

SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2023



WELCOME



30 October 2023



TM: This Month HWR: Highest World Ranking

PSA PLAYER:	TM:	HWR:
Mike Corren	242	38
Oscar Curtis	297	251
Remi Young	309	309
David Ilich	574	210
Dylan Classen	795	630
Erin Classen	147	130
Pascale Louka	186	186

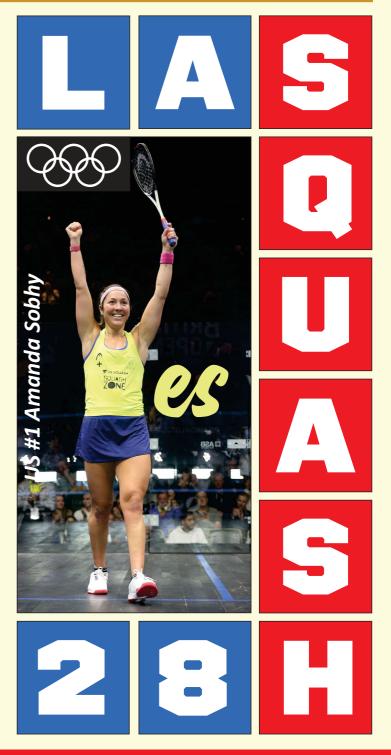
Dreams do come true

As a youngster I could never understand why squash wasn't an Olympic sport. Back in those days despite its popularity it may have had a few drawbacks but over the years the sport has grown and blossomed with portable glass courts, television coverage and advances in scoring, tin heights, racquet and ball technology.

Today it is the greatest sport in the world! It is the ultimate test of strategy delivered with intense concentration and endurance. There is no time limit ... its not a 10 second race. Squash also demands that its top players posess exceptional racquet skills to become the ultimate champion.

When Squash entered the Commonwealth Games in 1998 I thought it wouldn't take much longer to become an Olympic sport. Sadly, it has taken 30 agonising years!

I witnessed David Palmer and Zac Alexander win the Men's Doubles event at the Brisbane Commonwealth Games in 2018. It was a wonderful spectacle and I hope our entry into the Olympic family might be the catalyst Australia needs to reinvigorate our great game downunder.

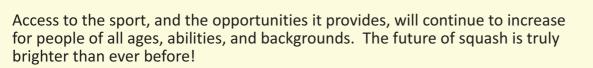


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BEHIND THE SCENES with Leigh Kaye

... and just like that, October has passed us in the blink of an eye.

The recent announcement of the inclusion of squash in the LA28 Olympic Games is a significant breakthrough for our sport. Being part of the Olympic Games has been a long time goal for the squash community, the addition of which will serve as a catalyst to increase awareness and participation in squash.



While the Olympics announcement was, and is, incredibly exciting news, the buzz that has been surrounding squash over the past year or two is undeniable. We've been breaking records left, right and centre, *particularly* over here in the west, with tournament participation, schools engagement, social media presence and more.

2024 is set to bigger and better than ever with the WA Open becoming a PSA Challenger 6 event - the

highest level ever to take place in Western Australia. Then the following week the Australian National Championships will take place in our beautiful city - the first time in roughly 30 years!

While nominations for the Annual Squash WA Awards have just closed, we now look towards the Stars Gala, at which each of the nominees and winners will be announced.

The event will also encompass the WA Closed tournament presentations, as well as dinner, dancing, and no doubt a ton of fun.

You can get your Stars Gala tickets via the Squash WA website here: <u>https://squashwa.asn.au/wa-squash-annual-awards/</u>.

There was a technical glitch with SportyHQ that was preventing entrants from signing up others/family members.

While we wait for this to be resolved, entry to the tournament can be completed via the website shop here: <u>https://squashwa.asn.au/shop/</u>.

Please ensure you add the entrant's full name and date of birth in the notes section when making the transaction.



2023 Registered Players				
As at 31 October			2022 fu	ull year
Club	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
Esperance	123	17	100	6
Blue Gum	100	15	118	31
Mirrabooka	97	42	82	21
East'n Goldfields	91	20	81	6
Vic Park	83	17	89	17
Kununurra	77	6	73	6
Mandurah	74	14	51	2
Broome	72	-	63	9
Bunbury	64	3	51	2
Belmont	56	14	69	8
Geraldton	52	7	49	2
Busselton	51	17	41	28
Marmion	46	27	59	7
Narrogin	41	2	29	3
Katanning	40	3	54	3
Karratha	39	8	41	3
Cambridge	38	9	51	16
Leschenault	37	4	39	9
Manjimup	35	2	25	2
Wickham	31	8	35	6
Dampier	22	-	24	2
Hilton	12	-	18	
Moora	10	2	1	1
Kensington	9	-	12	10
Madd/Gosnells	9	8	13	
Subi-Kings	8	-	1	
Wongan Hills	4	-	4	
Totals	1,321	245	1,273	200



BEHIND THE SCENES

JUNIOR SQUASH DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Events

- Tournament Tours
- School holiday clinics
- Squash-a-thon

Competition

- Pennants
- Tournaments
- National
- International
- .. or just for fun!

WA Squash State Team

WA Squash Talent Squad

WA Squash Academy,

Club Development Squad













WHAT'S ON

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

2023: November to December					
NOV	17 - 19	Great Southern Wheatbelt <i>Teams</i> Event			Katanning
DEC	1 - 2	WA Closed	Senior		Mirrabooka
DEC	1 - 2	WA Closed	Junior	Silver	Mirrabooka
DEC	2 - 2	WA Annual Awards Night	Scarborough Sports & Community Club		
DEC	10 - 10	Belmont Junior Tournament	Junior		Belmont





Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries







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

Cambridge Open



Thanks Kane Fasolo. The 2023 Gow Property Cambridge Open was held at the illustrious Squashworld Cambridge courts, featuring an impressive lineup of 76 entries. I had a perfect number of Mens and Ladies entries making it a dream draw to schedule for a change!

Sponsors are crucial to any event, and we are lucky enough to have some very long term sponsors that jump on board every year. Huge thanks to Gow Property, Stellar, Balcatta Glass, Hawthorn Civil and Mining Services, and Flinders Financial.

Luke Jamieson and Neil Butler did a fantastic job refereeing the event, these gentlemen never say no to helping out with an event, and we can't thank them enough!

Dean Williams, as always, kept everyone entertained with presentations, and the Cambridge Squash Club, in particular Audrey Smith, Amos Bruce, Michelle Hodge and Mason Woods, kept everyone fed over the weekend with a fantastic menu (Vera Bruce and Carmela Christou were also exceptional in taking the orders)!

The tournament proved to be a big day out for junior players, with emerging talents dominating most of the divisions. Among the standout matches was Ashton Clement's hard-fought victory over Domenic Christou in the Division 4 final (11-6, 12-10, 5-11, 5-11, 11-7). The longest match of the tournament was Remi Young taking out Daniel Marsh in 49 minutes over four games.

Showcasing a gripping back-and-forth battle, the unforgettable last match of the tournament featured Zoe Petrovansky's redemption against Pascale Louka (12-10, 9-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7). Avenging her prior defeat in the Esperance Open Ladies Final earlier in the year, Zoe took out her 2nd Cambridge Open.

Meanwhile Mike Corren keeps rolling on, completely dominating the rising Remi Young in the first two games before Remi struck back to take the third. Mike regained control to win the fourth game and his 7th Cambridge Open!

Thanks to the generosity of Mark Tear and Balcatta Glass, we introduced a new Player of the Tournament trophy this year and the ever popular Amos Bruce was our inaugural winner!

Cambridge Open			Cambridge 13-14 October 2023	
Event:	Winner:	Runner Up:	Plate:	
Men's Open	Mike Corren	Remi Young	Eric Gray	
Division 1	Jamie Serra	Paul Campbell	Alvaro Blackall	
Division 2	Luke Jamieson Jnr	Alexander Marsh	Mark Rukuata	
Division 3	Andreas Christou	Jacob Curry	Sam Turner	
Division 4	Aidan Mascaro	Amos Bruce	Jamie Dougal	
Division 5	Ashton Clement	Domenic Christou	Charlie Richardson	
Division 6	Mathys Edery	Ben Briggs	Mick Bourn	
Ladies Open	Zoe Petrovansky	Pascale Louka	Linda Towill	
Division 1	Prue O'Neill	Sydney Ennis	Corina Malatzky	
Division 2	Ruby Foo	Debbie Shahar	No Plate	

Cambridge Open

























October School Holiday Clinic

The FUTURE starts here ...

October School Holiday Clinic Thanks Remi Young

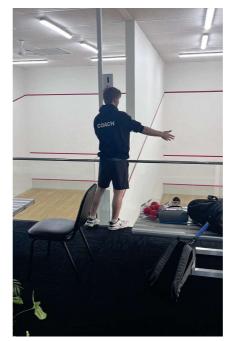
It was great fun to host my first Junior Clinic at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont during the October school holidays.

The kids got to go through different drills and games, covering all the major shots; drive, crosscourt, boast, drop, serve and return, with the aid of some great assistant coaching in Jonathan Groenwald and Charlie Richardson.

The aim was to introduce the basic techniques and footwork for playing shots from all over the court, as well as targets to aim for both on the front wall and the floor for the ball to bounce.

We finished the clinic off with some different team challenges to round up what I hope was a really fun day for the kids!

Thanks heaps to Serena for organising and putting on some great food. Hopefully I get the chance to run something like that again, and the kids learned different ways to improve their squash.









ig> SQUASH IS #LA28BOUND

This is exciting news and a long time coming. What a great incentive for those currently at the top of their junior career and early 20s to keep pushing. Representing your country is such an honour and achievement. Having the chance to be part of the Australian Olympic team, going into the Olympic Village - the atmosphere, experience, so many people dream of this and now squash players can too.

Australia has had so many World Champions, I hope this news lifts the profile of our great game and we can become one of the leading nations again.



Sue Hillier

Take YOUR Squash to the Next Level

Are you thinking about taking your squash to the next level? Why not try some one-on-one training with a qualified, experienced coach!

Find YOUR PERFECT FIT on the Squash WA website here:



Image links to: https://squashwa.asn.au/current-wa-coaches/

EYEWEAR IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL JUNIORS AT ALL TIMES!

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE TRAINING OR HITTING BY YOURSELF. (A JUNIOR IS ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS)



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:









AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS





The format of the Australian Junior Teams Championship changed for 2023.

A Division 2 was added with states/territories permitted to submit a team in each division. The aim of this is to grow participation and provide equal opportunity for all states/territories to compete. Final Team Results Division 1

Victoria	51
Queensland	46
New South Wales	34
West Australia	34
South Australia	15

WA performed well in Division 1 however Victoria & Queensland were simply too strong this year.

Division 2

DIVISIONZ	
Queensland	27
ACT	22
New South Wales	20
Victoria	18
Tasmania	13

State Coach Tim Cowell reflected on the result: "As far as the teams event result, we beat NSW and SA whilst losing to VIC and QLD. However, on



their new scoring priority, we were equal points with NSW and slipped

below them on countback as they won more matches, as we had more bonus points. In the end it was a 4th place finish (3rd if you want to take the 'Piers Morgan' moral victory!).

At the end we got together as a group and spoke about that, as a state, we have enjoyed the highs of winning the teams event in the past and that we would like to see us return to that point. It will take some time and plenty of hard work, but it is certainly possible."

Onwards and upwards in 2024!

2023 Junior State Team Major Sponsor

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SQUASHATHON









Squashathon has now been running since 2019, being the highlight of the year for many a junior! Last year saw 43 juniors signed up, and this year was a slightly higher 45. With five adult carers, it was not a task for the faint-hearted.

The kids started swarming in from lunch time, despite the event not actually starting until 2pm - they just couldn't wait, and demanded their parents bring them in early! Upon arrival, parents were asked to sign their junior in, and juniors had to sign off on the Squashathon Code of Conduct, to ensure everyone had a fun and safe experience. They were then presented with their shirt and directed to court 8 to drop off their bags and bedding.

A roster of 30 minute timeslots, right around the clock was drawn up on the court 3 glass for juniors to write their name down for a few 'shifts' with a whiteboard marker. To kick things off, Marmion junior squash besties Jess Jellis and Laney Rawling took to the court.

The 'MVP' list was started for those who did something kind for another junior or an adult carer, or filled in for someone who wouldn't get out of bed for their shift. The 'Shame' list was also started but ended up with barely anyone on it, just a couple of juniors who again, we couldn't rouse from their slumber to complete their shift! This is testament to how wellbehaved and respectful all of our juniors are.

For dinner everyone had spaghetti bolognese and salad, and snacks included fruit, crackers, dip and popcorn. In the morning, the wonderful Sanny Ang arrived bright and early to bake fresh Brazilian Cheese Bread (Pão de queijo) bites for everyone - what an angel!! The aromas that filled the club room were mouth-watering.

With breakfast entrée done, the juniors then launched into the cereal boxes. For lunch on Sunday, we had pulled pork and slaw sliders. Two

SQUASHATHON

whole pork shoulders had been simmering in a slow cooker overnight - so more delicious aromas filled the air when the lids were lifted, and meat shredded.

As per tradition, we had The Final Countdown blaring out of a speaker downstairs as we watched the final match take place and the 24-hour event conclude for another year.

The MVP award went to Chelsea Hawke, who looked after some younger juniors who didn't know anyway, helped the adult carers with various things, and filled shifts for others. We also announced Holly Bourn as the MVF (Most Valuable Fundraiser) for raising the highest amount of money. Both girls were presented with \$50 Racquet Shop vouchers. The VERY tired and dishevelled juniors and adult helpers then headed home.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors: Memolub Australia, Brickstruct, Balmain Glass, Little Brown Rabbit Photography, Squashworld Mirrabooka, and Mirrabooka Squash Club. Thanks also to our five adult carers who worked around the clock to ensure all 45 juniors were safe, happy and fed: Serena Richardson, Michelle Jones, Andy Jones, Luke Jamieson and Mark Foo - you're all worth your weight in gold! Shout out to Dougie the Cocker Spaniel who was the official mascot of Squashathon 2023, and delighted all with his extraordinary eyelashes.

Everyone had a fantastic time, and we raised over \$2,200 for junior squash in Western Australia! Bring on Squashathon 2024!

Well done team !









BUSSELTON INVITATIONAL



Thanks Busselton Squash Club. Another year and another SUPERB Busselton Invitational tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this tournament such a joy to attend. Win or lose, there were smiles and laughs around every corner.

Gender equality was on point with 50% female and 50% male participation - exactly 40 players of each. A whopping 31 hours of squash was played over the three days of the tournament (27, 28 and 29 October), equating to 120 matches on the only two courts at The Sebel Resort!

To our guiding referees for the weekend Luke Jamieson and Neil Butler, it's always good to know the lets and strokes are in the confident deliberation of you both. To the Bunbury boys for cooking up a treat for us on the Saturday night, thank you. And finally, our sponsors:

- Hillzeez Down South Surf Shop
- Rocky Ridge Brewing Co
- South West Cheeky Butcher

SportsPower Busselton
Retravision Busselton

You guys help us out with all the necessities for a tournament to operate, thank you for your donations and support.

We can't not mention how fabulous everybody looked in your fancy dress getups. Great show!

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament and Mayor of Busselton Phill Cronin & squash Hall of Famer Barbara Wall for coming down to present the awards.

Busselton Invitational			Busselton 27-29 October 2023
Event:	Winner:	Runner Up:	Third:
Men's Open	Heddwyn Brahma	Brenden Ward	Dan Jones
Division 1	Chris Chan	Sean Brockman	Matthew Hanzel-Fuller
Division 2	Mark Rukuata	Dave Windsor	Dean Meredith
Division 3	Tom Payne	John Tetlow	Marc Kaye
Division 4	Daniel Richardson	Ryan McGrath	Nicholas Doyle
Ladies Open	Fiona Whooley	Linda Towill	Lisa Christou
Division 1	Nikki Wilson	Jessica Anastasakis	Paula Thompson
Division 2	Jane Hunt	Erin Zolnier	Deb Hoffrichter
Division 3	Celia Culverwell	Dani Mayors	Jodie Ranieri
Division 4	Carmen Kutan	Georgia Dennison	Leah Currey

BUSSELTON INVITATIONAL



The Inaugural Kununurra Squash Open



Kununurra Squash Club held the inaugural Kununurra Squash Open over the weekend of 21 and 22 October 2023. The competition attracted 42 entrants from Kununurra and Darwin across two divisions: the Kununurra Open (Division 1) and the Kununurra Club Championship (Division 2).

Competition started early Saturday morning. Ten competitors played for the title of Kununurra Open 2023 Champion. Spectators got to see the best of our own, take on some of the best from Darwin, including squash coach Jarrod Ashcroft who also had a role in motivating this inaugural Kununurra Open competition. Kununurra's Mitchell Van Heythuysen proved to be a class above, taking the title over runner up Connor Manzie of Darwin, in 3 games to 1 in front of a thrilled audience crammed into the viewing room in front of centre court. The Kununurra Open Plate winner was Kununurra local, Kent McLachlan, winning the Plate final in 4.

A cut-throat format with 32 players in Division 2 saw the first seeded player take on the 32nd seeded player, a bit like the AFL finals of old when the minor premier played eighth on the ladder. But in this case, the losing competitor got a chance to play again and advance towards a prize – the Kununurra Club Plate. Ultimately, the Kununurra Club Championship was won by <u>Ben Mcilwaine</u> who defeated <u>Daniel</u> Faricy, in 4. The Kununurra Club Plate was won by Rhodes Boyce, also in 4 against Maria Bolten Magnay.

'I'm Not Done Yet' Kununurra Squash Club motto special mentions go to Angus Gillespie and Maria Bolten. Angus powered through his games and finished well above his seeding. It was Maria Bolten Magnay that came out ahead of Angus in the end in an entertaining 5-gamer, not long after Maria defeated Jacquie Roberts in another entertaining and competitive 5-gamer.

The inaugural event was a tremendous success, full of entertainment, laughs, friendly rivalry, and sporting competition. The organisers are looking forward to backing it up in 2024.

Thank you to the competition prize sponsors:

- Kununurra Squash Club Inc. Kununurra Open Champion prize
- Kimberleyland Waterfront Holiday Park and Spill the Beans Café Kununurra Open Champion runner up prize
- IBAC Plumbing Kununurra Open Plate prize
- The Sandalwood Sanctuary Kununurra Club Champion winner, runner up, Plate winner and runner up prizes.

Thank you also to Kimberley Ornamental Stonecraft for the Kununurra Open Champion medallion.

HILTON: UP FOR LEASE



You are invited to submit an expression of interest to lease the iconic **Hilton Squash Centre** at 292 South Street, Hilton WA. The lease will be available from 1 February 2024 or earlier by negotiation, with the term and rent also negotiable.

This 7 hard-backed court centre with full mezzanine is located at the top of the hill with ocean views in the vibrant Hilton shopping precinct only 10 minutes from Fremantle with a vast catchment area of potential squash players. Hilton is the only squash centre South of the Swan River for the entire metropolitan coastal corridor.

Hilton Squash is ready for a dynamic, friendly operator to continue the legacy of a fun squash experience in a welcoming environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to be the next amazing squash court operator at Hilton, call

Rachel Percival on 044 9668 558 or email at rachel-percival@hotmail.com.



"What's in a Name or Call?"

We often hear the terms "Scorer" and "Umpire" used instead of the official "Marker" and "Referee".

Different sports have different terminology for their officials.

- Baseball Umpires
- Basketball Referees Hockey – Umpires
- Rugby Referees • Cricket – Umpires
 - Australian Rules Umpires

Spare a thought for American Football (NFL) as they have 8 designated officials:

- Referee
- Umpire
- Line judge
- Side judge
- Down judge • Fall judge
- Field judge
- Replay judge

From the Rules circa 1979

"The time-honoured calls of "out of court" and "time" to stop a rally will continue to be acceptable while they are being phased out by 'out' and 'stop' respectively."

44 years on we still hear "out of court", "high" and "high ball"! Also, you often hear "Smith won in 5 sets". Squash has "Matches" which consist of the best of 3 or 5 games. Tennis has "Sets."

Some will say does it really matter whether we use "Umpire" or "Referee"," Scorer or Marker". "Games or Sets"?

I say YES, as using the correct terminology shows respect for and knowledge of our game.

Remember players score points and the Marker keeps score.



The answer is on Page 20

John's nose bleeds. There has not been a collision. What recovery time is allowed by the Referee?

- a) 3 minutes
- b) Reasonable time
- c) 5 minutes





At the end of the day you're a windshield or a bua!

> **Mick Malthouse** on being adaptable

2023 Cambridge Open Neil, Dean Williams & Luke





COACHES CORNER with Tim Cowell

Thanks Tim Cowell. 'The Role of the Mentor'

The question was posed to me this month, "what has shaped you into the coach you are?" The answer is a lot of things! Hopefully, it's not too much of a "deep and meaningful" article this month!



When we look at how we live our lives, who has had the greatest influence on that? Parents? Grandparents?

Teachers? Coaches? Your wise uncle? There is value in knowledge passed down, but experience and guidance potentially more so. Think about the teacher who not just taught you the subject but challenged you in other areas in life. Or maybe it was simply the way they conducted themselves that resonated with you.

In the coach education area, we talk about finding a mentor coach. Someone who is there to guide you along the way and help you to improve as a coach. My role in the Mirrabooka program has changed somewhat in that I'm not always on court each week, rather having the flexibility to check in on the coaches and see how they are operating and handling situations, occasionally jumping in to lend a hand where needed. We have a great bunch of volunteers helping each week, but the fact is a lot of them are still pretty inexperienced when it comes to coaching hours, so any advice is valuable to them.

Then there is the player/coach relationship, especially more so in the high performance area. The biggest influence on my career, without a doubt, has been Mike Cornish. Mike took me under his wing in the early days of my junior career, at first it was mostly in the state team program but that quickly expanded to additional mid-week training sessions as well. Even in his short stints overseas, training programs and focus areas were available for others to assist me, to keep me on track during my junior development. Not everything was always rosy all the time. Being a typical kid, I stuffed up once or twice, there was a bit of tough love needed at times, but I think it helped me to stay grounded enough (I hope).

So, what do I think has helped to shape me the most? One of the biggest things I learnt from Mike was loyalty – particularly towards your sponsors. After helping me out with my first couple of contracts with Dunlop Slazenger, I've been a sponsored player/coach since about 2005, I think! There have been offers from other brands to use their racquets, but I've stayed true with Dunlop since day dot. There was also a couple of lean years impacted by long term injuries, however the brands were happy to continue backing me from the work I had done with them.

Salming is the other long term brand, coming up to 10 years now with them, for shoes and clothing. From day 1 I was taught, it was never about what the sponsors could give you, it's what you could give the sponsors in terms of promotion and exposure.

The next trait was pride in the badge. Ask any other state coach at the AJCs, who is the most passionate there. With no hesitation Mike would be named. You could always tell when a Western Australian was on court! At the end of 2007 I did a short stint with Geoff Davenport (another mentor over the years in the national talent squad program) and then decided to shift to Adelaide on a more permanent basis to train with the SAAS (SA Academy of Squash).

COACHES CORNER with Tim Cowell

However, there was one tough detail to manage. I was able to train with the program, but not receive any clothing or any major funding benefits the other scholarship holders received, because I still chose to represent WA when it came to junior and senior teams. This pride and passion also fuelled the drive to see WA strive to win the Australian Junior Championships, which eventually happened in 2018 (you could say decades in the making). This is also another reason for still doing the coaching work I have been; whilst the regional work has dropped off, I'm trying to promote the game in the metro area because it simply has to be done. And if I were to step away, there would be a massive hole to fill in that area.



So this is my next assignment ... to train up the next batch of coaches to deliver these programs! This was also another important trait of Mikes' that coaches need to understand. We have our limits as to how far we can take players. Mike had reached his limit where he felt his knowledge wouldn't be able to progress me to where I wanted to go. Roger Flynn (also a national talent squad coach) had just shifted to Scotland, so he suggested moving over to Adelaide to base myself with Geoff. Coaches can get a bit protective of players at times, so it does take a bit to realise your limitations and put your ego aside for the benefit of the player.

So how else have I been shaped as a coach? This is where the mentors, in particular, started to increase, working with a number of different coaches in different squads including those I trained under: Geoff Davenport, Roger Flynn, Vicki Cardwell, Sue Hillier, Ken Watson. In recent times the training sessions (or physical floggings) from Moose certainly have had value as well! Don't discount a bit of old-fashioned hard work! Finding the best bits of all of them to work out how my style of coaching may evolve, or learning valuable lessons in dealing with various circumstances.

Don't discount family either. Not so much from a coaching perspective, but my grandad was one incredible person with what he valued and the way he supported all of his family. Whilst the mentor role was certainly important, so was having a great mate to talk to. Something as simple as being able to drive down to Bridgetown for the weekend, having a few home brews looking over the sun setting behind the hills was a great chance to reset and refocus at times. Whilst the mentoring was important from a professional point of view, the mateship was equally important, so much so that he was my best man at my wedding.

So, there we have it. Almost my life story once again! When conducting coaching courses, we often ask coaches to identify values that resonate with them, and there are certainly a few more that I could add to this. But when I look at a few of the things that have really shaped and stuck with me, then these would be some of those important lessons. And if you want further evidence of loyalty ... try being a Freo member since 1996!! I'm pretty sure that's where I get my patience from!

SALMING.





Term 4 Junior Pennants

Participation in Junior Pennants has remained consistent and strong over the past 12 months. Including a doubles match each week for the division one juniors has proven incredibly popular, and has become an element we couldn't possibly do without!

This term saw six teams of three juniors across two divisions along with around five reserve players on standby to help us out. Each week the division one juniors play a round of pennants, and are then matched up semi-randomly for doubles! You can hear their shouting and laughter from miles away. The division two juniors play two rounds of pennants each week.



Jess Jellis (Marmion), Hayden Knox (Mirrabooka) and Ashton Clement (Blue Gum)

We decided to name our Term 4 teams after some top WA players, and are as follows: Young, Louka, Corren, Petrovansky, Classen (E), Classen (D), Patmore, Cowell, Curtis, Ilich, Slyth and Marsh. For round two on Sunday 22 October, we had some very special guests drop in! Hannah and Oscar watched their teams' first round before joining in on a photo with their players. Mike was busy manning the counter but managed to pop out for a photo with his team also.

The remaining rounds are on 5 November at Cambridge, 12 November at Marmion, and then finals are the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont on 19 November (including a best of 3 exhibition match between two of the top WA players). Feel free to drop by if you're in the area and see how much our juniors are improving and loving their squash!

Watch this space for future special guest photos!



Team Curtis: Poppy Biswas (Vic Park), Jasper Tapley (Blue Gum) and Amalie Jacobs (Blue Gum)



Team Slyth: Charlie Tea (Cambridge), Leonard Bruce (Cambridge) and Olivia Lynch (Mirrabooka)

JUNIOR RANKINGS

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31 October 2023



Quiz Answer: c) 5 minutes (Rule 14.4.1)

SQUASH WA STARS GALA



Come and dance the night away

at the

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7pm, Saturday 2 December 2023 Scarborough Sports and Community Club 75 Deanmore Road, Scarborough

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Help wrap up the 2023 squash season, and celebrate Squash WA's finest. Festivities will include a buffet meal, WA Closed tournament presentations, the annual Squash WA awards, a fully-licensed sports bar and a DJ. Attire: cocktail (ie. no board shorts, tees or singlets).

Ticket sales end 11/11/2023

ADULT RANKINGS *as at 31st October 2023*



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NATIONAL

MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN
Mike Corren	Erin Classen	Rex Hedrick	Jess Turnbull
Blue Gum	Mirrabooka	Victoria	Queensland
Oscar Curtis	Zoe Petrovansky	Rod Evans	Alex Haydon
Mirrabooka	Vic Park	Queensland	Queensland
David Ilich	Sue Hillier	Aaron Frankcomb	Tanvi Khanna
Blue Gum	Vic Park	New South Wales	Queensland
Remi Young	Pascale Louka	Joseph White	Sarah Cardwell
Mirrabooka	Cambridge	Queensland	Queensland
Dylan Classen	Jo Hitch	Steve Finitsis	Colette Sultana
Mirrabooka	Vic Park	Queensland	Queensland
Jason Patmore	Hannah Slyth	Bryan Lim	Madison Lyon
Blue Gum	Blue Gum	Queensland	Queensland
Daniel Marsh	Clare Slyth	Mike Corren	Adele On Ying Fung
Cambridge	Blue Gum	Western Australia	New South Wales
Aedan Martin	Emily Savic	Jean-Pierre Brits	Jennifer Condie
Cambridge	Marmion	Queensland	New South Wales
Francois Vorster	Fiona Whooley Mirrabooka	Rhys Dowling	Lijana Sultana
Mandurah		Queensland	Queensland
Greg Laurence Vic Park	Hayley Chiu Cambridge	Solayaman Nowrozi	Erin Classen
VICPUIK	Cumbridge	Queensland	Western Australia
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Remi Young	Mirrabooka	Pascale Louka	Cambridge
Dylan Classen	Mirrabooka	Hannah Slyth	Blue Gum
Daniel Marsh	Cambridge	Isla Harris	Moora
Aedan Martin	Cambridge	Michaela Pratt	Blue Gum
Eric Gray	Hilton	Caitlin Pratt	Narrogin
Cooper Kennedy	Broome	Jade Woods	Eastern Goldfields
Preston Munro	Dampier	Isabella van Emden	Bunbury
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Esperance	Josie Jones	Blue Gum
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