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Australian Trans Tasman Test Team Photo courtesy of Amy Davies



WELCOME



January focussed heavily on Juniors with 3 events conducted in Queensland to launch the 2018 competition year.

The Oceania Junior Championships (Redcliffe PCYC), the Trans Tasman Test Series (Redcliffe PCYC) and the Australian Junior Open (Nerang) were decided with the Kiwis dominating the OJC and winning the Test Series. Australian athletes excelled at the AJO.

January was very hot and humid in South East Queensland. Many players didn't adjust quickly to the conditions but the champions did and one can only applaud their achievements.

I would just like to **THANK** Toni van der Kreek, Tony Sergo and Amy Davies for their wonderful photos. I hope this will encourage other Tournament Officials to seek out a photographer who will capture the memories of their events.

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It was a relatively quiet month in terms of PSA action, however, **Ryan Cuskelly** excelled at the Tournament of Champions reaching the quarter finals,

The highlight of his performance was a sensational win over World Champion Mohamed Elshorbagy in the second round. The match went to five and took 90 minute to complete!

The Commonwealth Games are not far away now. Just over 2 months to go! Can't wait ...

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Come and see Australia's World Men's Doubles Champions **Ryan Cuskelly** and **Cameron Pilley** in action at the 2018CG.







WORLD RANKINGS





AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS As at 1 February 2018

	ТМ	LM	HR	WHEN
Ryan Cuskelly	18	15	12	Mar-17
Cameron Pilley	20	19	11	Jan-11
Rex Hedrick	59	59	51	Dec-16
Joshua Larkin	60	62	60	Feb-18
Rhys Dowling	93	94	93	Feb-18
Zac Alexander	126	128	36	Sep-12
Matthew Hopkin	128	130	89	Jul-15
Thomas Calvert	155	160	155	Dec-17
Mike Corren	175	176	38	Feb-04
Alex Eustace	203	205	203	Feb-18
Joel Luca	209	211	209	Nov-17
David Ilich	222	221	220	Dec-17
Solayman Nowrozi	230	230	189	Jul-17
Courtney West	254	254	218	Feb-12
Joseph White	266	283	263	Nov-17
Rohan Toole	289	299	209	Apr-17
Lachlan Coxsedge	293	301	293	Feb-18
Tim Cowell	339	342	178	Feb-13
Nicholas Calvert	347	350	316	Aug-17
Jacob Ford	363	365	363	Feb-18
Benjamin Ratcliffe	402	404	402	Feb-18
Ryan Marshall	445	439	398	Jan-16
Ethan Eyles	481	471	471	Jan-18
Ben Courtice	501	487	333	Jan-16



All Australian PSA players are listed.

N		ТМ	LM	HR	WHEN
7	Donna Urquhart	15	16	13	May-11
1	Rachael Grinham	27	29	1	Aug-04
6	Sarah Cardwell	52	46	41	Feb-17
8	Tamika Saxby	54	54	48	Nov-17
8	Christine Nunn	69	70	36	Jul-16
2	Jessica Turnbull	75	76	73	Dec-16
5	Taylor Flavell	92	91	91	Jan-18
7	Lauren Aspinall	104	97	97	Jan-18
4	Selena Shaikh	113	108	94	Sep-15
8	Stephanie Wighton	143	138	98	Jul-16
7	Shehana Vithana	163	159	159	Jan-18
7	Taylor Jones	179	171	145	Apr-17
7	Jessica Osborne	185	179	179	Jan-18
2	Courtney Mather	191	188	188	Jan-18



WORLD TOP 5	ТМ	LM	HR	
Gregory Gaultier	1	1	1	FRA
Mohamed Elshorbagy	2	2	1	EGY
Ali Farag	3	3	3	EGY
Marwan Elshorbagy	4	5	4	EGY
Karim Abdel Gawad	5	4	1	EGY
Nour El Sherbini	1	1	1	EGY
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Raneem El Welily	2	2	1	EGY
Nour El Tayeb	3	7	3	EGY
Laura Massaro	4	4	1	ENG
Camille Serme	5	3	2	FRA







PSA Matches played during January by our Top 10 players

Ryan Cuskelly #1

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Tarek Momen	L	QF	Tournament of Champions	9-11, 7-11, 7-11 (39m)
Mohamed Elshorbagy	W	R2	Tournament of Champions	12-10, 9-11, 11-8, 9-11,
				11-6 (90m)
Omar Mosaad	W	R1	Tournament of Champions	8-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-9
				(54m)

Cameron Pilley #2

Donna Urquhart #1

Camille Serme	L	R2	Tournament of Champions	5-11, 11-6, 11-8, 6-11, 8-11 (53m)
Annie Au	W	R1	Tournament of Champions	11-6, 11-7, 5-1 ret.
Hania El Hammamy	L	R1	PSA Masters	7-11, 8-11, 7-11 (25m)

Rachael Grinham #2

Amanda Sobhy	L	R1	Tournament of Champions	8-11, 11-9, 9-11, 3-11 (37m)
Haley Mendez Hana Moataz	W W		Tournament of Champions Tournament of Champions	11-9, 11-7, 11-3 (26m)
Nouran Gohar	L	R1	PSA Masters	5-11, 9-11, 8-11 (27m)

Sarah Cardwell #3

Nadine Shahin	L	SF	Edinburgh Sports Club Open	7-11, 4-11, 5-11 (27m)
Misaki Kobayashi	W	QF	Edinburgh Sports Club Open	11-9, 6-11, 11-8, 11-8
				(40m)
Lucy Turmel	W	R1	Edinburgh Sports Club Open	7-11, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9,
				11-7 (70m)

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Tournament of Champions Aussie Report



Stories by Sean Reuthe PSA

Australia's World No.19 **Cameron Pilley** bowed out of the 2018 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions after he lost out to former World No.1 James Willstrop on day one of the PSA World Series tournament taking place in New York's Grand Central Terminal.

The Yamba-born 35-year-old had never

beaten Willstrop in any of their six meetings on the PSA World Tour and went a game down after a strong start from the Englishman.

Pilley finally found his range in the second game to go 9-6 up but he squandered the opportunity to draw level as Willstrop fought back to double his lead, while the third game was a procession as the Aussie No.2 fell to an 11-6, 11-9, 11-3 in 41 minutes.

"I love playing here, the Tour is strong and to beat Cameron here is really tough," said Willstrop. "I'm very happy. Every single event brings up either a new player or someone who is very good like Cameron, so I don't really look at the draw anymore because you know you've got to turn up and be ready and that's what I'm trying to do from the very beginning."



In the women's draw, former World No.6 Amanda Sobhy - who became the first American-born woman ever to reach the final of this tournament back in 2016 capped her return from a 10-month injury absence with a 3-1 victory over 2007 World Champion **Rachael Grinham**.

Round 1: [12] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [Q] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 3-1: 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3 (37m)







Tournament of Champions Aussie Report



Stories by Sean Reuthe PSA

Defending women's champion Camille Serme narrowly avoided a shock second round defeat at the hands of Australian **Donna Urquhart**.

Serme had to call on all her fighting spirit to recover from a 2-1 deficit and come through a difficult clash with Urquhart in what was one of four women's second round matches to go the distance.

Serme became the first Frenchwoman ever to win the Tournament of Champions last year when she beat England's Laura Massaro in the final, but the number three seed was on the brink of an early elimination after conceding a one-game advantage following some superb squash from Urquhart.

The World No.16 outplayed Serme for large parts but the 28-year-old from Creteil showed her resilience as she came from 4-1 down in the fourth game to keep the match alive and, after taking the match into a crucial fifth, she maintained her composure to complete the victory.

"When you are losing, you start thinking about not playing again and being out of the tournament, so that's when you fight even more," said Serme.

"You think that you have nothing left to lose and that's when you relax a bit. At the end I got a lucky bounce and I just fought as hard as I could.

"I knew today would be tricky. Donna is in really good form and she put on a great match. She made me struggle a lot so I'm happy to be through."

Round 1:

Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [11] Annie Au (HKG) 3-0: 11-6, 11-7, 5-1 ret.

Round 2:

[3] Camille Serme (FRA) bt Donna Urquhart (AUS) 3-2: 11-5, 6-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8 (53m)

NEW CAREER HIGHS

60
93
203
293
363
402





Australian No.1 Cuskelly Defeats Former World No.3 to Secure TOC Second Round Berth

Story by Sean Reuthe PSA

Australian No.1 **Ryan Cuskelly** dispatched former World No.3 Omar Mosaad by a 3-1 scoreline to book his place in the second round of the 2018 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions, PSA World Series tournament held in New York's Grand Central Terminal.

The 30-year-old from Evans Head made blistering starts to the first three games and, while Mosaad managed to weather the storm in the opening game to go 1-0 up, he was unable to prevent the Australian from converting victories in games two and three.

The fourth game was a tight affair which saw both players trade points as momentum ebbed and flowed between the two of them, with Cuskelly eventually getting



the better of the Egyptian to complete an 8-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-9 victory which sees him through to round two, where he will face World Champion Mohamed ElShorbagy.

"I'm really happy, I've played Omar a few times and he's a good, solid player," said Cuskelly. "He cuts off the ball well and hits it very hard, so I was just trying to be aggressive and my coach [1991 World Champion Rodney Martin] changed the tactics a bit after the first game.

"If I didn't have Rod here I might have lost that because he told me to be a bit more aggressive and it paid off. I was rallying too much in the first game and then I started taking it in short and being more aggressive and it worked out in the end."





Cuskelly Shocks World Champion ElShorbagy on Day Four of TOC

Story by Sean Reuthe PSA

Australian **Ryan Cuskelly** pulled off one of the biggest wins of his career as he knocked World Champion Mohamed ElShorbagy out of the 2018 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions in a thrilling second round battle on day four of the PSA World Series tournament taking place inside New York's Grand Central Terminal.

Coming into the match ElShorbagy had won 28 of his past 30 matches on the PSA World Tour, including a run of 21 consecutive matches that saw him collect four titles on the trot, including December's World Championship, to close the gap on Gregory Gaultier atop the World Rankings.



But the Egyptian found himself out-muscled and out-hustled by Cuskelly in an absorbing encounter as the man who has called New York home for almost a decade produced one of his best ever displays throughout a a match of the highest calibre, coming through a mammoth 90 minute encounter to cause a huge upset.

"That's probably the biggest win of my career," said Cuskelly afterwards.

"And winning here in New York in front of family and friends makes it extra special. My wife was trying to scout tickets for the day to get everyone in, so I'm really happy to pull the win off and I have to thank everyone for the great support I had today.

"I came in today with a game plan and tried to vary the pace and be aggressive when I could and just hang in there when he got on a roll. I managed to get some errors out of him and hit my winners as well so I'm really happy."





Momen Ends Cuskelly's Giant-Killing Run at TOC

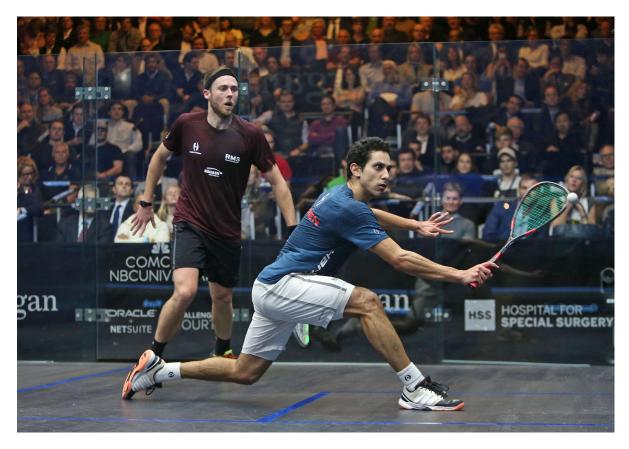
Story by Sean Reuthe PSA

Farag will line up against countryman Tarek Momen in the last four after the World No.7 halted the giant-killing run of Australia's **Ryan Cuskelly.**

Cuskelly caused one of the shocks of the tournament when he ended World Champion Mohamed ElShorbagy's 21-match unbeaten run in the previous round, but it was a different story against Momen as he struggled to find the impeccable length he was hitting against the World No.2 in round two, while Momen hit an incredible 23 winners en route to a 3-0 victory.

"I'm very glad to get through tonight in three games because it was the last session and you don't get enough recovery from now on," said Momen, the husband of El Welily.

"I'm very happy with the way I played. Ryan is a very dangerous player, he took out the number two seed and the World Champion, it was an impressive win and I knew I had to have all my horses ready."



Born:

31 Mar 1999 (age 18) Birthplace: Sri Lanka Residence: Sydney Height: 175cm Weight: 56kg Coach: Geoff Davenport Joined PSA: 06/17 Initial WR: 231 Highest WR: 159 (Jan 2018) Current WR: 163 Racquet: Grays































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Kiwi Juniors Dominate Oceania

Kiwi Juniors won 7 of the 10 titles on offer at the 2018 Oceania Junior Championships played at the Redcliffe PCYC courts in Brisbane. The only bright notes for Australia were **Maja Mazluk** winning the U11G and **Greg Chan** winning the U15B.







Kiwi Juniors Dominate Oceania

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
NZ	7	4	4	15
Australia	2	6	6	14
Malaysia	1	0	0	1
	4			2
NSW	1	1		2
WA	1			1
QLD		4	4	8
SA		1		1
VIC			2	2



















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NZ Wins Trans Tasman Test Series







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U19B	Nicholas Calvert	def	Lwamba Chileshe	11-9 , 5-11 , 13-15 , 19-17 , 11-8	8	10
U19B	Eugene Heng	def	Temwa Chileshe	11-6 , 11-7 , 13-11	7	10
U19B	Remi Young	lost to	Sean Dykes	7-11, 9-11, 4-11	6	10
U19B	Joel Arscott	def	Keidah Bungard	11-2 , 11-2 , 11-0	6	9
U19G	Shehana Vithana	def	Courtney Trail	11-6 , 11-3 , 10-12 , 11-7	5	9
U19G	Grace Pattison	lost to	Nadia Hubbard	9-11, 5-11, 7-11	4	9
U17B	Sam Sergo	lost to	Glenn Templeton	2-11, 5-11, 5-11	4	8
U17B	Abel Jin	lost to	Elijah Thomas	6-11, 2-11, 11-13	4	7
U17G	Mackenzie Sleep	lost to	Winona-Jo Joyce	4-11, 15-17, 11-8, 6-11	4	6
U17G	Alex Haydon	def	Georgia Robcke	11-4 , 11-4 , 11-6	4	5
U15B	Oscar Curtis		Riley-Jack Vette-Blomquist	5-11, 11-8, 7-11, 9-11	3	5
U15B	Gregory Chan		Tarin Love	11-9 , 5-11 , 8-11 , 11-7 , 11-2	3	4
U15G	Ella Burge		Natalie Sayes	11-6 , 12-10 , 3-11 , 11-9	2	4
U15G	Katie Davies		Jena Gregory	6-11, 11-3, 13-11, 7-11, 11-4	1	4
U13B	Benjamin Murray		Noah Thomas	5-11, 5-11, 11-9, 5-11	0	4
U13B	Andre Lynn		Tom Marshall	6-11, 4-11, 5-11	0	3
U13G	Courtney Scholtz		Sophie Hodges	4-11, 6-11, 6-11	0	2
U13G	Madison Lyon		Ella Lash	5-11, 9-11, 7-11	0	1





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U19B	Eugene Heng	def	Lwamba Chileshe	11-8, 7-11, 13-11, 11-6	7	11
U19B	Nicholas Calvert	def	Temwa Chileshe	11-7, 11-3, 8-11, 11-4	6	11
U19B U19B	Joel Arscott Remi Young		Sean Dykes	10-12, 11-7, 7-11, 10-12 6-11, 3-11, 11-7, 8-11	5 5	11 10
U19G	Grace Pattison	lost to	Courtney Trail	11-13, 11-13, 4-11	5	9
U19G	<mark>Shehana Vithana</mark>	def	Nadia Hubbard	11-8, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9	5	8
U17B	Abel Jin	lost to		3-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-3, 7-11	4	8
U17B	Sam Sergo	lost to		7-11, 2-11, 9-11	4	7
U17G	Alex Haydon	def	Winona-Jo Joyce	11-7, 11-6, 11-6	4	6
U17G	Mackenzie Sleep	def	Georgia Robcke	5-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-5	3	6
U15B	Gregory Chan	def	Riley-Jack Vette-Blomquist	11-3, 11-8, 11-7	2	6
U15B	Oscar Curtis	lost to	Tarin Love	13-15, 5-11, 11-5, 1-11	1	6
U15G	Katie Davies	def	Natalie Sayes	11-9, 14-12, 8-11, 11-8	1	5
U15G	Ella Burge	lost to	Jena Gregory	6-11, 7-11, 10-12	0	5
U13B	Andre Lynn		Noah Thomas	11-13, 7-11, 6-11	0	4
U13B	Benjamin Murray		Tom Marshall	4-11, 7-11, 4-11	0	3
U13G	Madison Lyon	lost to	Sophie Hodges	5-11, 8-11, 7-11	0	2
U13G	Courtney Scholtz	lost to	Ella Lash	3-11, 4-11, 0-11	0	1





The Clive Pollard Report on the AJO

Australian Junior Open 2018 - Nerang Squash and Fitness Centre, Queensland

With just over 200 entries, the AJO began in a sweltering centre on Thursday 11 January. An enthusiastic group of juniors accompanied by perspiring parents, coaches and other spectators could gain little relief from the few fans within the viewing areas.

On court, it was clear that some players were finding the conditions difficult to cope with. The new, WSF-instigated triple-plate system was being used again (as in the Oceania Junior Championships the previous week). This did not prove popular, as many players, especially those who should have been playing for positions 5-8 in some draws, found they were not required to play further.

In the two Boys U11 pools of 4 and 5 players, only 3 matches extended beyond 3 games. The eventual winner was **Joshua Rahul Raj** (Malaysia) with Zane Wolpers (Qld) as runner-up. The Girls U11 was a single pool of 4 players, with **Maja Maziuk** (NSW) beating Haylee Besant (NSW) in the final, with a very tense 15-13 win in the 3rd.

The Boys U13 saw an 8-player qualification round leading into the last 16. Conor Loi (Malaysia) caused several upsets after qualifying, and reached the semi-finals, only finally losing to Noah Thomas (NZ) after a 47-min 5-set match. **Tom Marshall** (NZ) triumphed over his compatriot Noah in the 3-game final. The U13 Girls consisted of a 3- and a 4-player pool, with the eventual winner being **Madison Lyon** (Qld) and runner-up Swetha Sivakumar (Singapore).

In the Boys U15 draw, Brendan (BJ) MacDonald (Qld) reached the final after a 45minute battle with WA's Oscar Curtis. BJ then played an excellent match in the final against the Oceania Champion of this age-group and AJO #1 seed, **Gregory Chan**

(now resident in Malaysia), finally losing to Greg after 4 tough sets. The U15 Girls draw had a 16-player qualification leading into the last-16. No surprises here as the #1 seed, **Vharshamithraa Dinesh** (Malaysia) defeated the #2 seed from NZ, Natalie Sayes, in 3 games.

The Boys U17 draw had been revised to place **Kerwin Teh** (Malaysia) as #1 seed. This







The Clive Pollard Report on the AJO



proved to be wise as, after the 24-player qualification round leading into the last-32, Teh came out on top, beating Elijah Thomas (NZ) in 4 games in the final. The U17 Girls draw brought #1 seed Winona-Jo Joyce (winner of the OJC last week) into the final against Quensland's own **Mackenzie Sleep**. This time, Mackenzie was able to reverse the result, winning in 4 games.

An 8-player qualification round led into the last-32 of the Boys U19 draw. Despite the appearance of several international players in this draw, it was four Australian boys who reached the last 4. In the semi-finals, Nicholas Calvert (Qld) defeated Jack Hudson (Tas) in 3 games, while **Eugene Heng** (NSW) beat Lachlan Coxsedge (Qld) also in 3. Eugene maintained his superiority over Nick from the previous week's OJC, this time prevailing in the final in 4 games.

With an 8-player qualification for the Girls U19 main draw, it seemed likely that the top 4 seeds would reach the semis unchallenged. However, Courtney Trail (NZ) upset her compatriot Zoe Dykzeul after a very tough 5-sets in the quarter-finals.

Both semi-finals were 3-0 victories, but only Alex Haydon (SA) held her seeding, while the #1 seed Anika Jackson (NZ) was unable to handle the skills of **Sneha Sivakumar** (Singapore). Sneha was too strong for Alex, winning the final also in 3 games.





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Aussies Win Most Titles at AJO

The Aussies bounced back at the AJO capturing 5 titles to New Zealand's one. Malaysia won 3 and Singapore one.

NSW's **Maja Maziuk** and WA's **Greg Chan** won their respective events for the 2nd time in a week. Queenslanders **Madison Lyon** and **Mackenzie Sleep** won titles and NSW's **Eugene Heng** defended his U19 AJO title that he first won in Darwin last year.

2018 Australian Junior Open Championships					
EVENT >>>	U11B	U11G			
FIRST	Joshua Rahul Raj (MAS)	[1] Maja Maziuk (NSW)			
	11-3, 11-4, 11-5 (16m)	RR 3 Wins 0 Losses			
SECOND	[3] Zane Wolpers (QLD)	[1] Haylee Besant (NSW)			
THIRD	[1] Matthew Growcott (NZL)	[4] Joanne Joseph (VIC)			
EVENT>>> U13B U13G					
FIRST	[2] Tom Marshall (NZL)	[2] Madison Lyon (QLD)			
	11-7, 15-13, 11-8 (27m)	11-6, 11-9, 9-11, 11-1 (23m)			
SECOND	[1] Noah Thomas (NZL)	[2] Swetha Sivakumar (SIN)			
THIRD	Conor Loi (MAS)	[3] Shona Coxsedge (QLD)			
EVENT >>>	U15B	U15G			
FIRST	[1] Gregory Chan (WA)	[1] Vharshamithraa Dinesh (MAS)			
	8-11, 13-11, 11-6, 11-2 (37m)	11-4, 11-5, 11-8 (21m)			
SECOND	[4] BJ MacDonald (QLD)	[2] Natalie Sayes (NZL)			
THIRD	[2] Oscar Curtis (WA)	[3] Ella Burge (QLD)			
EVENT >>>	U17B	U17G			
FIRST	[1] Kerwin Teh (MAS)	[2] Mackenzie Sleep (QLD)			
	11-6, 11-6, 13-15, 11-8	12-10, 11-3, 8-11, 11-7 (28m)			
SECOND	[2] Elijah Thomas (NZL)	[1] Winona-Jo Joyce (NZL)			
THIRD	[4] Abel Jin (WA)	[3] Katie Davies (QLD)			
EVENT >>>	U19B	U19G			
FIRST	[2] Eugene Heng (NSW)	[3] Sneha Sivakumar (SIN)			
	11-9, 7-11, 11-6, 11-4 (43m)	11-9, 11-6, 11-7 (32m)			
SECOND	[1] Nicholas Calvert (QLD)	[2] Alex Haydon (SA)			
THIRD	[3] Lachlan Coxsedge (QLD)	[1] Anika Jackson (NZL)			





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WA	1		2	3
SA		1		1
VIC			1	1





Greg CHAN

Madison LYON







AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR OPEN

















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JUNIOR RANKINGS







2018 GALENDAR



We are trialing putting the Calendar and all tournament posters in a separate publication and updating it each month. That way we can keep both publications at a reasonable size. So look out for the first one this month. To save any confusion we will aim to publish the **ASP Monthly** and the **ASP Calendar** at the same time.



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