

Merry Christmas Edition

HELLOANDWELCOME

World Champion Greg Gaultier is an **inspiration** to all aspiring junior squash players. At 32 years old the Frenchman never gave up and realised his dream on his 5th attempt.

Gaultier has experienced so much disappointment Runner up in the World Junior Championships in 2000. Runner up in the famous 2006 World Open Championships to Aussie David Palmer where he squandered five match balls!!! He then suffered defeat in the World Open final in 2007, 2011 and 2013.

"It's unbelievable, there's no words that can describe this feeling," said Gaultier.

"It's better late than never. Since I was a kid it was always my dream to win this tournament. Maybe in the past I put too much pressure on myself. I remember my first experience at 23-years-old in front of the pyramids in Egypt. I had five match balls and I remember at that point I started to feel like a kind of asthma. My head was shaky and frozen.

"I couldn't finish off the match but you **always learn from losses** and it was an experience. I lost four times and I kept wondering if it was ever going to happen. I just kept on believing in myself, kept on working hard. I was always disciplined.

"I train to become the best and it's magic when it happens. It is the cherry on the top of an amazing day and it's amazing to share it with the people around me who work so hard as well.

Congratulations to **Hayley Hankinson** for winning the 2015 **RedStar Player of the Year**. Hayley is a wonderful young ambassador for our game. She is a delightful young lady off the court and a mentally tough and focused talent on the court.

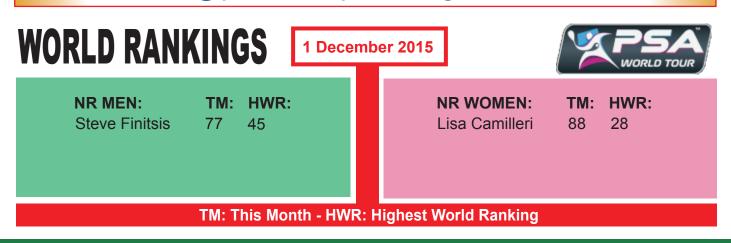


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Contributions are always welcome. Please send stories and photos to kim@queenslandsquashmanagement.com.au



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"The girls were all very eager to learn. I was impressed with how focused and determined they all were in wanting to absorb as much info as possible.

"They asked a lot of questions and gave 100% to everything I asked them to practice and try.

Lisa Camilleri

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Lisa Camilleri (center) conducted a Girls Coaching Clinic before the Mackay Open commenced. 17 girls participated with Jess Green, Tia McLennan, Summer Palmer, Hayley Hankinson, Bree Adams and Ozanna Beckmann in this photo.

Photo compliments of Grant Polley

GIRLSCOACHINGCLINIC



Top photo: Gemma Brownsey, Grace Brownsey, Lisa, Danielle Hankinson, Alice Climpson, Chloe Thompson and Courtney Nipperess.

Bottom photo: Kayce Hoani Vincent, Sarah Brazier, Taylor Connor, Lisa, Jordon Benson and Olivia McDermott (front)..



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JUNIORRANKINGS

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 **Australian Junior Championship** and the first NR Qualifier for 2016.

UNDER 9 BOYS

- 1 Jack Butcher
- 2 Jackson Korte
- 3 Michael Lawrence
- 4 Sharief Kabay

UNDER 11 BOYS

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Prabhweer Singh Marwana
- 3 Evan Girgenti

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UNDER 13 BOYS

- 1 Brendan MacDonald
- 2 Jordan DiBella
- 3 Matt Brazier
- 4 Xavier Morzone
- 5 Gavin Palmer

UNDER 15 BOYS

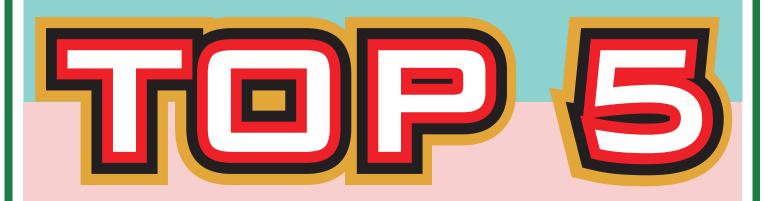
- 1 Wesley Dyer 2 Sean Julius-Wright 3 Jake Webb 4 Kyle Hoani Vincent
- 5 Damien Goitiandia

UNDER 17 BOYS

- 1 Brody DiBella 2 Sean Motti
- 3 Bradley Martin
- 4 Michael Sutherland
- 5 Zac Houston

UNDER 19 BOYS

- 1 Lucas Nielsen 2 Callan Menzies 3 Justin DiBella
- 4 Tom Fox



UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
- 2 Sarah Brazier
- 3 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS

1 Kate Butcher 2 Payton Douglas 3 Ally Rhodes

UNDER 13 GIRLS

- 1 Gemma Brownsey
- 2 Grace Brownsey
- 3 Kiara Stubley
- 4 Amy Condon
- 5 Charlotte Erba

UNDER 15 GIRLS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kaci Newman
- 3 Chloe Thompson
- 4 Rachel Hobbs
- 5 Hayley Spina

UNDER 17 GIRLS

- 1 Summer Palmer 2 Abbey Butcher 3 Tia McLennan
- 4 Danielle Hankinson
- 5 Alice Climpson

UNDER 19 GIRLS

- 1 Ozanna Beckmann 2 Jessica Green
- 3 Caitlin Purcell
- 5 Callin Purcer



JUNIORSELECTION

REDBACKS

The following juniors are the leading contenders for the 2016 Redbacks Team to compete at the Queensland Junior Championships. Despite being named on this page all juniors must still comply with the NR Selection Policy to qualify for final selection in May 2016. In short, this means players must compete in all NR qualifiers. Based on birthdays and QJC eligibility the following players have been identified as the leading contenders for each team.

U13 CONTENDERS

1 BJ MacDonald

2 Matt Brazier

4 Scott Lynch

3 Gavin Palmer

U11 CONTENDERS

U17 CONTENDERS

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Prabhweer Singh Marwana
- 3 Evan Girgenti
- 4 Jack Butcher
- 5 Jackson Korte

1 Brody DiBella

3 Bradley Martin

5 Zac Houston

4 Michael Sutherland

2 Sean Motti

U19 CONTENDERS

Justin DiBella
Tom Fox
Cohen Osborne
Sam Thomson

3 Jordan DiBella

U15 CONTENDERS

4 Jake Webb

1 Wesley Dyer

5 Kyle Hoani Vincent

2 Sean Julius Wright

If your name isn't here?

Get to the next qualifier and give it your best. This list is **NOT** the final team make up.

2016 REDBACKS

U11 CONTENDERS

- 1 Kate Butcher
- 2 Payton Douglas
- 3 Ally Rhodes
- 4 Kayce Hoani Vincent
- 5 Sarah Brazier

U17 CONTENDERS

- 1 Summer Palmer
- 2 Abbey Butcher
- 3 Tia McLennan
- 4 Danielle Hankinson
- 5 Alice Climpson

U13 CONTENDERS

- 1 Kiara Stubley
- 2 Amy Condon
- 3 Charlotte Erba
- 4 Hayley Korte
- 5 Mackenzie Rhodes

U19 CONTENDERS

1 Jessica Green 2 Caitlin Purcell

U15 CONTENDERS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kaci Newman
- 3 Chloe Thompson
- 4 Rachel Hobbs
- 5 Gemma Brownsey

If you think your name should be here <u>NOW</u> then contact Kay Barclay to establish the reason why it isn't.

Redback Team Selection as at 31 December 2015

QUEENSLANDOPEN



Tully's Lisa Camilleri reached her first final for 2015 when she powered into the Q Open W5 final in November.

To reach the final Lisa would have to play at her very best to overcome either #1 seed Megan Craig (NZL) pr #5 seed Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG).

In a shock result #5 seed Tong Tsz-Wing stunned #1 seed Megan Craig 12-10, 3-11, 12-10, 10-12, 11-9 (53m) in the quarter final. So the semi promised to be a clash between youth and experience.

The higher ranked 23 year old got off to a great start winning the first but Camilleri struck back even more decisively in the second. Not to be outgunned Tong snatched the 3rd just as impressively before a rejuvenated Camilleri fought back impressively to win the final 2 games.

"I was very happy with my win over number 72 Tong Tsz-Wing from Hong Kong. The body and mind was in a good place for the weekend. I felt I was moving well, I was focused on my game plan and I was relaxed and not too over roused.

"You practice so much trying to prepare yourself for your tournaments and I find that sometimes you can just be in the wrong mind set on the day. Sometimes you want to win too badly, or maybe your nervous, or not happy about something else that has happened on the day. But during my quarterfinal and semifinal at the Q Open I seemed to have the right balance of being calm but focused at the same time, happy and in the zone and the body felt great. So very happy with the tournament.

Semi final: [4] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt [5] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 9-11, 11-5, 3-11, 11-6, 11-3 (46m) **Final:** [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [4] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 11-8, 10-12, 11-4, 11-9 (42m)





MACKAYMINITOURNAMENT



In late October Mackay ran a Mini Junior Tournament.

Payton Douglas took the honors on the day with a well deserved victory.

Payton Douglas 18 points Kayce Hoani Vincent 15 points Gavin Palmer 12 points Taylor Connor 8 points Sarah Brazier 6 points Quinn Douglas 4 points Olivia McDermott 3 points



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Back: Gavin Palmer, Kayce Hoani Vincent, Payton Douglas **Front:** Olivia McDermott, Quinn Douglas, Sarah Brazier

Northern Region would like to welcome and thank the Bendigo Bank for coming on board as a junior sponsor.

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PLAYEROFTHEYEAR



What a year it has been for our **RedStar Player of the Year Hayley Hankinson**.

The talented teenager from Mackay received the **RedStar** Encouragement Award after the AJC teams event last year and since then has been the recipient of the **RedStar** Excellence Award in March, June, July and September 2015.

What a difference a year makes !!!

FLASHBACK to the Redbacks November 2014 Edition

REDSTAR Encouragement => Hayley Hankinson



Mackay's Hayley Hankinson attended the Australian Junior Championships for the first time in 2014.

The talented youngster was a member of the winning U13 combined team and the winning Sharks team.

Hayley played 4 matches in the #1 position for 3 wins. Her win against the U13 Runner Up Nimsari Weerasinghe from SA in the first round of the teams was most impressive. Hayley showed signs of toughness and coolness under pressure to win 12/10, 12/10, 18/20, 11/3.

The good news for NR and Queensland is Hayley is still eligible for U13 next year! With a 5th place in this year's Australian Individual Championship, Hayley looks set to have a great year in 2015.

FLASHBACK to the Redbacks October 2015 Edition



REDSTAR Excellence Hayley Hankinson

Hayley Hankinson is the recipient of this month's Excellence Award.

Our newly crowned National Champion from Mackay deserves every accolade she receives.

Hayley was simply sensational winning her semi in five and then beating the #1 ranked player in Australia in five to take the title.

PLAYEROFTHEYEAR

Hayley's Highlights

FEB: WON NR U13 Qualifier #2 Mackay MAR: WON NR U13 Qualifier #3 Townsville APR: Selected to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Test series against NZ and won on debut! MAY: WON NR U13 Qualifier #4 Mackay Compulsory MAY: Selected to represent NR at the QJC JUN: WON Mackay C Grade Club Championship JUN: WON QJC State U13 Title JUN: Member of the winning U13 Team at the QJC JUN: Voted Most Valuable Player by her NR team mates JUN: Selected to represent Queensland at the AJC SEP: **WON AJC Australian U13 Title** SEP: Member of the winning Queensland Sharks Overall National Team Championship





To achieve success at the AJC, Hayley seeded #3 had to beat both the #2 seed (semi) and #1 seed (final) in five to secure the title. In the semi Hayley beat NSW's Jemma Besant 11-4, 13-15, 5-11, 11-9, 11-5 (30m) before beating NSW's Georgia Lane 11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 10-12, 13-11 (39m). Hayley played some great squash but it was her mental toughness at critical times that gave her the edge.



IMPROVEYOURGAME



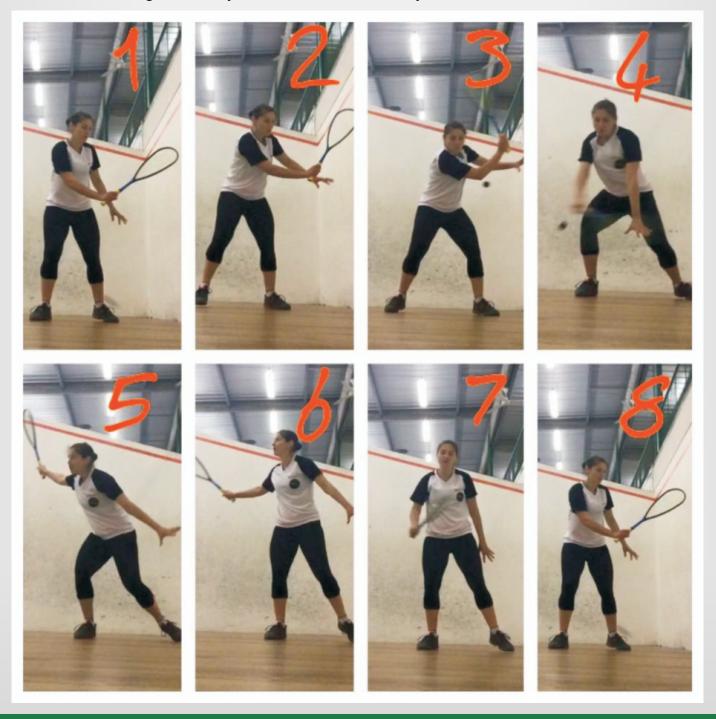


Lisa Camilleri has put together a series of guides to help you improve your game. We will bring you a new guide each month.

Guide #3: BACKHAND SWING

In my opinion there are 3 main elements: racket preparation, body position and balance. In this series of photos you can see how the racket head never drops, the first 4 photos show the swing and the last 4 photos show preparation for next shot.

Body weight transfer from back foot to front foot, striking the ball out in front of the body to allow hip rotation. Feet are slightly wider then shoulder width, keep feet parallel and not perpendicular for better balance, greater body transfer and more stability.



REDSTARAWARDS



wo 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 BJ MacDonald

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BJ MacDonald is tthis month's Excellence Award winner.

The Mackay teen played in the Q Open held on the Gold Coast last month.

BJ won the B Grade championship and was runner up in the C Grade.

The Road to Victory ... BJ MacDonald def Bevin Sturm [1] 17-15 12-15 15-12 15-12 BJ MacDonald def Declan Cashman [4] 15-13 10-15 15-13 8-15 15-9 BJ MacDonald def Maurice Tait [3] 15-10 15-13 11-15 6-15 15-11

CONGRATULATIONS



The NR Committee would like to wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

It is a wonderful time to reflect on what you have achieved in 2015 and start planning for what you desire to achieve in 2016.

Whilst its easy to dream of success, actual achievement requires hours of physical training and preparation, focus and dedication.

Anything and everything is possible if you dare to start!

SQUASH NOTICEBOARD





Q SQUASH NORTHERN REGION

2016 Tournament Calendar

2014 COMMITTEE:

VP

Alec MacDonald President: Javden Wadd Kay Barclay Secretary: **Rachel McDermott** Treasurer:

15-18 JAN 20-21 FEB 19-20 MAR

Oceania Junior Championships NR Qualifier #2 in Mackay NR Qualifier #3 in Townsville 30 APR-1 MAY NR Qualifier #4 in Mackay



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2016 QJC:

The 2016 Queensland Junior Championships will be held in Northern Region. The rotation system has been changed by Q Squash.



Contact your centre operator

for more information



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- **Queensland Sharks**
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Your affiliation to squash is invited and would be very much appreciated.

SQUASH

Northern Region Junior Qualifier # 2



Mackay Leisure Centre 95 Broadsound Road MACKAY Qld 4740	ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 12 February 2016	Entry Fee: \$40.00 Affiliated juniors \$50.00 Non traveling juniors
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AVAILABILITY TIMES:		

Best of 5 Games to 11 PARS - Tie break at 10 all. To win a game you must win it by 2 points 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**, **2016**.

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.

Entry fees are due and payable once the draw has been completed. No refunds will be made.