

EVENT RESULTS – Day 4

2016 MACKAY OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS



EVENT TYPE: Professional - PSA M5 and W5
16 player draw with qualifying rounds

WHERE: Mackay Leisure Centre
95 Broadsound Road, Mackay

WHEN: Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 October 2016

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Day 4 Results: Finals

#1 seed **Zac Alexander** has become the Mackay Open Champion for the 2nd year in a row. The victory took his PSA record to 7 titles this year.

Ranked W#83 Alexander had too much fire power and defeated #5 seed Manuel Wanner from Switzerland (W#174) in straight.

“It was the best I have concentrated over the past 2 weeks so I’m pleased because that was important especially in the 2nd game when Wanner began to dig his heels in” said the champ.

Alexander began a winning streak in August 2015 when he took out the NSW Open. He then won 30 professional matches in a row and collected 7 PSA titles. He then entered the Australian Open and won his first round match but then fell to Kiwi Paul Coll in the second round.

“Maybe I shouldn’t have played the Australian Open” Alexander joked after acknowledging he was building yet another impressive winning streak. Since that solitary loss the 27 year old has been undefeated in 12 matches and collected 3 PSA titles.

Alexander won the Queensland Open last weekend, the Mackay Open today and he looking forward to completing the “Triple Crown” by winning the inaugural Cairns International next weekend.

Kiwi **Amanda Landers-Murphy** is the 2016 Mackay Open Champion after defeating #2 seed Lisa Camilleri in four.

“I’m happy to get the win and I’m enjoying my time in Queensland” said Landers-Murphy after her victory.

She only had respect for her opponent “I always knew it was going to be a tough match especially with Lisa’s experience. She doesn’t give you much to work with and she can put it away if you give her the opportunity”.

Landers-Murphy came through on the harder side of the draw and survived a brutal semi final match against #1 seed Tamika Saxby. “Yesterday was a tough win in five because it was very hot on court. I’m not used to the ball bouncing so much! Today was a little better but it was a different style of match” said Landers-Murphy.

The talented 25 year old from Rotorua in New Zealand is currently W#78 but that will soon change following a victory last weekend at the Queensland Open and today’s win.

She now heads up to Cairns for the Cairns International where she too will be hoping to achieve the “Triple Crown” – winning 3 Queensland PSA events over 3 weekends in a row.

PSA M5 Main Draw –Final

[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) 11-6, 11-8, 11-3 (37m)

PSA W5 Main Draw – Final

[3] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) def [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 11-7, 12-10, 6-11, 11-3 (39m)

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