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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW



HELLO & WELCOME

Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and spent quality time with their loved ones.

Yes this edition does feature Lisa Camilleri in a big way! If only you knew what this girl does and goes through to compete at the highest level. She is gutsy and courageous to say the very least. She deserves to be recognised and applauded.

Despite nursing a hip injury since October, Lisa stepped up and played #2 for Australia at the recent World Team Championships. She then flew back to Australia and confirmed her spot as the #2 player in Australia at the recent Australian Closed Championships.

Every time Lisa goes on court she gives it her absolute best. She is a wonderful role model for kids and a great ambassador for Australian Squash and the game itself. I just wish somebody would get behind her from a sponsorship perspective.

Yes, I am a big fan and I really do hope over the next few years Lisa enjoys a change of luck with injury especially and once again builds herself up to representing Australia with distinction at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



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INSIDE THIS EDITION

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with **Lisa Camilleri**
World Team Champs
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WORLD RANKINGS

1 January 2015

TM: This Month - HWR: Highest World Ranking



NR MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Steve Finitis	60	45
Brad Hindle	343	64



NR WOMEN:	TM:	HWR:
Lisa Camilleri	54	28

LISA CAMILLERI

KS: Welcome home Lisa. What was it like competing at the World Team Championships this year?

Lisa: It was such a memorable week and a half for me. The last time I represented Australia at the World Women's Team Championships was back in 2008 so to be selected and to be a part of the team once again was such a personal achievement for me.

KS: How did you feel about being elevated to play #2 for Australia?

Lisa: The Australian team changed dramatically during the lead up to the Championships. Originally, I was selected as the #4 in the team but with Kasey Brown retiring and Donna Urquhart still out injured I was then named as the #2 in the team behind Rachael Grinham.

This was a huge step up for me but an amazing opportunity to get on court and play with such high calibre opponents.

Being amongst such world class players, all performing at their very best for their respective countries is a feeling of excitement and joy that I have made it ... I'm amongst the best in the world!

KS: How does playing in the World Team Championships compare to representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games?

Lisa: Playing for Australia at the Commonwealth Games is an incredible experience but playing for Australia at the Women's World Championships is in a league of its own. This event is all about squash. It offers the ultimate displays on just how incredible our sport is and what fantastic talented athletes women squash players are.

KS: What was the venue like?

Lisa: The venue at the White Oaks Resort and Spa was top notch, the best venue I have ever played at. The facilities had a 5 star resort attached to the sports facilities and we had access to all the facilities for the 10 days which



included: Gym, Pilates, Yoga, Cardio Classes, Physio, Massage, Pool, Spa, Restaurants, Bar, coffee lounge, 7 squash courts and the all glass court situated on the tennis courts with a full viewing grand stand around it.

KS: What was your highlight?

Lisa: Playing on the all glass court and being televised on Squash TV for the very first time was definitely a highlight for me.

KS: What was it like to play the World #4 Nour El Sherbini?

Lisa: I've never played Nour before so it was hard to know what to expect. I knew the Egyptian players were very talented with their rackets. They are shot players so it's always hard to play players that fire shots at you every opportunity they get, as you can't settle into the game and find your rhythm.

LISA CAMILLERI

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I think what I was lacking and what a lot of us Australian players lack is the ability to get on court with such high ranked players. Their tempo is so very different and they attack the ball at every opportunity they get.

I believe the Egyptian players are so good because they have so many girls at a high world class level to train with on a regular basis. Having such a large group of them pushing each other in a training environment makes them highly effective when competing.

Nour's ability to volley the ball in short with such confidence and aggression was incredible!

KS: How well did Australia perform?

Lisa: The team bonded so well, it was so nice to be involved with a team that appreciated their selection to be representing Australia, we all had so much passion to represent and do our very best for Squash Australia.

KS: What did you learn from the experience?

Lisa: I feel I have come away from the event with so much more confidence and belief in my game. Having the opportunity to get on court with such great players and beat some of them gives me that confidence that I'm a player that has great knowledge and understanding of the game. I've learnt that you just need to trust your game plan and have the belief in what your strengths are and then you can become a player that's threatening and intimidating!



**Thank you Lisa ...
Good luck
in 2015 !**



WORLD TEAM CHAMPS

During December, **Lisa Camilleri** represented Australia at the World Team Championships in Ontario, Canada.

Australia confirmed their seeding finishing 7th overall.

After reaching the final 8, Australia faced the #1 seeds Egypt. Playing World #4 Nour El Sherbini on the all glass court was a highlight for Lisa.

Lisa's Record

Pool B:

[7] AUSTRALIA def [17/20] SPAIN 3/0

Lisa Camilleri def Cristina Gomez 11-2, 11-5, 11-6 (20m)

[7] AUSTRALIA def [13/16] GERMANY 3/0

Lisa Camilleri def Franziska Hennes 11-3, 11-8, 5-11, 11-9 (33m)

[7] AUSTRALIA def [10] WALES 3/0

Lisa Camilleri def Deon Saffery 11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 13-11 (39m)

[2] ENGLAND def [7] AUSTRALIA 3/0

Lisa Camilleri did not play

Final positions: 1 England, 2 Australia, 3 Wales, 4 Germany, 5 Spain

Quarter-finals:

[1] EGYPT def [7] AUSTRALIA 3/0

Nour El Sherbini def **Lisa Camilleri** 11-7, 11-2, 11-5 (19m)

5th - 8th place play-offs:

[5] FRANCE def [7] AUSTRALIA 2/0

Coline Aumard def **Lisa Camilleri** 11-6, 11-8, 14-12 (33m)

7th place play-off:

[7] AUSTRALIA bt [8] IRELAND 2/0

Lisa Camilleri did not play





INGHAM JUNIOR FINALS

The second season of junior squash concluded with a nail biting grand final win to the mighty Lions over the slippery Pythons.

Watching on was an enthusiastic band of supporters as five tough games took place to determine who would be the top team.

The grand final games turned into an afternoon of exciting squash with the final result being fittingly determined by the two captains.

Each game was played with great sportsmanship and all players can be extremely proud of their efforts for their team.

The first game of the afternoon was the clash between Lions' Jack Butcher and Pythons' Ally Rhodes.

Jack is a tough competitor who chases every

ball while Ally has shown vast improvement since she started this year.

It was a see-sawing match, with the lead changing hands after each game. In the end, however, Ally took the match, 55 to 51.

Kate Butcher (Lions) was next on court to battle it out with Claire Vanek (Pythons). Both determined young players, these juniors put everything into their matches.

With Kate producing some great defensive shots and Claire concentrating hard on each shot, it was another exciting match. In the end, Kate took the win: 58 to 37.

The number threes, Michael De Leo from Lions and Max May from Pythons took to the court next. Max is a strong hitter and can keep the ball away from his opponent. Michael never gives up and chases every ball down.

Winners: Lions. L to R - Jordan Di Bella, Michael De Leo, Luke Bona.
Front: Jack Butcher, Kate Butcher



LIONS



INGHAM JUNIOR FINALS

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Both boys played a great match, and it is always close when they play together. De Leo usually takes the win, but on this occasion, May had other ideas and he took the point for his team in a nail biting, 59 to 51.

With Pythons holding a one match lead, number twos, James Aranas (Pythons) and Luke Bona (Lions) took to the court. This was a great battle between hard hitting Luke and super slick James.

Both boys played strong and hit some great shots down the wall. But on the day, Luke came out on top - 60 to 41.

With the team scores at two all, it was now down to the captains to determine the overall winner. Lions' captain, Jordan Di Bella, had to win the

match to secure top spot for his team, while Pythons' captain, Kurtis Solari, needed a strong win to get his team over the line.

In their last encounter, Jordan won the match. In this match, the first two games went to Jordan who played faultless squash. However, Kurtis regrouped and fought back strongly to take the next game, winning the match- 59 to 48.

During the presentation of trophies, club secretary, Kim Di Bella, congratulated all players who played during the season and commended them on their sportsmanship.

Most improved players for the season were announced. They were:

Rachel Hobbs, Kurtis Solari, Lachlan Erba, Michael De Leo, Cameron Rae and Ally Rhodes.

Runners up: Pythons. Max May, Ally Rhodes, Kurtis Solari, James Aranas.

PYTHONS





WES DYER'S **ASIAN** TOUR



Mackay's **Wesley Dyer** represented Australia in December as part of Squash Australia's junior development program - the Asian Tour.

Wes's Results:

2-7 Dec: REDTone 8th KL Junior Open

571 Players Overall **BOYS U13**: 77 Players

MAIN DRAW

Tue 2/12 def Manimaran Thaneswar 11-2, 11-0, 11-1

Wed 3/12 lost to Lee Kah Choon [9/16] 6-11, 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-13

PLAYOFFS 17-24

Wed 3/12 def Bhullar Kevin 11-9, 11-3

Thu 4/12 def Chong Josiah 11-4, 11-0

Fri 5/12 def Jacob Paul Nervyn Paul 11-4, 12-14, 11-8

Sat 6/12 lost to Ho Sai Kit - Walkover

FINISHED: 18th overall

17-21 Dec: Old Chang Kee Singapore Squash Open

246 Players Overall **BOYS U13**: 42 Players

MAIN DRAW

Wed 17/12 def Muhammad Muqlishaqim Abdul Rahman [17/32] 11-4, 11-5, 14-12

Thu 18/12 def Keshav Pillai [9/16] 11-8, 11-4, 11-3

Fri 19/12 lost to **Nicolas Chee** [3/4] 1-11, 3-11, 8-11

PLAYOFFS 5-8

Sat 20/12 def Kanhav Nanavati [5/8] 11-8, 11-9, 6-11, 12-10

Sun 21/12 lost to Yin Hang Chan [3/4] 13-11, 2-11, 11-9, 2-11, 11-13

FINISHED: 6th overall

The winner of the U13 boys in Singapore was #1 seed Navaneeth Prabhu. He finished 4th overall in KL where he was seeded #2. He beat **Nicolas Chee** in the final in Singapore 8-11, 11-6, 11-8, 12-10.

The sheer number of participants alone demonstrates the depth of squash in the Asian countries. The Tour played a crucial role in exposing our talented juniors to much needed international competition.

Overall, Wes performed extremely well. He actually played 10 matches and won 7. His 3 losses were to higher seeded players. His other loss was a walkover.

He was unseeded (not in the Top 16 seeds) in KL and finished a commendable 18th out of **77** players. Seeded 5/8 in Singapore Wes finished 6th out of **42** players.

Only **20** players competed in the **Australian Junior Open** last year where Wes finished runner up.

AUSTRALIAN CLOSED

Steve Finitis and **Lisa Camilleri** returned home after their respective World Championship campaigns to compete in the Australian Closed Championships.

Seeded #4 for the event Innisfail's favourite son got off to a flying start beating Sam Brown 11-2, 11-5, 11-3.

He then faced #6 seed Josh Larkin. Despite a second game hiccup Big Steve overpowered Larkin to record a strong 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-4 victory.

In the semi final, Finitis played #1 seed Cameron Pilley. Finitis got off to a great start winning the first but Pilley went into overdrive taking out the match 9-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-7.

A playoff for 3rd was staged and Finitis played #3 seed Rex Hedrick. Once again the talented Queenslander got off to a solid start but couldn't stop Hedrick the next 3 games in front of his home crowd 5-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-7.

In the Women's draw, Tully's Lisa Camilleri enjoyed a first round bye before destroying Victoria's Jasmine Chan 11-2, 11-1, 11-2 in the second round.

That set her up for a semi final clash against fellow Australian Team member Sarah Cardwell (#3 seed). Despite losing the first Camilleri (#2 seed) was too strong and powered her way into the final 9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-6.

The final was between Camilleri and the #1 seed Rachael Grinham. The match promised to be a close and entertaining affair given the pair went to five in the final of the Caboolture Open in November but Grinham had other ideas.

The former World Champion and World #1 turned back time and gave Camilleri a lesson in big match play winning 11-7, 11-4, 11-4 in 18 minutes!

A gutted Camilleri said after the final "I just couldn't move. I was pretty upset with just how sore my hip had gotten."



Photo: 2013 Victorian Open

Steve Finitis



EXHIBITION MATCH

Two of Australia's Commonwealth Games Team performed an exhibition match at Sportsworld in Cairns on Saturday the 20th of December

Cameron Pilley and **Steve Finitis**, fresh from the Australian Closed event, flew to Cairns to deliver an afternoon of squash entertainment.

The afternoon consisted of coaching, local challengers and an exhibition match.

The crowd were treated to a real bonanza of squash with the two players going hard at it in the NQ heat for over an hour for the 3 games.

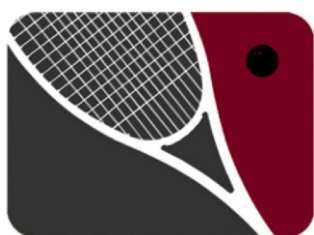
Pilley, the World Ranked #18, had recently made the final 8 at the World Championships whilst his Commonwealth Games team mate Finitis (WR # 57) was just one step away from making the quarters at Commonwealth Games.

The two players were in good form and didn't disappoint delighted onlookers.

On Sunday the players were treated to a tour of Cairns. They were joined by Line Hansen (WR #25) for a day of swimming and sight seeing.

The players then headed home in different directions to celebrate Christmas and spend some rare time with their families. Finitis headed down the road to Innisfail whilst Pilley and Hansen returned to Yamba in NSW.

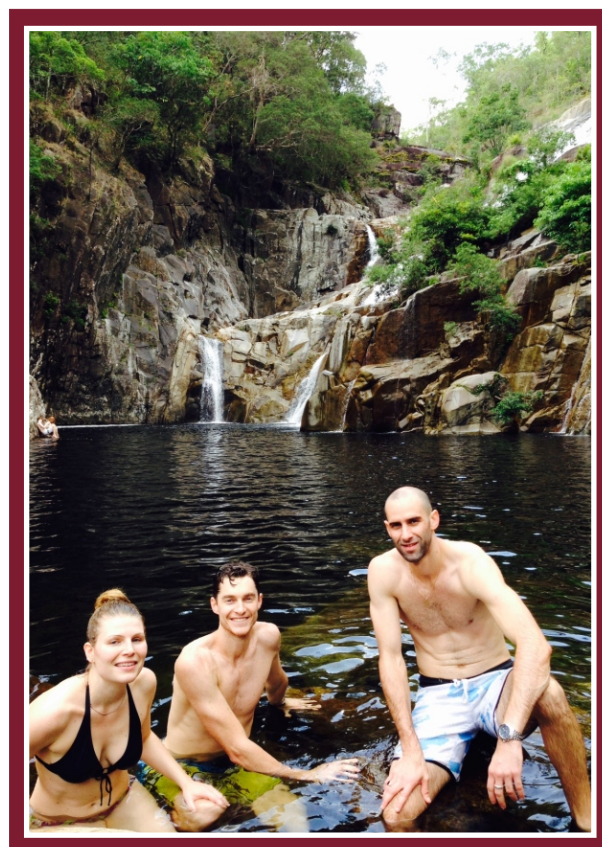
This will be a yearly event in Cairns so keep an eye out for it as it gives the locals a real boost with their passion for the game.



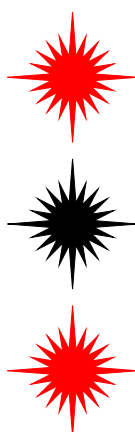
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Cameron Pilley, Marc Forster & Steve Finitis



Line Hansen, Cameron Pilley & Steve Finitis





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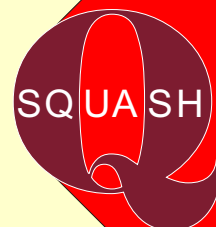


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Sat 21st February 2015

Q SQUASH AGM

Sat 7th March 2015

2015 Tournament Calendar

22-25 JAN Australia Day Challenge
PSA WSA in Ipswich
21-22 FEB NR Qualifier #2 in Mackay
21-22 MAR NR Qualifier #3 in Townsville
3-6 APR AJO in Sydney - Willoughby
17-19 APR Oceania in NZ - Invercargill

2-3 MAY NR Qualifier #4 in Mackay
28 JUN - 5 JUL QJC in Brisbane - Aspley
26 SEP - 4 OCT AJC in Cairns
17-18 OCT NR Qualifier #1 in Ingham
29 OCT - 1 NOV Mackay Open PSA WSA

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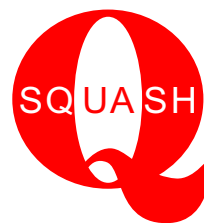
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AVAILABILITY TIMES:

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All grading will be made relative to Q Squash standards and the tournament committee reserves the right to regrade any players.

All players **MUST BE** Financial members of Q Squash and under their respective age group as at **5 July, 2015**.

All Players are to mark and referee the next match at the completion of their own match.

Players are to be present and checked in with Tournament Control **30 MINUTES** before the scheduled time of their match.

The wearing of Protective Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** at this tournament.

XX Yellow Dot balls will be used.

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