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# AUSTRALIAN Squash PLAYER

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**Rex Hedrick**

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## REX HEDRICK WINS ACT OPEN

In April Victorian **Rex Hedrick** represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games and performed well to reach the 3rd round as an unseeded player. He lost that round to #8 seed Alan Clyne (Scotland).

In the first round he defeated the #13 seed, former World Junior Champion Eain Yow Ng (MAS) 13-11, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 12-10 (93m). That win proved Hedrick had the physical and mental toughness to persist. So it was no surprise to see him win the ACT Open beating all his opponents in straight.

He beat #5 seed Addeen Idrakie (Malaysia) in the final in a brisk 35 minutes.

"It went to plan today, I kept the pressure on and maybe he was feeling the affects of the last few days a bit more than me," Hedrick said.

"It's been a tough week, I've managed to get through each match 3-0 but none have been easy, they've all been hard fought could have gone either way but I was able to keep control," Hedrick added.

### PSA M10 ACT Open

#### Final

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-5, 11-3, 11-3 (35m)

#### Semi Finals

[5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [8] Henry Leung (HKG) 11-8, 11-1, 11-6 (27m)

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [3] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-6, 11-2, 11-8 (44m)

#### Quarter Finals

[8] Henry Leung (HKG) bt [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 8-11, 13-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8 (79m)

[5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 12-14, 11-9, 11-4, 13-11 (60m)

[3] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [6] Wong Chi Him (HKG) 11-4, 5-11, 11-6, 16-18, 13-11 (74m)

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [7] Tang Ming Hong (HKG) 12-10, 11-7, 11-5 (47m)

#### Round 1

[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [Q] Scott Galloway (NZL) 11-7, 11-4, 11-3 (24m)

[8] Henry Leung (HKG) bt [LL] Joel Luca (AUS) 11-9, 8-11, 11-1, 11-6 (30m)

[5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt Peter Nuttall (AUS) 11-4, 11-3, 11-1 (23m)

[4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-6, 11-9, 12-10 (28m)

[3] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [Q] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-4 (21m)

[6] Wong Chi Him (HKG) bt [LL] Aadit Zaveri (IND) 11-5, 11-4, 11-7 (28m)

[7] Tang Ming Hong (HKG) bt [Q] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-8, 8-11, 11-3, 11-9 (48m)

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [Q] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-5, 11-5, 11-6 (28m)

# CHRISTINE NUNN WINS NT OPEN

Commonwealth Games team mates **Christine Nunn** and former World Champion Rachael Grinham fought out the final of the NT Open.

The two last met at the Australian Open in November 2017 where the more experienced Grinham won the semi final comfortably 11-7, 11-5, 11-9 in 29 minutes. Grinham went on to take the title.



Since then Nunn has been on fire winning three PSA events before the Commonwealth Games (Australian Nationals, Sandgate Open and the Malaysian Tour #6). At the Games she lost a close contest in the 3rd round to Donna Urquhart in five.

The NT Open win is her 4th title for the year and her 7th career title.

## PSA W10 NT Open

### Final

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-4

### Semi Finals

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [7] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 11-5, 7-11, 4-11, 11-2, 11-4 (41m)

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [2] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) 11-7, 13-11, 11-9 (36m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [5] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 8-11, 13-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8

[7] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) bt Wen Li Lai (MAS) 11-7, 6-11, 11-7, 11-5

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [8] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 13-11, 11-9, 11-6

[2] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) bt [6] Aifa Azman (MAS) 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 12-10

### Round 1

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Aika Azman (MAS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-2 (16m)

[5] Vanessa Chu (HKG) bt Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-4, 11-8, 11-1 (18m)

[7] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) bt [Q] Shehana Vithana (AUS) 11-4, 11-2, 11-1 (16m)

Wen Li Lai (MAS) bt [4] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 8-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-6 (45m)

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt Abbie Palmer (NZL) 11-4, 11-8, 11-7 (22m)

[8] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [Q] Min Gyeong (KOR) 7-11, 11-5, 3-11, 11-5, 11-6 (37m)

[6] Aifa Azman (MAS) bt [WC] Jessica Osborne (AUS) 11-4, 11-4, 11-3 (13m)

[2] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) bt [Q] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) 11-3, 11-8, 12-10 (23m)

# RHYS DOWLING REACHES THE FINAL OF THE NT OPEN

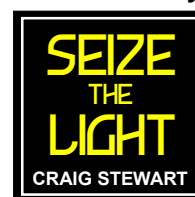
In front of his home crowd **Rhys Dowling** lifted and played near his best to reach the final of the NT Open.

The W#96 hasn't enjoyed great results in 2018 but maybe this performance will ignite the youngster to achieve greater success in the second half of the year.

Dowling played Lau Tsz Kwan (Hong Kong) in the Tasmanian Open last year and won 1-11, 11-6, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7 (46m). This time however, Lau Tsz Kwan won a close contest 11-8, 11-7, 11-13, 17-15. If only the match could have stretched out to a 5th game.



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#1 seed Josh Larkin bowed out in the semi to the eventual winner.

## PSA M5 NT Open

### Final

[3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) bt [2] **Rhys Dowling** (AUS) 11-8, 11-7, 11-13, 17-15

### Semi Finals

[3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) bt [1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-4 (44m)

[2] **Rhys Dowling** (AUS) bt [4] Darren Rahul Pragasam (MAS) 11-8, 11-8, 11-3 (31m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [8] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4

[3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) bt [7] Luke Jones (NZL) 9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-7

[4] Darren Rahul Pragasam (MAS) bt [6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-1, 11-7, 11-7

[2] **Rhys Dowling** (AUS) bt [5] Chris Lo (HKG) 8-11, 10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 12-10

### Round 1

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt Scott Galloway (NZL) 5-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-3 (24m)

[8] Alex Eustace (AUS) bt Naoki Hayashi (JPN) 12-10, 5-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6 (63m)

[7] Luke Jones (NZL) bt Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 12-14, 11-1, 11-1, 11-1 (37m)

[3] Lau Tsz Kwan (HKG) bt [WC] Eugene Heng (MAS) 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-3 (33m)

[4] Darren Rahul Pragasam (MAS) bt [Q] Chang-Wook Woo (KOR) 11-2, 11-9, 11-9 (24m)

[6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bt [Q] Aadit Zaveri (IND) 11-6, 11-4, 11-9 (26m)

[5] Chris Lo (HKG) bt [Q] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 10-12, 11-5, 11-5, 13-11 (41m)

[2] **Rhys Dowling** (AUS) bt [Q] Harley Lam (HKG) 11-7, 11-6, 11-9 (29m)



# HILLIER & CORREN DOMINATE WA OPEN



**Sue Hillier** upstaged her more fancied PSA opponents to win the WA Open for an 8th time whilst evergreen **Mike Corren** survived some punishing matches to win the Men's title.

In the women's final Amanda Hopps injured a calf muscle in the second game and had to retire handing Hillier the title.

Down 1-2 in the semi final Corren rallied to win in five against Timothy Leong from Singapore. He then got through a tough opening game in the final winning 19-17 to take control of the match against Chua Man Chin (Singapore).

## PSA CS WA Open

### Final

(1) Mike Corren (AUS) def (6) Chua Man Chin (SIN) 19-17, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3 (47m)

### Semi Finals

(1) Mike Corren (AUS) def (4) Timothy Leong (SIN) 11-13, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9 (64m)

(6) Chua Man Chin (SIN) def (5) Tim Cowell (AUS) 6-11, 11-5, 11-6, 12-10 (43m)

### Quarter Finals

(1) Mike Corren (AUS) def (8) Chua Man Tong (SIN) 11-4, 11-7, 11-6 (25m)

(4) Timothy Leong (SIN) def (7) Jason Van Der Walt (NZL) 11-3, 11-3, 11-3 (21m)

(5) Tim Cowell (AUS) def (3) Courtney West (AUS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-6 (35m)

(6) Chua Man Chin (SIN) def Graham Melvin (SCO) 13-11, 11-7, 10-12, 2-11, 11-6 (53m)

## PSA CS WA Open

### Final

(4) Sue Hillier (AUS) def Amanda Hopps (AUS) 11-9, 4-0 forfeit (11m)

### Semi Finals

Amanda Hopps (AUS) def Cindy Meintjes (AUS) 11-8, 11-9, 12-10 (25m)

(4) Sue Hillier (AUS) def (2) Trace Johnson (AUS) 11-6, 11-5, 11-2 (18m)

### Quarter Finals

Amanda Hopps (AUS) def (1) Challen Stowell (AUS) 11-8, 11-5, 12-10 (20m)

Cindy Meintjes (AUS) def (3) Anantana Praserttratanakul (THA) 4-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9 (41m)

(4) Sue Hillier (AUS) def Clare Slyth (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 12-10 (18m)

(2) Trace Johnson (AUS) def Leigh-Anne Kay (AUS) 11-8, 11-4, 6-11, 11-7 (23m)

## NUNN WINS TITLE #2

**Christine Nunn** is powering forward. After success at the NT Open earlier in the month, the W#53 has taken out the W5 Court Tech Classic in Auckland, New Zealand.



Nunn reached the final with a strong but tough win against Jemyca Aribado, the best female player from the Philippines. Nunn was in control up 2-0 before losing the third 12-14. She “steadied the ship” and closed out the match 11-7 in 44 minutes.

The final was a different story with Nunn dominating her Kiwi opponent Kaitlyn Watts taking the title 3-0 in a very quick 25 minutes.

What a year it has been for the 27 year old. Five titles and a 3rd round appearance at the Commonwealth Games. She is slowly but surely closing in on her career high of W#36 which she achieved in July 2016.

### PSA W5 CourtTech Classic NZ

#### Final

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) 11-9, 11-4, 11-7 (25m)

#### Semi Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [4] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 11-7, 11-3, 12-14, 11-7 (44m)

[5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) bt [3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9 (31m)

#### Quarter Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt Anika Jackson (NZL) 11-4, 11-6, 11-0 (18m)

[4] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) bt [7] Emma Millar (NZL) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (15m)

[3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [8] Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SIN) 11-7, 11-6, 11-5

[5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) bt [2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (24m)

#### Round 1

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [Q] Eleanor Epke (NZL) 13-11, 11-7, 11-3 (22m)

Anika Jackson (NZL) bt [6] Liu Kwai Chi (MAC) 11-7, 11-9, 11-4 (17m)

[7] Emma Millar (NZL) bt You Jiyoung (KOR) 11-3, 11-2, 11-3 (16m)

[4] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) bt [Q] Alexandra Haydon (AUS) 11-6, 11-3, 11-7 (18m)

[3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [Q] Sneha Sivakumar (SIN) 11-6, 11-3, 8-11, 12-10

[8] Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SIN) bt Min Gyeong (KOR) 11-4, 8-11, 11-8, 11-7 (28m)

[5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) bt [Q] Gigi Yeung (MAC) 11-5, 11-6, 13-11 (23m)

[2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) bt [WC] Casey Owen (NZL) 11-4, 11-0, 11-1 (15m)