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2022	Mar	26	Marriott, Hurghada, Egypt	2025	Jan	24	TOC, 30 years at Grand Central

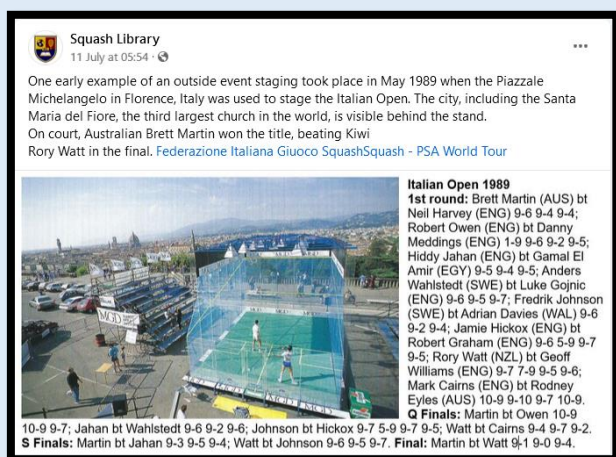
Updated to 30 June 2025

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Squash Library
27 June at 08:52

When Sheffield's Abbeydale Park and Hallamshire clubs hosted the World Masters 1999, the championship programme outlined their histories from Abbeydale's opening in 1934, and courts added at Hallamshire in 1970. Abbeydale was the home for the British Open 1972-4, the British Nationals later that decade, and they jointly hosted the British Junior Open. <https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources> for the details.

ABBEYDALE PARK SQUASH CLUB

Formed on the 25th February 1934 this historic club is amongst the oldest in Sheffield and steeped in tradition. Its first cost of £2250, which members' subscription 1st October 1934.

Since then five more of them have been built. The first work commenced on in the country to incorporate April 1971. At this stage of a venture of faith, for blessing in advance the suitable for champions.

It was officially opened by the Marquis of Zetland, the President of the SRA, on the 30th October in 1971. The SRA announced short tournament that the club had been officially approved for championship play and Benson and Hedges British Championships, 1971-72.

HALLAMSHIRE TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB

The club was founded as the Sheffield and Hallamshire Tennis Club and was closed in 1914. It was then reformed as the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club. In these founding years courts could only be crossed a red shale requiring players to wear special shoes in the corridor. Heating was also not existent, to such an extent that in winter it was not uncommon for players to wear several coats.

The club is now a far cry from these early days. Six more courts have been added along with new and updated facilities such as a gym and a crèche. The most recent addition was the new squash courts.

Squash Library
19 January at 08:21

Grand Central Terminal – the iconic venue of the Tournament of Champions – was opened to travellers 110 years ago in 1913. And it is in a waiting room close to the main concourse that the showcourt has been set up since 1995, in front of a huge flow of daily commuters. [Tournament of Champions Squash - PSA World Tour](https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources)

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Squash Library
24 April at 08:06

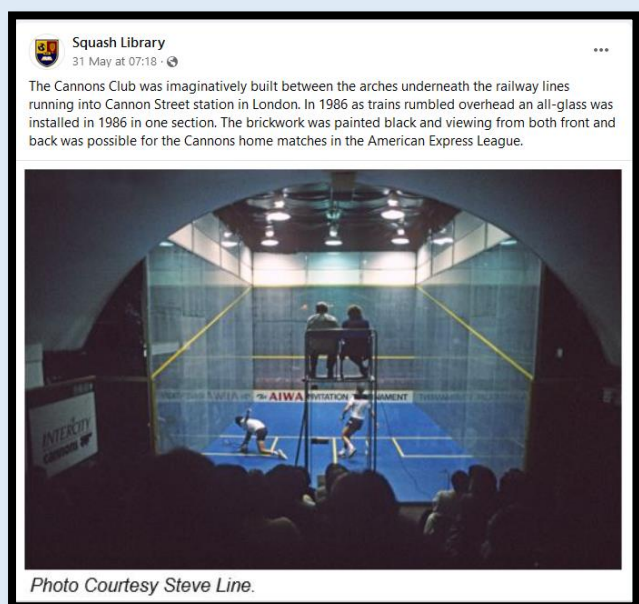
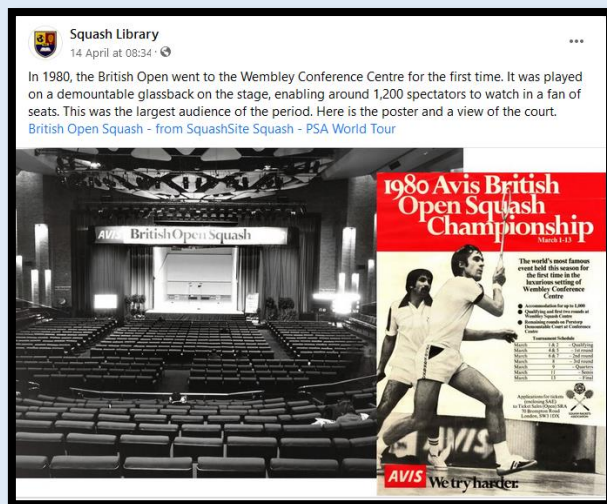
This month in 1976 the newly opened PIA Squash Complex in Karachi began to host events with the Hashim Khan Trophy, followed by the Pakistan Masters in November. The 300 seat centre court and three other spectator courts enabled Pakistan to begin hosting major events. [Pakistan Squash Federation](https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources)

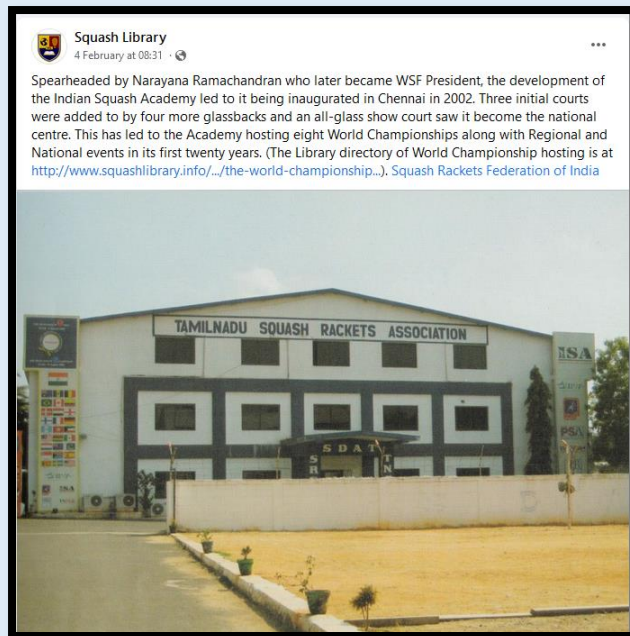
"Pakistan is very talented in this great game. It is really a great game. I enjoyed the game thoroughly. It was a first class squash, and this complex here will contribute greatly for the development of the game. We will have more and more of our youngsters taking part in this sports in which our present players have already excelled."

Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto,
Prime Minister of Pakistan
Morning News, Karachi, April 18, 76

Squash Library
30 August at 08:20

Squash became a central activity at the Royal Automobile Club in London when the new clubhouse including three courts opened in Pall Mall in 1911. It also spent many years as a leader in the development of the game. Read the full Library story here: www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources.





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Squash Library

17 March at 08:28 · 🌐

Today's final of the Women's CIB Black Ball Open in Cairo is being played at the impressive facilities of the Black Ball Sporting Club. Opened in Oct 2017, it features no less than 19 courts, including an all-glass showcourt and has already hosted several major PSA Tour events. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Black Ball Sporting Club](#)[CIB Egypt](#)[Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library

6 March at 08:28 · 🌐

The Wimbledon Club in London, venue for the Optasia PSA Men's Tour event beginning today is an historic one. The club was founded in 1854 by cricketers playing on Wimbledon Common. In 1890 it relocated to the current freehold nine-acre site on Church Road that was bought that year from Miss Sarah Beaumont for £3,612. Historically cricket, hockey (pic), tennis and squash have been played there. This week many of the top squash players in the world will do so. [Optasia Squash Championships](#)[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[TWCsport](#)



Squash Library

14 January at 08:48 · 🌐

In May 1986 the French Squash Federation placed a showcourt produced by French company Puchaux in Paris between the fountains of the Trocadero, facing the Eiffel Tower for a week as part of the Sport Aid initiative. Its aim was to take squash out of the traditional indoor surroundings. The court was also used for the French Open and World Open (in Toulouse) that year. [FFSquash](#) - [Fédération Française de Squash](#)



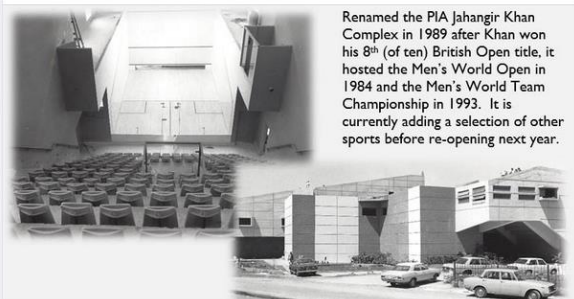
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Squash Library

27 December at 08:44 · 🌐

The opening of the PIA Squash Complex in Karachi in 1976 enabled Pakistan to begin staging international events. The facility on Kashmir Road features five courts, the central one having 250 seats, room for a standing gallery of 100, and broadcast facilities. The 'second' court seats 150. [Pakistan Squash Federation](#)



Renamed the PIA Jahangir Khan Complex in 1989 after Khan won his 8th (of ten) British Open title, it hosted the Men's World Open in 1984 and the Men's World Team Championship in 1993. It is currently adding a selection of other sports before re-opening next year.



Squash Library

13 December at 08:47 · 🌐

When the Wembley Squash Centre was built in North London in 1974, one innovation was a central block of removable seats so that a TV camera could be slotted in (with room behind, in a storeroom). The end seats on the front row were also removable for cameras. For the full Wembley story go to <https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/wembley-squash-centre>



Squash Library

29 September at 08:41 · 🌐

Hasta La Vista, the world's largest squash club, is due to host the postponed World Masters next year on its 33 courts. The facility has already hosted multiple squash championships before, including the 2013 WSF World Junior Championships, the 2017 World Games and the European Masters Championships and European Team Championships in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Owner Zenon Waniak added a demountable all-glass show-court in 2017 to support his bringing events to the Wroclaw, Poland facility.

[HASTA LA VISTA](#)



Squash Library

26 August at 08:37 · 🌐

Although squash had arrived in the United States earlier, (beginning at St Pauls School in Conover, New Hampshire and in private homes); Christmas Day 1900 was a landmark date for squash in USA.

It was on this date that the first court built at a club was opened. It was at the Racquet Club in Philadelphia at their original Walnut Street location. Slightly smaller than the standardised dimensions, and built entirely of wood for \$500, it proved to be an instant success.

This prompted the club to add three more courts two years later. Again, space constraints meant that they were slightly smaller than the standard 32' by 21'. Unlike the first, they were primarily cement constructed, including the floor, with only the front wall being wooden. The building costs had risen to \$1,630! [US SQUASH](#)



World Squash Library @SquashLibrary · Nov 30

Abbeydale, a suburb of Sheffield in England holds a special place in British squash history. Its 7th court, opened on 30 Oct 1971 was the first full glass back wall fin court enabling viewing across its full width. The Library Abbeydale story is at: [squashlibrary.info/features](https://www.squashlibrary.info/features)

The club then hosted the 1972-74 British Opens before the championship moved to the newly opened Wembley Squash Centre in 1975.





Squash Library

11 August at 08:48 · 🌐

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When Manchester won the right to host the Commonwealth Games 2002, the venue building programme included a National Squash Centre - which is being used for the Manchester Open this week. In addition to six courts (convertible to four doubles), it included a showcourt (also convertible to doubles), mounted on a hover-pad system.

This enabled it to move through the opening built into the adjacent indoor running track and seating to be built round it for over 2,000 spectators, as pictured (the top photo from the Games 2002 shows the court in the athletics area, with the bottom shot showing the black partition it had moved through to enter the squash area).
[England Squash - PSA World Tour](#)
[Commonwealth Games Federation](#)



Photos: Steve Line



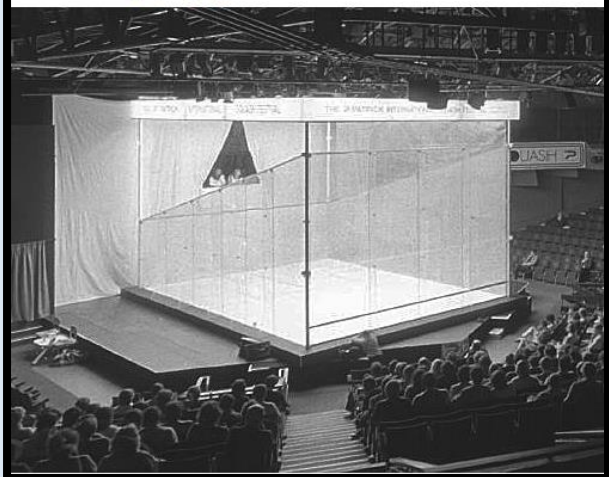
Squash Library

1 August at 09:21 · 🌐

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Sunday prompt. In March 1983 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England Jahangir Khan (PAK) beat Gamal Awad (EGY) 3 - 1 in the then record breaking 2hr 46 min final of the Chichester International (yes, only four games!). He did so in the probably unique situation of the master camera filming being through the front wall. As can be seen there was no backwall viewing for the event except for the match officials.

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)
[Pakistan Squash Federation](#)
[Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library

22 May at 09:17 · 🌐

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Egypt is synonymous with event hosting, currently in El Gouna, but World Federation founder members Egypt had hoped to host their first world championship - the world Amateur Team & Individual - back in 1979. However, while finances were no problem the lack of facilities prevented it. The National Stadium courts (below) would come on stream two years later so the first of the current 13 World Championship stagings in Egypt was the Men's Teams in 1985. Details for all World Championship events and hostings by nation at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships> and all Library World Championship posts are indexed at www.squashlibrary.info, click on POSTS. [Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش [World Squash Federation](#)

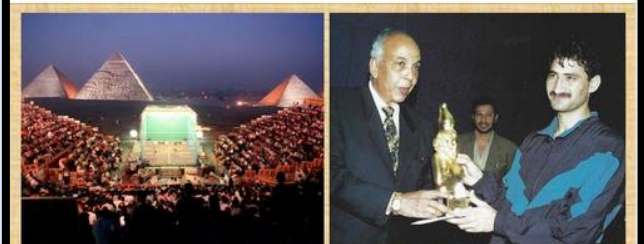


Squash Library

21 March at 08:50 · 🌐

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Sunday prompt: With the PSA Tour in Cairo at present, back in 1996 the very first Giza 'Pyramids' event was played there. The Al Ahram International 25 years ago saw home star Ahmed Barada beaten by Pakistani Jansher Khan in the final. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)
[Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش [Aham Sport / بوابة الأهرام الرياضية](#)





Squash Library

2 March at 09:15 · 🌐

Squash may not have been played in prehistoric times, but in October 2007 it joined with them! A showcourt was erected in the Chicago Field Museum under the watchful eye of Sue, their resident T-Rex, and fighting elephants, for the two day event. It was presented by METROSquash, the city's urban squash & education programme to showcase squash to visitors and students, as well as fund-raise. Professionals including Amr Shabana, John White, Peter Nicol, Natalie Grainger & Jonathon Power played, coaching sessions held, and a dinner for 500 staged. Innovate use of the past to highlight future for youth.

[MetroSquash](#)



Squash Library

27 February at 09:24 · 🌐

The Calcutta Racket Club in India has a huge history, having been formed in 1793 and thus one of the oldest clubs in the world. The 'Racket' was not a reference to sport, but derived from the 'Racket Bird' that lived in the trees around its site! The club was initially known as the Fives Court or Gamekhana. The game of rackets gave way to squash in the 1930s.

It started with two courts, and added two more in January 1951, the opening by H.E. Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor ... See more



Squash Library

22 February at 08:52 · 🌐

The historic Jeu de Paume Club in central Paris is located on the top floor of a building between the Arc de Triomphe and the Trocadéro.

The club originated in 1908, and replaced one of its Paume (real tennis) courts with four squash courts in 1927, at a time when squash (or squash rackets as it was then called), was almost unknown in France. These courts became the starting point for squash in the country.

One court had part of a sidewall replaced with glass and now opens into the club lounge. The club hosted some matches in the WSF Women's World Team Championship in 2016.

[Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash](#)



Squash Library

2 January at 09:10 · 🌐

A top venue, the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex was officially opened by HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani on 16 December 1992. Then it featured a showcourt and two glassbacks, but grew to a showcourt and 8 glassbacks courts to host the Asian Games 2006.

In addition to hosting the annual Qatar Classic International Championship, the Khalifa Centre has also been the venue for five Men's World titles, one Women's and a World Junior Championships too (dates on Library chart extract below & in full at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>).

Pictured at the Complex inauguration are, left, H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa al-Thani (centre) with Ali-Al-Fardan the President of Qatar Tennis and Squash Federation, right, showing the facilities.

[Qatar Squash Federation](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#) [World Squash Federation](#)



Qatar	
1998 DOHA	Men's
2002 DOHA	Women's
2004 DOHA	Men's
2012 DOHA	Men's
2012 DOHA	Jnr Men's, Jnr Women's, Jnr Men's Team
2014 DOHA	Men's
2019 DOHA	Men's

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Squash Library

18 September · 🌐

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Even before the English National Squash Centre was built in 2002 for the Commonwealth Games, showcourt events took place in Manchester. Initially in a circus tent at Belle Vue, and from 1999 - 2002 the British Nationals were staged on a court placed inside the track at the Manchester Cycling Velodrome.



Cassie Jackman & Paul Johnson try the track.
Photos courtesy Steve Line.

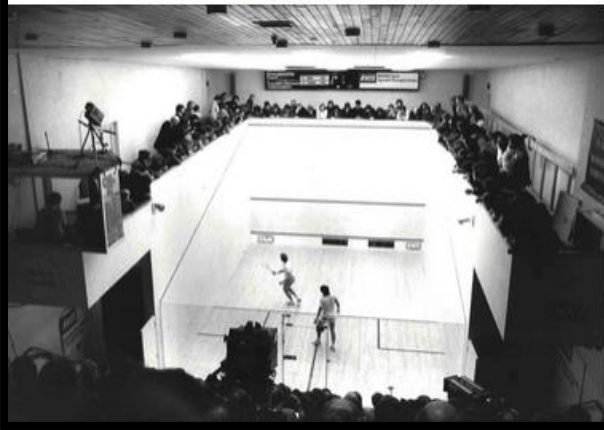


Squash Library

17 May · 🌐

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The Wembley Squash Centre in North West London opened in November 1974. It featured 15 courts, including the first purpose-built for broadcast centre court. Apart from hosting events such as the British Open, it provided a blueprint for other nations at the time. The full Wembley Squash Centre story is at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>

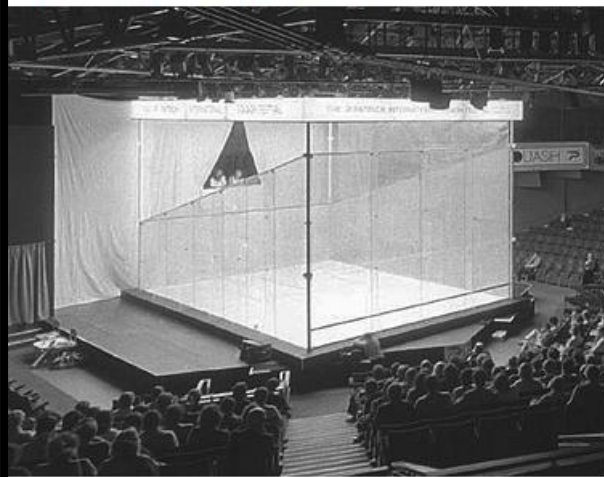


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Squash Library

20 February · 🌐

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You might have thought that the largest gallery for a court (above the solid back wall) in the 1950's would have been at the Lansdowne Club in London, home of the British Open, but that would have been incorrect. Until 1958 it was the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, South Africa which could hold 300 - 400. Then in 1958 along came the pictured court which could hold 500 spectators, the majority in a towering block as well as 100 in two side galleries. It was built in the grounds of Cairo University. Another top ranking for Egypt! (The Lansdowne Club court had 144 seats and standing for 60 more).



Squash Library

11 February · 🌐

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Iconic Grand Central Terminal in NYC isn't the first station-based event. The British Nationals starting in Nottingham today was played at a station from 1985 - 1988. Bristol's Temple Meads Station is the oldest station in England, and became operational in 1840. The court was placed on the track-bed of the historic building, with seating on the old platforms. [England Squash](#)





Squash Library

9 January · 🌐

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The Tournament of Champions beginning today at Grand Central Terminal in New York will be the 23rd at the station, which has become an iconic squash venue, and is played in an area passed by tens of thousands of travellers each day. The first Terminal event was won by Jansher Khan in 1995, beating Rodney Eyles 15/5, 15/8, 15/10. [Squash](#) - [PSA World Tour](#)

