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SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : AUGUST 2023





24 July 2023



WORLD RANKINGS

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

PSA PLAYER:

Mike Corren

Oscar Curtis

Remi Young

David Ilich

Dylan Classen

Erin Classen

Pascale Louka

TM:

264

334

394

524

755

166

201

HWR:

38

251

361

210

630

130

200

*Congratulations to **Oscar Curtis** and **Caitlin Pratt** on winning the coveted U19 titles at the 2023 WA State Junior Individual Championships. Congratulations to **Laney Rawling** and **Alvaro Blackall** for being selected as the Joyce Barnett and Chas Renner Fairest and Best Award winners. Finally, congratulations to the **Southern Stars/Eastern Energy** team for winning the Zone Championship.*



Thanks Luke Jamieson



After the incredible efforts of all the juniors who competed in the State Junior Championships on 1-2 July (individuals event) and 3-4 July (zone teams event), State Team selectors came to the difficult decision of who would be travelling to Queensland in September to represent Western Australia in the Australian Junior Championships.



The State Team was announced at the end of the zone teams event and information packs were handed out to families. Since then, we have held two State Team training sessions at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont on Saturdays 22 and 29 July.

The team have shown fantastic commitment to date, so we are excited to bring these young athletes to the national stage and show the rest of the country what WA kids are made of. Any current or budding coaches are always welcome to attend the sessions, as well as the junior Talent Squad sessions that are run directly after. State Team training starts at 11.30am and Talent Squad at 1.00pm.

2023 JUNIOR STATE TEAM

U19 Boys
Oscar Curtis, Daniel Marsh

U17 Boys
Alvaro Blackall, Aiden Finlay-Mulligan, Waldo Vorster

U15 Boys
Alexander Marsh, Andreas Christou

U13 Boy
Domenic Christou

U19 Girls
Caitlin Pratt, Hannah Slyth

U17 Girls
Josie Jones, Isla Harris

U15 Girls
Jessica Jellis, Joey Scott

U13 Girls
Teagan Scott, Olivia Hibbs

Male Team Coach
Tim Cowell

Female Team Coach
Leigh-Anne Kaye

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MySquashAUS (previously introduced to you as revolutioniseSPORT) is to go live on Monday 14 August 2023. While we held a couple of information sessions for Club administrators during July, and have another planned for Tuesday 15 August, our door is always open for anyone who needs support during the transition. If you haven't already attended an information session and are a person who handles membership or accounts at your Club, we strongly urge you to attend this next session. Keep an eye on your emails and social media for the Zoom link.

After a short stint in the office, Chris has left the team. We've had a staff shuffle to overcome this where Serena has taken on much of the Development Officer role (eg. junior clinics, pennants and events, open days, tournaments and schools) and henceforth will be our Engagement Officer as her role will continue to encompass marketing, engagement, and growth. We've also welcomed Roxy Edery to the Squash WA team as our new Admin Support Officer. Roxy has hit the ground running and is already going above and beyond and will be a huge asset to our team.



Country Week 2023 is fast approaching and an information pack for this year's event has been circulated to all participants from the last five years, as well as all country Club members. We have also published the information pack on Facebook and our website. Click on the link <https://tinyurl.com/2xa5dw5j> to read through it, and get your teams in ASAP as registrations close at the end of this month.



A custom-designed tournament shirt has also been selling very well. Pre-orders for the shirts are now closed however we are still taking orders online, to be ordered in bulk after the event has taken place. The above link also provides information about the shirts, as well as the Sunday night function which, for 2023, we are trying something new and spectacular – a cocktail function complete with marquees and festoon lighting! We are working hard to grow Country Week and are excited to have you all along for the ride. Metro players are welcome to purchase tickets via the link to attend the Country week evening.

The City of Belmont has approved our plans for the next stage of the State Centre renovations! Works now on our radar include the installation of an elevator and UAT (Universal Access Toilet). This will bring the building up to disabled access standards as per local government requirements. Along with these accessibility improvements, we will also be renovating the bathrooms and change rooms. There are architectural drawings and designs displayed on the pin up boards at Belmont, so next time you're in, make sure you take a look.



We need your help ...

Please contribute to our fund raising efforts to help send our WA junior representatives to Queensland for the Australian Junior Championships

How can you help Squash WA and its Juniors?

Back on the topic of the State Team, our juniors need YOUR HELP to send them to Queensland in late September. Please consider donating - whether it's \$10 or \$10,000, it ALL adds up. Furthermore, if you would like to become a team sponsor then we would LOVE to hear from you.

Please visit our GoFundMe page for more details on how your contribution will make a difference:
<https://gofund.me/084247c3>.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit our Australian Sports Foundation page:
<https://asf.org.au/donate/squash-wa/2023-state-team>.

Your quick guide to squash events being held in WA in coming months:

2023: August to December

AUG	5 - 7	FeNaCLING Championships	Senior		Dampier
AUG	25 - 27	Leschenault Classic Teams Tournament			Leschenault
SEP	8 - 9	Vic Park Open	Senior		Vic Park
SEP	16 - 17	Cambridge Junior Teams Event	Junior		Cambridge
SEP	23 - 25	WA Country Teams Championship	Seniors & Juniors		Mirrabooka
OCT	7 - 8	Junior Squashathon: 24 hours: 2pm to 2pm	Junior		Mirrabooka
OCT	13 - 14	Cambridge Open	Senior		Cambridge
OCT	27 - 29	Busselton Invitational			Busselton
NOV	11 - 11	Code v Code Teams Event			Belmont
NOV	17 - 19	Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams Event			Katanning
DEC	1 - 3	WA Closed	Senior		TBC
DEC	1 - 3	WA Closed	Junior	Silver	TBC
DEC	2 - 2	WA Annual Awards Night			TBC
DEC	10 - 10	Belmont Junior Tournament	Junior		Belmont



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FENACLING SQUASH 2023
4th - 6th August

JOIN US IN DAMPIER FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL FENACLING SQUASH TOURNAMENT

- Teams of 4**
The tournament is played in teams of 4 across 4 grades. Each player will have minimum 3 matches over Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have a team but still want to play, please contact us at fenacingsquash@gmail.com and we can do our best to find you a team. Entry Fee = \$90pp inc Friday and Sunday meal.
- Friday/Sunday Night**
The tournament kicks off with a Friday night seafood feast caught and cooked by our club members. Sunday evening includes presentations and catered dinner at the club. Included in entry fee.
- Accommodation**
Camping is available free of charge at the courts. Alternatively, the Dampier Mermaid is nearby or there are other options in Karratha.

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO:
FENACINGSQUASH@gmail.com BY 16/7/23



SQUASH WA PRESENTS
CODE V CODE SQUASH SMACKDOWN

WHICH CODE WILL REIGN SUPREME? **TEAMS OF 3 \$150 PER TEAM**

9.30AM - 4PM
SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023

SQUASH WA STATE CENTRE
144 ROBINSON AVENUE, BELMONT

[HTTPS://WASQUASH.COM.AU/CODE-V-CODE-TEAM-REGISTRATION-FORM/](https://wasquash.com.au/code-v-code-team-registration-form/)

LUNCH INCLUDED PRIZES & AWARDS FREE PARKING



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Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



SQUASH WA



Please send your tournament poster to
kim@squashmedia.com.au as soon as possible

Thanks Sue Hillier ... The WA Junior State Championships were held at Belmont Squash on 1 and 2 July with the Teams event on 3 and 4 July. Juniors competed in nine age divisions as well as a new ability-based 'Novice' division.

It was also good to see two favourite players playing their last State Junior Championships, Oscar Curtis and Caitlin Pratt, who both took out the U19 titles for the first time.

WA State Junior Championships			Belmont 1-2 July 2023
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
U11B	Lucas Curry	Leonard Bruce	Ethan Skidmore
U13B	Domenic Christou	Charlie Richardson	Lucas Curry
U15B	Alexander Marsh	Andreas Christou	Jacob Curry
U17B	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Waldo Vorster	Alvaro Blackall
U19B	Oscar Curtis	Daniel Marsh	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
U13G	Teagan Scott	Ruby Foo	Joey Scott
U15G	Jessica Jellis	Teagan Scott	Joey Scott
U17G	Isla Harris	Josie Jones	Sydney Ennis
U19G	Caitlin Pratt	Isla Harris	Sydney Ennis
Novice	Abhin Behl	Holly Bourn	Miranda Clarke

The individual championships were followed by the Zone Team Championships. This year the zones were a little different with:

- **Central Champs:** Cambridge and Vic Park Junior Clubs
- **Northern Nicks:** Marmion and Mirrabooka Junior Clubs
- **Southern Smashers/Eastern Energy:** Belmont, Bluegum and Maddington-Gosnells Junior Clubs
- **Country Chameleons:** Representatives from Broome, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Mandurah, Moora and Narrogin.

The winners were:

- U11 Combined Team was tie between Central Champs and Country Chameleons
- U13 Combined Team was tie between Central Champs and Country Chameleons
- U15 Combined Team Southern Smashers/Eastern Energy
- U17/19 Combined Team was a tie between Country Chameleons and Northern Nicks
- **Overall Team Winner: Southern Smashers/Eastern Energy**
- **Overall Team Runner Up: Northern Nicks**

The Joyce Barnett Fairest and Best award winner was Laney Rawling, and Chas Renner Fairest and Best award winner Alvaro Blackall.

There was also a division 2 draw for those who did not get selected for their zone. Ashton Clement from Blue Gum was first with Luke Scott from Belmont coming second.

The 2023 Junior State Team travelling to the Gold Coast in September was announced at the end of the Championships. Well done to everyone who competed and congratulations to all winners and those selected for the State Team.

A special thank you to **Luke Jamieson** who completed the draws, was Tournament Director and gave up his time across the four days to run the event. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Squash WA staff who assisted with the event, and to Healthways' Fuel to Go & Play campaign for their sponsorship and healthy messages.

WA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Thanks Serena Richardson. It's been recognised that in recent years, little focus has been placed on getting children into squash from an early age. Other sports have introductory programs such as Netta (netball) and Auskick (AFL) but children under the age of about 8 or so are unable to join most junior squash programs.

Fast forward to a few years ago when Club junior programs slowly started introducing modified activities for children as young as 5 years of age, and forward again to 2023 when we introduced an U9/U11 mini tournament on the Saturday morning of the WA State Junior Championships!

13 children from Belmont, Blue Gum, Cambridge, Marmion and even Busselton, entered the event which ran from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The children played around 6 matches each. To begin with, a match was one PAR11 game, however we found the matches went too quickly, so changed after the first couple of rounds to a match being PAR11 but best of three games, which flowed much better.

Using floor tape, we moved the T (and therefore the service boxes) to the front wall, allowed two chances to serve if a first attempt didn't quite make it, and used Karakal Big Balls instead of the smaller blue or single yellow dot balls. These modifications allowed the children to get into some really great rallies that attracted loud applause from parents and other spectators who wandered down to see what was happening.



Under 9



Under 11



Sportsmanship



It was so beautiful to see the participants spinning their racquets for the serve, eager to snatch a clipboard and pen so they could do the all-important task of marking, and offering to mark or ref when they saw a gap. Every single one of them displayed excellent sportsmanship and demonstrated perfect manners.

They cheered for each other and patiently waited for their next match. Between rounds they flocked around the draw sheet trying to work out who they were playing next, and how they were fairing in the competition.

They were thrilled to be involved in such an event, and enjoyed the exciting atmosphere of a full-scale tournament!

In the end it was Jasper from Blue Gum who won the under 9s event, with James from Cambridge runner up. James' older brother Peter won the under 11s event, and Mirrabooka's Lillian came runner up. Oliver from Belmont and Freya from Mirrabooka also won sportsmanship and effort awards.

Moving forward we will be adding this element to future Squash WA-run tournaments that has junior divisions in the hope to continue to support the development and drive of these eager little darlings!



The Busselton boys!

Looking to play squash more often?

Pennant and League Competitions

7.00pm or 7.30pm start time, 3x 12-14 week seasons per year, home and away style, mixed or ladies competitions available, beginners welcome!

Current options are:

- Monday nights
- Tuesday nights
- Wednesday day
- Thursday nights

Can't play every week? Got holidays planned? A FIFO worker? No problem! Just let us know what dates you can't make and we'll work around it.

We are always in need of reserves, so you don't have to wait for the next season to start playing!

<https://wasquash.com.au/pennants-leagues/>

Scan here to find out more:



This year, we asked a few of the Team Coaches and Managers to collaborate on the write up for the SWAN. Not only did they nail the task, they also did a FANTASTIC job of getting their teams together in the months leading up to the event, coordinating uniforms, coaching/mentoring during the event and just being all-round superstars!



Thanks Amos, Megan and Lisa!

Every year at the Zone Championships Event, the Central Champs teams makes an impression with their “fluoro yellow highlighter” shirts!

Like the colour of our shirts our team was a group of “bright” and enthusiastic team members. Everyone in the team found the time to support each other while they were on court, offering words of encouragement between games.

*The structure of the event allows the older kids to guide and lead the younger ones and two boys who stood out for us this year were **Andreas Christou** and **Peter Kuo**. Andreas was notable for combining an intense competitive spirit with great on court attitude while Peter took his first Zone Champs in his stride, playing well and enjoying being part of the team.*

*In the girls we were impressed with **Jasmin Legge** and how she took the lead to help the younger players feel part of the team. We also loved **Freya Shah's** “never give up” attitude in her first Zone Champs.*

We loved the new format which saw two players in each age division. This gave more children an opportunity to play in the teams event. We were all very impressed with the attitude of our team, and we all had a great two days of competition.



Zone Champions
Southern Stars/Eastern Energy

The 2023 Zone Championships saw our traditional partnership of Belmont and Maddington/Gosnells combining with Blue Gum and a twist of Leeming to form the Dream Team of Southern Smashers/Eastern Energy Team. Whilst we struggled a little with committing to a name, we had a very solid team of players and parents who were great fun and extremely supportive of each other.

The boys had their work cut out for them with U11 Nathan Thomson, and U13s Tristan Thomson and Kobe Haseldonckx showing great resilience during their matches and improving greatly from their first to their last matches. U11 Lucas Curry played consistently well to be a very strong player for the zone, as did U15 Jacob Curry, U17 Eric Marsh and U17/19 Daniel Marsh. U15 Alex played consistently well for the zone, winning 2 of his 3 matches.

On the girls side, we were challenged to be missing the very valuable Hannah Slyth and Josie Jones; further worsened when Teagan Scott (U13) and Renee Tan (U13) both fell sick with no notice on day 1, leaving U11 Miranda Clarke to fill some very big U13 shoes, and Joey Scott to play 4 matches on day 1 for both the U13 and U15 age groups. U11 Meetra Gunalan played in her first tournament, chalking up her first ever match win. Thankfully, U13 Renee Tan recovered for day 2 with strong wins in both U13 positions, and we again relied upon Joey to play twice for the U15 and U17/19 age groups after hard-hitting Cassie Willsher had to go to work! U15 Kayla Clarke put in some excellent squash to win both of her matches, and got physically stronger each match! Stella Peake put in admirable performances against very experienced opponents, but her greatest achievements were definitely with her spectacular enthusiasm, support and encouragement of her fellow teammates.

*Without a doubt, our best Zone ambassador for the event was **Stella Peake** from Blue Gum. She did an absolutely awesome job of motivating her fellow teammates and getting to know and support them through their journeys, despite not having ever met any of them prior to the event. Most valuable support was also won by the fabulous **Yvette Clement** who was amazing in being able to organise kids, voting, results, refs, scorers and generally keeping the kids in line whilst remaining completely calm.*

Congratulations to the kids for winning the Event, and thanks also to the parents for hanging in there for what was the third and fourth day in a row for many of them!



Country Chameleons

Thanks Derek! *The Country Chameleons comprised of juniors from all over the state; from Broome, Bunbury, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Moora, Mandurah and Narrogin.*

Even though they were from different parts of the state they came together as a team. The Chameleons were supportive of each other and played some great squash. Caitlin Pratt stood out as the leader of the Chameleons, taking the younger children under her wing, and playing some great squash herself. It was great to see a number of the juniors stepping up for their first Zone Teams experience.

In the boys, Waldo Vorster showed great leadership and was always volunteering to referee or help the younger boys.

Great sportsmanship was shown throughout the tournament and a great time was had by all.

Thanks Caitlin! *The country chameleons would like to thank Squash WA for another successful tournament!*

This year the Country Chameleons team were lucky enough to have team shirts! We would like to thank Serena for organising these for us.

All the participants should be congratulated on their efforts and sportsmanship which was shown both on and off the court. We would also like to thank the parents of the players for bringing their children along and supporting them and the rest of the team.

A special mention to the U13 and U17/19 age groups for equally winning their age groups. Overall, the tournament was enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing you next year!



Thanks Eilleen and Josh!

It was great to see the camaraderie develop between the Northern Nicks (Mirrabooka and Marmion juniors) as the teams event progressed. Everyone got involved with supporting each others' games and our U11s were also involved.

Highlight of the event was seeing Northern Nicks players Laney Rawling and Alvaro Blackall being rewarded for their great sportsmanship and overall team leadership in winning the Joyce Barnett and Chas Renner trophies respectively.

We also enjoyed watching the U11 girls play, especially Eleanor Jones who was playing her very first competition. She was so excited to be there, she would run and pick up the ball after each point then run fast back to the serving box with a huge smile on her face. She would shake hands with her player after every game even after she had been told the match wasn't over. She was having a great time.

Match of the event would have been between Ruby and Kayla. It was a close one with Kayla winning 11-9 in the fifth! It was definitely some of the great squash seen throughout the event.

A happy time for the team was embarrassing poor Ruby when they all sang Happy Birthday to her in their loudest voice.

Northern Nick's training has already started as we look to regain our titles in 2024!!



Junior Zone Championships

Central Champs	Country Chameleons	Northern Nicks	Southern Smashers
Andreas Christou	Caitlin Pratt	Sydney Ennis	Alexander Marsh
Carmela Christou	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Abhin Behl	Cassandra Willsher
Charlie Tear	Darien Khambatta	Alvaro Blackall	Daniel Marsh
Domenic Christou	Holly Carver	Arye BernSousa	Eric Marsh
Ella Clarke	Indigo Stapledon	Brendan Scott	Jacob Curry
Evie Clark	Isla Harris	Charlie Richardson	Joey Scott
Freya Shah	Jamie Nunn	Eleanor Jones	Kayla Clarke
Jasmin Legge	John Bourne	Emmy Dunstan	Kobe Haseldonckx
Justin Heyward	Joyce Tsao	Erezaav Khambatta	Lucas Curry
Kyle Mascaro	Kaelan Penn	Gregory Provendier	Meetra Gunalan
Leonard Bruce	Leo Van Straaten	Ivanka Lu	Miranda Clarke
Matthew Black	Michaela Sanyangore	Jessica Jellis	Nathan Thomson
Miles Sealey	Olivia Hibbs	Laney Rawling	Renee Tan
Peter Kuo	Trigg Barrett-Lennard	Mathys Edery	Stella Peake
Shaun Congrene	Waldo Vorster	Ruby Foo	Teagan Scott
			Tristan Thomson





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Dylan & Erin Classen, Oscar Curtis and Hannah Slyth represented Australia and WA at the 2023 WSF World Junior Championships. Both our girls experienced close 5 game matches. Erin gave up a 2 games to 1 lead to Canada's Ocean Ma tough losing narrowly 6-11, 11-8, 11-7, 17-19, 10-12. Hannah had a tight Round 1 victory over Louisa Kaven (SCO) 9-11, 11-4, 12-10, 10-12, 12-10 to earn a match up against the #2 seed Fayrouz Aboelkheir (EGY). Hannah gave it her all but found the Egyptian (who bowed out in the semi 0-3) too strong going down 3-11, 1-11, 2-11.

2023 WSF World Junior Championships : Melbourne 18-23 July

Men's medallists, Individual Championships

- 1 – Hamza Khan (Pakistan) : 10-12, 14-12, 11-3, 11-6 (70m)
- 2 – Mohamed Zakaria (Egypt)
- 3 = Melvil Scianimanico (France)
- 3 = Salman Khalil (Egypt)

Oscar Curtis: 18th

Dylan Classen: 40th

Women's medallists, Individual Championships

- 1 – Amina Orfi (Egypt) : 11-8, 11-5, 11-1 (31m)
- 2 – Aira Azman (Malaysia)
- 3 = Malak Khafagy (Egypt)
- 3 = Fayrouz Aboelkheir (Egypt)

Erin Classen: Round 2 of the Plate draw

Hannah Slyth: Round 1 of the Special Plate draw

Women's Team Championship Final Standings

- 1 – [1] Egypt
- 2 – [2] Malaysia
- 3 = [3] USA and [5] England
- 5 – [4] Hong Kong, China
- 6 – [7] Canada
- 7 – [8] Australia**
- 8 – [6] India
- 9 – [9] New Zealand
- 10 – [10] Scotland
- 11 – [12] Singapore
- 12 – [11] South Africa
- 13 – [13] Ireland
- 14 – [14] Chinese Taipei



Oscar



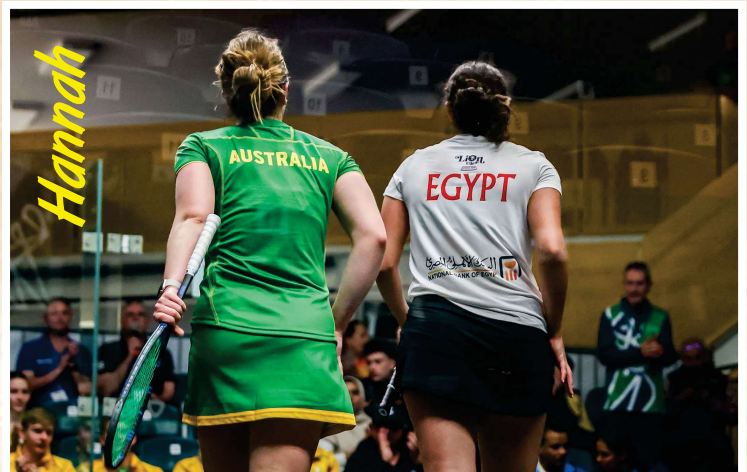
Erin



Dylan



Hannah





BEERFARM Leschenault Classic



SATURDAY NIGHT FUNCTION

26TH AUGUST



AMERICAN BBQ WITH AN AUSSIE TWIST



5th

Anniversary

BEERFARM Leschenault Teams Classic

25-27TH AUGUST



3 PERSON TEAMS - 3 MATCHES

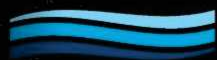
Matches start Friday

SATURDAY NIGHT FUNCTION

Smokin' Bull BBQ
The Platinum Project

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ON SPORTY



COASTLINE
HOMES



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Thanks Tim Cowell. Due to a slight scheduling conflict, the July school holiday clinic was shifted to Mirrabooka which provided us with an opportunity to bust out the squash cannon and blaze pods!

10 juniors attended the clinic on Wednesday 12th July. They were first put through their paces with some kind of the court to determine our training groups for the day. Sanny Ang and the Marsh boys (Daniel, Eric and Alexander) came along as volunteer coaches.

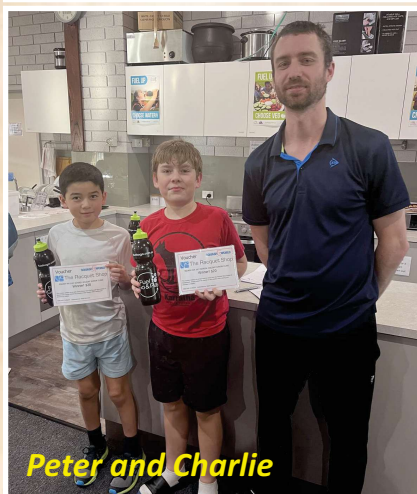


The squash cannon was set up to allow the players to practice their drop shots, whilst the coaches could also look at their movement to the front. Daniel had them working hard with the agility ladders, reaction balls and blaze pods; testing them out with plenty of different movements.

Meanwhile 'Challenge Alex' saw the kids taking it in turns of trying to win enough points each game to eventually beat our under 15s state champ Alexander Marsh.

The day was wrapped up with a mini round robin tournament with the winners being Charlie Richardson in division 1, Peter Kuo in division 2, and Portia Ferguson in division 3. Owen Wilson and John Bourne were also awarded prizes for effort and improvement.

Thanks to Squash WA, Squashworld Mirrabooka, Healthways' Fuel to Go & Play campaign for their sponsorship and healthy messages, Serena's efforts behind the scenes and our assistant coaches for the day, Daniel, Eric, Alexander and Sanny.



Peter and Charlie



Portia



Owen and John





SAVE. THE. DATE.

Country Week 2023

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th September 2023

Squashworld Mirrabooka

PAR scoring

Teams of 4, fee \$TBA

Men's and women's divisions

**All players to be available for 1st round matches
(7pm Friday or 8.30am Saturday)**

ENTRIES CLOSE 1st AUGUST 2023

Book your accommodation ASAP!!

Sunday night function from 6.30pm

Cocktail attire



**SQUASH
WA**





Home of the famous **Yellow Dot Ball**, the exceptionally excellent Esperance Squash Club is our August Club of the Month!

Esperance Squash Club is located on the corner of Harbour Road and Black Street, Esperance, which is 700km southeast of Perth in the Goldfields-Esperance region of Western Australia. This equates to a 7.5 hour drive or 80 minute plane ride from the state's capital.

The club was established in 1967 and celebrates their uniqueness in being one of the biggest in WA with over 100 members and eight courts accessible to members 24 hours a day! Court hire is also possibly the cheapest in WA and an absolute steal at \$6 per hour.

"Our club is solely owned and run by its members. We rely on our members for busy bees, to run competitions and for the normal day to day operations of the courts. Our members always rally together when needed."

What does a week in the life look like for Esperance Squash Club? The club runs a Summer and Winter pennant competition with women playing on Tuesday nights, and men on Wednesdays. Their school term junior program also runs on Thursday afternoons. Preliminary and grand final evenings are a combined mens and womens event. Finals night is a large social event open to the public and is usually held on a Friday or Saturday night at the end of each season. They provide free food (catered for by their members) and cheap dinks from their licenced bar. Friday nights and Sunday afternoons are often very busy with people coming down for a social hit.

"Occasionally in the off-season, we run a mixed doubles competition. Our last doubles competition saw players dress up for the finals."

"Every year on the March long weekend we hold the Esperance Open. Last year we had around 130 competitors. We provide a fantastic, well catered for weekend for all competitors and spectators alike. The club members work tirelessly to provide food and free flowing drinks over the whole weekend, volunteering their time behind the bar and in the kitchen."

Every 2 years we organise the Yellow Dot Ball. This ball has been running for over 30 years. A committee is formed to organise this event. It requires a lot of tireless work. This is one of the most popular events in Esperance. Tickets sell out every year and it's one of our biggest fundraisers for the club."

Apart from all the squash fun that happens throughout the week, Esperance Squash Club are great at connecting with their local community!





Men's Club Champ



**Ladies Club Champ,
Runner Up & Plate Winner**

"During COVID, our member numbers dropped quite significantly. To reboot, we held an open day in January 2023 for everyone that wanted to attend. At the open day we had well over 80 people turn up.

We had courts and racquets available for those who wanted to try squash, live music, sausage sizzle, bar and an exhibition match played by two of our top players. It was a well-received afternoon that promoted squash to a wide variety of people and brought back a lot of members to the game."

They hire their facility out to businesses and the

general public as a venue for events which provides an addition income stream, further strengthened through bar sales. School groups also hire the facility and use squash as part of their physical education curriculum. The Club owns an inflatable squash court that is hired out for community events to raise awareness for the sport, and for kids and adults alike to come and have some fun and try a new sport!

We asked who the MVPs at the club are, to which they responded, "we have an amazing committee who work



**Back Row: Jane McCrea, Raewyn Fisher, Carmel Scott, Irene Morocz, Kevin Hall, Jeff Buckman, Mike Lalor
Front Row: Deb Searle, Neville Clifton, Bill Reed and David Hall**



tirelessly to keep the club running so well. But our REAL MVP's would have to be our 16 life members. We vote on life members every couple of years. The criteria for which, to start with, is membership for at least 15 years. On top of this they have to have contributed to the club in other ways such as as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Pennants captain, committee member tournament organiser, participate in busy bees, etc. The fact we have so many life members, is testament to our amazing club which beams with committed, long standing, members".

THANK YOU

Clarke and Stokes
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Florissons Autos
Heasman & Associates Accounting

LJS Mobile Engineering
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South Coast Foodservice

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Rule 5 – The Serve

How often am I asked, "Don't you call foot-faults anymore?" My answer is "If I clearly see a foot-fault, I will call it."

The requirement is "at the time the sever strikes the ball, one foot must be in contact with the floor inside the service box with no part of that foot touching the boundary of the service box".

Sounds relatively simple rule but causes so may problems. The service box is 1600mm x 1600mm internal dimensions so how hard should it be to have one foot inside the box at the time of striking the ball. It only has to be the big toe in contact with the floor.

A quick calculation indicates that you can fit approximately 70 feet into the service box and yet we have trouble with getting one touching the floor.

Is there a solution?

If we look at tennis the server has to commence with both feet behind the line and is then able to jump into the air and forwards into the court in the action of hitting the ball.

Another alternative could be to make the service box smaller say 1.0m x 1.0m and the player must commence the service action with one foot clearly inside the service box and if they drag their foot or lift their foot play continues.

Or perhaps we could all concentrate on playing to the current rules.

Finally, I'm also asked "Do I give a warning to the player who is foot-faulting?"

Response: "Do I give a warning the first time the player hits the tin? Do that again and you will lose the stroke!"

Rule 5.7.2 but you can read the whole Rule 5 for all the obligations of the Serve.



Questions of the Month

1. Mary's ball hit the front wall in the corner between the front and side walls, above the tin and below the out line. The ball became wedged in the corner. What should the Referees decision be?

- a) Yes let.
- b) No let.
- c) Stroke to Mary.

2. Mary is on court ready for the warm-up. John arrives after the time allowed by the competition rules. What may the Referee do?

- a) Allow the warm-up to continue.
- b) Award match to Mary.
- c) Apply a Conduct Penalty against John.

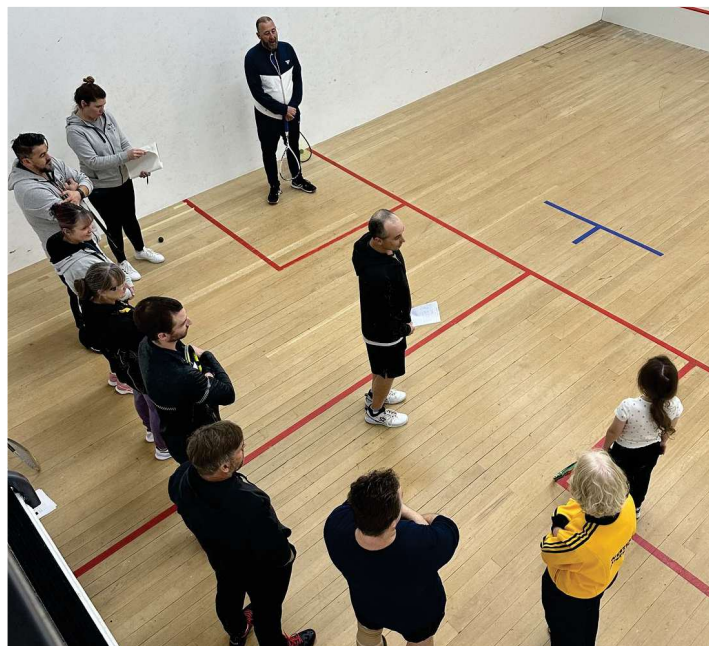
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Quote for the Month

"There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice"

Joseph Addison



Thanks Tim Cowell. After a postponement of courses nationwide, we ran our first coaching course for nearly 18 months on Saturday and Sunday 8-9 July at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont.

Assisting me in running the course over the weekend was **Paul Kershaw** and **Sue Hillier**, as we worked with seven candidates looking to achieve World Squash Federation (WSF) Level 1 status.

The postponement of courses gave Squash Australia time to get all the states on the same page with the new content being adopted from WSF, aimed to simplify a couple of things, for our new coaches to jump in and start working with new players to the sport.



Saturday was full on as we progressed through the WSF coaching tools and shot production, whilst Sunday was dedicated towards seeing the coaches in action delivering lesson plans.

Overall, it was a great learning experience for all, with even the presenters learning a thing or two about different ideas being used at grass roots level.

It was great to see Shaun and Theresa down from Geraldton with the intentions of getting programs started back up at their club.

Clubs need volunteers for grass roots programs to function and these coaching courses are a great way to up-skill your coaching knowledge so that you can help new players out.

If you are keen to lend a hand, register your interest with Squash WA and we can keep you updated with upcoming courses.



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Answers to Referee Questions:

- 1 a) Yes let (Rules 13.3 & 12.2.1)
- 2 b) Award match to Mary (3.7.3) – Don't be late!

It's time to rethink our choice of squash ball.

If my sources and memory serve correctly, the Dunlop Pro double dot ball was introduced into the market in the late 90s. The reason? The standard of professional players was getting to the point where a slower alternative of ball was required. Part of it could also have been the technology starting to be used in racquets, allowing players to generate far greater power in their shots.



Hitting the ball hard enough to keep it warm will rely on several factors: good technique, a certain degree of physical strength, and to a slightly lesser extent, the equipment is also a contributing factor. Juniors in a program will no doubt receive more coaching than most casual adults would, so might have a

technical advantage to generate power, but some adults will get away with average technique but compensate with brute force.

I'm going to come out swinging here with an opinion that might ruffle a few feathers out there. There are way too many players currently trying to play with a double yellow dot ball, that would be better suited using a single yellow dot instead. The double yellow dot ball was never designed for club level and casual players, yet seems to be adopted as the norm. The lower grades in pennants, in-house comps and tournaments, should seriously consider using a single yellow dot instead of the double yellow dot. This is especially the case at junior tournaments.

The curious thing for me is why the single yellow dot balls get such a bad wrap from club level players. After all, when you read the packaging, it is branded as a competition ball. The box doesn't say beginner ball. That's what the red and blue dots are for!

Years ago I was in that category of pro double dot for all. But then I found myself as a coach on the Trans-Tasman Tour in 2015 with the tournament taking place in Invercargill, NZ. The tournament conditions were that under 13s had to use a single dot ball. When you saw the difference in play you could perfectly understand why. The ball bounced. They had rallies lasting more than 3 shots. They could get their serves to the back wall.

From that moment I was convinced that even in the warmer climate of Perth, our younger juniors should be using single dots for much longer. The moment term 2 hits, my programs at Cambridge and Mirrabooka (and previously Brentwood), lock away the double dots and basically everyone plays with a single dot or below, bar a couple of the older juniors who can keep the ball sufficiently warm. It's also pleasing to hear a few other programs have followed suit and are seeing the positive difference.

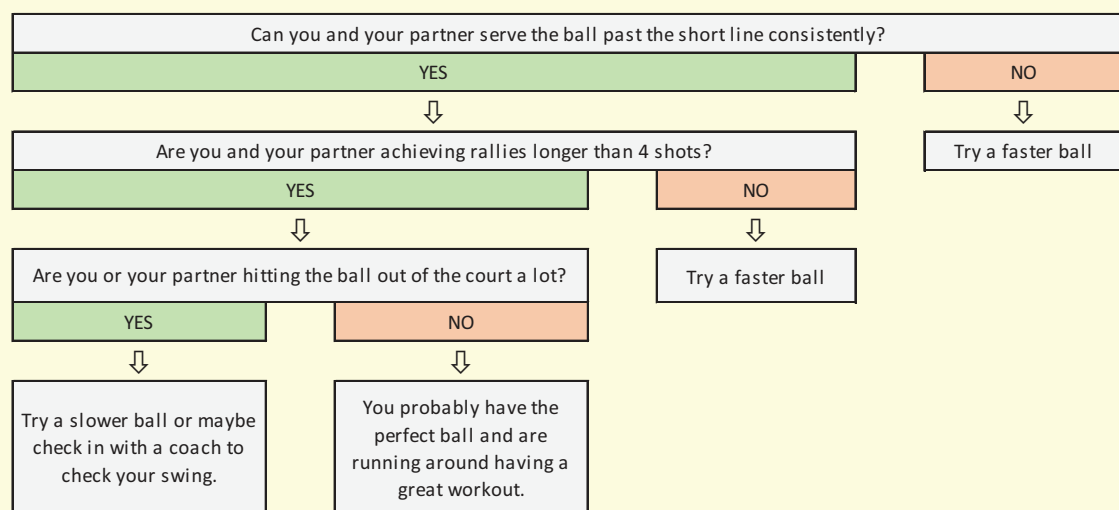
Squash prides itself on being the healthiest sport in the world for the potential workout achieved. But are we potentially short-changing ourselves by using a ball which doesn't bounce, ending the rallies prematurely? Just as your heart rate is beginning to rise, the rally is over, and you start to recover before the next ball is served. Imagine if each of those rallies lasted an extra 3 or 4 shots!



One of the arguments is that a single yellow is an advantage for those who can hit the ball hard and a disadvantage for those who like to play a touch style of game. With a bit of practice and adaptation, you will still be able to hit a mean lob serve and drop shot. Yes, the hard hitter can hit the ball harder, but if they hit it too hard then it will come off the back wall higher and further, so it is a potential disadvantage for them and advantage for you. Instead, they might be able to hit it a bit softer, therefore conserve some energy, and use it to chase your drop shots instead! Maybe this might encourage new players into competition as they will feel they are more competitive if they have longer rallies as opposed to being beaten by numerous winners with a ball as cold as ice.

Even now in coaching lessons, I will be using single dots more often in the coming months for some experienced players for several reasons. Some closed routines can be a bit static, so it can be harder to keep the ball warm – especially drop or lob sessions. Stopping to chat for 30 seconds to demonstrate something would then require another few hits to warm the ball back up before continuing. Even the standard drinks break would result in another minute getting the ball ready. Plus, if you want to practice getting the ball out of the back corners, it helps if it bounces to begin with. So, what is the correct ball for you?

My recommendations fall between the following... (somewhat like the refereeing flow chart!)



One last final thought. Racquetball. Once again, for some reason Racquetball seems to cop a bit of a poor wrap here in WA, yet its growing in popularity on the east coast with older players transitioning to it from squash. Why? The ball bounces more! As players get older the bouncier ball is a bit more forgiving on the lower body joints so that they can still enjoy their trip to the squash centre and feel like they have worked up a decent sweat!

So, if you are sceptical about this, why not give it a go in your next training hit first. See if you notice the difference in quality and effort required.



STATE

MEN	WOMEN
Mike Corren <i>Blue Gum</i>	Pascale Louka <i>VIC Park</i>
Oscar Curtis <i>Mirrabooka</i>	Sue Hillier <i>VIC Park</i>
David Ilich <i>Blue Gum</i>	Zoe Petrovansky <i>VIC Park</i>
Tim Cowell <i>Cambridge</i>	Erin Classen <i>Mirrabooka</i>
Remi Young <i>Mirrabooka</i>	Jo Hitch <i>Mirrabooka</i>
Dylan Classen <i>Mirrabooka</i>	Hannah Slyth <i>Blue Gum</i>
Jason Patmore <i>Blue Gum</i>	Clare Slyth <i>Blue Gum</i>
Daniel Marsh <i>Belmont</i>	Emily Savic <i>Marmion</i>
Mitchell Van Heythuysen <i>Belmont</i>	Fiona Whooley <i>Mirrabooka</i>
Francois Vorster <i>Mandurah</i>	Leigh-Anne Kaye <i>Mirrabooka</i>



NATIONAL

MEN	WOMEN
Rex Hedrick <i>Victoria</i>	Jess Turnbull <i>Queensland</i>
Rod Evans <i>Queensland</i>	Alex Haydon <i>Queensland</i>
Ryan Cuskelly <i>New South Wales</i>	Donna Lobban <i>Queensland</i>
Aaron Frankcomb <i>New South Wales</i>	Colette Sultana <i>Queensland</i>
Joseph White <i>Queensland</i>	Madison Lyon <i>Queensland</i>
Jean-Pierre Brits <i>Queensland</i>	Sarah Cardwell <i>Queensland</i>
Bryan Lim <i>Queensland</i>	Jennifer Condie <i>New South Wales</i>
Steve Finitis <i>Queensland</i>	Vanessa Pickerd <i>Victoria</i>
Rhys Dowling <i>Queensland</i>	Samantha Foyle <i>Queensland</i>
Mike Corren <i>Western Australia</i>	Pascale Louka <i>Western Australia</i>

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Oscar Curtis	<i>Mirrabooka</i>
Remi Young	<i>Mirrabooka</i>
Dylan Classen	<i>Mirrabooka</i>
Daniel Marsh	<i>Belmont</i>
Mitchell van Heythuysen	<i>Belmont</i>
Aedan Martin	<i>Cambridge</i>
Eric Gray	<i>Hilton</i>
Cooper Kennedy	<i>Broome</i>
Kiran Byles	<i>Marmion</i>
Jackson Kiely	<i>Maddington-Gosnells</i>

STATE U23 WOMEN

Pascale Louka	<i>VIC Park</i>
Erin Classen	<i>Mirrabooka</i>
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Michaela Pratt	<i>Blue Gum</i>
Caitlin Pratt	<i>Narrogin</i>
Jade Woods	<i>Eastern Goldfields</i>
Isla Harris	<i>Moora</i>
Olivia Lindsey	<i>Mirrabooka</i>
Isabella van Emden	<i>Bunbury</i>
Josie Jones	<i>Blue Gum</i>



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Top 5

JUNIOR RANKINGS

31 July 2023

NATIONAL

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AUS



U11 Boys

Lucas Curry
Leonard Bruce
Abhin Behl
Aneek Metkar
Ethan Skidmore

U11 Girls

Jemi Martin
Meetra Gunalan
Miranda Clarke

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U11 Boys

Benjamin Boardman
Kai Dumbleton
Jethro Llewellyn
Grayson Coleman
Wesley Correa

U11 Girls

Elizabeth Wang
Riyo Kawabata
Yashica Jiwa Mohan
Abbey Boswell
Annette Chow

U13 Boys

Domenic Christou
Charlie Richardson
Kaelan Penn
Leo Van Straaten
Arje BernSousa

U13 Girls

Teagan Scott
Olivia Hibbs
Renee Tan
Ella Clarke
Ivanka Lu

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U13 Boys

Kaveen Kohombange
Thomas Wang
Max Jones
James Sanders
Charlie Richardson

U13 Girls

Olivia van Zon
Nadia van Zon
Jaida Wigley
Timonaliz Alarcos Kriebisch
Teagan Scott

U15 Boys

Alexander Marsh
Luke Jamieson Jr
Andreas Christou
Jacob Curry
Jayden Huynh

U15 Girls

Joey Scott
Jessica Jellis
Kayla Clarke
Ruby Foo
Holly Carver

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U15 Boys

Kasper Cheung
Flynn Bartlett
Marcus Wang
Henry Kross
Connor Haberecht

U15 Girls

Sarbani Maitra
Tina Ma
Madison Nargar
Lilly Wilson
Maeghan Wang

U17 Boys

Waldo Vorster
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
Eric Marsh
Alvaro Blackall
Jonathan Groenewald

U17 Girls

Hannah Slyth
Isla Harris
Josie Jones
Sydney Ennis
Jasmin Legge

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U17 Boys

Darcy Hayes
Joshua Rahul Raj
Jarrod Atkins
Haider Naqvi
Jackson Wylie

U17 Girls

Amelie Guziak
Hannah Slyth
Lijana Sultana
Emmy Lamb
Joanne Joseph

U19 Boys

Oscar Curtis
Dylan Classen
Daniel Marsh
Preston Munro
Hamish Melvin

U19 Girls

Erin Classen
Caitlin Pratt
Cassandra Willsher

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U19 Boys

Oscar Curtis
Kenneth Lamb
Daniel Marsh
Connor Hayes
Harvey Allan

U19 Girls

Madison Lyon
Courtney Scholtz
Shona Coxsedg
Caitlin Pratt
Dakshyani Muniandy

ACT NSW NT QLD

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While the Interschool Competition and State Junior Champs have been taking place, 16 year old Hannah Slyth has been representing Aussie grit at the European Junior Open (EJO) in Cologne, Germany, as well as the Dutch Junior Open (DJO) in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

At the EJO, Hannah won her first two matches in straight sets, before a loss in 3 to the #1 seed and overall winner, finishing 5th place in a draw of 24 players. At the DJO, Hannah finished in 16th place in a draw of 64 players.

WHAT an achievement from Western Australia's #1 U17 girl, and #2 U17 girl nationally! Blue Gum Squash Club and Hannah's family - you must all be beaming with pride right about now - we certainly are!!

European Junior Open GU17 Results:

<https://www.europeansquash.com/sport/tournament/draw?id=62131E8E-AF9C-4AA3-918A-680E35841D3C&draw=4>

Dutch Junior Open GU17 Results:

<https://esf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament/player?id=63A51B32-B580-43AE-A52C-3CFE5801EEAF&player=37>



A large, vibrant poster for the 'Junior Squashathon'. The background is a black and white photograph of a large group of young squash players of various ages, all cheering with their arms raised. Overlaid on this image is text in various colors and fonts. At the top, there are two red 'SAVE THE DATE' stamps. In the center, the words 'JUNIOR SQUASHATHON' are written in large, bold, pink and purple letters. Below this, 'SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023' is written in blue. Further down, white text reads 'GET READY FOR ANOTHER 24 HOURS OF NON-STOP SQUASH AND SILLINESS AT SQUASHWORLD MIRRABOOKA!!'. Below that, more white text says 'RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR JUNIOR SQUASH IN WA' and 'HELP US KEEP A BALL IN CONTINUOUS PLAY FOR 24 HOURS STRAIGHT'. At the bottom, 'REGISTRATIONS OPEN SOON!!' is written in large white letters. Logos for 'SQUASH WA' and 'MIRRABOOKA SQUASH' are in the top right. In the bottom left corner is the 'SQUASH WORLD' logo, and in the bottom right corner is 'The Racquet Shop' logo.



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