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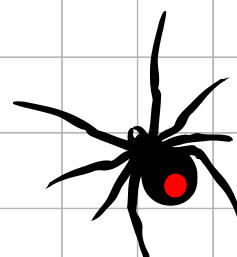


2015 NR Junior Qualifier #3



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HELLO & WELCOME

Thankfully, my eye is slowly but surely mending. I'm now 49 days post op and I still have a bubble of gas impacting on my vision. Time and patience is the healer but its frustrating.

To make up for my inability to produce the March Newsletter, this edition will look at what took place in both March and April.

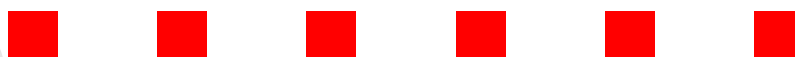
Firstly, the 3rd Junior Qualifier in Townsville was a big hit with some fresh faces from Cairns and Ingham.

Secondly, the Australian Junior Open was held over the Easter long weekend in Sydney and participation was high. NR was represented by Brody DiBella, Jordan DiBella, Wes Dyer, Jessica Green, Hayley Hankinson, BJ MacDonald, Tia McLennan and Lucas Nielsen.

Congratulations to Hayley Hankinson on her selection to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Test Series.



EDITOR
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In the March edition of the Newsletter, I wrote about **Kaci Newman's** return to the court from injury.

I wrote "At the time it was thought Kaci had dislocated her patella. Further tests have revealed she has Osgoods-Schlatters Disease (OSD) in the knee. It really isn't a disease but an overuse injury which is common in adolescents."

Well it seems my source of information got a little confused. Whilst Kaci does in fact suffer from OSD, **she still did** sustain a dislocated patella in Perth.

My apologies for understating Kaci's injury and thank you to Kaci's Mum (Sharon) for setting me straight. Most importantly it is great to see Kaci back on court!

Contributions are always welcome. Please send stories and photos to
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WORLD RANKINGS

1 May 2015

TM: This Month - HWR: Highest World Ranking



NR MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Steve Finitis	59	45



NR WOMEN:	TM:	HWR:
Lisa Camilleri	63	28



2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #3

West's Squash Club in Townsville hosted the 3rd NR Qualifier for 2015 on the 21-22 March. With 48 entries across 10 events the tournament provided some wonderful competition.

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers who made the 2015 Qualifier such a great success.



GIRLS

Under 9 Winner: **Ally Rhodes** Runner-up: Sarah Brazier
Under 11 Winner: **Kate Butcher** Runner-up: Kiara Studley Plate: Mackenzie Rhodes
Under 13 Winner: **Hayley Hankinson** Runner-up: Gemma Brownsey Plate: Grace Brownsey
Under 15 Winner: **Tia McLennan** Runner-up: Hayley Hankinson Plate: Kaci Newman
Under 17 Winner: **Jessica Green** Runner-up: Abbey Butcher Plate: Summer Palmer
Under 19 No event

BOYS

Under 9 Winner: **Jack Butcher** Runner-up: Jackson Korte
Under 11 Winner: **Evan Girgenti**
Under 13 Winner: **Brendan McDonald** Runner-up: Jordan Di Bella Plate: Alex Fox
Under 15 Winner: **Wesley Dyer** Runner-up: Bradley Martin Plate: Kyle Hoani-Vincent
Under 17 Winner: **Sean Motti** Runner-up: Wesley Dyer Plate: Bradley Martin
Under 19 Winner: **Brody Di Bella** Runner-up: Zac Thompson Plate: Cohen Osbourne
Under 21 Winner: **Callan Menzies** Runner-up: Zac Thompson Plate: Justin Di Bella

CONGRATULATIONS



2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #3

U13B



U9G



U17G



U21B



U17B



U11G



U19B





JUNIOR RANKINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to all the juniors who are featured on this page. Page 5 is dedicated to the Top 5 NR ranked players in each age group. These rankings were updated following the 2015 Townsville qualifier.



UNDER 9 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Jack Butcher
- 2 Jackson Korte

UNDER 11 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Evan Girgenti
- 3 Ethan Van Kerkwyk
- 4 Gavin Palmer

UNDER 13 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Brendan MacDonald
- 2 Jordan DiBella
- 3 Alex Fox
- 4 Matthew Brazier
- 5 Ben Russell

UNDER 9 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Ally Rhodes
- 2 Kyana Van Kerkwyk
- 3 Sarah Brazier
- 4 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
- 5 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Kate Butcher
- 2 Kiara Stubley
- 3 Mackenzie Rhodes
- 4 Payton Douglas

UNDER 13 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Gemma Brownsey
- 3 Grace Brownsey
- 4 Charlotte Erba
- 5 Hannah Atherton



UNDER 15 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Wesley Dyer
- 2 Bradley Martin
- 3 Jake Webb
- 4 Kurtis Solari
- 5 Kyle Hoani-Vincent

UNDER 17 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Michael Hains
- 2 Sean Motti
- 3 Brody DiBella
- 4 Justin DiBella
- 5 Ben Hobbs

UNDER 19 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Ivan Jensen
- 2 Lucas Nielsen
- 3 Callan Menzies
- 4 Zac Thomson
- 5 Max Dunsmore

UNDER 15 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Tia McLennan
- 2 Danielle Hankinson
- 3 Bianca VanVuren
- 4 Kaci Newman
- 5 Chloe Thompson

UNDER 17 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Abbey Butcher
- 2 Jessica Green
- 3 Summer Palmer
- 4 Courtney Nipperess
- 5 Caitlin Purcell

UNDER 19 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

- 1 Ozanna Beckmann
- 2 Sophie Devine

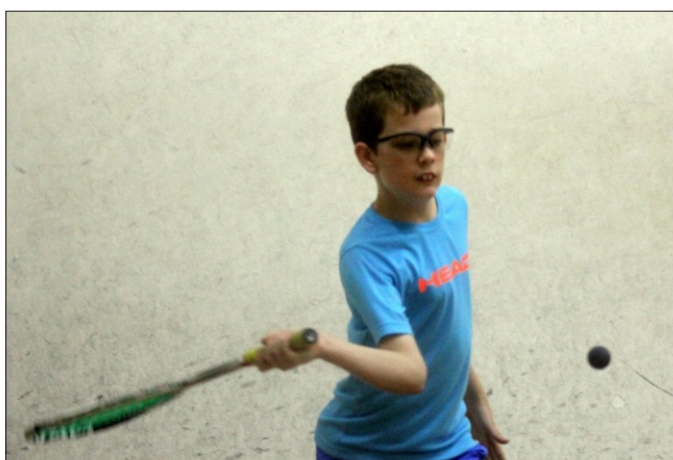


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NSW hosted the **2015 Australian Junior Open (AJO)** at the awesome Willoughby Squash Centre just 10 minutes from the heart of the Sydney CBD.

The Open attracted 31 international players from Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore. Such competition is vital to give our players exposure to different styles of play.

BJ MacDonald U13B



BJ moved up into Under 13 for the first time and was seeded 9/16.

Probably not a true indication of his ability but lets hope one day seedings will be determined by an automated process as opposed to human judgments that are often tainted with bias or are just completely a non reflection of reality. Its extremely frustrating when players you have easily beaten are seeded above you.

Anyway BJ got a BYE first up and proceeded to the 2nd round where he defeated NSW's Sam Goodman 11-7, 11-2, 11-4. He then got hammered by the 5/8 seed Malaysian Sacchin Kumar Sivanesan 11-4, 11-1, 11-9.

There was no shame losing to Sacchin because he was the only player to take a game off the #1 seed and eventual winner Ethan Eyles in his next match and finished 5th overall.

BJ then went into the Playoffs for 9-16 where he comfortably won his next 3 matches 3-0, 3-

1 and 3-0 to take 9th spot. It was a great bounce back from BJ to only lose one match.

Jordan DiBella U13B

Unseeded Jordan got a BYE first up and then had the match of his life against 9/16 seed Elliot Inman from NSW.

He lost that in five (11-5, 5-11, 8-11, 11-8, 13-15) but losing the last game 13-15 was the agonizing difference between playing off for 9-16 as opposed to 17-24. It is just so crucial to get yourself into the 9/16 playoffs. Bad luck Jordan but you gave it your all.

Jordan got through his next match in three but then had another agonizing loss in three 18-20, 6-11, 8-11 to NSW's Ethan Bird. That then put him in the Playoffs for 21-24.

Jordan began well winning his first match 3-0 but then had another fiver that once again finished in despair. Jordan finished 22nd overall after losing his final match 10-12, 6-11, 11-9, 11-7, 7-11 to Cooper Boardman-Holmes from NSW.

Wes Dyer U15B

Unfortunately, Wes didn't enjoy his U15 debut at a National level. Seeded 5/8 Wes ran into a couple of "Harrys" first up. He beat the first "Harry" (SA's Harry Ashwell) comfortably in three after surviving a 2nd game scare 12-10 but then the second "Harry" got him! Seeded 9/16 Harry Palfreyman from Tasmania beat Wes 9-11, 11-2, 12-10, 11-9 to advance in the draw.

Wes was then playing off for 9/16. He got off to a great start beating NSW's Jesse Bushel-Keegan (seeded 9/16) 14-12, 7-11, 11-6, 6-11, 14-12. That match must have taken its toll because Wes failed to yelp against unseeded Mitchell Van Heythuysen (NT) losing in straight 3-11, 5-11, 2-11.

That meant it was time to restore some lost pride in the Playoff for 11-12 but sadly it wasn't



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to be with Wes finding 9/16 seed Dylan Molinaro (VIC) too strong losing 10-12, 4-11, 5-11.

Out of 40 players Wes finished 12th but Wes won't be happy. One thing is for sure he will regroup and watch out for him at the QJC and AJC later in the year.

Brody DiBella U17B

Competing in the tough U17 Boys with 44 other players isn't easy. At times the U17 event is tougher than the U19 event. It generally attracts the most players and every contest is keenly fought. It is just so highly competitive

Brody was seeded 9/16 and lost his first match in the 2nd round against Tasmanian Edward Strugnell 10-12, 2-11, 2-11. That put Brody in the Play offs for 17-24 where he again lost first up to Tye Harland from WA 5-11, 3-11, 5-11.

Brody then dropped into the Playoffs for 25-32. He then won his next 2 matches in three before playing Tate Norris from VIC for 25th placing. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be but Brody didn't leave without a fight. He lost 12-14, 3-11, 11-13.

Brody's experience demonstrates just how important it is to win those early matches and the converting of some close games into winning them instead of losing them can make a significant difference to where you finish.

To improve one's chances one needs to work on getting fitter and concentrating right from the very start of every game. Most games are decided early on. With Point A Rally it is always difficult to claw your way back into a game if you give away a string of points at the start. You need to concentrate on winning the early points.

Lucas Nielsen U19B

Not a happy tournament for the gentle giant! Unseeded Lucas bowed out in the first round of the blue ribbon event 9-11, 4-11, 4-11 to WA's

Damon MacMillan (seeded 9/16).

That put him straight into the Playoffs for 17-24. He won his next match comfortably in three before losing his final match up against Kiwi Cameron Foster (seeded 9/16) 11-9, 3-11, 9-11, 10-12.

20th place is still respectable but knowing Lucas a Top 16 result would have been much more satisfying.

Hayley Hankinson U13G

Our next exciting squash prospect has just been named to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Test Matches in late April.

Hayley was seeded 5/8 and got off to a wonderful start winning her first match in three. Hayley is on a giant learning curve. Her journey from playing in Mackay to competing in her first Nationals in September last year, where she performed admirably, to now having to come to grips with being in the spotlight and representing her country is very exciting but daunting at the same time.

As she gathers confidence and experience Hayley will develop into a fine young squash player. So there will be moments like her second round match where she lost to 9/16 seed Georgie Lane (NSW).

Hayley lost 2-11, 6-11, 11-3, 7-11. Yes, it was a disappointing loss but the next few tournaments will be a roller coaster ride for Hayley as she learns how to compete consistently.

In the Playoffs for 9-16, Hayley won her first match in three before having another tough challenge against NSW's Jemma Beasant. Hayley lost in five 11-5, 6-11, 10-12, 11-6, 7-11 but the signs are there.

A fighter is learning her craft. Hayley immediately bounced back and won her final match 11-5, 11-4, 12-10.



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Being able to fully concentrate for the entire match will see Hayley improve her results ten fold.

Tia McLennan U15G

Aahhh Tia, so much talent but

Seeded 5/8 Tia got off to a flying start beating fellow Queenslander Kirby Gill in four before facing Kiwi 3/4 seed Annelise Faint.

It was a tough challenge and Tia narrowly lost 10-12, 11-9, 7-11, 11-13. It was a gutsy effort and given Annelise ended up finishing 4th it clearly demonstrates Tia is well and truly up there if only she believed in herself and got mentally tough as nails.

Tough players immediately bounce back and apply themselves in their next playoff games to reestablish their standing and remind those above them that they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Sadly for Tia it was all downhill after her match up with Annelise losing both her 5-8 Playoff matches in three. Let's hope Tia's true talent

reemerges very soon.

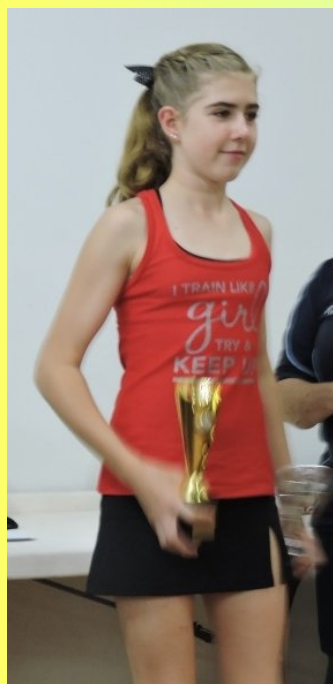
Jessica Green U17G

Jessica Green is playing the best squash of her junior years and despite losing her first round match up to Jess Graham (VIC) seeded 9/16 in four, Jess continues to keep her opponents honest and shows positive signs of a "fighter" emerging.

Her first match in the Play offs for 17-24 was awesome. Jess was playing ACT's Kathleen Palmer and it was a keenly fought affair between two girls who were obviously around the same standard.

Jessica "grit her teeth" many times and emerged the victor in five close games 11-7, 10-12, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9.

Unfortunately, that effort took its toll but there were still signs Jessica was fighting to the very end when she lost her last match up in three 6-11, 7-11, 11-13 to Sarah Quinlivan from NSW.



In April Mackay's **Hayley Hankinson** represented Australia in the Trans Tasman Test Series against New Zealand in Invercargill.

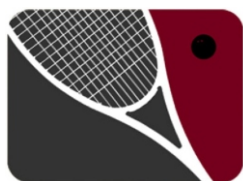
Hayley recorded Australia's first win on the first night with a comprehensive 3-0 win against **Ruby Saies** in the Girls U13. Hayley won 11/7, 11/7, 11/2.

On the second night, Hayley was right in her match against **Ariata Kutia** but just couldn't get the break she needed. She narrowly lost a tough opening game 10-12 before losing her way. Hayley lost 10/12, 1/11, 6/11.

For the record the Aussies were thrashed 14 ties to 4 and 13 ties to 5. It is a worrying sign for Australian Squash.

Hayley then moved on to the Oceania Squash Championships where she lost to Ruby Saies in four but beat fellow Aussie Laura Maloney in three to finish 5th overall.

Cairns Juniors Shine



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Marc Forster has injected some much needed vitality back into Cairns Squash.

There is now a very positive energy flowing and 2015 is going to be a BIG year.

Juniors are beginning to emerge and Marc recently took a small crew to Townsville for the 3rd Junior Qualifier.

Sean Julius-Wright and Kiara Stubley made their eagerly awaited debuts and performed very well. Sean lost his semi final to the eventual winner BJ MacDonald in the U13 boys but finished a credible 3rd.

Kiara Stubley shocked a few with her killer serve but performed well to finish 2nd in the Girls Under 9 and 11 combined round robin event. She was no match for the more seasoned Kate Butcher from Ingham but she did enough to be now ranked #2 in the Under 11 girls.

Marc is out and about promoting the game at Shopping Centres so hopefully, the sport will now keep growing in the Far North.

There is a real genuine buzz of excitement in the Cairns squash community as they prepare to host the 2015 Australian Junior Championships in September.

Keep up the good work Marc and everyone who is doing something toward building a brighter future for Cairns Squash!





Cairns Grant Success

This year Cairns Squash was recipient of a grant from the Queensland Government Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.

Cairns Squash received funding to provide free lessons and coaching to mums and their children.

The first training was held over the Easter holidays and was facilitated by Marc Forster and Madako Suari Junior, of Squash Vision.

“Our target was to have at least thirty participants ... that's thirty new squash players on our courts. We are happy to say that we met this target!” said Cairns Squash Vice President Jason Moriarty.

Funding also enables Cairns Squash to continue training by offering a one hour per week follow-up session for the next four weeks, free of charge.

Cairns Squash would like to thank the Queensland Government and the Department of NPSR for funding this important program..



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2015 **AJC** UPDATE



The AJC looms closer as preparations get underway for the National Closed Championships.

Cairns Squash has been very excited about hosting the Championships since the announcement late last year.

Squash Australia and Q Squash officials have been up to meet with the club committee and tournament organisers to establish protocol and address certain things which needed to be ironed out.

Everyone left happy with the way things were progressing.

Cairns City Council have been contracted and are coming up with solutions for seating which is one of the major things we need to organise to make a tournament comfortable. The courts will undergo a sprucing up as we get closer to the event.

Cairns Juniors, Kiara Stubley and Sean Julius-Wright are the first juniors to attempt to play Regional Tournaments from Cairns for many years. After coming 2nd and 3rd respectively in recent qualifiers the pair have got the "squash bug" and are now looking forward to the Nationals being played on their own back door. Sean will also be traveling to Malaysia and will experience junior squash at the international level.

Mackay, Townsville, Ingham, Innisfail and Atherton will be looking to use this tournament to really give their juniors a boost in terms of development. This will open their eyes to what they could be and aspire them to attend more tournaments and aim higher.

Cairns Squash Vice President Jason Moriarty says **"hosting the AJC is vital for squash in Cairns and the region. Whether participating as a competitor, an official or an organiser, together we are accomplishing the vision set forth by Cairns Squash late last year. That is, Cairns Squash exists to promote squash in Cairns and Far North Queensland. We should all support this event knowing we are participating in something bigger and not just another tournament, but the vision to see squash grow and thrive in Australia."**



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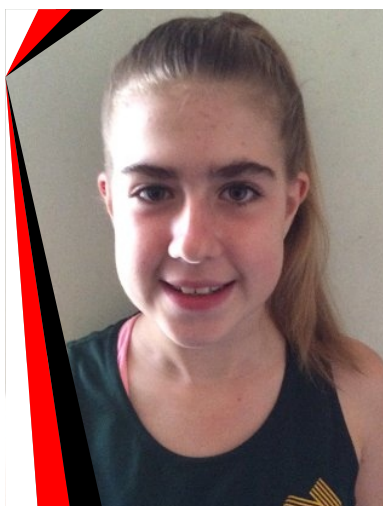


REDSTAR AWARDS



Two NR players will be selected each month to receive either the **REDSTAR** Excellence Award or the **REDSTAR** Encouragement Award. To qualify for the excellence award a player must finish on the podium. To qualify for the encouragement award a player needs to show a level of improvement or a performance that pushes their opponent all the way.

REDSTAR Excellence => Hayley Hankinson



Hayley Hankinson is this month's **Redstar Award** winner for Excellence.

In March, Hayley won the U13 title at the Townsville Qualifier and finished runner up to Tia McLennan in the U15.

In April, Hayley competed in the AJO where she finished 11th overall before representing Australia in the Trans Tasman Test series. It was here that Hayley recorded a fantastic win for Australia on debut ... she was a dazzling star shining brightly amidst a dark and gloomy night for Australia!

Hayley then finished off the month strongly with 5th place in the Oceania Junior Championships beating NSW's Laura Maloney 11-7, 11-9, 5-11, 11-8. Laura had finished 5th in the AJO.

REDSTAR Encouragement => Kiara Stubley



Cairn's **Kiara Stubley** is a rising star!

Armed with a killer serve Kiara made her debut in NR's Junior Qualifiers in Townsville in March.

Kiara finished 2nd in the Combined 9-11 Girls and only found the more seasoned Kate Butcher too strong.

Under the watchful eye of coach Marc Forster Kiara is expected to continue improving and should make her presence felt in future events.

We encourage you to keep training and working on your game Kiara.

CONGRATULATIONS

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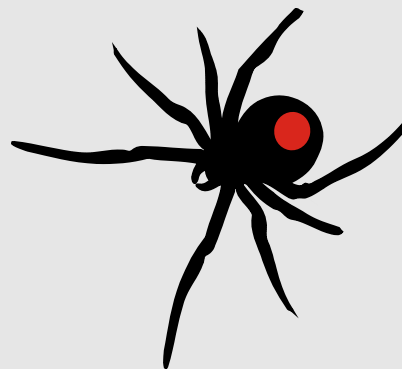
Your affiliation to squash is invited and would be very much appreciated.

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2015 Tournament Calendar

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

18-19
OCT14
INGHAM

21-22
FEB15
MACKAY



21-22
MAR15
TOWNSVILLE

2-3
MAY15
MACKAY