

# Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open

Coffs Harbour, NSW

**PSA** CHALLENGER  
TOUR

Winners Qualify for World Champs

Peter Saxby



Champions **Aifa Azman** (MAL) and **Ryosei Kobayashi** (JPN)  
with Matt McCulloch and Phil Gream representing sponsors Roberts & Morrow.

## Best Placed Aussies

Nick Calvert : Seeded 7 : Reached Quarter Final

Tom Calvert : Seeded 8 : Reached Quarter Final

Jessica Turnbull : Seeded 3 : Reached Semi Final

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## Kobayashi Secures World Championship Place

Japan's Ryosei Kobayashi defeated Malaysia's Addeen Idrakie 3-1: 11-8, 12-10, 4-11, 11-5 (62m).

The opening game saw both players prepared to be patient with good length creating plenty of long rallies with the score was equal for the majority of the game. However, Kobayashi found the corners better in the end to take a 1-0 lead.

The second game saw Idrakie gain a break and looked set to square the score at 1-1 but Ryosie showed some amazing court coverage to create chances to win the closing tie break and find himself two games to nil up. Idrakie appeared a little leg weary and no doubt was feeling the effects of tough competition leading into the final and failing to close out the second game placed himself under a lot of pressure.

In the third game however, his reply was textbook length and precision drops, changing the tempo to nullify Kobayashi's attacking opportunities to close out the game with the loss of just four points and find himself back in the contest.

The fourth game had both players lengthening the rallies with similar motives before Kobayashi gained the break he needed which placed enormous pressure on Idrakie to save the match but he couldn't. Kobayashi claimed victory after 62 minutes to claim his place in the World Championship field in November in Qatar.

It was an impressive final with the gallery very appreciative of the agility and quality of play produced by both players. After the final Kobayashi stated *"it feels absolutely amazing! I have never felt this happy in my career as a squash player. Thank you so much Coffs Harbour Squash and all the sponsors for this amazing event."*

Idrakie put in a sterling effort but wasn't able to win today. He said, *"not the result that I wanted. He played well, credit to him."*

## Semi Final Action





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North Coast Open Runner Up **Addeen Idraki** and Champion **Ryosei Kobayashi** with State Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmesh Singh and Matt McCulloch representing principal sponsors Roberts & Morrow



Ryosei Kobayashi v Addeen Idraki



Vanessa Chu v Aifa Azman

*Thank You*

To all the **players** and the wonderful team of people who helped deliver such a wonderful championship.

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**Unseeded Azman takes Coffs Harbour title for a place in World Championships.**

Malaysian Aifa Azman defeated Hong Kong's Vanessa Chu 3-0: 11-4, 11-7, 11-4 (23m) to become the 2019 North Coast Champion.

Right from the outset Azman made it clear she was going to attack at every opportunity from the front of the court. As the game progressed she made some great placements which kept Chu on the defensive. Chu was unable to match the pace Azman was creating.

The second and third game proved similar with Chu needing to lift, but again Azman showed she was all class winning the match in straight games to be crowned Champion for 2019.

After the match Azman said "I'm very happy to win the final match in 3 and qualify for the World Championships. I'll be playing with Vanessa again next week in Melbourne. Hopefully I'll do well for the next tournament."

Vanessa Chu reflected on her opportunity and said "Aifa was on fire today and I was not. I tried my hardest but I couldn't get stuck into the match. Disappointed to lose 3-0 but I will learn from this."



North Coast Open Champion Aifa Azman and Runner Up Vanessa Chu with State Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmesh Singh and Matt McCulloch (Roberts & Morrow)



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**\$6,000 North Coast Open 2019**

**PSA Challenger Tour 5, 22-25 August 2019**

## Final

[5] Ryosei Kobayashi (JPN) bt [3] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-8, 12-10, 4-11, 11-5 (62m)

## Semi Finals

[5] Ryosei Kobayashi (JPN) bt [1] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-8, 11-7, 11-5 (31m)

[3] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [2] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) 12-10, 11-9, 11-8 (45m)

## Quarter Finals

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [8] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-8, 11-7, 11-5 (31m)

[5] Ryosei Kobayashi (JPN) bt [4] Angus Gillams (SCO) 12-10, 11-3, 11-6 (33m)

[3] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 5-11, 11-4, 11-4, 7-11, 11-4 (46m)

[2] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) bt [7] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 11-9, 9-11, 11-6, 11-3 (38m)

## Round 2

[1] Evan Williams (NZL) bt Zac Millar (NZL) 11-4, 11-5, 11-5 (26m)

[8] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bt Atticus Kelly (USA) 11-9, 11-8, 13-11 (44m)

[5] Ryosei Kobayashi (JPN) bt Joel Arscott (NZL) 11-5, 11-8, 11-8 (29m)

[4] Angus Gillams (SCO) bt Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-8 (18m)

[3] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt Chang-Wook Woo (KOR) 11-9, 11-4, 11-6 (24m)

Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) bt [6] Lwamba Chileshe (NZL) 12-10, 11-5, 11-2 (35m)

[7] Nicholas Calvert (AUS) bt Rohan Toole (AUS) 11-8, 10-12, 7-11, 11-6, 11-1 (47m)

[2] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) bt Moustafa El Sirty (EGY) 11-6, 4-11, 11-5, 11-7 (37m)

## Round 1

Zac Millar (NZL) bt Benjamin Ratcliffe (AUS) 7-11, 11-3, 11-5, 11-9 (30m)

Atticus Kelly (USA) bt Mansoor Zaman (PAK) 11-7, 13-15, 9-11, 11-3, 11-7 (57m)

Joel Arscott (NZL) bt David Turner (AUS) 11-3, 11-4, 6-11, 11-0 (30m)

Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [WC] Jacob Ford (AUS) 2-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-4 (43m)

Chang-Wook Woo (KOR) bt Courtney West (AUS) 11-6, 11-6, 11-9 (27m)

Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) bt Jason Turner (AUS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-7 (27m)

Rohan Toole (AUS) bt Shahzad Khan (AUS) 11-4, 11-6, 11-1 (16m)

Moustafa El Sirty (EGY) bt Damon MacMillan (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-6 (17m)



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## Semi Finals

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Aifa Azman (MAS) bt [3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-9, 11-9, 11-8 (28m)

## Quarter Finals

[1] Vanessa Chu (HKG) bt Katriona Allen (SCO) 11-6, 11-6, 11-3 (21m)

[4] Ooi Kah Yan (MAS) bt [5] Chloe Mesic (FRA) 11-5, 11-5, 10-12, 11-0 (30m)

[3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [8] Georgia Adderley (SCO) 9-11, 13-11, 3-11, 11-4, 11-5 (50m)

Aifa Azman (MAS) bt [6] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 11-2, 11-3, 11-4 (15m)

## Round 2

[1] Vanessa Chu (HKG) bt Anantana Praserttratanakul (THA) 11-6, 11-2, 11-1 (16m)

Katriona Allen (SCO) bt [7] Colette Sultana (MLT) 4-11, 11-4, 11-13, 11-5, 11-6 (39m)

[5] Chloe Mesic (FRA) bt Maria Kalafatis (AUS) 11-2, 11-6, 11-3 (15m)

[4] Ooi Kah Yan (MAS) bt Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-7, 12-14, 11-8, 11-3 (31m)

[3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SGP) 11-6, 11-4, 10-12, 11-6 (32m)

[8] Georgia Adderley (SCO) bt [WC] Pilar Etchechoury (ARG) 6-11, 11-5, 11-5, 12-10 (28m)

[6] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt Trace Johnson (AUS) 11-6, 11-3, 11-7 (14m)

Aifa Azman (MAS) bt [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 8-11, 11-4, 11-4, 13-11 (32m)



Sarah Cardwell v Aifa Azman



Ooi Kah Yan v Chloe Mesic