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Welcome to the 4th Edition of the Australian Squash Player Annual.

What a year it has been for Aussie Squash with **Ryan Cuskelly** and **Cameron Pilley** winning the Men's World
Doubles Championship and the introduction of the
Australian Squash Tour.





Zac Alexander
Mike Corren
Ryan Cuskelly
Rhys Dowling
Rachael Grinham
Rex Hedrick
Josh Larkin
Christine Nunn
Cameron Pilley
Tamika Saxby
Donna Urquhart

Ryan Cuskelly







Aussie #1

2017 Highlights



The **Australian Squash Player Annual** has been created and compiled by Kim Schramm for **Squash Media**.

2017 was a very positive year. It began a little sadly when we had to say "Good Bye" to **Natalie Grinham** at the Tournament of Champions. Grinham has officially retired from the PSA World Tour. Thank you so much Natalie for so many wonderful memories

On court the year began brilliantly with **Ryan Cuskelly** winning the PSA M70 Motor City Open in Detroit. It was the Aussie #1's biggest win on tour and his 15th career title.

On 28th February 2017 **Mike Corren** turned 43. So he went off and celebrated by doing what he does best. Yes, he went down to Esperance and won another title. And yes, it was yet another title defence. The Esperance Open was a PSA Closed Satellite.

Zac Alexander kicked off his 2017 campaign in style dropping just 14 points against arch rival Josh Larkin. Larkin was left shaking his head after winning their last encounter at the Brisbane Open in late 2016.

Squash Australia reintroduced the Australian Closed and played the Championships in Townsville. It was fitting that the two stars of the 2016 Domestic Tour dominated the PSA National Closed Satellite event. **Zac Alexander** and **Tamika Saxby** "ruled the roost" winning their respective events in straight.

There were shock exits a plenty at the NT Open in May. Zac Alexander, Matt Hopkin and Rhys Dowling were all eliminated in the quarter finals. **Josh Larkin** was the only Aussie survivor and reached the final. Unfortunately, Larkin squandered a 2 games to love lead in the PSA M10 final to ultimately lose in five. Two weeks later he won the PSA M5 North Shore Open in Auckland.

Kalgoorlie celebrated the opening of their brand new squash centre in June. They expanded their hosting of PSA events to include a W5 event. A quality field lined up in the M5 event but that didn't stop Mike Corren winning his **52nd Tour Title!** At 43, Corren turned back time once again to win his 6th Golden Open beating an opponent half his age in the final. **Tamika Saxby** was all class winning the inaugural women's final.

Young gun **Rhys Dowling** broke through to win his first PSA Tour Title in July when he took out the PSA M5 Tasmanian Open. Also in July **Christine Nunn** returned to the winner's circle when she won the SA Open at the ARC.

The spotlight in August was on Manchester where the World Doubles Championships were being played. Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley avenged their semi final loss in 2016, to defending champions Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban, to become the 2017 Men's World Doubles Champions.

2017 Highlights



Back home in August, **Josh Larkin** "bagged a double" winning the PSA M5 Bendigo International and Shepparton International. Both events were 32 player draws. **Tamika Saxby** was on fire in September winning back to back North Coast and NSW Opens.

October was a big month in Queensland with the Brisbane Open (PSA Closed Satellite) getting things underway before an upgraded Q Open (PSA M10 and W10) was played on the Gold Coast.

Meanwhile **Zac Alexander** was causing havoc in Canada. The #8 seed was all conquering defeating Canada's best two players (#2S Nick Sachvie and #5S Shawn Delierre) in the lead up to the PSA M10 final before capturing his 27th Tour Title against #4S Christopher Binnie.

Rhys Dowling was a surprise winner of the Brisbane Open (PSA Closed Satellite) after #1S Josh Larkin didn't play past the first round. Larkin regrouped and focussed his attention on the Q Open and it nearly paid off. He reached the final but found #1 seed Rex Hedrick too strong losing in three.

Tamika Saxby was too strong for her opponents at the Cairns International. The best player on the Domestic Tour won her 9th PSA Tour Title in 2 years.

November saw Rachael Grinham "turn back time" to win the PSA W10 Australian Open in Darwin. The 40 year old, #1S, was all smiles after winning her first title since 2014. Also at the Aussie Open, Tamika Saxby and Josh Larkin were named as the inaugural Australian Squash Tour bonus winners. They pocketed an extra \$3,000 each for supporting and winning sufficient events on the 2017 Domestic Tour.

In December, **Donna Urquhart** rounded off the year in fantastic fashion winning the PSA W25 Monte Carlo Classic. The Aussie #1 picked up her 10th career title and her first since 2015.

Zac Alexander (M10), Ryan Cuskelly (M70), Josh Larkin (M5) and Donna Urquhart (W25) all won PSA Tour Titles overseas during 2017.

PSA Titles won by Australian Squash Players

	Total	Titles	Men	Titles	Women	Titles
2014	6	16	5	12	1	4
2015	6	13	3	9	3	4
2016	8	17	5	11	3	6
2017	10	16	6	9	4	7

Closed Events are not included

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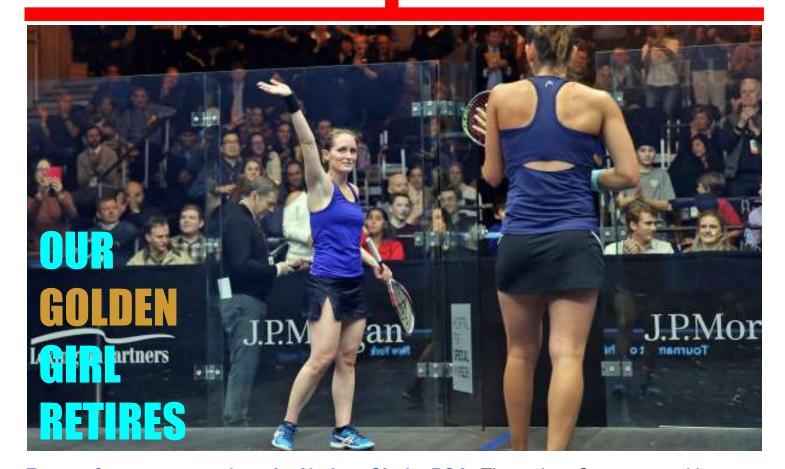
Aussie Top 10



1 January 2018

	TY	LY	HR	WHEN
Ryan Cuskelly	15	19	12	Mar-17
Cameron Pilley	19	18	11	Jan-11
Rex Hedrick	59	57	51	Dec-16
Joshua Larkin	62	84	62	Jan-18
Rhys Dowling	94	134	94	Dec-17
Zac Alexander	128	74	36	Sep-12
Matthew Hopkin	130	95	89	Jul-15
Thomas Calvert	158	179	155	Dec-17
Mike Corren	174	194	38	Feb-04
Alex Eustace	203	377	203	Jan-18

	ΙY	LY	HK	WHEN
Donna Urquhart	16	19	13	May-11
Rachael Grinham	29	31	1	Aug-04
Sarah Cardwell	46	45	41	Feb-17
Tamika Saxby	54	51	48	Nov-17
Christine Nunn	70	49	36	Jul-16
Jessica Turnbull	76	76	73	Dec-16
Taylor Flavell	91	134	91	Jan-18
Lauren Aspinall	97	202	97	Jan-18
Selena Shaikh	108	133	94	Sep-15
Shehana Vithana	157	NR	157	Jan-18



Extract from a story written by Nathan Clarke PSA: Three-time Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winner and former World No 2 **Natalie Grinham**, the 38-year-old from Toowoomba, brought down the curtain on a glittering 20-year career when she made her last competitive appearance at the JP Morgan Tournament of Champions in January. Grinham was a four-time World Championship runner-up and winner of 21 PSA World Tour titles.

THIES WON





2017 Titles



Zac Alexander PSA M5 Elanora Open

PSA NCS Australian Closed

PSA M10 White Oaks Court Classic (Canada)

Mike Corren PSA CS Esperance Open

PSA M5 Golden Open

Ryan Cuskelly PSA M70 Motor City Open (Detroit)

GOLD MEDAL WSF Men's World Doubles

Rhys Dowling PSA M5 Tasmanian Open

PSA CS Brisbane Open

Rachael Grinham PSA W10 Australian Open

Rex Hedrick PSA M10 Queensland Open

Josh Larkin PSA M5 North Shore Open (Auckland)

PSA M5 Bendigo International

PSA M5 Shepparton International

Christine Nunn PSA W5 South Australian Open

Cameron Pilley GOLD MEDAL WSF Men's World Doubles

Tamika Saxby PSA NCS Australian Closed

PSA W5 Golden Open

PSA W5 North Coast Open

PSA W5 New South Wales Open PSA W5 Cairns International

Donna Urquhart PSA W25 Monte Carlo Classic



WSF

Donna Urquhart







Aussie #1

January 17



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

STORY by Sean Reuthe PSA

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 29year-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 Coppinger in the earlier rounds.

World No.7 Ali Farag, who defeated threetime 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."

January 17



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

RYAN CUSKELLY'S CAREER TITLES SINCE 2014

- 9 **2014 PSA Challenger 10: Phoenix Open**
- 10 2014 PSA Satellite: Australian Closed
- 11 2015 PSA Challenger 15 Oregon Open
- 12 2015 PSA International 25 Northern Ontario Championship
- 13 2015 PSA M15 Victorian Open
- 14 2015 PSA M35 Welaptega Bluenose Classic
- 15 2017 PSA M70 Motor City Open

PSA M70 Motor City Open

Final

[7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [3] Ali Farag (EGY) 4-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-9 (51m)

Semi Finals

- [7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt Stephen Coppinger (RSA) 5-11, 11-8, 14-12, 11-4
- [3] Ali Farag (EGY) bt [8] Diego Elias (PER) 15-13, 8-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7

Quarter Finals

Stephen Coppinger (RSA) bt Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-4, 11-7, 19-17 (54m)

- [7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 (57m)
- [3] Ali Farag (EGY) bt [5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-9, 11-5, 11-3 (37m)
- [8] Diego Elias (PER) bt [2] Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) 7-11, 11-7, 4-11, 11-8, 11-7 (71m)

Round 1

Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 11-2, 13-11, 6-11, 12-10 (59m)

Stephen Coppinger (RSA) bt [6] Borja Golan (ESP) 8-11, 5-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-9 (84m)

- [7] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [Q] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 (62m)
- [4] Omar Mosaad (EGY) bt [Q] Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (QAT) 12-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-9 (50m)
- [3] Ali Farag (EGY) bt Gregoire Marche (FRA) 12-10, 11-6, 11-7 (41m)
- [5] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 11-13, 11-9, 13-11, 8-9 ret. (94m)
- [8] Diego Elias (PER) bt [Q] Raphael Kandra (GER) 12-10, 11-7, 11-2 (37m)
- [2] Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [Q] Ivan Yuen (MAS) 11-8, 11-3, 11-3 (25m)



Moose Charges Past Training Partner





ESPERANCE OPEN



Photo: Mike Corren and David Illich

Defending champion and #1 seed Mike Corren was too good for David Illich in the final of the Esperance Open (PSA Closed Satellite). It was back to back Esperance titles for Corren who won the final in straight in 31 minutes.

Corren cruised into the final with a comfortable 20 minute match up against Tim Cowell. Corren won 11-2, 11-4, 11-5. Meanwhile, Illich had to endure a 51 minute battle against young gun Joseph White, ultimately winning a close contest in four.

PSA Closed Satellite Esperance Open

Final

[1] Mike Corren def [2] David Illich 3-0: 11-4, 11-3, 11-4 (31m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Mike Corren def Tim Cowell 3-0: 11-2, 11-4, 11-5 (20m)
- [2] David Illich def Joseph White 3-1: 5-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (51m)



Alexander Proves Too Good for Larkin





Zac Alexander demonstrated he was back to his brilliant best with a comprehensive 3-0 win over Josh Larkin 11-2, 11-6, 11-6 in the final of the Pure Blonde Elanora Open.

It was sweet revenge for Alexander who suffered an unexpected loss to Larkin at the Brisbane Open in late 2016.

On that occasion Larkin recorded a strong 8-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5 win in 50 minutes to chalk up his first win against Alexander.

PSA M5 Elenora Open

Final

[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-2, 11-6, 11-6 (38m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9 (66m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) def [3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) 8-11, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8 (62m)

- [1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [8] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 2-0 ret. (20m)
- [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) def [6] Vivian Rhamanan (SIN) 5-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 (35m)
- [3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) def [7] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (20m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) def [5] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-6, 11-3, 11-3 (25m)



Alexander: Aussie Closed Champion



Zac Alexander was in sensational form ruthlessly destroying his opposition in the Australian Closed Championships.

Alexander dropped a total of just 17 points in his final two matches. Young guns Tom Calvert got 7 points in the semi and Rhys Dowling got 10 points in the final.

Whilst the event didn't attract some of our better players it did give these youngsters exposure to the level they need to reach.



PSA National Closed Satellite Australian Closed

Final

[1] Zac Alexander def [2] Rhys Dowling 11-7, 11-2, 11-1

Semi Finals

- [1] Zac Alexander def [4] Tom Calvert 11-5, 11-1, 11-1
- [2] Rhys Dowling def [3] Steve Finitsis 11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 7-11, 11-2 (53m)

- [1] Zac Alexander def [5] Alex Eustace 11-8, 11-7, 13-11 (44m)
- [4] Tom Calvert def Lachlan Coxsedge 9-11, 11-4, 11-2, 11-4
- [3] Steve Finitsis def [8] Courtney West 11-3, 11-4, 11-4
- [2] Rhys Dowling def [6] Joseph White 11-7, 14-12, 7-11, 11-9



Saxby Wins Her First Title for 2017



Tamika Saxby effectively took up where she left off beating Lisa Camilleri in the final of the Australian Closed.

The pair played in three PSA finals during 2016 with Saxby winning them all. Despite a bold showing from Camilleri there has been a definite changing of the guard.

The Championship went with seeding.

PSA National Closed Satellite Australian Closed

Final

[1] Tamika Saxby def [2] Lisa Camilleri 11-7, 11-8, 11-9

Semi Finals

- [1] Tamika Saxby def [4] Samantha Foyle 11-8, 14-16, 11-6, 11-7 (40m)
- [2] Lisa Camilleri def [3] Jessica Turnbull 11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6 (32m)

- [1] Tamika Saxby def [6] Ellie Jones 11-1, 11-3, 11-0
- [4] Samantha Foyle def [7] Courtney Mather 11-6, 11-2, 11-6
- [3] Jessica Turnbull def Lauren Aspinall 11-3, 11-5, 11-6
- [2] Lisa Camilleri def [5] Samantha Calvert 11-2, 11-2, 11-5

May 17



Larkin Grabs North Shore Open Title

Earlier in the month, **Josh Larkin** reached the final of the PSA M10 NT Open.

He was up two games to love (11-7, 11-7) before 2016 World Junior Champion Eain Yow Ng from Malaysia, took charge of the match winning the next three games 11-4, 11-6, 11-6 in a marathon 75 minute final.

Larkin bounced back quickly from that disappointment, crossing the ditch to take out the PSA M5 North Shore Open.

Larkin dominated the final beating #1 seed Evan Williams in three in 48 minutes.



North Shore Open Champion: Josh Larkin Photo: NZ Squash

JOSH LARKIN CAREER TITLES

- 1 2015 PSA Challenger 5: City of Perth WA Open
- 2 2015 PSA Challenger 5: City of Kalgoorlie & Boulder Golden Open
- 3 2016 PSA M5: Inno Wood Open
- 4 2017 PSA M5: North Shore Open

PSA M5 North Shore Open

Final

[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [1] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7 (48m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [4] Valentino Bong (MAS) 11-5, 6-11, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 (63m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [3] Ben Grindrod (NZL) 9-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-2 (50m)

- [1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [6] Bradley Masters (ENG) 12-10, 11-8, 12-10 (47m)
- [4] Valentino Bong (MAS) bt [5] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-4, 7-11, 13-11, 11-4 (40m)
- [3] Ben Grindrod (NZL) bt [Q] Chris van der Salm (NZL) 12-10, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9 (56m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [7] Chang-Wook Woo (KOR) 11-5, 11-7, 11-8 (30m)

Cameron Pilley





June 17



6th Golden Open for Corren

Mike Corren beat three young guns to take out his 6th Golden Open. The "Moose" beat 2016 Australian Junior Representative Joseph White 11-7, 11-1, 11-2 (21min) to set up a semi final clash with Tom Calvert.

#4S Corren beat #2S Calvert in 34 minutes 11-5, 11-7, 11-6 to reach yet another PSA Final.

Meanwhile #1S Rhys Dowling took care of Australia's premier junior from 2016 Alex Eustace beating the #8S 11-5, 11-3, 11-7 (34min) before destroying Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-9, 11-2, 11-2 (28m) to reach the final.

The final was a tense battle between "youth" and "experience". "Experience" won out in the end 16-14, 8-11, 11-9, 11-6 (60m) giving

Corren back to back titles and his 6th Golden Open.





PSA M5 Golden Open

Final

[4] Mike Corren (AUS) def [1] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 16-14, 8-11, 11-9, 11-6 (60m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Rhys Dowling (AUS) def [3] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-9, 11-2, 11-2 (28m)
- [4] Mike Corren (AUS) def [2] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-5, 11-7, 11-6 (34m)

- [1] Rhys Dowling (AUS) def [8] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-5, 11-3, 11-7 (34m)
- [3] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) def [7] David Ilich (AUS) 11-5, 11-9, 2-11, 12-10 (47m)
- [4] Mike Corren (AUS) def Joseph White (AUS) 11-7, 11-1, 11-2 (27m)
- [2] Thomas Calvert (AUS) def [5] Courtney West (AUS) 12-10, 11-6, 11-4 (29m)

June 17



Saxby Strikes Gold in Kalgoorlie

Tamika Saxby beat Samantha Foyle 7-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-5 (32m) to claim the inaugural Women's Golden Open Title.

Foyle got off to a flying start (literally) winning the first but Saxby took control in the second and never looked back capturing her second title of the year.

Both Ladies need to be thanked and congratulated for making the trip to Kalgoorlie.

Their presence was well received by the local crowd and as a result there is a strong chance the event will be staged again in 2018.









PSA W5 Golden Open

Final

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def [2] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 7-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-5 (32m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def Amanda Hopps (AUS) 11-1, 11-4, 11-6 (19m)
- [2] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def Zoe Petrovansky (AUS) 11-3, 11-5, 11-4 (17m)

Round 1

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def Cindy Meintjes (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-3 (21m)

Amanda Hopps (AUS) def [3] Aika Azman (MAS) 11-8, 14-12, 11-13, 11-7 (37m)

Zoe Petrovansky (AUS) def [4] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-6, 11-5, 12-14, 11-7 (27m)

[2] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def [5] Lauren Aspinall (AUS) 11-7, 11-6, 11-7 (13m)



Dowling Breaks Through in Tassie





Rhys Dowling has broken through to win his first PSA Tour Title by taking out the 2017 Tasmanian Open.

The win was full of merit beating #1S Matt Hopkin in five over 50 minutes.

The writing has been on the wall for a short while now that a breakthrough was eminent. Dowling reached the final of the Australian Closed in Townsville in March but was outgunned in straight by Zac Alexander.

He then reached the final of the Golden Open where he played well against the very experienced Mike Corren to go down narrowly 14-16, 11-8, 9-11, 6-11 in 60 minutes.

PSA M5 City of Devonport Tasmanian Open

Final

[2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [1] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) 4-11, 11-5, 11-8, 9-11, 11-5 (50m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) bt [4] Chris Lo (HKG) 11-7, 11-4, 13-11 (27m)
- [2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) 1-11, 11-6, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7 (46m)

- [1] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) bt Robert Dadds (ENG) 11-3, 12-10, 11-4 (19m)
- [4] Chris Lo (HKG) bt [6] Darcy Evans (AUS) 11-1, 12-10, 11-2 (26m)
- [3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) bt Ignacio Gutierrez Keen (ARG) 11-8, 11-5, 12-10 (24m)
- [2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [5] Vivian Rhamanan (SIN) 11-8, 11-7, 11-9 (26m)



Nunn Becomes New Queen of the ARC



Great to see **Christine Nunn** back in the winner's circle. Nunn won the SA Open beating Lisa Camilleri in the final.

Nunn had been off the scene for the first half of 2017 and her World Ranking dropped considerably. But she is back with a

new lease on life!

Nunn was at her sizzling best beating the #1S in the quarters, the #3S in the semi and the #2S in the final.

Whilst that was impressive the "icing on the cake" was winning all those matches in straight!



CHRISTINE NUNN CAREER TITLES

- 1 2014 **WSA Tour 5: NSW Open**
- 2 2014 WSA Tour 5: Queensland Open
- 3 2015 PSA W5 City of Devonport Tasmanian Open
- 4 2017 PSA W5 South Australian Open





PSA W5 South Australian Open

Final

[5] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 11-4, 11-6, 11-2 (23m)

Semi Finals

- [5] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-5 (22m)
- [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt [4] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 11-8, 11-9, 11-9 (23m)

- [5] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 (38m)
- [3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [8] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-8, 11-2, 10-12, 11-4 (24m)
- [4] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) bt [7] Nazihah Hanis (MAS) 11-6, 11-5, 11-3 (22m)
- [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt Nadeen Kotb (EGY) 8-11, 11-0, 18-16, 11-13, 11-5 (61m)



Dynamic Duo Win World Doubles

STORY by Howard Harding

Australians Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley took gold in the Men's event despatching Scotland's reigning champions and top seeds Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban 11-6, 11-3 in 34 minutes.

"We've had a lot of tough matches with them," said Australian number one Pilley, renowned as the one of the hardest hitters of the ball.

"They beat us last year so it was good to turn the tables this time. There were some brutal rallies in the first, but we stuck to our game plan and it worked out, then in the second we continued to execute and they made a few errors which helped our cause."





MEN'S WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN'S Pool B

- [2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [10] Lance Beddoes & Evan Williams (NZL) 11-7, 11-10 (32m)
- [7] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL) bt Jean-Pierre Brits & Christo Potgieter (RSA) 11-8, 11-3 (25m)
- [2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [7] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL) 11-7, 11-6 (32m)
- [10] Lance Beddoes & Evan Williams (NZL) bt Jean-Pierre Brits & Christo Potgieter (RSA) 11-10, 11-6 (30m)
- [2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt Jean-Pierre Brits & Christo Potgieter (RSA) 11-3, 11-10 (23m)
- [7] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL) bt [10] Lance Beddoes & Evan Williams (NZL) 11-7, 11-8 (34m)

MEN'S quarter-finals:

- [1] Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban (SCO) bt [7] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL) 11-4, 11-7 (37m)
- [4] Paul Coll & Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt [6] Tom Richards & Daryl Selby (ENG) 11-7, 11-7 (47m)
- [5] Declan James & James Willstrop (ENG) bt [3] Zac Alexander & David Palmer (AUS) 11-10, 6-11, 11-9 (77m)
- [2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt Dylan Bennett & Piedro Schweertman (NED) 11-7, 11-1 (20m)

MEN'S Semi-finals:

- [1] Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban (SCO) bt [4] Paul Coll & Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-8, 8-11, 11-8 (82m)
- [2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt [5] Declan James & James Willstrop (ENG) 11-3, 11-7 (37m)

MEN'S Final:

[2] Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS)

bt [1] Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban (SCO) 11-6, 11-3 (34m)

[4] Paul Coll & Campbell Grayson (NZL)

[5] Declan James & James Willstrop (ENG)

GOLD MEDAL

Silver Medal

Bronze Medal

Bronze Medal

















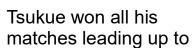




Larkin Wins Bendigo International

#1 seed Josh Larkin dropped just 2 games on route to the final of the Bendigo International where he met unseeded Ryunosuke Tsukue from Japan.

Tsukue ranked #498 in the World surprised his more fancied opponents to reach his first ever PSA final. The 20 year old reached the quarter finals of the 2016 World Junior Championships and won the Hong Kong Junior U19 title in 2016.





the final in straight beating the #7, #3 and #8 seeds in the process. However, his purple patch of form came to an abrupt end when he met Larkin in the final. The match hardened Aussie destroyed Tsukue in 28 minutes 11-2, 11-7, 11-4.

It was PSA title number 2 for Larkin in 2017 and his 5th career title.

PSA M5 Bendigo International

Final

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt Ryunosuke Tsukue (JPN) 11-2, 11-7, 11-4 (28m)

Semi Finals

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [6] Bernat Jaume (ESP) 14-12, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8 (67m)

Ryunosuke Tsukue (JPN) bt [8] Joeri Hapers (BEL) 11-6, 11-8, 11-7 (31m)

Quarter Finals

- [1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [5] Henry Leung (HKG) 11-5, 13-11, 3-11, 11-8 (45m)
- [6] Bernat Jaume (ESP) bt [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-5, 11-7, 14-12 (37m)

Ryunosuke Tsukue (JPN) bt [3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) 11-8, 11-9, 11-2 (25m)

[8] Joeri Hapers (BEL) bt [2] Tang Ming Hong (HKG) 11-9, 11-8, 11-13, 11-9 (49m)



Two in a Row for Larkin

In the final of the **Shepparton International**, #1 seed **Josh Larkin** displayed true grit and determination over 79 minutes to outlast #5 seed Bernat Jaume from Spain.

Larkin, ranked #77 in the World was expected to be too strong in the final for the 21 year old W#159 given he beat him in the semi final of the Bendigo International but that wasn't the case.

Jaume won the first and 3rd games to take a commanding 2 games to 1 lead before Larkin staged a sustained and impressive comeback to win 12-10 in the 5th.

Larkin also recorded a solid victory over fellow Aussie Rhys Dowling in the semi final. After dropping the first game 8-11 Larkin gradually wore down his younger opponent, who was chasing his second PSA tour title, 11-9, 11-6, 11-4 in 54 minutes.

It was Larkin's third PSA title for the year and his 6th career title.



PSA M5 Shepparton International

Final

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [5] Bernat Jaume (ESP) 8-11, 11-3, 4-11, 11-3, 12-10 (79m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [3] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-4 (54m)
- [5] Bernat Jaume (ESP) bt [2] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-7, 11-4, 11-7 (46m)

- [1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [8] Syed Azlan Amjad (QAT) 11-7, 11-3, 11-2 (27m)
- [3] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [Q] Sion Wiggin (NZL) 11-9, 11-6, 9-11, 11-5 (33m)
- [5] Bernat Jaume (ESP) bt [4] Ko Youngjo (KOR) 11-9, 8-11, 14-12, 11-6 (63m)
- [2] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [6] Chris Lo (HKG) 11-6, 11-7, 11-5 (25m)

September 17



Saxby Rules On Home Courts

The Women's North Coast Open Final between #1 seed **Tamika Saxby** and an unseeded Sunayna Kuruvilla from India saw Saxby dominate the match from the front with controlled tight drives and precision placements. She simply nullified Kuruvilla's efforts to get into the game.

The W#53 was simply too good for her opponent, ranked just over 100 places lower, closing out the match in three to retain the title she won in 2016.

"I was pleased with how I hit the ball today. Really tried to keep the ball away from

Sunayna as much as possible. She is definitely one to watch in the future but I'm really happy with how I played today and having won here at home." said Saxby after the match.

Kuruvilla was a surprise finalist beating #2 seed Lisa Camilleri in five in the semi final.



PSA W5 North Coast Open

Final

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt Sunayna Kuruvilla (IND) 11-7, 11-6, 11-3 (24m)

Semi Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt Yura Choi (KOR) 11-7, 11-3, 11-9 (26m)

Sunayna Kuruvilla (IND) bt [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 5-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6 (29m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt Min Gyeong (KOR) 11-7, 11-4, 11-3 (22m)

Yura Choi (KOR) bt [3] Christine Nunn (AUS) 18-16, 9-11, 11-4, 11-7 (54m)

Sunayna Kuruvilla (IND) bt [4] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 12-10, 11-3, 12-10 (18m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt Jenny Haley (WAL) 11-7, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7 (29m)

September 17



Saxby Secures NSW Open Title



NSW's **Tamika Saxby** continues to dominate the domestic circuit winning her 4th title for the year.

The 24 year old W#53 dropped a game in the final to #2S Jessica Turnbull but she was always in control winning comfortably in four.

Last year Saxby won the two premier PSA events in NSW (the North Coast Open and NSW Open) and this year she has repeated the dose.

It was Saxby's 9th title in two years.

In the quarter finals Saxby beat Sunayna Kuruvilla from India, who she beat in the final of

the North Coast Open last weekend, and won in straight again.

The semi final saw Saxby drop the opening game against #4S Abbie Palmer before unleashing an unrelenting attack on the Kiwi winning the next three games 11-4, 11-4, 11-4.

The final saw Saxby get off to a much better start winning the first two games comfortably against the #2 seed. She then experienced a minor hiccup dropping the third before closing out the match 11-4 in 36 minutes.

PSA W5 NSW Open

Final

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-5, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4 (36m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [4] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 5-11, 11-4, 11-4, 11-4 (26m)
- [2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Moana Gray (AUS) 11-4, 11-8, 11-5 (23m)

- [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt Sunayna Kuruvilla (IND) 11-3, 11-7, 14-12
- [4] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [8] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-6, 11-4 (17m)
- Moana Gray (AUS) bt [6] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 11-3, 11-5, 11-3 (16m)
- [2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Yura Choi (KOR) 9-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-4 (30m)



Dowling's Brisbane Open

Photos courtesy of Craig Stewart









Rhys Dowling is the 2017 Brisbane Open Champion.

The #2S beat Bryan Lim in four to secure the PSA Closed Satellite event and his second title for 2017.

Dowling became the hot favourite to take the title after the shock departure of Josh Larkin in the quarters.

Dowling dropped the 3rd game in the final but was always in control.

BRISBANE OPEN



PSA Closed Satellite Brisbane Open

Final

Rhys Dowling [2] def Bryan Lim 11-9, 11-6, 4-11, 11-4

Semi Finals

Bryan Lim def Alex Eustace [5] 11-13, 11-8, 11-4, 11-2

Rhys Dowling [2] def Courtney West [6] 11-4, 11-4, 11-2

Quarter Finals

Bryan Lim def Joshua Larkin [1] w/o

Alex Eustace [5] def Solayman Nowrozi [4] 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 5-11, 12-10

Courtney West [6] def Tom Calvert [3] 5-11, 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-7

Rhys Dowling [2] def Brad Freeme 11-9, 12-10, 11-5



Alexander Wins White Oaks

Queenslander **Zac Alexander** surprised a number of people with a win in the PSA M10 event held at Club at White Oaks, Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario, Canada.

Seeded #8 and making his return to the professional circuit after the World Doubles Championship in August, Alexander served notice to the rest of the field when he knocked out Canada's highest ranked player Nick Sachvie in straight in the quarter finals.

He then faced Canada's next best player Shawn Delierre in the semis and despite going to four was too strong for the former W#35. Alexander himself reached a career high #38 so it was a good match up that lasted 72 minutes before the younger man triumphed.

Alexander then stepped it up a gear destroying Jamaican Christopher Binnie in the 45 minute final 3-0 to claim his 27th Tour Title.

ZAC ALEXANDER'S CAREER TITLES SINCE 2016

- 18 **2016 PSA M5 NT Open**
- 19 2016 PSA M5 City of Perth International Challenge
- 20 2016 PSA M5 New South Wales Open
- 21 2016 PSA M5 Tasmanian Open
- 22 2016 PSA M5 North Coast Open
- 23 2016 PSA M5 Queensland Open
- 24 2016 PSA M5 Mackay Open
- 25 2016 PSA M5 Cairns International
- 26 2017 PSA M5 Elanora Open
- 27 2017 PSA M10 White Oaks Court Classic

PSA M10 White Oaks Court Classic - Canada

Final

[8] Zac Alexander (AUS) bt [4] Christopher Binnie (JAM) 11-5, 11-8, 11-7 (45m)

Semi Finals

- [4] Christopher Binnie (JAM) bt [1] Farhan Zaman (PAK) 11-9, 11-9, 11-6 (38m)
- [8] Zac Alexander (AUS) bt [5] Shawn Delierre (CAN) 11-7, 12-10, 5-11, 11-8 (72m)

- [1] Farhan Zaman (PAK) bt Victor Crouin (FRA) 11-6, 11-5, 10-12, 7-11, 11-4
- [4] Christopher Binnie (JAM) bt [6] Adam Murrills (ENG) 11-9, 5-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-7
- [5] Shawn Delierre (CAN) bt [3] Andrew Schnell (CAN) 11-4, 12-10, 11-6
- [8] Zac Alexander (AUS) bt [2] Nick Sachvie (CAN) 11-7, 11-4, 13-11



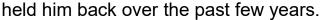
Hedrick Claims 2nd Q Open

Victoria's **Rex Hedrick** was simply too good for Josh Larkin in the final of the PSA M10 Queensland Open.

The W#63 notched up his first tour title for 2017 with a strong 11-3, 11-8, 11-4 win over Larkin. It was also his 10th career title.

Hedrick didn't drop a game during the championship and

looks to have overcome the injuries that have









SQUASH



PSA M10 Queensland Open

Final

[1] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-3, 11-8, 11-4

Semi Finals

- [1] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-9 (40m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [8] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) 6-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7 (55m)

- [1] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [6] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 11-9, 11-8, 11-5 (45m)
- [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [7] Roee Avraham (ISR) 11-7, 17-15, 11-0 (34m)
- [8] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) bt [3] Evan Williams (NZL) 7-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6, 11-7 (60m)
- [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [5] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) 11-8, 11-7, 4-11, 11-6 (50m)



Saxby Simply Superb

NSW's **Tamika Saxby** put a tough month behind her with a superb performance at the Cairns International.

Earlier in the month Saxby lost the Brisbane Open final to Jenny Duncalf. She then lost to Rachael Grinham in the quarter finals of the Queensland Open. But in Cairns she was on fire beating #1S Tong Tsz-Wing in straight to secure her 9th PSA tour title.



Tamika Saxby being recognised by Dean Morzone and Steve Finitsis

CAIRNS SQUASH INTERNATIONAL

TAMIKA SAXBY CAREER TITLES

- 1 2016 PSA W5 City of Perth International Challenge
- 2 2016 PSA W5 Sandgate Open
- 3 2016 PSA W5 New South Wales Open
- 4 2016 PSA W5 South Australian Open
- 5 2016 PSA W5 North Coast Open
- 6 2017 PSA W5 Golden Open
- 7 2017 PSA W5 North Coast Open
- 8 2017 PSA W5 New South Wales Open
- 9 2017 PSA W5 Cairns International







PSA W5 Cairns International

Final

[2] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 11-9, 11-7, 14-12 (31m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-8, 11-3, 8-11, 11-9
- [2] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [3] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 11-9, 11-7, 12-10

- [1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-1, 11-4, 11-2
- [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [7] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 8-11, 11-9, 11-7, 7-11, 11-6
- [3] Vanessa Chu (HKG) bt Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) 11-2, 11-9, 11-7
- [2] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [6] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

November 17



Grinham Saves Her Best for Last



2007 World Champion
Rachael Grinham turned
back the clock to win the
Australian Open in Darwin in
November.

In fact the #1 seed was in sensational form winning the PSA W10 event without dropping a game!

It was her first PSA title since December 2014.

Grinham put the disappointment of losing to Australian team mate Christine Nunn at the recent Queensland Open behind her by beating the #6S in the semi-finals 11-7, 11-5, 11-9

in a brisk 29 minutes. At the Queensland Open Nunn won their semi final clash 11-8, 6-11, 13-11, 11-8 in 52 minutes.

Grinham wasn't stopping there! She then used all her experience to dismantle #2S Sivasangari Subramaniam (Malaysia) 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 to claim the crown.

PSA W10 Australian Open

Final

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [2] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 (28m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [6] Christine Nunn (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 11-9 (29m)
- [2] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) bt [4] Nouran El Torky (EGY) 11-5, 11-4, 11-6 (22m)

- [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [8] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-1, 11-8, 11-6 (17m)
- [6] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 9-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-5 (42m)
- [4] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [7] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 8-11, 11-6, 10-12, 11-8, 11-6 (46m)
- [2] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) bt [5] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-13, 17-15, 15-13, 5-11, 11-9 (54m)

November 17



Australian Squash Tour

The Australian Squash Tour was designed by Squash Australia to promote the domestic PSA events under one umbrella and encourage greater participation by our PSA players.



The AST saw the top three male and female Australian players share in an additional \$10,000 prize pool.

Josh Larkin and Tamika Saxby emerged the inaugural overall winners.

Rhys Dowling scored more points on aggregate but only a player's best 10 tournament results counted toward their overall point score.

Australian Squash Tour							
TOP 10 - LEADERBOARD							
\$10,000 PRIZE POOL							
	Best 10	Total		Best 10	Total		
1 Josh Larkin NSW		7182	1 Tamika Saxby NSW		6772		
2 Rhys Dowling NT	6250	7410	2 Jessica Turnbull QLD		3603		
3 Rex Hedrick VIC		3600	3 Christine Nunn VIC		3550		
4 Matt Hopkin QLD		3490	4 Lisa Camilleri QLD		2900		
5 Zac Alexander QLD		3100	5 Samantha Foyle QLD		2732		
6 Tom Calvert QLD	2940	3092	6 Rachael Grinham QLD		2503		
7 Alex Eustace QLD	1970	2143	7 Taylor Flavell VIC		2110		
8 Mike Corren WA		1520	8 Lauren Aspinall SA	2100	2132		
9 Joel Luca QLD		1480	9 Samantha Calvert QLD		1270		
10 Solayman Nowrozi QLD		1292	10 Selena Shaikh VIC		950		

Please note: These points are unofficial.

SPLIT UP						
Men's Winner	3000	Men's Winner	3000			
Men's Runner Up	1500	Men's Runner Up	1500			
Men's 3rd Place	500	Men's 3rd Place	500			

INAUGURAL WINNERS

Josh Larkin and Tamika Saxby CONGRATULATIONS

December 17



Urquhart Triumphs in Monte Carlo

STORY by PSA



Donna Urquhart became the third Australian to lift the Monte Carlo Classic trophy after victory in the 2017 edition of the event.

Urquhart followed in the footsteps of compatriots Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Natalie Grinham as she saw off the challenge of young Egyptian Zeina Mickawy in the final.

But the experienced Australian top seed had to battle back from 2-1 down to World Junior runner-up Mickawy before emerging victorious 7-11, 11-4, 10-12, 11-9 in 53 minutes.

PSA W25 Monte Carlo Classic

Final

[1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt Zeina Mickawy (EGY) 7-11, 11-4, 10-12, 11-2, 11-9 (53m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Donna Urquhart** (AUS) bt Rowan Reda Araby (EGY) 11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 11-7 (38m) Zeina Mickawy (EGY) bt [6] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 5-11, 10-12, 11-3, 11-7, 11-4 (42m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [8] Milou van der Heijden (NED) 10-12, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8 (52m)

Rowan Reda Araby (EGY) bt Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) 7-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-6 (30m)

Zeina Mickawy (EGY) bt [4] Nele Gilis (BEL) 11-8, 4-11, 11-8, 12-10 (48m)

[6] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [2] Millie Tomlinson (ENG) 12-14, 10-12, 11-8, 14-12, 11-7 (59m)

Round 1

- [1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [Q] Julianne Courtice (ENG) 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 8-11, 11-8 (53m)
- [8] Milou van der Heijden (NED) bt [Q] Rachael Chadwick (ENG) 11-6, 8-11, 11-8, 11-6 (35m)

Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) bt [7] Samantha Teran (MEX) 4-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9 (51m)

Rowan Reda Araby (EGY) bt [3] Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 11-3, 11-2, 11-4 (19m)

- [4] Nele Gilis (BEL) bt [WC] Enora Villard (FRA) 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 13-11 (52m)
- Zeina Mickawy (EGY) bt [5] Coline Aumard (FRA) 11-7, 5-11, 12-10, 12-10 (47m)
- [6] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Tinne Gilis (BEL) 11-3, 13-11, 12-10 (36m)
- [2] Millie Tomlinson (ENG) bt [Q] Catalina Pelaez (COL) 11-9, 11-5, 11-2 (22m)

Our Stars

