pilley makes the World Series Finals for the first time in his career. The PSA Dubai World Series Finals will see the world's eight best male and female players compete in a five-day squash event in front of the world's tallest building – the Burj Khalifa.
- 10** Squash Australia names its Junior teams to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships in Poland: **BOYS:** Alex Eustace (QLD), Joseph White (NT), William Curtis (WA) and Alex Oswald (SA) **GIRLS:** Alex Haydon (SA), Grace Pattison (TAS), Jessica Graham (VIC), Lauren Aspinall (SA).
- 13** #1 seed Matthew Hopkin bows out of the Jersey Classic losing to #4 seed Youssef Soliman (EGY) 6-11, 7-11, 11-3, 12-10, 1-11 (74m) in the Semi Final.
- 14** #2 seed Ryan Cuskelly reaches the Semi Finals of the \$50K Houston Open but is eliminated by the #4 seed Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) 6-11, 6-11, 11-5, 7-11 (35m).
- 15** Zac Alexander beats Adam Murrills 3-2 and Madeline Perry beats Lisa Camilleri 3-0 to win the PSA Northern Territory Open in Darwin.
- 24** #8 seed Cameron Pilley upsets #4 seed Omar Mosaad on the opening day of the World Series Finals winning 11-7, 5-11, 11-6 in 52 minutes.
- 25** Cameron Pilley loses to World Champ Greg Gaultier 3-11, 1-11 in a blistering 24 minutes but all is not lost for the 33 year old Aussie who now faces Simon Rosner for a place in the semi finals.
- 26** Rex Hedrick reaches the Quarter Finals at the HKFC International but loses a marathon clash with Malaysia's Ivan Yuen 8-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 4-11 (89m)
- 26** #7 seed Rachael Grinham couldn't get past #3 seed Joshna Chinappa from India in the Quarter Finals of the HKFC International losing 13-15, 6-11, 11-6, 11-9, 4-11 (40m).

NEWS REEL



AUSSIE NEWS : MAY 2016

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Cameron Pilley becomes the first Aussie since David Palmer in 2008 to reach the final 4 of the World Series Finals with a 2-0 crunching of Simon Rosner. Pilley beat the German 11-2, 11-7 in 38 minutes.

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Donna Urquhart reaches the Semi-Final of the HKFC International but found the overall winner Joelle King too good. Urquhart lost 8-11, 12-10, 6-11, 6-11 (49m).

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Pilley is on fire causing the biggest upset in World Series Finals history with a red hot demolition of odds-on title favourite and World #1 Mohamed ElShorbagy, in straight games 11-9, 11-5 in 41 minutes.

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Despite an enormous effort Cameron Pilley had to settle for runner up at the World Series Finals when the Frenchman Greg Gaultier dashed all Aussie hopes with a 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6 victory in the final of the World Series Finals.

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Cameron Pilley is runner up to Ramy Ashour at the PSA Awards for Shot of the Season.

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Zac Alexander makes it 5 PSA titles in a row with an emphatic 3-0 demolition of Lewis Walters at the City of Perth International. Tamika Saxby makes a welcome return to the winners circle with a gutsy 3-2 victory over Sarah Cardwell.



**NT OPEN
CHAMPIONS:
MADELINE PERRY &
ZAC ALEXANDER**



PILLEY IN WORLD SERIES FINALS

Yamba's **Cameron Pilley** was absolutely delighted to scrape in to the Top 8 Players who qualified to compete in the World Series Finals in Dubai.

The 33 year old is still learning and experimenting in a bid to improve his game.

"I've made a little change to the way I hold my racket, believe it or not, this season, and I've switched up my training methods," said Pilley.

Well whatever he did has paid off handsomely right from the outset of the World Series Finals.

Day 1 Saw Pilley beat World #4 Omar Mosaad 2-1 in Pool B of the Round Robin event where players played best of 3 games.

Day 2 was a write off with Pilley never really getting into his match up with World Champion Greg Gaultier losing 0-2. Fortunately Pilley still had a chance to reach the semi finals if he beat German Simon Rosner.

Day 3 went to plan with Pilley destroying Rosner to set up a Semi Final clash with World #1 Mohamed Elshorbagy.

"It's an understatement to say I'm feeling pretty good – considering that I just scraped in to get here and it's my first World Series Finals, I am over the moon to reach the semis," said Pilley.

Day 4 was just absolutely magic with Pilley beating the World #1 Elshorbagy in front of a pro Egyptian crowd 2-0 to reach the decider of the 2016 World Series Finals.

"I play my best squash when I'm relaxed and I don't overcomplicate things on court," said Pilley.

"So today I just went in with a pretty simple game plan of staying relaxed. It helps with my movement, it helps with my hitting, and it helps with my shot selection if I'm in a relaxed state of mind. There was no pressure on me, so I just went in and did my best.

Pilley now had to face the man who blitzed him on day 2 (giving him just 4 points) in the best of five final.

Day 5 wasn't the fairy tale ending but it was an much improved showing from Pilley.

Gaultier won 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6 in 67 minutes.

"Right now I'm still disappointed about losing, but there's a lot of positives to take out of this, I've beaten three top ten guys this week. So for me there's far more positives than negatives" said Pilley after the match.

FEATURE



WORLD SERIES FINALS: DUBAI

1 Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)	640
2 Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	335
3 Nick Matthew (ENG)	225
4 Omar Mosaad (EGY)	220
5 Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL)	175
6 Simon Rosner (GER)	155
7 Mathieu Castagnet (FRA)	150
8 Cameron Pilley (AUS)	130

THE TOP 8 QUALIFIERS

Including Aussie Cameron Pilley

1 Laura Massaro (ENG)	355
2 Nour El Sherbini (EGY)	335
3 Nicol David (MAS)	270
4 Raneem El Welily (EGY)	215
5 Nouran Gohar (EGY)	195
6 Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY)	195
7 Camille Serme (FRA)	195
8 Amanda Sobhy (USA)	170



THE SETTING

**The world's tallest building
The Burj Khalifa**

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PSA Dubai World Series Finals Explained

The PSA Dubai World Series Finals is the season-ending climax to the both the Men's and Women's PSA World Series Tours, featuring only the world's best eight qualified players as they battle it out for the last title of the season.

Players compete for 'Road To Dubai' Ranking points at each PSA World Series Tournament in a bid to earn one of the coveted eight berths and a chance to compete in one of the sport's most lucrative events.

The PSA Dubai World Series Finals brings eight players together in two groups of four, with players playing a round-robin best-of-three series for place in the knockout semi-finals and beyond.



FEATURE



WORLD SERIES FINALS: MEN

Complete Results:

DAY 1

Men's Group A

[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [7] Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) 2-0: 11-4, 11-6 (20m)
[5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) v [3] Nick Matthew (ENG)

Men's Group B

[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [6] Simon Rosner (GER) 2-0: 11-2, 11-9 (39m)
[8] Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 2-1: 11-7, 5-11, 11-6 (52m)

DAY 2

Men's Group A

[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 2-0: 11-8, 11-9 (29m)
[7] Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) bt [3] Nick Matthew (ENG) 2-0: 12-10, 11-6 (29m)

Men's Group B

[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [8] Cameron Pilley (AUS) 2-0: 11-3, 11-1 (24m)
[6] Simon Rosner (GER) bt [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 2-0: 11-3, 11-7 (29m)

DAY 3

Men's Group A

[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 2-0: 12-10, 12-10 (28m)
[5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [7] Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) 2-0: 11-9, 6-4 retired (37m)

Men's Group B

[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 2-1: 7-11, 11-8, 11-1 (38m)
[8] Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [6] Simon Rosner (GER) 2-0: 11-2, 11-7 (38m)

DAY 4

Men's Semi-finals

[8] Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 2-0: 11-9, 11-5 (41m)
[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 2-0: 11-7, 11-7 (30m)

DAY 5

Men's Final

**[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [8] Cameron Pilley (AUS)
3-1: 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6 (67m)**





WORLD SERIES FINALS: WOMEN

Complete Results:

DAY 1

Women's Group A

[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [5] Nouran Gohar (EGY) 2-0: 11-7, 13-11 (33m)

[3] Nicol David (MAS) bt [8] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 2-0: 11-6, 13-11 (26m)

Women's Group B

[4] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [2] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 2-0: 12-10, 17-15 (29m)

[7] Camille Serme (FRA) bt [6] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 2-0: 11-9, 13-11 (23m)

DAY 2

Women's Group A

[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [3] Nicol David (MAS) 2-1: 11-7, 8-11, 11-7 (49m)

[8] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [5] Nouran Gohar (EGY) 2-1: 8-11, 11-5, 11-7 (34m)

Women's Group B

[2] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [6] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 2-0: 11-4, 11-8 (15m)

[4] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [7] Camille Serme (FRA) 2-1: 9-11, 12-10, 11-9 (41m)

DAY 3

Women's Group A

[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [8] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 2-0: 13-11, 11-9 (31m)

[3] Nicol David (MAS) bt [5] Nouran Gohar (EGY) 2-0: 11-7, 11-9 (30m)

Women's Group B

[4] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [6] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 2-0: 15-13, 11-9 (20m)

[2] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [7] Camille Serme (FRA) 2-0: 11-4, 11-6 (20m)

DAY 4

Women's Semi-finals

[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [2] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 2-0: 12-10, 11-6 (31m)

[4] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [3] Nicol David (MAS) 2-1: 11-5, 8-11, 11-8 (36m)

DAY 5

Women's Final

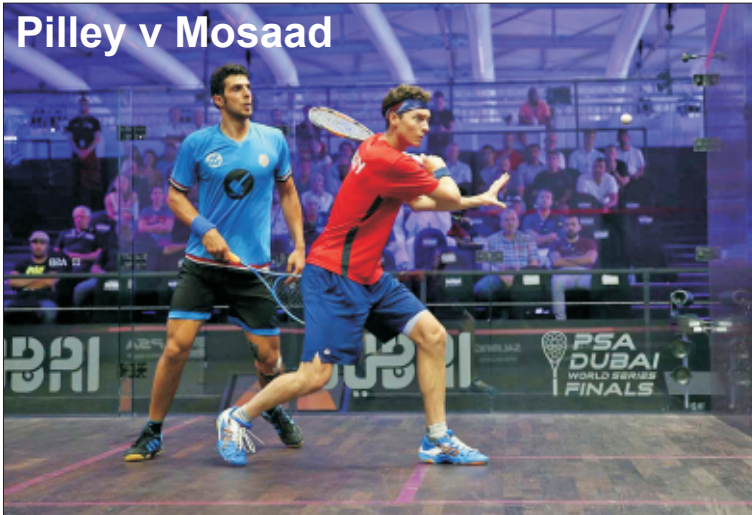
[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [4] Raneem El Welily (EGY) 3-2: 9-11, 11-6, 5-11, 12-10, 11-5 (62m)

FEATURE



WORLD SERIES FINALS

Pilley v Mosaad



**Congratulations
Cameron Pilley**
A great effort!

Pilley v Rosner



Pilley v Elshorbagy



**Champions:
Greg Gaultier &
Laura Massaro**



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GET EXCITED



SQUASH NEEDS YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

Whilst the rest of the World is powering ahead Australia has been moving in the opposite direction.

Now before anyone gets upset with that comment it is recognised there are places in Australia where squash is absolutely flourishing. Where people are really energised and making wonderful contributions. Thank you!

Squash in Australia can rebuild and revitalise itself but it will need many more people getting involved and contributing.

Let's face it we have a very steep mountain to climb but we can do it! It always starts by taking the first step forward.

If everyone involved in squash took a step forward by contributing some time and energy our sport would make a significant turnaround.

It is everyone's responsibility. The blame game is over guys. We all need to take action and do something that advances our great game.

My commitment is to produce this newsletter until 2026! I hope that sparks a similar commitment from you to give it your all for 10 years.

So its over to you to

Get Excited Get Involved



Ways to get excited and get involved:

- Writing stories and taking photos
- Organising and promoting events
- Designing logos and posters
- Running tournaments
- Recruiting and coaching juniors
- Helping others to improve their game
- Refereeing matches
- Fundraising to help juniors
- Organising trips to tournaments
- Helping secure sponsorship for events

You can always ask your club where they need your help most.



EVENTS



NORTHERN TERRITORY OPEN: DARWIN

World #107 **Zac Alexander** justified his #1 seeding at the NT Open in Darwin winning his 4th PSA title in succession.

The 27 year old Queenslander breezed through to the final winning his first three matches 3-0.

In the final he took on World #148 Adam Murrills (England) and rushed to a 2-0 lead before Murrills began a spirited fight back.

The former World #36 then steadied the ship and ran out the victor 11-2, 11-5, 8-11, 5-11, 11-5.

After finishing runner up at the 2015 NT Open to Kiwi Paul Coll it was very satisfying to raise the trophy and record his 18th PSA match victory in a row.

After his recent appointment to a role with Squash Australia Alexander intends concentrating on mainly events around Australia.

"I'm planning on playing everything I can around Australia for the next two years, I want to play at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast," Alexander said.

Northern Ireland's **Madeline Perry** showed all the class that took her to a career high World #3 winning the NT Open against Queensland's Lisa Camilleri in three.

Retired from the circuit on a full time basis

in April 2015, 39 year old Perry turned back the clock to not drop a game throughout the tournament and record an impressive 11-5, 11-3, 11-2 victory in the final.

In post match comments Perry said:

"My plans are just to continue with coaching. I may play the odd event in the future as I still enjoy playing, but I have no plans to train full time again or play a lot competitively."

"It was very strange to be back playing, but nice to play with no pressure and feel relaxed and just enjoying playing matches,"

In January 2016 Perry was appointed Head Professional at East Coast Squash Academy in Sydney, Australia.

There were upsets a plenty in the lead up to the final. Unseeded Perry defeated #2 seed Sarah Cardwell in the first round, #5 seed Tamika Saxby in the QF and #4 seed Lakeesha Rarere in the SF.

The Quarter Finals produced some upsets: Samantha Foyle took the prized scalp of #1 seed Christine Nunn 9-11, 9-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-9 whilst #6 seed Lisa Camilleri beat #3 seed Jessica Turnbull 11-8, 8-11, 2-11, 11-3, 11-2.

EVENTS



CITY OF PERTH INTERNATIONAL

Zac Alexander made it five PSA tour titles in a row when he captured the City of Perth International with a thumping of Jamaican Lewis Waters in the final.

The Queenslander was all class as he went about destroying all challengers. In fact he didn't drop a game during the entire event.

That included an improved 3-0 result against the Adam Murrills who he played in the final of the NT Open earlier in the month.

Alexander beat Murrills 11-8, 12-10, 11-9 in 36 minutes before beating Waters 14-12, 11-5, 11-8 in 50 minutes.

There were no real surprises in the men's event with all top 4 seeds reaching the semis but in the women's event there were lots of results that went against seedings.

After 12 months off the circuit NSW's **Tamika Saxby** began her campaign at the NT Open where she was comprehensively beaten by the ultimate winner Madeline Perry.

With Perry out of this field the contest became much closer and this was reflected in the final with #1 seed Sarah Cardwell.

The two girls kept taking it it turns to win a game with Saxby winning the first, third

and fifth. The score line 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-5 reflected a very close contest which lasted for 65 minutes.

Queenslanders Lisa Camilleri and Samantha Foyle upset the seedings with good wins to advance to the semi finals.

In the Quarter Finals #5 seed Camilleri improved on her effort at the NT Open this time beating #2 seed Jessica Turnbull in four 11-6, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9 (32m).

However the most impressive performances came from an unseeded Samantha Foyle who caught the eye at the NT Open and has continued her good form at the City of Perth International.

The former World #73 beat the #1 seed Christine Nunn at the NT Open and reached the semi finals where she pushed Lisa Camilleri to five.

At this event Foyle was most impressive in the opening round beating #3 seed Lakeesha Rarere in three 11-9, 11-8, 11-9 in 27 minutes.

She once again reached the semi final but found #1 seed Sarah Cardwell too strong going down in straight.

Currently ranked #187 the 27 year old can expect her ranking to reduce significantly in June.



RANKINGS



WORLD RANKINGS: 1 JUNE 2016



TOP 5 MEN

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
3	Omar Mosaad	EGY
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL

TOP 5 WOMEN

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Laura Massaro	ENG
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY
4	Nicol David	MAS
5	Nouran Gohar	EGY

TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
14	13	Cameron Pilley	11
16	19	Ryan Cuskelly	15
62	57	Rex Hedrick	52
92	87	Joshua Larkin	87
93	91	Steven Finitsis	45
94	107	Zac Alexander	36
108	104	Matthew Hopkin	89
155	163	Rhys Dowling	151
202	204	David Clegg	177
217	198	Thomas Calvert	183

TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
20	20	Rachael Grinham	1
22	22	Donna Urquhart	13
38	42	Christine Nunn	38
51	52	Sarah Cardwell	51
69	80	Lisa Camilleri	28
86	84	Jessica Turnbull	81
98	90	Lakeesha Rarere	75
106	119	Stephanie Wighton	106
109	108	Jasmine Chan	101
109	101	Selena Shaikh	94



**EGYPT'S
WORLD #1
NOUR
EL SHERBINI**



EVENTS



2016 SQUASH CALENDAR



JUNE

04-05	M	Golden Open, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia
17-19	W	Sandgate Open, Sandgate, Queensland
25-26		Victorian Junior Championships, Westerfolds, Victoria
26-3		Queensland Junior Championship, Mackay, Queensland

JULY

01-03	M & W	NSW Open, Elanora, New South Wales
07-10	M & W	Tasmania State Open, Devonport, Tasmania
08-10		NSW Junior Championship, Parkes/Forbes, New South Wales
12-16	M & W	SA Open, TBA, South Australia
16-17		SA Junior Age Championships, TBC, South Australia
28-31	M & W	Bendigo International, Bendigo, Victoria

AUGUST

02-07	M & W	Victorian State Open, Melbourne, Victoria
07-11	M & W	World Junior Championship, Bielsko-Biala, Poland
08-12	M & W	Australian Open, Melbourne, Victoria
12-16	M	World Junior Team Championship, Bielsko-Biala, Poland
15-18	M & W	World International Doubles Championship, Darwin, Northern Territory
15-18	Mixed	World International Doubles Championship, Darwin, Northern Territory
18-21	M	Shepparton International, Goulburn Valley, Victoria
27-28	M	Bega Open, Bega, New South Wales

SEPTEMBER

03-06	M & W	North Coast Open, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales
23-30	M	World Masters, Johannesburg, South Africa
24-2		Australian Junior Championships, Thornleigh, New South Wales

OCTOBER

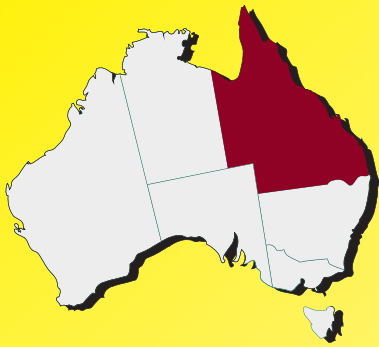
20-23	M & W	Queensland Open, Gold Coast, Queensland
27-30	M & W	Mackay Open, Mackay, Queensland

NOVEMBER

04-06	M & W	Cairns International, Sportsworld Cairns, Queensland
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DECEMBER

28-03	W	World Team Championship, Paris, France
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SQUASH SPECTACULAR

TRIPLE TOURNAMENT TOUR

QUEENSLAND OPEN

21-23 October - Nerang Gold Coast

PSA Entries Close: 6 September 2016



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