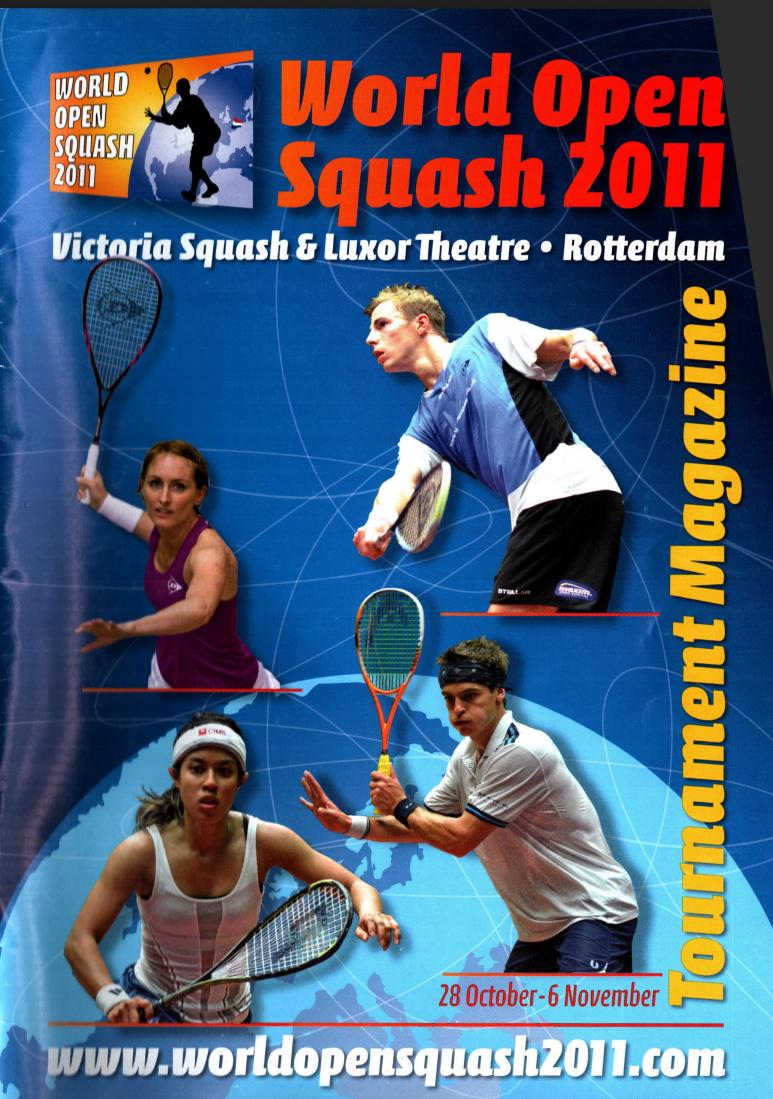


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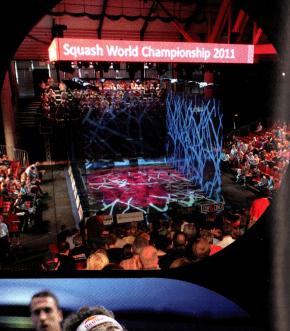
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Welcome



World Open Squash Championships 2011

On behalf of the World Squash Federation I should like to warmly welcome all players, officials and spectators to the 2011 Men's and Women's World Open Championships.

Our thanks go to Tommy Berden and his colleagues at NextSquash, as well as Rotterdam Topsport, Squash Bond Nederland, the tournament sponsors and all involved in bringing the world of squash to Rotterdam. Thanks also to all those involved in making the Championships work, especially the referees and volunteers. I should also like to extend a warm welcome to all delegates and others attending the 41st WSF Conference and AGM to be held in conjunction with the championships.

These events are the pinnacle of the PSA and WISPA Tours and the Tours' superb television production will ensure that the action is viewed all over the world. This of course links in with the WSF spearheading our bid to gain a place at the 2020 Olympic Games in conjunction with the player bodies, so the event coverage along with the other great attributes of our wonderful sport are so important to showcase here.

Squash has been very popular in the Netherlands for many years, with several very successfully staged European and World Championships here in the past. The large centres and the great playing population provide the base for this, one to which many countries would relish reaching. The players love coming here, indeed many base themselves in Netherlands, and we look forward to our time here for these championships and our meetings.

It is a very major commitment to bring both the World Opens together, but so special. Thank you, Rotterdam for rising to this challenge and hosting us.

Best wishes to all the competing players, and have a great time at these championships.

Mr N Ramachandran
President, WSF



Rotterdam is proud to host the World Open Squash!

Rotterdam is very proud to be the host for the World Open Squash 2011. I can't imagine a better location for such a great sporting event than Rotterdam, the City of Sports. With extraordinary participants and a wonderful location, this World Open has all the ingredients to become unforgettable. For the World Open Squash, Rotterdam created a 'new' location. 'Het Nieuwe Luxor' is normally used as a theatre, but is for this occasion transformed into an amazing playing ground.

Rotterdam is a city with a wide-ranging experience in top class sporting events. Annual events on the Rotterdam sports calendar include the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament and the ABN AMRO Marathon Rotterdam. In addition, Rotterdam is regularly the host city for top national and international events. Highlights of the last few years include the EURO 2000 Final, the World Championships Baseball 2005, the World Championships Judo 2009, the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships 2010 and of course the Grand Départ of the Tour de France in 2010. This year Rotterdam also has been the host to the World Championships Table Tennis and the European Championships Dressage. As the City of Sports, Rotterdam embraces the Olympic dream of the Netherlands and has the ambition to be the host city for the Olympic Games in 2028.

I wish all of the competitors, coaches, visitors, supporters, volunteers and sponsors the best of luck. Let's show everyone once again that our title 'City of Sports' is well-earned.

With kind regards,

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"Rotterdam is de stad waar het voor mij allemaal is begonnen. Als jochie stond ik op het basketbalpleintje in Rotterdam en jaren later speel ik in de grootste basketbalcompetitie van de wereld tussen de grote internationale sterren. Als ik dan weer terug ben in Rotterdam, dan kom ik thuis. Geen woorden maar daden, dat is waar Rotterdam bekend om staat. En kijk wat Rotterdam daarmee alleen al in de sport bereikt heeft; het WK Judo in 2009, het WK Turnen en de start van de Tour de France in 2010 en WK Tafeltennis in 2011. Allemaal mijlpalen voor de stad en er komen nog heel veel mooie evenementen aan. Resultaat van een grote passie voor sport én de Rotterdamse mentaliteit! En dat valt niet alleen mij op, ook internationaal weten ze dat Rotterdam een echte Sportstad is, mijn Sportstad!"





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which would be exactly 100 years after the 1928 Olympic Games took place in Holland, and now six years later preparations are well under way to launch a serious attempt with Rotterdam being one of the frontrunners.

Squash in Rotterdam



Naturally squash also plays an important role in the huge sporting society of Rotterdam. The legendary sports venue of Victoria has been in use since the nineteenth century for hockey and even before World War II

the first squash court was erected at one of the oldest sporting clubs in the Netherlands. More than a century later Victoria is still one of the leading national and international squash clubs, which boasts 12 courts, a thriving junior academy and a healthy (growing) playing population. Victoria is not the only club in Rotterdam though where squash fanatics can play their favourite sport. There are numerous other squash courts situated in Squashcentrum Ommoord, Charlois Tennis & Squashcentrum, Tennis- en Squashcentrum IJsselmonde, IJsclub Kralingen and Tick in the Nick, located within the sporting complex of the renowned Eramus University.

Squash is 'hot' in Rotterdam and hosting the World Open Squash 2011 in the vibrant city can only help to stimulate even more citizens to pick up this dynamic sport. So don't count on squash slowing down in this amazing city any time soon!

This year's World Open Squash is hosted by Rotterdam and that's no coincidence considering the essential role sport plays in the harbour city. Recent events like the Grand Départ of the Tour de France in 2010, the World Championships Table Tennis 2010, the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships 2010 and the World Championships Judo 2009 show that for the city of Rotterdam sport is not only a marketing tool, but also a useful method for building a healthy, social and active society.

Olympic Ambitions

The Rotterdam sporting policy is very extensive. From grassroots level to elite level there are many initiatives in place to stimulate sporting activities within the city, which has deservedly given Rotterdam the prestigious title City of Sports in the Netherlands. There is still one dream to fulfil though for Rotterdam, which is to be the host of the 2028 Olympic Games. In 2005, the Dutch sporting confederation NOC*NSF began considering a submission to bid to host the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympics Games in the Netherlands,



A criminal background



Although now a sport of global appeal, the roots of the game of squash herald from a rather humble background, or to be precise, a criminal background. For it was in the early 19th century at Fleet Prison that the first seeds of squash were sown as the inmates took to hitting a ball against a wall to keep themselves amused.

The game of Rackets was soon developed from this past-time, which rather surprisingly soon found its way into Britain's growing band of public schools and by 1830 the first game of squash was being played at Harrow School. The exact nature of how squash developed from rackets is open to debate, but popular folklore would have it that the sport originated after pupils began playing with a punctured racket ball – the popular result being a game that produced a greater variety of shots and angles. What is for certain is that by the mid-1860s the game of squash had become so popular that the first ever four squash courts were built at Harrow School.

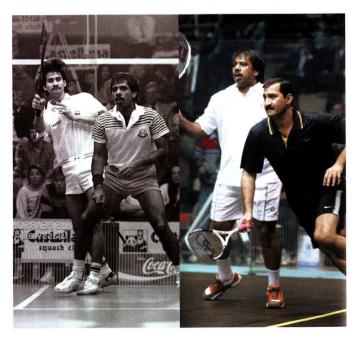
The sport was soon exported to North America and by 1920 squash had gained such popularity that it staged its inaugural professional championship, which saw C.R. Read beat A.W.B. Johnson. The two were members of the Queens Club and RAC Club respectively, both of which still exist today and provide a popular hub of squash activity.

By the 1920's squash was rapidly succeeding its founding father game of Rackets in the popularity stakes and by 1928 the sport

justified the formation of its own Squash Rackets Association. This followed on from earlier similar associations which had been formed in the USA in 1907 and four years later in Canada. It was in 1907 that the United States held the first ever National Championship to be staged anywhere in the world, with John Miskey having the distinction of capturing that very first title.

As the popularity of squash gathered pace in its own right the nature of the ball wasn't the only major difference to develop between itself and Rackets. In 1911 the standard dimensions for a court measuring 32feet by 21feet were proposed in Britain and formally acknowledged as the British standard some twelve years later. Since its inception squash has always had a global appeal and one of the first greats of the game was F.D. Amr Bey of Egypt who won the first of his five British Open titles – the then equivalent of the World Championships – in 1933. Taking up the baton from Bey was fellow countryman M.A Karim who took the title on no less than four successive occasions between 1947 and 1950.

If the early years of squash were dominated by Egypt, then it was very much the turn of Pakistan to rule the court in the second half of the twentieth century, legends Jahangir and Jansher who won the World title a combined total of fourteen times.



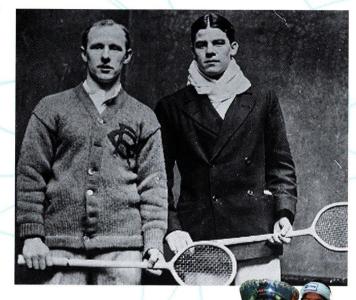


In a rather unusual anomaly for the times, the women's British Open was actually staged prior to its male counterpart, with the first event taking place in 1922. The sport was dominated by English players in its early years, such as the brilliant Janet Morgan. The 1960s saw the emergence of arguably the greatest female squash player of all time. the Australian Heather MacKay, who remained undefeated throughout her eleven year career.

Like so many sports whose growth had been fuelled by British Imperialism, Squash was initially controlled in England by the Squash and Rackets Association, while its counterpart, the United States Squash Rackets Association, oversaw matters on the other side of the Atlantic.

However in 1966 representatives from Australia, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, the USA, Canada and the United Arab Republic met in London and agreed to the formation of the International Squash Rackets Association (ISRF) which had its first meeting in January 1967. Since then a new body, the World Squash

Federation has emerged as the sport's governing body. However one thing that hasn't changed is the sport's popularity, which continues to thrive and is now played in over 150 countries around the world.





World Champions

Year	Men	Women	Year	Men	Wester
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2011	?	?	1993	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Michelle Martin (Aus)
2010	Nick Matthew (Eng)	Nicol David (Mal)	1992	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Susan Devoy (Nzl)
2009	Amr Shabana (Egy)	Nicol David (Mal)	1991	Rodney Martin (Aus)	
2008	Ramy Ashour (Egy)	Nicol David (Mal)	1990	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Susan Devoy (Nzl)
2007	Amr Shabana (Egy)	Rachael Grinham (Aus)	1989	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Martine Le Moignan (Eng)
2006	David Palmer (Aus)	Nicol David (Mal)	1988	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	<u> </u>
2005	Amr Shabana (Egy)	Nicol David (Mal)	1987	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Susan Devoy (Nzl)
2004	Thierry Lincou (Fra)	Vanessa Atkinson (Ned)	1986	Ross Norman (Nzl)	-
2003	Amr Shabana (Egy)	Carol Owens (Aus)	1985	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	Susan Devoy (Nzl)
2002	David Palmer (Aus)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus)	1984	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	-
2001	-	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus)	1983	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	Vicki Cardwell (Aus)
2000	<u>-</u>	Carol Owens (Aus)	1982	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	-
1999	Peter Nicol (Eng)	Cassie Campion (Eng)	1981	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	Ronda Thorne (Aus)
1998	Jonathon Power (Can)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus)	1980	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	-
1997	Rodney Eyles (Aus)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus)	1979	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	Heather McKay (Aus)
1996	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus)	1978	-	-
1995	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Michelle Martin (Aus)	1977	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	-
1994	Jansher Khan (Pak)	Michelle Martin (Aus)	1976	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	Heather McKay (Aus)





































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Women's International Squash Players Association





Women's Squash on the rise wise association.



The Women's International Squash Player's Association (WISPA) was founded in 1983. Membership, events and prize money have grown steadily and continually over the years rather than spectacularly. WISPA simply has one World Tour, which boasts approximately 100 events a year with a total prize fund in excess of \$1 million USD. WISPA has now nearly 300 members who gain points by competing in sanctioned events. It is from this accumulation that world rankings are produced, so the twin incentives of money and points drive players to enter. Every time they compete, their ranking is on the line, so all competitions are taken very seriously indeed. WISPA sanctioned events take place all around the world. Cayman Islands, Melbourne, Mexico City, Monte Carlo, Doha, Dublin, Dallas, Shanghai, Singapore, Hong Kong, New York, Cairo, Kuala Lumpur and off course Rotterdam... these and many more cities and countries host women's international squash tournaments. WISPA members comprise the best female squash players from around the globe. These players are great sportswomen who combine incredible athleticism with sublime skills.

The sport embraces coloured, patterned and attractive clothing. This package and the personalities and appearance of the players themselves ensure that they are well received wherever they compete. Currently seven countries are boasted in the top ten of the WISPA World Ranking. The rankings are headed by Malaysian superstar Nicol David, followed by Jenny Duncalf from England, Rachael Grinham from Australia and Madeline Perry from Ireland. Other countries represented in the top-10 are Egypt (Omneya Abdel Kawy), France (Camille Serme) and Hong Kong (Annie Au).

These are exciting times for squash in general and WISPA in particular who have recently rebranded their top tier events as WISPA

World Series in line with the Professional Squash Association (PSA), leading to a season ending WISPA World Series Finals. This will no doubt add to the excitement as the girls battle to be part of this and it has also enabled WISPA to build a television presence utilising Squash TV and an international distribution that will see the latter stages go out live across the globe. Women's squash is on the rise and there are no signs that the progress will stop anytime soon!

WISPA welcome



It is fantastic to be here in Rotterdam for what we are confident will be a stunning and memorable 2011 Women's World Open. To win the World Title is the pinnacle of any squash player's career. And this is especially so when, as in this instance, it will be in front of

a capacity crowd as well with the World's media looking on. The event is the blue riband event on the WISPA World Tour. Particularly so when it brings us together with the PSA to witness the biggest combined prize fund in history, and there has been a real buzz about this event for many months.

On behalf of WISPA, I would like to thank Tommy Berden and his NextSquash team for the incredible amount of hard work that has gone into making this happen. We would also like to thank Rotterdam, known quite rightly as the Dutch City of Sports for its heritage and willingness to deliver world class sporting events, for welcoming squash with open arms. There are also many other sponsors associated with the event and their support and enthusiasm has helped deliver an ambitious and exciting championship that everyone involved in can all be proud of.

The interest generated by this type of event with capacity crowds in an stunning venue helps showcase the sport as a dynamic and exciting sport to watch as well as play and is key in the push for Olympic inclusion.

See you there for what will no doubt be a great week of squash, and that will deliver a worthy champion of the World!

Regards,

TIM GARNER

WISPA Tour Director



World Open Women's Draw

Round One OI November [1] Nicol David (Mas) Delia Amold (Mas) Tue 20.00	Round Two 02/03 November	Quarters 04 November	Semis 05 November	Final 06 November
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[11] Raneem El Weleily (Egy) Sarah Kippax (Eng) Tue 17.00		Fri 18:30		
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[3] Rachael Grinham (Aus) Tue 12.00			X/	Sun 14.00
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[15] Jaclyn Hawkes (Nzl) Dipika Pallikal (Ind) Tue 13.00		H13.00		
Q. [8] Omneya Abdel Kawy (Egy) Tue 13.00	Wed 14.00			
[5] Laura Massaro (Eng) Tue 14.00			Sat 16.00	
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Men's Draw

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[16] Cameron Pilley (Aus) Sun 20.00			Fri 16.00		
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PSA

Improving the men's game



World Series, the introduction of a new online Squash TV channel (www.psasquashtv.com) and a dramatic improvement in TV production of all the major events on the PSA World Tour.

The PSA aims to provide guidance and support to all categories of partners; players, event promoters, sponsors, spectators, organising committees and hosting cities. It has therefore made key strategic

partners; players, event promoters, sponsors, spectators, organising committees and hosting cities. It has therefore made key strategic changes to the way the organisation supports and resources the PSA World Tour in order to help raise the profile of Squash on the World sporting stage.

The PSA is the governing body for the men's professional squash circuit and is responsible for governing and showcasing squash at the very highest level. The PSA operates in a similar fashion to the ATP for tennis. The PSA World Tour involves over 240 events a year across five continents. Over 520 players are registered with the PSA and the PSA World Rankings are updated monthly and are based on player's performances during a 52 week period in officially sanctioned PSA events, all over the globe. The Professional Squash Association (PSA) is an affiliate of the World Squash Federation (WSF) who determine the rules of the game of squash.

Established superstars such as Nick Matthew (England), Ramy Ashour (Egypt), Amr Shabana (Egypt), Gregory Gaultier (France), James Willstrop (England) and David Palmer (Australia) are the faces of the PSA, but the PSA World Tour also provides the ideal platform for rising stars such as Nicolas Mueller (Switzerland), Simon Rosner (Germany) and Tarek Momen (Egypt). Every player is tested day in day out to the very limit of his talent, stamina and skill and a top player must have the speed of a sprinter, endurance of a marathon runner, agility of a gymnast, coordination of a fencer and tactical brain of a chess player.

The PSA has invested heavily recently in bringing the game both on and off the court into a modern era, with the launch of the PSA

PSA welcome



On behalf of the PSA, I would firstly like to thank NextSquash, Rotterdam Topsport and Squash Bond Nederland for their endeavours in undertaking to host the PSA's most prestigious event, the World Open. This event is the pinnacle of the PSA World Tour and it our privilege to have the tournament held in the wonderful city of Rotterdam.

This is the second time that the World Open has been held in Holland, the first being in 1988, with the great Jahangir Khan achieving his last World Open title. We are all now looking forward to seeing who will follow this great player and win the title this time. There is no doubt that Nick Matthew will want to hold onto the title but he knows that he will have to be at his best with so many other players equally determined to win this crown.

The event is being held in two great locations, Victoria Squash Club with the final rounds using the very prestigious New Luxor Theatre. These venues offer the PSA players superb facilities to show off their skill and athleticism. They are all looking forward to performing in front of enthusiastic and knowledgeable spectators.

Our thanks go to all those involved with the presentation and organisation of the tournament, we have no doubt that they will put on a marvellous tournament displaying all that is good in squash.

Best wishes

Ziad Al Turki, Chairman, PSA



David Eyes Set On Sixth World Title in Rotterdam



Five time World Champion Nicol David heads a star-studded entry list of 72 players from 26 different countries for the WISPA World Open Squash 2011, which will take place for the first time in Rotterdam, aptly known as the City of Sports in The Netherlands. Powerhouse England boasts 12 players in the draw, whilst the host country is represented by a record 8 players, followed by Egypt (7) and France (6).

David hot favourite

Despite having lost quite uncharacteristically a couple of times this year, Malaysian superstar Nicol David remains hot favourite to retain the trophy she lifted in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, last year. The path to new glory is far from easy though for the only 28-year old Amsterdam based Asian squash queen. If she beats compatriot Delia Arnold and then her seeded opponent Donna Urquhart from Australia, she finds Kasey Brown (who only last month beat David at the US Open) or the in-form Raneem El Weleily (winner of the recent Carol Weymuller Open, where she beat 4 top-10 players in a row) potentially blocking her path in the quarter-finals.

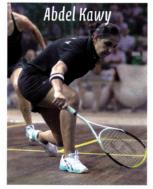
Grinham looking to surprise

Whoever comes through from the top quarter is sure to find tough opposition in the semi finals of the Women's World Open as the sec-

ond quarter of the draw on paper looks to be the toughest. Dutch ace Natalie Grinham finds herself in this section of the 32-women draw, but the former world number 2 and 4-time World Open silver medallist will be keen to delight home fans. Assuming she negotiates her way past a qualifier in the first round, she is seeded to come up against 4th seed Madeline Perry from Ireland, who is enjoying a fine spell of form in recent months leading to the Singapore Masters title amongst other great results. Also in the same section are former World no.3 Alison Waters, who is making her comeback after a long lay-off due to injury, fast-rising French champion Camille Serme (seeded 7th) and World Junior Champion Nour El Tayeb, who is making an devastating impact on the WISPA World Tour!

Can Abdel Kawy reproduce?

Third seed Rachael Grinham tops the bottom half of the draw, but the 'Aussie' faces a tricky path to the semi-finals. If she is able to get past a qualifier and then Mexico's Samantha Teran (or a qualifier), she faces a potential quarter-final berth against last years' World Open finalist Omneya Abdel Kawy from Egypt or WISPA President Jaclyn Hawkes. Surprisingly enough both Abdel Kawy and Hawkes



also face qualifiers in Round One, meaning 4 out of the 8 qualifying winners will actually be drawn in the same section of the draw.

Rachael Grinham

Former World Junior Champion Rachael Grinham is one of the most successful female players of all time. The 2007 World Champion, who beat her younger sister Natalie in the first ever sisterly World Open final in Madrid four years ago to claim the highly-sought-after title, won four British Open titles as well as many other prestigious tournaments on the WISPA World Tour. The thirty-four year old 'Aussie' held top spot on the WISPA World Ranking for sixteen consecutive months and also collected one Gold, two Silver and three Bronze Commonwealth Games medals over the past decade.

Women's preview

England teammates seeded to meet

The final quarter of the draw also has the potential for fire-works with a rematch possible between second seed Jenny Duncalf and fifth seed Laura Massaro. The British no.1 and 2 played in the recent US Open, where Massaro caused an upset beating her more illustrious compatriot for a second time in a row after also having beaten her in the British Nationals earlier in the year. Both players face tricky, if different, challenges earlier on with Massaro set to take on the silky racket skills of Annie Au in the last 16, while Duncalf is seeded to play athletic and hard-hitting Kiwi Joelle King at the same stage.

Jenny Duncalf

Twenty-eight year old Jenny Duncalf is a past winner of the European Junior title, National Junior title (seven times) and World Junior Team title. Now a full time

World Junior Team title. Now a full time professional on the World Tour other milestones are being ticked off one-byone by the number one squash player in Britain, including becoming British Individual Champion, European Individual Champion, World Team Champion and European Team Champion, the latter two whilst representing the England women's team. Her improved results catapulted Duncalf up the rankings to a career high position of number two in December 2009, a spot that she has consolidated over the past two years.

The quality of the field befits an event of the stature of the World Open and squash fans from across the globe are sure to tune in to see if reigning champion David can continue her dominance of the championship or if someone else is ready to step in and wrestle the title away from her. What can be sure is that the person who lifts the trophy on November 6th will deserve to be the champion of the World!

Natalie Grinham

Dutch ace Natalie Grinham was born in Toowoomba (Australia), but has resided in the Netherlands since 1999. As an 'Aussie' she claimed an unprecedented three Gold Medals at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, before taking up the nationality of her husband Tommy Berden in 2008. The thirty-three old won the European Individual title twice since representing the Netherlands, as well as several WISPA Tour titles. The four-time World Open runnerup and former world number was out of action for almost a year in 2010 after giving birth to son Kieran, but the lightning guick Grinham is back to her near best and generally considered a real dark horse or the World Open title in Rotterdam.

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Nicol David

Nicol David is the undisputed one in women's squash and reigning World Champion. David was not only dominant in her junior career, becoming the first squash player to win the World Junior title twice, but has since she turned professional also won every major WISPA title. She won the British Open in 2005, 2006 and 2008 and conquered the World Open title in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The twenty-eight year old Malaysian superstar boasts an incredible win/loss record on the WISPA World Tour and has deservedly won the WISPA Player of the Year award on six consecutive occasions, from 2005 until 2010.

Madeline Perry

Irish number one Madeline Perry, at the age of thirty-four, would be considered by most people to be a veteran on the WISPA World Tour. Age is not restricting her performances though, on the contrary even. Being a regular fixture in the world's top-10 since 2006, Perry seems to be in the best form of her life at present, winning several major tournaments including the Singapore Masters and reaching a career high World Ranking of number three earlier this year. Perry quietly goes about her business and is definitely one to watch during the 2011 World Open Squash in Rotterdam.

Wide open draw promises fireworks



Such is the appeal of the 33rd Men's World Open in Rotterdam that only one player from the world's top 45 has forgone the opportunity to win the sport's most prized title. The stunning line-up of the 2011 championship features five former world champions and seven world number ones - all battling for the chance to compete on the ASB all-glass court on finals day at the New Luxor Theatre in the Dutch City of Sports.

After an incredible run on the PSA World Tour over the past year, England's world number one Nick Matthew is seeded to retain the title he won last year in Saudi Arabia – where, perhaps surprisingly, he became England's first ever winner of the title!

It was the Saudi title success last December that kicked off Matthew's sensational run - which featured ten successive appearances in Tour finals. That was until last month's Qatar Classic in Doha, where the sport's dominant player crashed out at the last 16 stage, beaten in three straight games by up-and-coming Egyptian Tarek Momen. "But don't you worry - I'll be back strong for the Worlds," said the 31-year-old from Sheffield in his post-match interview. Matthew begins the defence of his title against a qualifier – and is expected to meet his first seeded opponent in the last 16 round when he faces Egypt's Mohamed El Shorbagy, the 20-year-old world No8 from Egypt in only his fourth appearance in the championship. His predicted guarter-final opponent is England team-mate Peter Barker, the world No7 from London. And Egyptian rival Karim Darwish, the No3 seed from Cairo, is his expected semi-final opponent before the eagerly-anticipated clash with Egypt's world No2 Ramy Ashour in the final. Ashour, winner of the 2008 event in England and already champion of three PSA World Series events in 2011, also begins his Rotterdam campaign against a qualifier. The 24-year-old from Cairo would expect to meet top-ranked Frenchman Gregory Gaultier in the guarter-finals, before a semi-final clash with England's James Willstrop, the fourth seed.

The dream final between Matthew and Ashour would be the pair's 16th Tour meeting – four of which have taken place this year and nine of which have been in finals! And it is the Egyptian who currently has the upper hand, ahead 9-6. The field features three players competing in their 12th successive championships after making their debuts in the Qatar World Open in 1998 – though France's Thierry Lincou also first attempted to qualify 14 years ago in 1997. Like Egypt's Amr Shabana and Australian David Palmer, Lincou is both a former world number one and a former world champion, and begins his 2011 campaign against a qualifier.

Shabana is bidding to emulate Pakistani legends Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan by becoming only the third player in history to win the title a fifth time. The 32-year-old from Cairo won the crown in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. Boosted by his title triumph in last month's US Open in Philadelphia, the fifth seed begins his 2011 campaign against a qualifier.



Karim Darwish

Former world number one Karim Darwish also had a glittering junior career, winning the British Junior Open title in 1999 and the World Junior Championship a year later. The Egyptian star displaced compatriot Amr Shabana at the top of the PSA World Rankings at the end of 2008 and held the top spot for all but one month of 2009, before injury set him back. Darwish, who is married to fellow

international squash player Engy Kheirallah, is now firmly cemented as the world number three and is always in contention to win any major tournament on the PSA World Tour.

Men's preview

Nick Matthew

World number one Nick Matthew first came to the squash world's attention as an outstanding junior player, winning many prestigious junior titles.

He made his first appearance on the professional tour in 1998 and in 2006 became the first home-grown English player to win the British Open title since 1939, a feat he repeated three years later. The reigning World Champion reached a career-high world ranking of number one in June 2010 and has been dominating the PSA World Tour since then. On top of that he also won the singles final of the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, when he defeated compatriot James Willstrop.

Palmer, the 35-year-old who famously won his first of two world titles in his then home country of Belgium in 2002 after saving match-balls in the final, is seeded eight – his first opponent being Scotland's Alan Clyne.

Dutch interest will be led by Laurens Jan Anjema, the six-time national champion from The Hague who is the 12th seed. Anjema, winner of last month's new PSA International 35 NetSuite Open in the USA, will be making his eighth appearance in the event – and looking to reach the quarter-finals for the first time. Anjema will be supported by Dylan Bennett, the 27-year-old former world No43 from Eindhoven who lines up against sixth seed Gregory Gaultier in the opening round. Bennett is celebrating his second appearance in the championship after making his World Open debut in England in 2008.

Malaysian interest in the 2011 World Open will be very much focussed in the lower half of the draw where it two leading players Mohd Azlan Iskandar, the No13 seed, and Ong Beng Hee, the former world No7, have been drawn against each other in the first round!

Ramy Ashour

Ramy Ashour was born on September 30, 198 in Cairo, Egypt. In January 2010, at the age of twenty-two, he became the youngest player the Khan era, having previously been the first two-time World Junior Squash champion. In addition, he has 🏈 also won numerous titles including the World Open title in Manchesin 2008. To guote legend squash coach Malcolm Willstrop, "Ramy Ashour is something else his movement is better than anyone in the game, and allied to his unique racket skills and vision, he lights up the sport."

James Willstrop

James Willstrop was born twenty-eight years ago in Yorkshire. The tall Englishman, who lives in Leeds with former World Champion Vanessa Atkinson from the Netherlands, crowned a sensational junior squash career by claiming both the European and the World Junior titles. Since becoming pro Willstrop has made rapid progress on the senior stage and has been a regular fixture in the world's top-5. His ambitions? "To enjoy the career that may or may not be left, because it soon goes, and to reach World No.1 along the way would be nice. Oh, and maybe win a world title and the Olympic Gold medal!"

Laurens Jan Anjema

28-year old Laurens Jan Anjema is not only the best Dutch player of this era, but also the best ever male squash player to come out of The Netherlands. The son of twelve-time Dutch champion Robert Jan Anjema, who started his professional career under guidance of Neil Harvey in England, is currently ranked number twelve in the world after a brief stint in the world's top-ten. The six-time Dutch champ won eleven PSA World Tour titles so far, the most recent one being at the beginning of October in Stanford (USA), and is looking for great success on home soil during the World Open Squash 2011.

Arturo Salazar becomes the first Mexican to make a third appearance in the championship. But, having lost twice before in the opening round, the country's sole entry will be hoping to make further progress this time. But the 23-year-old world No46 will first have to overcome sixth seed Gregory Gaultier.

World class venue for World Open



Squash is now one of the most cost-effective marketing tools in the sporting world as it has the major advantage that it can be played on a relatively small surface. The introduction of the full glass court has ensured that squash can be used as a perfect sport marketing instrument with many people being able to watch the glass court action from various angles, both on site and in front of the television. As a result major squash championships have been played at iconic locations, f.i. in front of the Pyramids of Giza (Cairo) or Grand Central Station in New York.

The New Luxor Theatre in Rotterdam, located close to the famous Erasmusbrug, is next in the line of world class venues for squash. The famous theatre in the harbour city was build ten years ago and has since then hosted a variety of productions of top entertainment of the highest calibre. Surprisingly, the podium of the Luxor Theatre was never used for a sporting event, which is about to change for the World Open Squash 2011.

A full ASB glass court will be erected on the stage of the renowned theatre in Rotterdam which has a seating capacity of 1,500. Squash fans from all over the world will come down to the Dutch City of Sports to witness the best squash in the world as both the men and women go head-to-head in their guest to become World Champion in a stunning setting. It doesn't come better than that!

Victoria Squash



Victoria Squash plays host to the preliminary rounds of the World Open Squash 2011. A record of 160 matches in 6 days (October 28th - November 2nd) are being played on the courts of one of the oldest and most successful squash clubs in the Netherlands, which is owned and driven by enthusiastic members. The club has a competitive drive and always aims for the highest. The first teams, both men and women, are strong contenders in the elite level of the Dutch league, but there's also a large group of recreational and youth players who enjoy playing their favourite sport at one of the 12 squash courts that Victoria has. Victoria Squash is situated in the 'Kralingse Bos' and is proud to host the biggest squash championship ever!



