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## A DARK DAY FOR AUSSIE SQUASH !



### Pilley & Cuskelly crash out of the World Champs in Round 1

Sadly, World #13 Cameron Pilley was eliminated by an unseeded Egyptian (W#40) and W#15 Ryan Cuskelly was eliminated by a qualifier (W#61) at the World Championships in Cairo.

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Welcome to the November edition of ASPM. Hope you like the fresh new look!

The Queensland Sharks won their 13th consecutive teams title at the AJC. The Sharks recorded victories in the U15 and U19 team events whilst their U13 and U17 teams finished runner up.

The WA Wasps finished 2nd overall. Their U13 team was simply awesome winning their team event.

The Tasmanian Devils created history by winning an age group for the first time when their players won gold in the U17 event.

Zac Alexander and Kiwi Amanda Landers-Murphy won both the Queensland Open and Mackay Open in October.

All was looking good for Australia at the Men's World Championship being played in Cairo when Rex Hedrick got through qualifying and joined Cameron Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly in the main draw.

Hedrick beat Christophe Andre (FRA) in straight and then Piedro Schweertman (NED) in a 71 minute marathon to qualify

as one of the final 64 starters.

Hedrick then drew World #1 Mohamed ElShorbagy. The gutsy Aussie went down swinging 5-11, 10-12, 9-11 in 40 minutes. A result full of merit considering his 71 minute match up beforehand.

Unfortunately, for Pilley and Cuskelly it was a day they would rather forget with both crashing out to lower ranked opponents.

The PSA World Tour is extremely tough and being at your best week in week out isn't easy so lets hope Pilley and Cuskelly can regroup and forge ahead once more.

Finally, check out the story on the back two pages. Steve Walton will contribute to ASP Monthly with the "Final Word" segment each month.

Walton has created a Facebook Page called "Squash United". Makes for some interesting, thought provoking reading.

"Positive energy is contagious". I like it!

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**1** Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Marilyn Kennedy won **GOLD** at the World Masters Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa

Our former world #1, who won a then record five World Open titles, has now added a third World Masters trophy to her incredible collection.

It wasn't all plain sailing for the 47 year old from Melbourne who nearly didn't make it to Johannesburg.

"It was touch and go for a while," said Fitz-Gerald "I had a calf injury which almost stopped me entering, so I feel really humble that I made it here and still came through to win another title.

"There's always pressure when you're playing for a world title, and it's a bit of a reality check in the Masters, everyone slows down, reactions aren't as good, and they play drops and lobs!"

O45: [1] **Fitz-Gerald** def [3/4] Andrea Santamaria (ENG) 11-4, 11-3, 11-5 (18m)  
O65: [2] **Kennedy** def [3/4] Faith Sinclair (SCO) 11-4, 11-9, 11-3 (20m)

Peter Gilbee and Anne Richards won **SILVER** whilst Tom Slattery had to settle for **BRONZE**:

O55: Final: [9/16] **Gilbee** lost to [1] Willie Hosey (IRL) 6-11, 7-11, 5-11 (16m)  
O60: Final: [2] **Richards** lost to [3/4] Julie Field (ENG) 3-11, 2-11, 8-11 (40m)  
O75: Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] **Slattery** def [3/4] Björn Borgvall (SWE) 8-11, 11-8, 11-3, 11-9 (24m)

**2** The Queensland Sharks Junior Team won their 13th consecutive overall team title at the Australian Junior Championships. Queensland won the U15 and U19 team championships and finished 2nd in the U13 and U17 Championships.

The WA Wasps team dominated the U13 Championship whilst the Tasmanian Devils created history by winning their very first age team title when they took out the U17 Championship.

**9** Our top two men on the World Tour were bundled out in the first round of the rich M150 Delaware Investments US Open 2016 in Philadelphia, USA.

Pilley went down to [6] Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) 4-11, 8-11, 11-4, 8-11 (60m)  
Cuskelly was eliminated by qualifier Paul Coll (NZL) 11-9, 7-11, 6-11, 4-11 (69m)

**10** Our top two women had mixed fortunes at the US Open. Donna Urquhart got off to a great start winning in five but Rachael Grinham was bundled out in three.

- 10** Urquhart def [15] Victoria Lust (ENG) 11-9, 7-11, 11-5, 6-11, 11-6 (56m)  
Grinham lost to [13] Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG) 7-11, 5-11, 8-11 (26m)
- 11** The only Aussie to reach the second round at the US Open was Donna Urquhart. She put up a strong showing in the first two games but couldn't advance past the #7 seed. Urquhart lost to [7] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 7-11, 11-5, 5-11, 5-11 (37m)
- 18** Squash Australia announced that Townsville will host the 2017 Australian Closed Championship from the 24th-26th March 2017.
- 22** Donna Urquhart fell to Kiwi Joelle King in the 1st round of the W50 Carol Weymuller Open 2016 in New York. King won a close contest 13-11, 3-11, 12-10, 11-9.
- 23** Zac Alexander won his 6th PSA event for 2016 when he took out the Queensland Open final. He defeated Josh Larkin for the 2nd time this year but it was a much improved performance from Larkin winning the 2nd game and pushing the match out to 4 games over 56 minutes.
- 25** Squash Australia announced the return of the Australian Doubles Championships. The ADC will be run in Darwin from 19th - 20th November, 2017 straight after the Australian Open.
- 27** Rex Hedrick qualified for the 2016 Wadi Degla PSA Men's World Championships Main Draw when he defeated Christophe Andre (FRA) 11-7, 11-6, 11-9 (40m) and Pedro Schweertman (NED) 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 5-11, 11-6 (71m).
- 28** Our Australian Men playing at the World Championships in Cairo were all eliminated in Round 1. Karim Ali Fathi (EGY) def [14] Cameron Pilley (AUS) 3-1: 13-11, 2-11, 13-11, 11-6 (65m), [Q] Jens Schoor (GER) def [13] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) 3-1: 11-7, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9 (53m) and [1] Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY) def [Q] Rex Hedrick (AUS) 3-0: 11-5, 12-10, 11-9 (40m)
- 30** Zac Alexander continues to dominate the Australian Tour with another strong performance at the Mackay Open. Alexander won his 7th PSA title for the year and defended his Mackay Open title from 2015.
- Lisa Camilleri was the most successful Aussie women at the Mackay Open finishing runner up to Kiwi Amanda Landers-Murphy.



# EVENTS

# AJC TEAMS GOLD MEDALLISTS



**U13**



**U15**



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# AJC TEAMS GOLD MEDALLISTS



 ***Congratulations***



## PSA M5 Q OPEN



### Final

[2] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) bt [1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-9, 6-11, 11-8, 11-7 (56m)

### Semi Finals

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8

[2] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) bt [4] Patrick Rooney (ENG) 11-8, 15-13, 11-7 (42m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [6] Manuel Wanner (SUI) 11-3, 11-6, 9-11, 11-7 (65m)

[3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) bt [8] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-9, 11-4, 11-8 (35m)

[4] Patrick Rooney (ENG) bt [Q] Bradley Freeme (AUS) 11-8, 9-11, 12-10, 10-12, 12-10 (71m)

[2] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) bt [5] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 11-7 (55m)

### Round 1

[1] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [Q] Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) 11-8, 11-1, 11-7 (20m)

[6] Manuel Wanner (SUI) bt [Q] Mohamed Saied (EGY) 11-3, 11-1, 11-3 (20m)

[8] Thomas Calvert (AUS) bt Joel Luca (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (20m)

[3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) bt [WC] Lachlan Coxsedg (AUS) 11-3, 11-6, 11-2 (17m)

[4] Patrick Rooney (ENG) bt Rohan Toole (AUS) 11-6, 11-7, 14-12 (20m)

[Q] Bradley Freeme (AUS) bt [7] David Clegg (AUS) 11-2, 14-12, 11-3 (30m)

[5] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-9, 11-3, 11-7 (30m)

[2] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) bt [Q] David Ilich (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5 (20m)



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## PSA W5 Q OPEN



### Final

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [5] Milnay Louw (RSA) 7-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-7, 11-9 (56m)

### Semi Finals

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) bt [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-9, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9 (52m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) bt [Q] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 11-5, 11-7, 11-3 (25m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) 11-4, 11-3, 11-5 (20m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) bt [Q] Melissa Martin (AUS) 11-7, 11-6, 11-4 (22m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) bt [Q] Susan Davis (AUS) 11-8, 11-4, 11-3 (17m)

[Q] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) bt [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 3-11, 11-7, 11-9, 13-11 (40m)

### Round 1

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt Tiffany Hau (USA) 11-2, 11-2, 11-5 (17m)

[6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) bt [Q] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 7-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-4 (45m)

[Q] Melissa Martin (AUS) bt [7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 11-6, 11-2, 11-9 (20m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) bt Taylor Jones (AUS) 11-1, 11-2, 11-3 (17m)

[Q] Susan Davis (AUS) bt [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 6-11, 11-9, 11-3, 14-12 (35m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) bt Grazia Guida (AUS) 11-1, 11-1, 11-4 (20m)

[Q] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) bt [8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 13-11, 11-4, 11-6 (20m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-4, 11-7, 16-14 (30m)





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## PSA M5 MACKAY OPEN



### Final

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

### Semi Finals

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) 11-7, 11-9, 11-3 (33m)

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) def Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) 13-11, 11-8, 11-6 (66m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [7] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-4, 11-4, 11-3 (20m)

[3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) def [6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-9, 11-8, 11-9 (36m)

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) def [4] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 (61m)

Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) def Darcy Evans (AUS) 7-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-9 (56m)

### Round 1

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [Q] Robert Garcia (PHI) 11-7, 6-11, 11-8, 11-6 (37m)

[7] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) def [Q] Graham Miao (HKG) 11-4, 11-5, 11-4 (28m)

[6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) def [Q] Ruan Olivier (RSA) 13-11, 11-2, 11-4 (28m)

[3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) def [Q] Zac Millar (NZL) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4 (30m)

[4] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) def Mohamed Saied (EGY) 12-10, 11-7, 11-5 (30m)

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) def Courtney West (AUS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-9 (22m)

Darcy Evans (AUS) def [8] Joel Luca (AUS) 11-7, 12-10, 11-7 (27m)

Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) def [2] Rui Soares (POR) 12-10, 11-4, 11-6 (38m)



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## PSA W5 MACKAY OPEN



### Final

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

### Semi Finals

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 (46m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 16-14, 11-4, 10-12, 12-10 (45m)

### Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def [5] Milnay Louw (RSA) 11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 11-7 (45m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 11-3, 9-11, 11-0, 11-6 (27m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def [6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) 11-4, 11-3, 11-1 (17m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def [7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 11-6, 11-8, 11-7 (12m)

### Round 1

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def [Q] Teagan Ollett (AUS) 11-2, 11-3, 11-1 (11m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) def [Q] Tiffany Loss (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-4 (18m)

[8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) def Tiffany Hau (USA) 11-6, 13-11, 10-12, 11-7 (35m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [Q] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 13-11, 11-7, 11-1 (21m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def Taylor Jones (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-1 (18m)

[6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) def [Q] Hannah Shipley (ENG) 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 11-8 (27m)

[7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9 (36m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def Katie Smith (ENG) 11-3, 11-5, 11-9 (18m)

1st November 2016



# RANKINGS



## WORLD TOP 5 MEN

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
3	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
4	Omar Mosaad	EGY
5	Nick Matthew	ENG

## WORLD TOP 5 WOMEN

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Laura Massaro	ENG
3	Nouran Gohar	EGY
4	Raneem El Welily	EGY
5	Nicol David	MAS

## TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
14	13	Cameron Pilley	11
16	15	Ryan Cuskelly	13
55	58	Rex Hedrick	52
64	83	Zac Alexander	36
88	92	Joshua Larkin	87
101	98	Matthew Hopkin	89
122	120	Rhys Dowling	120
179	196	Thomas Calvert	179
201	195	David Clegg	177
208	213	Solayman Nowrozi	208

## TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
19	22	Rachael Grinham	1
21	21	Donna Urquhart	13
44	42	Christine Nunn	36
46	49	Sarah Cardwell	46
52	53	Tamika Saxby	52
66	65	Lisa Camilleri	28
83	81	Jessica Turnbull	81
100	112	Samantha Foyle	73
105	105	Lakeesha Rarere	75
111	111	Stephanie Wighton	98

### 33 Aussie players listed

Thomas Calvert achieves a new HWR  
Solayman Nowrozi achieves a new HWR

### 17 Aussie players listed

Rachael Grinham returns to the World Top 20  
Rachael Grinham returns to Aussie #1  
Sarah Cardwell achieves a new HWR  
Tamika Saxby achieves a new HWR  
Samantha Foyle returns to the World Top 100





# CALENDAR

## <<< NOVEMBER 2016 >>>

04-06	PSA	<b>Cairns International, Sportsworld Cairns, Queensland</b>
05-07	Masters	<b>Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games, Gold Coast, Queensland</b>
11-13	Open	<b>Brisbane Open, Redcliffe, Queensland (Closed Satellite)</b>

## <<< DECEMBER 2016 >>>

28-03	WSF	<b>World Team Championship, Paris, France</b>
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## <<< JANUARY 2017 >>>

13-15	Juniors	<b>Australian Junior Open, Darwin, Northern Territory</b>
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## <<< APRIL 2017 >>>

14-16	Juniors	<b>Oceania Junior Championships, NZ</b>
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## <<< MAY 2017 >>>

11-14	PSA	<b>NT Open, Darwin, Northern Territory</b>
25-27	PSA	<b>WA Open, Perth, Western Australia</b>

## <<< JUNE 2017 >>>

2-5	PSA	<b>City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open, Kalgoorlie, WA</b>
7-10	PSA	<b>SA Open, Adelaide, Campbelltown, South Australia</b>
29-2	PSA	<b>Tas Open, Tasmania</b>

## <<< JULY 2017 >>>

27-30	PSA	<b>Bendigo International, Bendigo, Victoria</b>
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## <<< AUGUST 2017 >>>

1-6	PSA	<b>Victorian Open, Melbourne, Victoria</b>
8-13	PSA	<b>Australian Open, Melbourne, Victoria</b>
17-20	PSA	<b>Shepparton Open, Shepparton, Victoria</b>
25-27	PSA	<b>Bega Open, Bega, NSW</b>

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SQUASH**

**WSF**

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**PSA**

**AUS**



By **Steve Walton**

*Steve is a very passionate squash supporter. Having been a professional squash player himself, Steve fully understands the PSA system and he has helped countless players achieve their dreams. Steve is a highly respected innovator and personality within Australian Squash circles.*

*Steve has created a Facebook Page called Squash United. Each month he will write an article to provoke positive change and thinking to get Australia moving forward again. We will reprint that article as the final word to get the thoughts out to a wider audience. In the meantime check out his page!*

## SQUASH ● UNITED

If we want our junior players to go on and become Professional Squash Players then we need to help them in many ways.

Every Junior Squash Player by the time they reach 18 has had thousands of dollars and hours invested into them by: parents, coaches, court owners, sponsors, State Associations, National Associations and others.

But once they finish in juniors all the attention and support immediately disappears and the result is that many of these players actually stop playing and the majority of them never achieve any significant success as a Professional Squash Player.

We need to both retain players for the

good of the sport and provide an opportunity for the Junior Champions to go on and succeed at Pro level.

Becoming a Pro is very easy, you just fill out a form and hand over some money.

Getting started as a Pro is very challenging. The system works on ranking points. To be able to play in an event you need to be in the top 30 (on average) of people applying for that tournament. That means if your ranking is below all of these people you do not get in ... even if you can beat them!

So when you are starting out, you have no ranking points so you have to hope that a tournament does not fill up with "ranked" players so that you can get in to the draw ... and then you need to win matches.

When you are starting out it is highly unlikely that you will even cover your costs at these events. You need to fly to them, accommodate yourself and eat and it is unlikely your prize money will exceed your expenses. There are ways to save a few dollars but it is still not easy.

It is most likely that this will be your story for 4 years unless you succeed early. Its not very enticing is it?

So one of our Stated goals at Squash United is to win the World Junior Championships in 10 years, therefore, I have given a lot of thought to how this is going to happen and what type of players we are going to need.

Already we are seeing that the best countries in the World have their junior players competing professionally.

At the World Junior Championships this year the girl who won is also currently ranked 4 in the World on the Women's Circuit!

So in 10 years time it is fair to say that the best Country in the World will probably have their junior players competing at a high level on the International Circuit.

So Australia has to do this and we need to start the process now.

Here are my two ideas to commence this process:

1. Both winners of the Australian Junior U19 Championships should be awarded the wild card for the Australian Open. This guarantees them points.

In fact (depending on the prizemoney on offer) it may give so many points that it could save them an entire year of playing events.

I have calculated it and by saving a year there is also a potential saving of up to \$5,000 - \$10,000.

Australian Squash has an excellent tour for players getting started and by getting these points it is almost certain that you will qualify for every event so the benefit multiplies.

I also believe that the winners should have their professional registration paid for one year.

2. The top 4 or maybe even the top 8 in U17 should be taught exactly how the PSA system works so that they can begin their career and gain a strong ranking.

This could be delivered via a workshop at events etc and with a bit of mentoring it will be understood.

The Australian circuit means that students can do this with minimal disruption to their schooling.

3/ (yes I know I said 2). The winner of the State/Territory junior Titles should be given a Wildcard to the State/Territory professional Titles.

(A player is only entitled to one wildcard per year so they cannot get one for a State title and an Australian Title)

It is my belief that Squash Australia (owner of the Australian Junior Championships and Australian Open) decides who gets the wildcard for their events.

The State and Territory Associations have the right to decide who gets the wildcards for their events.

What do you think?

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Photo: U19 Australian Junior Champion **Alex Eustace** would have loved a wildcard entry into his own Queensland Open.

