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CUSKELLY WINS CHICAGO



Welcome back ... Ryan Cuskelly!

The Aussie #1 had not played on the PSA World Circuit since May 2018. He had not won a PSA title since January 2017.



He began October with a

win but then lost to two high quality opponents. However, Chicago was different. He felt better. Thanks to Coach Rod Martin his game was back on track with a fresh focus.

"I'm happy with my week, I just wanted to play some good squash" said Cuskelly.

Ryan Cuskelly: Aussie #1

Cesar Salazar	W	F	Chicago Open	11-5, 11-6, 11-3 (30m)
Mostafa Asal	W	SF	Chicago Open	12-10, 11-7, 11-2
Joshua Masters	W	QF	Chicago Open	11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (50m)
Chris Hanson	W	R2	Chicago Open	11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (49m)
Omar Mosaad	L	R2	US Open	5-11, 11-4, 8-11, 11-7, 7-11 (78m)
Gregory Gaultier	L	R2	NetSuite Open	5-11, 9-11, 3-11 (39m)
Nathan Lake	W	R1	NetSuite Open	11-9, 15-13, 11-7 (52m)

Despite there being two domestic PSA events, Aussie athletes were unable to secure a win.

Queensland was on show with the Q Open and Cairns International being played. The best performance by an Aussie was Jessica Turnbull reaching the final of the Q Open.

Thank you to Craig Stewart for the use of his photos from both events.

COVER: Shannon Marshall from Pacific Toyota (left) was on hand with Q Squash (Northern Region) President Dean Morzone (right) to make the presentations to Champion Darren Chan and Runner Up Evan Williams.







PSA 30 Chicago Open

Final

[1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-5, 11-6, 11-3 (30m)

Semi Finals

[1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) 12-10, 11-7, 11-2

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) 9-11, 11-8, 12-10, 8-11, 11-8

Quarter Finals

[1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [7] Joshua Masters (ENG) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (50m)

[9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) bt [4] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) 11-7, 12-10, 11-8 (65m)

[5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt [3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-5, 12-10, 11-2 (39m)

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [9/16] Baptiste Masotti (FRA) 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-8 (50m)

Round 2

[1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [9/16] Chris Hanson (USA) 11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (49m)

[7] Joshua Masters (ENG) bt Rui Soares (POR) 11-6, 11-2, 11-6 (40m)

[9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) bt [8] Peter Creed (WAL) 11-7, 11-2, 11-9 (60m)

[4] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) bt [9/16] Iker Pajares Bernabeu (ESP) 11-5, 12-10, 6-11, 12-10 (90m)

[3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt [9/16] Vikram Malhotra (IND) 11-9, 4-11, 11-8, 11-7 (56m)

[5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt [9/16] Edmon Lopez (ESP) 11-4, 11-5, 11-5

[9/16] Baptiste Masotti (FRA) bt [6] Nathan Lake (ENG) 11-6, 11-8, 11-7

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [9/16] Karim El Hammamy (EGY) 11-6, 11-8, 11-6

Round 1

[1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bye

[9/16] Chris Hanson (USA) bt [WC] Cole Becker (USA) 11-8, 11-5, 11-1 (27m)
Rui Soares (POR) bt [9/16] Faraz Khan (USA) 11-5, 11-6, 7-11, 14-12 (60m)
[7] Joshua Masters (ENG) bye
[8] Peter Creed (WAL) bye
[9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) bt Michael McCue (CAN) 11-2, 11-7, 11-5 (60m)
[9/16] Iker Pajares Bernabeu (ESP) bt Ben Coates (ENG) 11-7, 11-4, 12-10 (28m)
[4] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) bye
[3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bye
[9/16] Vikram Malhotra (IND) bt [WC] Chris Fuller (ENG) 11-5, 11-8, 11-4 (49m)
[9/16] Edmon Lopez (ESP) bt David Baillargeon (CAN) 12-10, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7 (70m)
[5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bye
[6] Nathan Lake (ENG) bye
[9/16] Baptiste Masotti (FRA) bt Lyell Fuller (ENG) 11-5, 11-9, 11-4 (30m)
[9/16] Karim El Hammamy (EGY) bt Shahjahan Khan (PAK) 7-11, 9-11, 13-11, 16-14, 11-5 (109m)

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bye







Born in Brisbane, the unseeded Japanese #2 (WR#356) was too good for Malaysian [9/16] Robert Garcia (WR#295) in the final winning 3-0: 11-4, 11-8, 12-10 in 33 minutes.

In the Women's event Queenslander Jessica Turnbull reached the final but found #1 seed

In an event full of surprise results, Japan's **Tomotaka Endo** has been crowned the 2018 Q Open Champion. Endo became the first Japanese player to win a PSA World Tour event.



Low Wee Wern just too good in the final. The former WN#5 Malaysian was ultra consistent winning 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 in 24 minutes to take the title and her 4th PSA title since returning from injury.







PSA 5 Q Open

Final

Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) 11-4, 11-8, 12-10 (33m)

Semi Finals

[9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) bt Eugene Heng (MAS) 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10 (43m) Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [1] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-7, 15-13, 6-11, 11-8 (43m)

Quarter Finals

[9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) bt [2] Enzo Corigliano (FRA) 7-11, 11-6, 11-7, 13-11 (45m) Eugene Heng (MAS) bt [3] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 5-11, 13-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-6 (52m) Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [9/16] Chris Lo (HKG) 11-9, 12-10, 11-9 (28m)

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (29m)

Round 2

[2] Enzo Corigliano (FRA) bt [9/16] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 9-11, 9-11, 11-7, 14-12, 11-8 (64m)
[9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) bt [8] Asyraf Azan (MAS) 11-8, 4-11, 11-6, 13-11 (46m)
Eugene Heng (MAS) bt [5] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 11-5, 11-13, 6-11, 11-3, 11-8 (58m)
[3] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bt Mansoor Zaman Jnr (PAK) 8-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-3 (39m)
Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [4] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-3 (36m)
[9/16] Chris Lo (HKG) bt [7] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) 11-5, 11-9, 14-12 (29m)
[9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [6] Joel Luca (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-6 (23m)
[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] David Ilich (AUS) 11-3, 11-3, 11-4 (22m)

Round 1

[2] Enzo Corigliano (FRA) bye

[9/16] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt Lwamba Chileshe (NZL) 13-11, 11-8, 11-5 (33m)

[9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) bt Jason van der Walt (NZL) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (20m)

[8] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bye

[5] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) bye

Eugene Heng (MAS) bt [9/16] Yousif Nizar Saleh (KUW) 11-9, 10-12, 6-11, 13-11, 12-10 (67m) Mansoor Zaman Jnr (PAK) bt [9/16] Courtney West (AUS) 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9 (50m)

[3] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bye

[4] Alex Eustace (AUS) bye

Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [9/16] Lachlan Coxsedge (AUS) 11-3, 11-6, 11-9 (25m)

[9/16] Chris Lo (HKG) bt Jacob Ford (AUS) 11-1, 11-7, 11-8 (20m)

[7] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) bye

[6] Joel Luca (AUS) bye

[9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) bt Harley Lam (HKG) 11-6, 11-0, 11-7 (27m)

[9/16] David Ilich (AUS) bt Chua Man Tong (SGP) 11-5, 11-2, 11-8 (29m)

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bye





PSA 5 Q Open

Final

[1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 (24m)

Semi Finals

[1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [4] Ooi Kah Yan (MAS) 11-2, 12-10, 14-12 (26m)

[2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [8] Aika Azman (MAS) 11-2, 12-10, 12-10 (24m)

Quarter Finals

- [1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [7] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-2, 11-4 (22m)
- [4] Ooi Kah Yan (MAS) bt [6] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-4, 8-11, 11-3, 11-4 (26m)

[8] Aika Azman (MAS) bt [3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 11-5, 11-2, 11-8 (23m)

[2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [5] Colette Sultana (MLT) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5 (19m)

Round 2

- [1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [9/16] Challen Stowell (AUS) 11-4, 11-1, 11-4 (17m)
- [7] Selena Shaikh (AUS) bt [9/16] Casey Owen (NZL) 11-6, 13-11, 11-6 (19m)
- [6] Taylor Flavell (AUS) bt [9/16] Shehana Vithana (AUS) 11-4, 11-6, 11-9 (23m)
- [4] Ooi Kah Yan (MAS) bt [9/16] Angie Ooi (MAS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5 (18m)
- [3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [9/16] Jessica Osborne (AUS) 11-3, 11-6, 11-3 (18m)
- [8] Aika Azman (MAS) bt Courtney Mather (AUS) 11-7, 11-1, 11-5 (20m)
- [5] Colette Sultana (MLT) bt [9/16] Maria Kalafatis (AUS) 11-1, 11-3, 11-2 (15m)
- [2] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [9/16] Trace Johnson (AUS) 11-5, 11-2, 11-2 (15m)

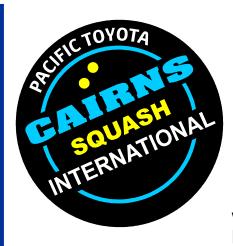
Round 1

Courtney Mather (AUS) bt [9/16] Anantana Prasertratanakul (THA) 10-12, 11-8, 11-6, 3-11, 11-8 (29m)









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In October Chan had a WR#494 and wasn't looking like he was going to trouble anyone in Cairns let alone the #1 seed **Evan Williams** from NZ.

Chan proved he had a heart bigger than Phar Lap. At 161cm (5'3") and 61kg ringing wet he is very compact. It just proves:

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." - Mark Twain

Chan won his first match as a pro beating Harley Lam WR#334. Then he had his toughest test against Aussie #3S Alex Eustace WR#160 prevailing in five before destroying Chris Lo WR#205 in straight.

He then took care of Q Open winner **Tomotaka Endo** WR#356 (who created his own slice of history last week becoming the first Japanese player to win a PSA World Tour event) in four to reach his first PSA final.

Born exactly 7 years apart (20 September) Chan and Williams took the court with most punters backing the Kiwi to win. Not so ... Chan "put the cleaners" through Williams (WR#95) in four.

Just goes to show anything and everything is possible!







PSA 5 Cairns International

Final

Darren Chan (MAS) bt [1] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-4, 5-11, 11-5, 11-2 (33m)

Semi Finals

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt Steven Finitsis (AUS) 11-4, 12-10, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9 (75m) Darren Chan (MAS) bt Tomotaka Endo (JPN) 11-5, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9 (46m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) 12-10, 11-8, 11-6 (35m)
Steven Finitsis (AUS) bt [6] Asyraf Azan (MAS) 10-12, 11-8, 9-11, 13-11, 11-6 (75m)
Darren Chan (MAS) bt [8] Chris Lo (HKG) 11-7, 11-6, 11-3 (26m)
Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [5] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) 11-5, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9 (43m)

Round 2

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) 11-8, 9-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-7 (70m)
[9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [7] David Ilich (AUS) 11-4, 11-5, 11-5 (23m)
[6] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt [9/16] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-7 (27m)
Steven Finitsis (AUS) bt [4] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 11-6, 11-8, 11-7 (40m)
Darren Chan (MAS) bt [3] Alex Eustace (AUS) 8-11, 11-8, 11-3, 9-11, 11-3 (53m)
[8] Chris Lo (HKG) bt [9/16] Courtney West (AUS) 11-4, 11-1, 11-5 (20m)
[5] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) bt Eugene Heng (MAS) 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 11-2 (42m)
Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [2] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 13-11, 11-8, 11-9 (48m)

Round 1

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bye [9/16] Robert Garcia (PHI) bt Lwamba Chileshe (NZL) 6-11, 11-6, 11-13, 11-3, 11-5 (62m) [9/16] Mike Corren (AUS) bye [7] David Ilich (AUS) bye [6] Asyraf Azan (MAS) bye [9/16] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt Jason Turner (AUS) 11-7, 11-4, 12-10 (31m) Steven Finitsis (AUS) bt [9/16] Lachlan Coxsedge (AUS) 11-2, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9 (55m) [4] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) bye [3] Alex Eustace (AUS) bye Darren Chan (MAS) bt [9/16] Harley Lam (HKG) 11-8, 12-10, 11-13, 11-4 (60m) [9/16] Courtney West (AUS) bt Ali Jafari (ENG) 10-12, 11-7, 13-11, 10-12, 11-2 (52m) [8] Chris Lo (HKG) bye [5] Naoki Hayashi (JPN) bye Eugene Heng (MAS) bt [9/16] Matthew Lai (HKG) 11-8, 5-11, 7-11, 11-8, 12-10 (63m) Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [9/16] Yousif Nizar Saleh (KUW) w/o [2] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bye