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NUNN WINS NORTH COAST

Story by Peter Saxby



The 2018 finals were played out before a packed gallery with finalists (#1 seed) **Christine Nunn** (AUS) and (#2S) **Sarah Cardwell** Australia seeking the all-important win for a spot in the 2019 World Championship draw.

The match started with both players looking to settle in and lengthen the rallies. This suited Sarah early as she jumped out to lead in the opening game but the tenacity of Christine shone through as she came from behind to steal the opening game.

A similar start in the second saw Sarah have her chances but Christine again produced error free rallies to draw level and take the second game to go two games up.

Christine looked to have the upper hand at the start of the third but a courageous fight back by Sarah, where she strung together well placed short balls to the forehand court, saw her back in the match taking the third and fourth games and appeared to be gaining in confidence as a result.

In the final game both girls traded volleys and used the corners well looking to create a slender opening and at 7-5 Christine won two vital points with well directed shots to the forehand to take a stranglehold on the match and ultimately clinch the title in five games.



Women's Open Final: [1] Christine Nunn (AUS) def [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 3/2: 11-9, 11-9, 5-11, 5-11, 11-7 (55m)

Men's Open Final: [1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) def [2] Evan Williams (NZL) 3/1: 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-2 (47m)

Presentations to the players were performed by NSW State Member for Coffs Harbour, Andrew Fraser. Andrew was delighted to be present to witness two great finals and stated "I could watch another two hours of this!"





"Extremely well played and my congratulations to the players and all the internationals who have come to the Coffs Coast for this wonderful event here at the centre."

2018 Women's Open Champion **Christine Nunn** was delighted after her win to have the opportunity of competing in the World Championships in 2019:

"Obviously I'm really happy to pinch the win today. Sarah was hitting really nice lines & putting me under a lot of pressure – in the end, I was just thinking about volleying as much as I could. I'm off to China for the World Team Championships on Friday so feeling good heading into that ... thanks to the Saxby family for hosting yet another fantastic event!"

Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open - PSA Challenger Tour 5 A World Championship Qualification Event 2018-2019

Roberts & Morrow (Chartered Accountants) were delighted to come on board for as Naming Rights sponsors of this major event in Coffs Harbour. Spokesperson for Roberts & Morrow, Partner Phil Gream said "it is great to be involved in such a fantastic sport and we look forward to helping bring this level of squash to the Coffs Harbour community" Roberts & Morrow, established and based in Armidale, are continuing to grow and expand their Accountancy Services in the Coffs Harbour Coastal Region.

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Final

[1] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 11-9, 11-9, 5-11, 5-11, 11-7 (55m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-3, 11-3, 1-0 ret. (13m)
- [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6 (37m)

Quarter Finals

- [1] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [5] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-5, 11-0, 11-6 (20m)
- [3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [7] Shehana Vithana (AUS) 14-12, 11-8, 11-5 (25m)
- [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Courtney Mather (AUS) 11-1, 11-2, 11-4 (16m)
- [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [6] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-8 (22m)

Round 1

- [1] Christine Nunn (AUS) bye
- [5] Taylor Flavell (AUS) bt Jessica Osborne (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-2 (18m)
- [7] Shehana Vithana (AUS) bt Lynette Vai (PNG) 3-4 ret.
- [3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bye
- [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Lin Chiao-Chi (TPE) 11-3, 11-5, 11-6 (22m)
- Courtney Mather (AUS) bt Trace Johnson (AUS) 11-2, 11-6, 11-4 (16m)
- [6] Selena Shaikh (AUS) bt Challen Stowell (AUS) 11-7, 11-13, 11-6, 8-11, 11-5 (37m)
- [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bye





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Final

[1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [2] Evan Williams (NZL) 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-2 (47m)

Semi Finals

- [1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [WC] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 11-6, 11-9, 11-7 (30m)
- [2] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] Asyraf Azan (MAS) 11-4, 11-4, 11-5 (24m)

Quarter Finals

- [1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [9/16] Robin Gadola (SUI) 11-1, 12-10, 11-8 (38m)
- [WC] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt [9/16] Rohan Toole (AUS) 16-14, 11-6, 2-11, 11-3 (42m)
- [9/16] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt [9/16] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) 11-5, 11-7, 11-8 (21m)
- [2] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [6] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 (39m)

Round 2

- [1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [9/16] Ruan Olivier (RSA) 11-6, 12-10, 11-8 (30m)
- [9/16] Robin Gadola (SUI) bt [7] Joel Luca (AUS) w/o
- [WC] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt [8] Thomas King (CAN) 11-4, 11-3, 11-2
- [9/16] Rohan Toole (AUS) bt [4] Scott Galloway (NZL) 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 12-10 (35m)
- [9/16] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt [3] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 12-10 (23m)
- [9/16] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) bt [5] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 10-12, 8-11, 11-2, 11-5, 11-9 (49m)
- [6] Alex Eustace (AUS) bt [9/16] Courtney West (AUS) 11-7, 11-9, 11-1 (33m)
- [2] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] Lachlan Coxsedge (AUS) 11-7, 11-6, 11-8 (26m)

Round 1

- [1] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bye
- [9/16] Ruan Olivier (RSA) bt Benjamin Ratcliffe (AUS) 11-8, 11-0, 11-7 (24m)
- [9/16] Robin Gadola (SUI) bt [WC] Jacob Ford (AUS) 13-11, 11-5, 11-4 (36m)
- [7] Joel Luca (AUS) bye
- [8] Thomas King (CAN) bye
- [WC] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt [9/16] David Ilich (AUS) 11-1, 5-11, 11-8, 11-7 (39m)
- [9/16] Rohan Toole (AUS) bt Faisal Riaz (USA) 11-2, 11-2, 11-2 (11m)
- [4] Scott Galloway (NZL) bye
- [3] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bye
- [9/16] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt [WC] Madison Eggert (CAN) 11-6, 11-7, 12-10 (26m)
- [9/16] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) bt Abdelrahman Abdelkhalek (EGY) 11-7, 11-2, 11-8 (26m)
- [5] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) bye
- [6] Alex Eustace (AUS) bye
- [9/16] Courtney West (AUS) bt Shahzad Khan (AUS) 11-9, 12-10, 11-6 (25m)
- [9/16] Lachlan Coxsedge (AUS) bt [WC] Joel Arscott (AUS) 9-11, 11-9, 11-2, 11-4 (36m)
- [2] Evan Williams (NZL) bye

Thank you to the main Organising Team: Peter, Jenny and Jemma















BACKGROUND by Peter Saxby: Like many sports, squash is undergoing a structural change from 1 August 2018 worldwide and the North Coast Open in Coffs Harbour will be among the first tournaments using the new platform for the Professional Squash Circuit and Squash Australia Tour in 2018.

Peter Saxby Tournament Promoter of the Coffs Harbour event is delighted to announce that the Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open PSA Challenger Tour 5 Tournament has been confirmed as a World Qualification Challenger Tournament for 2018-19 with the winner gaining automatic entry into the World Championships in Chicago USA 2019.



The World Championships draw is made up of the top 56 ranked players, 7 invitees who are winners of World Qualification Tournaments and one Wildcard position.

The new draw format will see the tournament adopt a 24 player draw for the Men's PSA members. The Women's Draw will be a 16 player draw, consisting of 15 positions and one Wildcard position. The event will have two Invitee positions offered to compete along with two wildcard nominations to be used by the tournament promoter for PSA players.

Players will have valuable World Ranking Points on offer and the format is expected to attract a quality field with a huge opportunity to the winners awaiting them at the World Championships in 2019.

The Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open is regarded by many as one of the best events on the Squash Australia Tour and tournament organisers will be conducting a support program including Men and Women Grades and the popular Junior Clinic and Junior Competition as part of the weeks extravaganza of squash.

Phil Gream, Roberts & Morrow stated "we are very excited to support this fantastic sporting event in Coffs Harbour where players will be bidding for a place at the next World Championships in Chicago. It provides an opportunity for the public of the Coffs Coastal Region to visit the Squash Centre and follow the progress of the international players showing their skills and support the local contenders in the graded events. All the action you normally have to travel to the city to see will be right here in Coffs Harbour".