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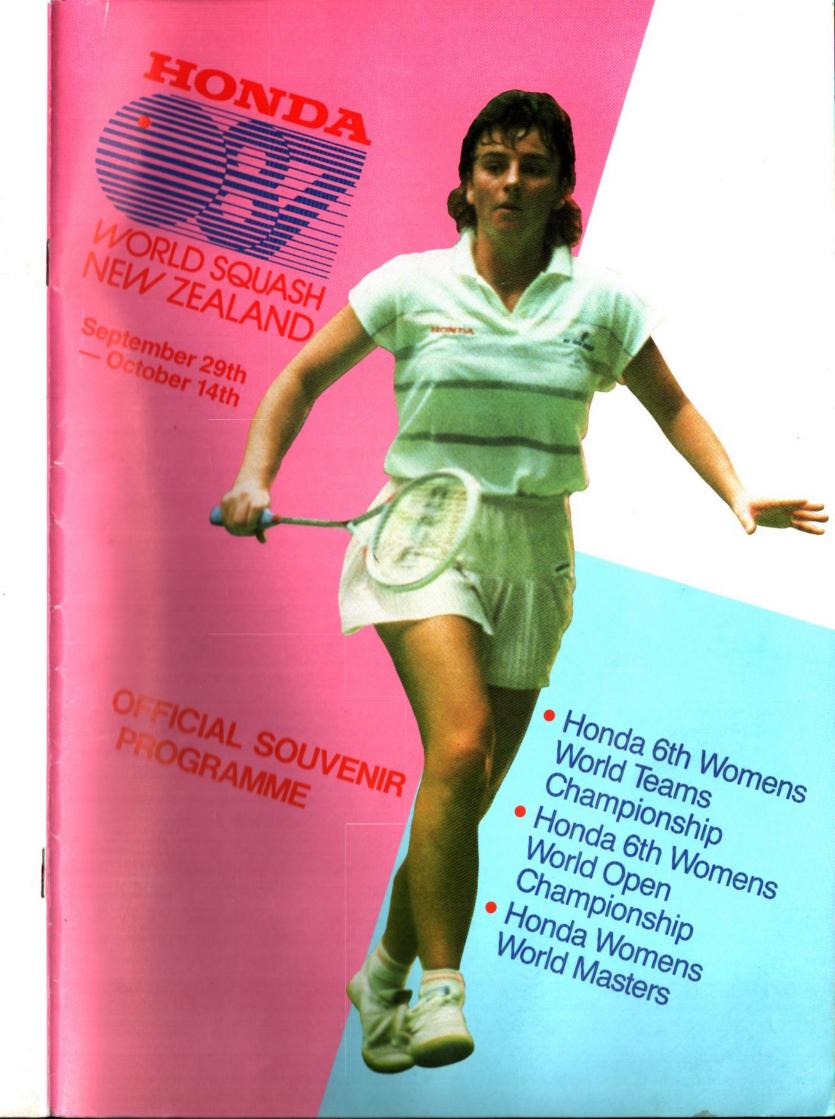
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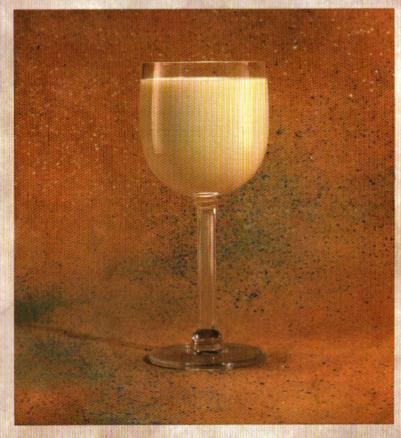
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In 1983, our country was fortunate in hosting the Men's World Squash Championships. This year it is the Women's turn and I welcome players and their supporters from 14 countries to the Honda World Championships.

Our own women squash players are at the forefront of the game and their contribution has been recognised by the Hillary Commission for Recreation and Sport, and the New Zealand Sports Foundation.

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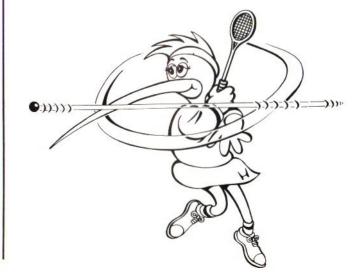
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SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Honda Dealer Network, a member of the Steel and Tube Group, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 6th World Women's Squash Championships.

We are delighted this international tournament is being staged right her in Auckland and we are delighted to be the official sponsors of such a prestigious event.

Squash has been Honda's major sponsorship for the last four years. It is pleasing to note that over this time we have seen a continuing increase in the popularity of the sport, however these championships, being the world's premier event in women's squash, represent a high point in our involvement with the game in New Zealand.

We are particularly looking forward to watching the New Zealand women's team and our reigning world champion, Susan Devoy, in action. Susan's determination and energy are a source of inspiration to all sports players.

We are proud to be her sponsor, as in many ways she personifies many of the ideals of Honda.

I would like to wish all competitors the best of luck and I would like to extend a warm welcome to participants and visitors who have travelled from overseas.

Lastly, a word of thanks to the organisers and those who have worked hard to make this tournament a success.

Bruce Corre

B.S. Carson Chief Executive and General Manager



N.Z.S.R.S.A PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to New Zealand and to the Honda World Squash Championships. The New Zealand Squash Rackets Association is always pleased to be able to hold an ISRF World Championship and have been planning towards this event for a number of years. Championship Director Susie Simcock has attended a number of previous womens ISRF Championships and many of her committee including Championship Secretary Wilma Halling, were involved in the 1983 Pilkington World Championships. They are all keen to ensure that this Honda World Championship is both a memorable and an enjoyable event.

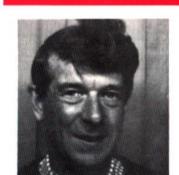
The level of prize money will mean that the individual championship will provide a boost to the fledgling WISPA circuit and the provision of accommodation will alleviate some of the financial burdens that countries face with their teams competing in this event.

The purchase of a clearvue court has represented a major step forward for squash in New Zealand increasing the exposure of the sport and the individual players to the public at large. Television exposure is playing an important part in this out so is the publicity we are receiving on radio and in the print media.

While holding such a World Championship is a considerable honour it also imposes financial strains. Thus we are indebted to the contribution made by individual affiliated players from throughout New Zealand via a special levy paid for the last 2 years, the Hillary Commission for Recreation and Sport, and to NZMC and their Honda Sponsorship. Special mention must be made of Honda who over the last few years have provided the sponsorship that has enabled the NZSRA to hold International Mens and Womens events that it would not have thought possible previously. Furthermore together with the Sports Foundation, Honda has provided funding for the New Zealand Womens Squash Team.

Whether you are playing in the individual and teams championships at the Henderson Squash Club or the Masters at the North Shore Club or are an official or supporter for either or both events I am sure you will be involved in a successful and enjoyable event.

Michael Greig President



I.S.R.F. CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Along with Prue Hamilton I would like to extend, on behalf of the International Squash Rackets Federation, my best wishes for a very happy and successful Women's World Championship in New Zealand. Although a small country in terms of population, New Zealand is very large in the world of squash. It currently has both the men's and women's World Champions in Ross Norman and Susan Devoy and is now adding this Women's World Championship to that of the Men's which it organised in

1983. We know from that event these Championships will be equally as enjoyable and well run.

Thanks on behalf of the ISRF to the New Zealand SRA, their Championship Committee and the main sponsors, Honda – NZMC. I hope all participants will enjoy good competition on court and friendly camaraderie of, in the congenial surroundings of Auckland.

Ronnie Sinclair

Chairman International Squash Rackets Federation



I.S.R.F. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MESSAGE

It is with pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the International Squash Rackets Women's Committee to the 1987 Honda World Squash Championships in New Zealand.

Since 1976 International women players have competed in World Championships in Australia (twice), England, Canada and Ireland. On each occasion additional events have been staged, indicating the growth of our sport for women. This year is no exception. In all, five individual events will be contested prior to the Womens World Team Championship. These are the Womens World Championships and four Masters Championships for 35+, 40+, 45+ and 50+ age groups.

The organizational ability of the New Zealand Squash Rackets Association is known world wide, and I am delighted that we have this opportunity to experience the way in which World Championships are run in New Zealand. I am certain that all overseas players and officials have been looking forward to these Championships with great anticipation. For many it is the "trip of a lifetime" and I have no doubt that our expectations will be realized.

I wish all participants, the players, officials and spectators a very happy and successful time.

Thank you for your support of the 1987 Honda World Squash Championships.

Ime Hamilton.

Prue Hamilton Vice-Chairman, I.S.R.F. and Chairman I.S.R.F. Womens Committee



W.I.S.P.A. CHAIRWOMEN'S MESSAGE

As Chairperson of the Women's International Squash Players Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Sixth Women's World Championships.

Preparations that began in 1985 will now come to a climax with the convergence of players, officials and spectators in Auckland for this premier event.

The NZSRA and the Honda World Championship Organising Committee are to be congratulated for their magnificent efforts in staging what promises to be a most memorable World Open and World Teams Event.

An event of this magnitude can only be staged with support from sponsors, and for this, we are most grateful to Honda and the Hillary Commission for their most generous backing.

As players it will be our responsibility to ensure that these Championships are a success and that our efforts and behaviour enhance this event.

It pleases me to see inclusion for the first time of teams from Japan, Norway and France into the Championships, fully reflecting that the womens game is now fully international. I would encourage players of all teams to become part of WISPA as this can only help develop the womens game and world circuit further.

Old friendships will be rekindled — new ones formed, the famous Kiwi hospitality experienced and squash of the highest calibre displayed. I hope the Championships leave you with fond memories and wish all of you every success.

Carin Clonda Chairwomen W.I.S.P.A.



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HARVARD SPORTS MARKETING LTD

The New Zealand Squash Rackets Association has entered into a significant new era in 1987 through its agreement with Auckland Consultants Harvard Sports Marketing Ltd to assist in the promotion and marketing of New Zealand Squash.

This agreement has been made in conjunction with a second agreement between the parties in regard to the Harvard Squash Vision Court.

The advent of the Squash Vision Court has brought with it a marked increased in the promotion and marketing required for the sport. Publicity, promotion, ticket sales, sponsorship agreements now need to take place on a far higher level than previously. Accordingly the NZSRA will now have the benefit of professional assistance in these areas.

The agreement is very much one of mutual benefit. Harvard Director and Founder Lindsay Singleton has as his philosophy the view that a Sports Marketing Company is best served by working for the interests of the sport and its governing Association. Singleton views the squash agreement as a long term involvement with all parties striving for the growth of the game. Once this is established then all will benefit.

Harvard Sports Marketing have assisted in a major way in the organisation of the Championships. If all goes according to plan this co-operation will be the first of many.

NEW ZEALAND SPORTS FOUNDATION

The preparation of International Teams in todays times is an extremely expensive affair. A staunch ally of the New Zealand Squash Rackets Association is the New Zealand Sports Foundation which since its earliest days has contributed to the sport's international success by way of financial grants to leading performers.

Up till now Ross Norman, Stuart Davenport, and Susan Devoy the country's most widely known squash players have all enjoyed Sports Foundation assistance. Behind them a large number of top New Zealand players have been able to enjoy international experience through the support of the Foundation.

For the 1987 Honda Womens World Championships the Foundation is solidly behind the New Zealand teams efforts. The side has received a major funding grant in order to assist in its build up to the Championships. This build up has been under way since early this year and has included team training camps, individual player training programmes, participation on the New Zealand domestic circuit and participation in international events overseas.

The NZSRA is extremely appreciative of the support of New Zealand Sports Foundation and its players in the Honda New Zealand Womens Team will make every endeavour to prove that the support is well justified.

HILLARY COMMISSION FOR RECREATION AND SPORT

Funding a modern ISRF World Championship is a major undertaking for a host Association. The NZSRA has been extremely fortunate to have been given a major boost in this area by the Hillary Commission for Recreation and Sport.

The Commission which is an independent statutary body responsible for recreation and sport in New Zealand has made a grant of \$20,000 and an underwrite against loss for the same amount to the World Championships. It has as its aim the making of recreation and sport accessible and appealing to all New Zealanders of all ages. As well one of the Commissions main objectives is to promote professional thinking in sport management.



Sir Ronald Scott of the Hillary Commission presents Honda World Championship Director Susie Simcock with a cheque to assist with the staging of the event.

In the presenting the grant to World Championships Director Susie Simcock, Hillary Commission Chairman Sir Ronald Scott said, "the NZSRA is a go ahead business orientated Association taking every advantage of new technology to promote squash to the wider community."

The grant was the first to be made by the Commission since commencement of its operations on April 1st 1987. The Commission replaced the Ministry of Recreation and Sport and the Council for Recreation as part of the Governments restructuring of State Services.

THE COMPANIES BEHIND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisation of a modern ISRF World Squash Championship is a major and complex undertaking. In addition it is extremely expensive. The overall budget for the 1987 event in New Zealand extends well into six figures.

Sponsorship and the support of firms and companies plays a very big part in the Championships without which it would be scarcely possible to stage them.

NZMC Honda is the main Championships sponsor. The company, which in addition to other makes, markets Honda cars in New Zealand, has enjoyed a most productive relationship with the sport of squash since 1984.

Since then it has backed the popular NZ Open Tournament, and the New Zealand womens team. As well NZMC Honda supports Susan Devoy.

The benefits of the long term relationship between Honda and Squash are now clear. The two are widely regarded as being virtually synonymous and Honda dealerships throughout New Zealand are proud to be associated with squash events in their areas.

In addition to NZMC Honda a number of other

companies are supporting the Championships as subsidiary sponsors in specific product areas.

Dunlop Sport Ltd is the official ball supplier of the main Championships with its XX Championship ball which is used world wide in numerous major squash events. For the Masters Championship, Slazenger are providing the balls.

Dunlop and Slazenger have enjoyed a long and beneficial relationship with the NZSRA, which has adopted both balls as the official balls in this country.

Cadbury Schweppes Hudson Ltd is another NZSRA sponsor supporting the Championships through its product Moro which is the official energy bar.

In addition the company sponsors the popular Moro Players Series which is a 12 tournament grand prix in New Zealand.

New to squash is **Nicholas Kiwi Ltd** which with its Louis Marcel range of products is the official supplier of beauty care products to the Championships.

Display cases will be set up at the venues to allow players and spectators to inspect the range.

The administration of a World Championship requires up to date office secretarial facilities. **Barclays Bank New Zealand** which is a major sponsor of NZ Squash has provided computer facilities in order to keep the financial records under control. **DRG Canon** supplied typewriters and photocopying facilities.

The tournament organisers have gone to great lengths to make all participants feel welcome in New Zealand. Each team player will receive a souvenir gift bag with a wide range of presents inside as a means of saying "Hi, welcome to Auckland!" Companies which have contributed to the gift packs and also supplies for the players motel units, are

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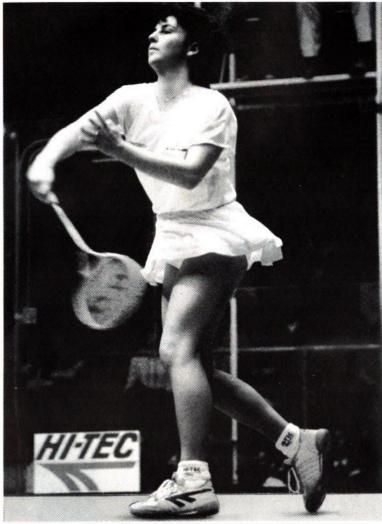
In addition Hydra Delicious Ham donated by Don Harrison has been made available for the Players Harbour Cruise luncheon.

It's fun to watch world class squash. It's also a good opportunity to entertain an important business client with something a little bit different than normal. Accordingly at the YMCA Stadium around the court there will be a number of hospitality boxes for this purpose. Business and pleasure are starting to mix more and more.

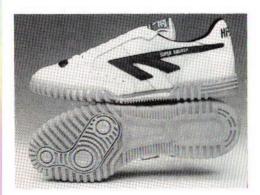


Sarah Fitzgerald the 18 year old current World Junior Champion. Former great Heather McKay rates Sarah as the likely successor to Susan Devoy's world title.

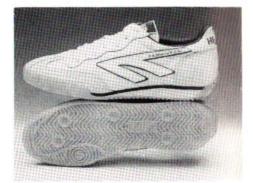
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THE CHAMPION BEHIND THE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY DUNCAN JOHNSTONE



Susie Simcock

When New Zealand was awarded the 1987 world women's squash championships there was really only one person who could logically be given the job of championship director.

Everything pointed to Susie Simcock.

Here was a woman (a good starting point) who was a more than competent player, had wide administrative credentials that stretched to ISRF level, and also had enough energy to undertake such a massive task.

But more importantly Simcock had already attended three world championships as the manager of New Zealand teams to Canada in 1981, to Perth in 1983 and to Ireland two years ago.

Obviously she knew the ins and outs of the event, picking up more and more from each championship she attended.

Mind you, she might not have taken the director's job had New Zealand not done so well in Dublin in 1985.

Simcock says she wasn't going to relinquish the management of the Kiwi team until it had beaten an Australian side in a world championship.

New Zealand achieved that in the semi-finals in Ireland although the talented team had to eventually settle for second placing overall after losing to England in an exciting final.

Simcock was satisfied and announced she was stepping down from the manager's role after five years in the job. But she wasn't turning her back on the world event.

The New Zealand association immediately stepped in and asked her to take on the directorship of the Henderson event. She couldn't refuse.

"We had been tentatively awarded the champs in Perth in 1983 and I guess a lot of the planning really started back then," she said.

"Being the New Zealand manager I was obviously involved from the start. But our real push came in Ireland when the management and the team had to really try to sell the event for New Zealand.

"It wasn't difficult. We did a good promotion job up there, pushing the tourist side of things in New Zealand. This country has an image of friendliness and players from around the world are aware of that.

"Their main concern was the costs involved. But when we explained that we would be providing accommodation there were few worries."

Susan Devoy then sealed the Kiwi package by winning the world title in Ireland.

"What better incentive for any top player than to come to New Zealand to try to take away the world title from Susan on her own soil?" asks Simcock. "It's the perfect challenge."

Simcock was introduced to squash late in life. In fact, she might never have got involved in the sport had it not been for a friend who was also taking a pre-schooler to kindergarten.

"I had always been reasonable at most sports and was a competitive type of person. With the children growing up I was looking for something new as a pastime and this friend suggested squash".

So, into her 30s, Simcock stepped on to a squash court for the first time at College Rifles and quickly worked her way through to an A grading.

Significantly she became involved in the management side of the club through committee work.

When she couldn't force her way into the first team at Rifles she switched to neighbouring club Remuera, where she has remained. Again, she became involved in the running of the club and also played her part in its amazing run of success in the Mitchell Cup national interclub competition for women.



Proud to be the official Energy Bar of the Honda Womens World Squash Championships Auckland honours came her way and by 1982 she was ranked No. 10 nationally — quite a feat.

She has continued to play competitively and only last year won the national masters title in the 45-49 age group. New Zealand representative honours in this grade followed and she played in a test series against Australia, coming away with a 3-0 record.

Her all round skills have proven innovative with the preparation of national teams.

"The first team I managed to the Australian champs in 1980 wasn't fit. It became a challenge to improve that situation."

Her qualifications as a physiotherapist and interest in training and fitness quickly came to the fore.

"With Rob Crothall and Norm Coe we managed to work out a new and better system to prepare our teams. I think it has showed in our results in recent years."

Similarly Simcock and her team of many helpers are determined to see an improvement in the staging of the world event.

"We'd like to think that these will be the best championships so far," she says with an almost cheeky grin.

"I think we can do it better. Every championship I have been to has been different. They've all had their own flavour. There will be a definite Kiwi flavour to this one and I'm confident it will work well."

Simcock has been fortunate to be able to draw on the skills of many local squash administrators and personalities who were involved in the successful staging of the men's world championships at Henderson in 1983.

"That has been a big help. People like Bill Murphy, Mike Sumpter, John Taylor and Wilma Halling have all been involved in this type of exercise before." But with more than 130 players, managers and referees from all around the world to cater for this is an enormous exercise. Simcock has a tournament committee of 15 to draw on but the help given has extended far beyond that.

"I can't give enough credit to the people working with me. They have been fantastic and it's all voluntary. They've gone part-time at their jobs to concentrate on the championships — some have even taken holidays to see it through over the next couple of weeks. It really has been incredible and couldn't have been achieved without the sort of commitment from people who only want to see the sport gain the rewards.

Simcock herself worked part-time on the project until July of this year when it became a full-time exercise.

She believes that while the championships wil benefit the game internationally they will also give an important boost to the future of women's squash here. That is another reason for wanting to make these championships the best ever.

"New Zealand has developed such a well-organised tournament schedule over recent years and it is getting better known all the time. I'm sure we can see more of our tournaments gain WISPA recognition and consequently get more of the better players here. We've got to get that message across at these champs too."

If Simcock has one regret about the championships it is the fact that because of her position she won't be able to contest the world masters event which will be run in conjunction with the championships for the first time this year.

But that will have to be her next aim. Obviously there will be the 1989 world championships. And it seems that Susie Simcock just can't get enough of the game.

TELEVISION WILL BE AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Television New Zealand is providing substantial coverage of the Championships — both for the individual and teams events.

Quarter finals, semi finals and finals of the individual Championship will be shot at the YMCA stadium to be transmitted either live or in edited highlight form.

The Final will receive a special slot on prime time viewing on the night of Tuesday October 6th.

TVNZ will then move its equipment to Henderson for the teams events where the later rounds of pool play and the post-pool matches will be recorded.

The Henderson Club is an old friend of TVNZ and has specially installed fittings to accommodate TV cameras and equipment.

TVNZ's coverage of the 1983 World Championships at Henderson gained it world wide praise. Its films from that



Graham Veitch

event have been used by the television networks of many countries as demonstration films for how squash should be televised.

The producer for the TV coverage is Graham Veitch. He is highly experienced in squash and produced the 1983 coverage.

Commentators will be George Balani, Radio New Zealands controversial talk back host, the legendary Heather McKay and former top Kiwi player Robyn Brownlee.

WERE COVERED ON 1ZB

"The World Women's Squash Championships will be covered by Auckland's Radio New Zealand Sports team with extensive coverage over the two weeks of competition.

Susan Devoy's defence of her world title provides us with the opportunity to build incredible interest, as we follow the fortunes of one of New Zealand's sporting superstars.

Regular reports will be broadcast in our hourly bulletins with backup colour interviews with the winners and the losers.

In addition we will be providing in-depth preview material building up to the Championships in late September, early October.

This coverage will feature in 1ZB's Saturday afternoon Scoreboard programmes and in the Barry Holland 1ZB Breakfast Sports slots at 6.20 a.m. and 7.35 a.m.

News Talk 1ZB has already shown the way this year with its' coverage of Rugby's World Cup...Women's World Squash is about to get some similar treatment."



Alexandra Park trotting track a few weeks ago they might

have turned a ghastly pale. Susan Devoy, their world

drivers' trotting race.

for his life.

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to remain the wallflower.

after a New Zealand open success.

champion, had taken a spill at the start of a personality

Fortunately Susan, apart from a few minor bruises, was

squash would not go through another ill-luck story. The

men had provided enough unhappy ones before and during

world events. Murray Lilley had been hit by a racket in

1976, Bruce Brownlee made a tragic exit in 1981, Ross

Norman's first parachuting jump put him out of the same

world event two years later and on the eve of it Craig

considered such a novel fling. But it suggests that here is

a person who has a considerable love of life, and that there

than the New Zealand men's world champion, Ross

is more to it than striving for squash awards, stimulating

She spends much more of her time in her native land

Norman, and with her direct, almost too willing approach,

a product and succumbing to the umpteenth interview.

On occasions these demands may have affected her game,

No one can ever misunderstand the only daughter in a

family of six squash mad brothers. At times she provides

She is disarmingly frank, almost ruthless at times in some

of her comments. She has, for instance, been highly critical

of local opposition. That is the Devoy approach - no glossy

patronising remarks about New Zealand rivals. It would

be highly insincere in any case to laud someone who has

She is a journalist's joy even if her speedy rejoinders may

test the sports writers' rusty shorthand. My first extended

scarcely won a point against the world champion.

as many "one liners" as the New Zealand Prime Minister.

"I played like an old cow," she told one group of reporters

but she is a very resolute young woman who finds it difficult

is inevitably in demand for the sports dinner, promoting

Blackwood became very ill and after one match had to fight

With so much at stake Susan was probably unwise to have

all right, and a country could breath again. New Zealand

THE SUSAN DEVOY STORY

interview with Susan was after her success in the New Zealand resident tournament in Timaru in 1983.

Perth a few months later. She had no doubts — it should be hers. Already she had marked out her great goals. They proved to be totally correct — even if some came earlier than she predicted.

As for her time in the game she said during that Timaru interview that her stay would not go on like the brook.

A few journalists have gone through an exercise in futility in talking about Susan's retirement. My guess is that she will stay in squash as long as she is enjoying it.

The Devoy story tells of a very positive person. Her shooter as her daughter, are equally positive people.

The direct approach has been the real match winner in Susan's career. She wanted to be a professional squash player. Therefore she would do anything to succeed in the

For a time she was a sort of builder's apprentice in Rotorua so that she could get more time on the court. Such stories of single-mindedness are perhaps more common today, but at the beginning of this decade it was still pretty

So there has been this utter dedication in partnership with her considerable skills which has carried her to the top. The latter however is useless without the former. This sport, along with others, can provide examples of precociously talented people who looked world beaters, but had some inexplicable failing in their makeup - a bloodymindedness, a grittiness, call it what you like - that was not there to turn the skills into greatness.

a fine support team. There has, of course, been her family. I recall one Saturday afternoon when the Devoy clan gathered at the Auckland International Airport to welcome home Susan, surprise winner of the 1984 British open. No wonder there were tears of joy.

side to advise his sister during the short breaks between games. Now one sees, John Oakley, her husband of less than a year. He has been a regular and successful

Early each year the champion turns her back on the New New Zealander, helps prepare Susan for the British Open and other big events on the northern hemisphere calendar.

About late in April she leaves for home with maybe a

Facing her is a round of New Zealand tournaments which

Her final round victim was Robyn Blackwood. Some

might still have had their doubts about the number one spot for the New Zealand women's team for the world event in

There were other things to life like marriage and a family.

parents, John, her Irish-born father and Tui, as straight a

sport — or business.

daring for a teenage girl to strike out on such a doubtful mission.

Susan has been fortunate that she has never lacked for

For several years her lawyer-brother Paul was at the court tournament player and "reads" the play well.

Zealand summer and heads for Britain, in particular the Oasis courts at Beaconsfield, where Bryce Taylor, a former

stop in Hawaii to gain a touch of the elusive sun.

of challengers as those who currently seek to relieve the New Zealander of her crown.

"And still Devoy possesses such a complete all-round game that she throughly dominates her opponents."

Halpin had prefaced his remarks by looking at other greats including Heather McKay, who won 16 British

Rare praise indeed! Maybe the next few weeks will add strength to Halpin's bold argument. Even now it seems pretty hard to refute.

At the moment the world crown won by the New Zealander in Dublin in 1985 sits very firmly.

The score was Lucy Soutter two games up, and about 99 percent of the record crowd of 3026 were sensing and hoping for a home triumph. Could the pride of Cirencester do it? But Devoy came back. Like Muhammad Ali she picked herself up off the floor. The renowned backhand drops of the New Zealander began to fall unerringly in the right place, and the home player could do nothing to stop the sensational comeback. Great squash, great courage!

usually lie at her mercy. Rightly she says, without any

At the end of the season there has been the New Zealand

Lucy Soutter and Vicki Cardwell over the years.

northern peregrination.

final at Wembley this year.

arrogance, that such events are hard to get motivated about.

Honda open which has attracted such stars as Lisa Opie,

Then, as it were, "school is out" for Susan, and apart

But how much does or can she relax? While there is a

from contractual commitments, she can relax before her

champion there is always a contender. There was certainly

no time for Susan Devoy MBE and 1985 New Zealand

Sports Personality of the Year to relax in the British open

Whatever happens in the next few days the young New Zealander has achieved sporting greatness. Her place in the game? Perhaps it is too early to allot her an all-time ranking.

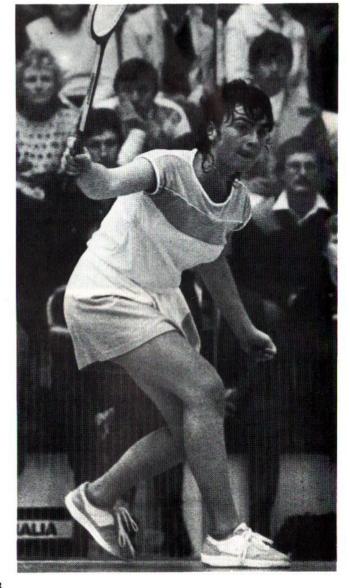
One, however, has dared to pass judgement. Larry Halpin, celebrated writer for "Squash World" in 1986, made the following comments after Devoy's hat-trick of British opens:-

"...But Susan Devoy stands alone and aloft by virtue of the quality of opposition with which she is regularly faced. None of the other great players - not even as recent a champion as Vicki Cardwell - has had as talented a group

Victorious World Champion Susan Devoy holds her trophy aloft after her famous victory in the 1985 Dublin Final.



Susan Devoy in action during a test series with Australia.



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The Four Tops BY PETER BIDWELL

So much of the story of women's squash revolves around four great players - Janet Shardlow, who as Janet Morgan won 10 consecutive British Opens, the legendary Heather McKay and contemorary giants Vicki Cardwell and Susan

Though the first British Open Women's championship was decided at London's Queen's Club in February 1922, and the Women's Squash Rackets Association was formed 12 years later, it is generally felt that it was not till Shardlow started her reign by winning her first open in 1950 that the women's game was really taken seriously.

Like so many other players of her era Shardlow came to squash from tennis, and, in fact, was not introduced to the game till aged 24, terribly late by today's standards.

"I played my tennis for the Surbiton club (near London)," Shardlow recalls.

"And one rainy day someone asked me to play a game of squash. I'd never seen the game before, so I was introduced to it at the great age of 24."



She continued to play tennis in the summer but began to concentrate on squash in the winter months and four years later won her first British title after losing to Joan Curry in the two previous finals.

She competed in 14 All England tennis championships at Wimbledon and was good enough to be selected for the England Wightman Cup squad.

A school teacher by profession, Shardlow added a new dimension to women's squash, fitness, and she is regarded as being probably the first woman player to move about the court like a man.

Coupled with this ability to move quickly was a stroke production far in advance of her opponents. Not for her the modified tennis swing with locked wrist. Her swing was the genuine article with the wrist adding snap and pace to the ball yet taking less time, space and energy.

Though able to strike the ball hard Shardlow was by no means a slugger. Boasts, lobs and drops were all played to good effect.

It is said too that above all Shardlow was a superb tactician, quick to find an opponent's weak spots and good enough to exploit them. She was a true general on the court.

Perhaps her most remarkable achievement was to win the British title in 1953 after suffering a serious back injury the previous year in the United States.

Shardlow was forced to play in a plaster cast which was rigid from the shoulders to the hips yet she still managed to win the championship without dropping a game. Unfortunately the injury won in the end and Shardlow retired undefeated after her 10th Open title victory.

It was not long before Shardlow devoted her considerable talents toward administration and in 1960 became chairman of the women's squash association, which ran the sport, and was later taken over in that role by the Women's International Squash Rackets Federation.

Shardlow's contribution was immense. She helped modernise the women's game and in 1973 her association approved open competition, well ahead of the men.

So many of the things she wanted for the women's game came about: girls learning squash at school, countrywide facilities rather than just a handful of centres, women professionals, and a fulltime secretariat.

She had the foresight to help bring about the joining together of the men's and women's federations. Though the final settlement did not come till the men's world championships in Egypt in 1985 Shardlow had already done much of the hard work to set everything up before her retirement, through ill health, two years previously.

The women continue to have their own sub-committee though within the federation to deal with day-to-day affairs.

Two years after leaving the tournament scene Shardlow was to receive a letter that sparked off a close and enduring friendship. She was asked to look after a young Australian player called Heather Blundell (later to become Heather McKay), who was venturing from her home country for the first time.

Shardlow remembers the youngster as a shy, country girl who had to be persuaded to go to a party soon after her

There she met a group of court owners from Australia who told her she would hate England, and the people.

"Coming back in the car Heather was in tears. They had obviously been teasing her," recalls Shardlow.

"Heather then suddenly announced 'I'm not going to give in. I'm going to try'.

"And that's typical of Heather. She tries at everything. She was 19 then and very raw but after that she did try and she succeeded."

It is ironic that, apart from opening her home to the girl

who would eclipse her record of 10 British Opens by winning an incredible 16 on end, Shardlow may have inadvertently contributed to the Australian's development some years before.

In 1954 Shardlow and Sheila Speight were invited to tour Australia and New Zealand where they played, coached and put on exhibitions in front of enthralled audiences.

Few women played there at the time and the tour did much to popularise the game and helped produce the environment from which McKay developed.

When McKay travelled to England for the first time she brought a letter of introduction to Shardlow, who encouraged her through those early, lonely months.

It is interesting to look further on to the sort of experiences Devoy was to have when she first ventured to England after the world championships in Canada in 1981.

She too found hostility, though from a different quarter, and the loneliness and cold of that first winter almost stopped her making a serious attempt at a fulltime career in the game.

Shardlow and McKay have remained close friends but it is small wonder that Shardlow still recalls with satisfaction the personal significance of that trip in 1954.

"That was the year I won the three big ones, the Australian, British and American Open titles — the only thing Heather hasn't taken from me," recalls Shardlow.

Ireland's Prue Hamilton has since taken over from Shardlow at the helm of women's squash and she has continued the high standards of previously.

Shardlow does not subscribe to the theory that the old players were the best. She believes that in every sport where progress can be measured, modern standards are inevitably

Though she accepts that today's woman players are much fitter than in her time she is concerned that many may be stretching themselves too far.

"I don't believe that you can keep at peak throughout the year," she says.

"You should pick your moments and I don't think you should be training as hard as they do continuously.

"There is a grave danger of girls breaking down. I don't see the value in the enormously long periods some of them spend on court now."

Heather McKay, freely regarded as the greatest woman squash player till Devoy's marvellous achievements started to challenge her, was the eighth of 11 children born to a baker and his wife in the small town of Queanbeyan, New South Wales. Her mother played tennis, her father rugby league and she concentrated on tennis and hockey until, aged 17, she took up squash to improve her fitness. Just two years later she was Australian champion.

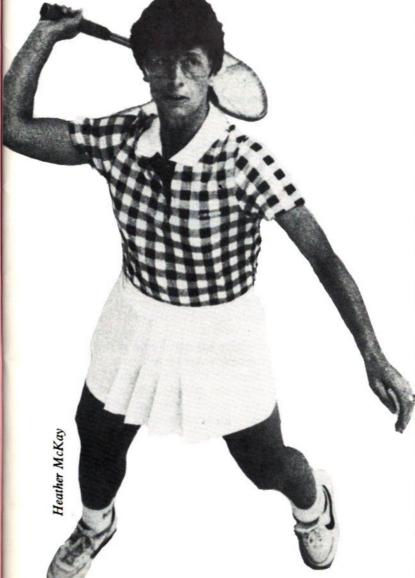
That had been a remarkable achievement. Still when she travelled to England no one could have forecast the impact McKay would make on the game during the next two

In January 1962 she reached the final of the Scottish Open where she lost to British Open champion Fran Marshall. A month later she avenged that defeat with a 3-0 victory in the British Open final and was never again to lose a competitive match.

She won four British Opens as Heather Blundell and after marrying professional coach Brian McKay in 1965, eclipsed Shardlow's record with a win over South African Kathy Malan before going on to an astonishing 16 successive

Her domination of the event was such that she dropped just two games in those 16 tournaments — to Anna Craven-Smith in 1964 and Sue Cogswell on her final appearance in 1977 when she beat compatriot Barbara Wall in the first all-Australian final.

She conceded only 99 points in the 16 finals — an average of just over six points a match — and recorded the only 27-0 final scoreline in the history of the event when she destroyed the unfortunate Bev Johnson in just 15 minutes



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in 1968. Johnson did not serve once during the second and third games.

McKay duly amassed 14 consecutive Australian titles before rendering herself ineligible for the championship by turning professional in January 1974.

She won the first world individual championship in Brisbane in 1976, during which she gave up only 15 points, and despite having ceased to compete in the British Open returned to England in 1979 to retain her world title at Sheffield.

McKay moved to Toronto with husband Brian in 1975 after winning her second world crown and retired there to concentrate on the relatively lucrative sport of racquetball.

The move was not without criticism since there were those who felt McKay had deserted the game that had made her famous. She actually wrote a letter of explanation to an English squash magazine and if the controversy worried her it did not affect her performance. Within a year of taking up racquetball she was Canada's best player.

It was not the first time she had displayed such determination. When she first arrived in England she was not particularly fit. She developed the athleticism that became one of her hallmarks by regularly playing against men. Her great powers of concentration, unbounded enthusiasm, exceptional competitive spirit and ability to learn quickly combined to make McKay the most successful woman player.

These days McKay still plays a lot and is doing fine work as a coach at the Australian Institute of Sport in Brisbane.

Sue Newman (now Mrs King) and Wall continued Australia's stranglehold on the British Open title after McKay's retirement before another from that country, Vicki Cardwell, took over by winning four straight British Opens from 1980.

As Vicki Hoffman she captured her first two Opens before marrying Ian Cardwell, and after her British Open and world title successes of 1983 Cardwell retired only to subsequently return after the birth of son Joshua.

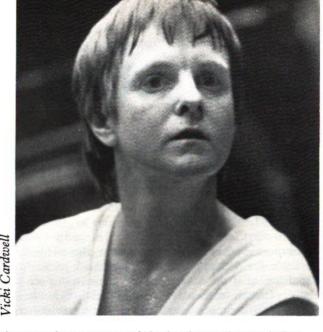
For over three years Cardwell had been the undisputed world No. 1 but she had failed to win the world championship.

The title is only contested every two years and in 1981 when firm favourite she lost in the final against compatriot Rhonda Thorne, wife of touring professional Ross Thorne.

That defeat was a blemish on a highly successful career and it rankled. In Perth, two years later, she reversed the result against Thorne after eclipsing Devoy in the semifinals.

Remarkably but for encouragement from her tennis coach Cardwell might never have taken up squash seriously. She had first played when she was 12. That proved to be a one-off experiment and during most of her teens she concentrated on tennis and hockey, much as McKay had done.

Cardwell's tennis career blossomed. She became South Australian hardcourt champion and holder of the under-17 and under-19 state titles. Then, when she was 17, came the discussion that was to change her life. Her tennis coach,



who was also secretary of the local squash association, suggested she had the natural flair for squash. Cardwell remained unconvinced though she still entered the state junior championships and finished runner-up.

She represented her state junior team at the Australian championships later that year and though she recalls, "I was absolutely hopeless and the only match I won was against a girl of 13," the tournament made a lasting impression.

Cardwell saw for the first time some of the greats of squash, including McKay and Geoff Hunt, and decided to give up her other sports in favour of squash.

Having made the decision her progress was remarkable. In 1974 she was promoted from the state juniors to No. 5 in the senior side and was selected for the national under-23 team. By 1977 she was No. 1 in South Australia and third ranked amateur in Australia.

The following year Cardwell took the Australian amateur and Open crowns, beating Thorne in both finals, and made it to the British Open final as well before losing to Newman.

In 1980 Cardwell collected the Australian Open and British Open titles, mastering Cogswell in each final.

She reigned supreme in Britain from then on till her retirement, and with a seeding of third for the Auckland world championships Cardwell looks at her best since making her comeback. Her record places her alongside McKay and Shardlow. Certainly Cardwell, and Devoy since, have had to tackle players of superior fitness and skill to those McKay encountered.

Cardwell hits the ball with a ferocity unexpected for such a small frame and possesses an enormous will to win, which has intimidated opponents on occasions. She may not have the racket skills of some of her opponents but that fierce drive has enabled her to survive many a torrid battle.

Her uncompromising on-court manner has led to her being banned from some clubs in Australia, and she was left out of the Australian team for some time for disciplinary reasons.

Cardwell has never been one to conceal her emotions and it has required someone with the spirit and guts of Devoy to overcome her. A young Devoy learned so much from Cardwell about the need for mental toughness and the Australian is a great admirer of Devoy's talents despite their verbal clashes at odd times this year.

Off the court Cardwell is fun-loving and a great ambassador for the game, and in Australia is highly respected for her administrative skills, which include being a national squash selector.

(A profile on Susan Devoy appears elsewhere in this programme.)

Farewell to Squash

BY BRIAN HUMBERSTONE

As I report my last squash tournament, these Honda women's world championships, I look back with astonishment at the advance of the game in this country. My very first tournament was semifinals day at Henderson in 1964. The winners the next day were the celebrated Charlie Waugh — his fourth in a row — and the talented Australian Dot Deacon.

Since then this country has become one of the foremost forces in the game in the world, but apart from acknowleding the deeds of Bruce Brownlee, Stuart Davenport and especially Ross Norman my survey will deal with New Zealand women's squash.

The attitides and types of players produced in those times were intriguing. In the late sixties was a newcomer, Jenny Webster, a mother of three. She was talented in several sports, and recalls being a competitor against Yvette Williams, the 1952 Olympic long jump champion.

Pam Buckingham and Cecilie Fleming had been fine tennis players — the latter a New Zealand junior representative.

And these were still the days of the all-rounder. A New Zealand squash champion, Ann McKenzie, had also represented her country in badminton. The glamour trip of those times was to Australia — England seemed just about off the planet.

In the late sixties conditions were, to put it politely, basic. The glass-backed court did not arrive until the 70s, and no one contemplated such a wonder as a clear-vision court.

The seventies, however, had their moments. Women's squash was swept along with the interest in the third international men's series played at Palmerston North, Hamilton and Auckland in 1971.

So began the cry: "What about women's squash?" The plea could not be ignored, and in 1973 a New Zealand side went to Britain, where the Kiwis scored a resounding clean-sweep in the test series against England.

And in the British women's tournament Cecilie Fleming, scored a fine semifinal win over the Australian Sue Newman to reach the final of this, then the greatest event in the world. She went no further for her final round opponent was the magnificent Heather McKay, taking her 12th championship in a row.

Pam Buckingham (later to become Guy) reached the semifinals of the same tournament. It had been a splendid tour. A few months later the Kiwis triumphed at home against the visiting English side.

The seventies were bold, but primitive times for the game. Intensive training camps were still some years off, and our leading women players generally worked during the week, and turned up for the weekend tournament. Sponsorship was looked at tentatively, and officials were considering again training policies. Dardir, the national coach, had, in his early years in this country, expended his magnificent teaching talents too much on the housewife and not nearly enough on the promising players.

This decade will be remembered largely for the



dominance of two players in the women's game — Webster and Guy. The former won three national titles — Guy five.

Their contribution to the sport was highly significant, and not just in the results they achieved. If there were inadequacies in their game which would prevent their reaching the world elite they will be long remembered for their wonderful sporting demeanour.

And they showed by their fighting spirit that the game was never won until that elusive matchball point was clinched. I have seen many examples of their courage when all seemed lost.

Webster showed an example of it as recently as the New Zealand resident tournament in August. Playing against the former New Zealand junior representative Fleur Townsend she was two games down and trailing in the third. Still she came back and soon was in the quarter-finals.

But by the end of the seventies officials were desperately looking out on the squash horizon to see if there was some young New Zealand woman player who could break the Webster-Guy dominance.

At last there was a player to be encouraged — Annette Owen. Unfortunately her brilliance shone really for only a couple of seasons. That she was of international class was shown by her success in the British under-23 event. In 1980 she won the national senior event at Whakatane and repeated the performance at North Shore the following year, although having to stave off a determined challenge from a promising Susan Devoy.

In 1981 the attractive Aucklander, however, was about to disappear from the international game. She spent much of that season travelling around the country for tournaments to establish her place in the New Zealand team for the world events in Canada later in the year.

But by then the enthusiasm had left her game, and on her return she gave up major squash. Some feel that she never had the ruthlessness of Devoy, but 1981 was an uncertain time and one wonders in hindsight if Annette had been guided more astutely by the administration she might have remained in the sport as an international. Perhaps she could have been playing in this present world tournament instead of just happily dabbling in Auckland interclub events.

The year of 1982 will always be remembered as the Robyn Blackwood season. Devoy was still making her way to the top, and it was left to this graceful shotmaker to take New Zealand women's squash to unprecedented heights.

She won the national open and resident titles that year, and at her peak was ranked number three in the world. Like Webster and Guy she will be recalled not only for her distinguished record, but also for her court manners. I can recall at least two important matches when she appeared to have the contests completely wrapped up only to be

overcome by in one case Owen, the other Webster. But as she saw success so tantalisingly eluding her the North Shore competitor retained her impeccable court demeanour.

If Devoy were to achieve undreamed goals for New Zealand women's squash with her four British opens and



Robyn Brownlee represented New Zealand at the 1981, 1983 and 1985 World Championships as Robyn Blackwood.

She was the first chairwoman of the Womens International Squash Players Association when it was formed in 1984. Robyn is handling the important role of player's liaison during the championships.

the 1985 world title the efforts of her forebears should not be forgotten.

Nor should the service given to the game by women administrators. Such is the composition of the New Zealand game that both sexes fill important administrative positions. As yet there have been no women national presidents, but surely before the year 2000 another male preserve will have been removed.

So women's squash can record its successes, including in the last couple of years being awarded the same prizemoney as men in home tournaments conducted by the New Zealand Squash Rackets Association.

There are, of course, concerns about the standard of women's squash in New Zealand. The home team will make a bold showing for the world team title in October — maybe even win it — but that still does not mean that all is well with the game.

The big problem is depth. Take away the first three players in the country, and there is a considerable void. Hopefully Cheryl Te Kani, the New Zealand number four will prove me wrong in the next few weeks. Yet the facts are that this personable honest player at 28 won international selection for the first time because no one, with the injured Jill Oakley unavailable really challenged her.

Maybe the exciting events of the next few weeks will be the start of discovering a breed of splendid young Kiwi women competitors.

In conclusion may I express my deepest appreciation to all Squash officials and players who have helped me in my 23 years around the courts. You made my work a most happy and rewarding experience.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ADJUDICATOR

Mike Sumpter, a lawyer from Auckland, is one of New Zealand's most able administrators. In his time he has been President of the NZSRA and Secretary of the ISRF. Mike who is a life member of the NZSRA has been closely involved with the planning and organisation of the championships.

Mike Sumpter

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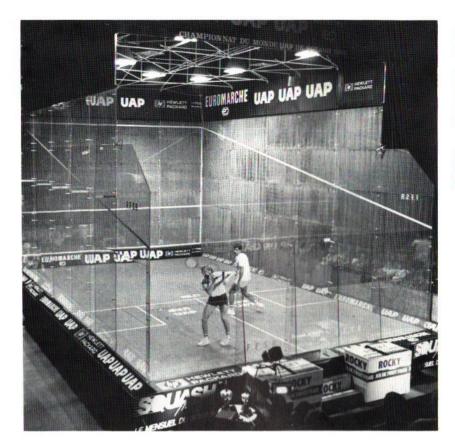
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a new look at squash

1987 has ushered in a dramatically new era for squash in this country.

Instead of 300 people being packed in behind one glass wall, up to 3,000 will now be able to watch matches as a result of the bold decision of the New Zealand Squash Rackets Association to purchase a French-made Puchaux Squash Vision Court in conjunction with Harvard Sports Marketing Limited.

The clearview all perspex court allows patrons to sit right around the court in comfort without in any way distracting the players. Suddenly squash can be promoted as a spectator sport with greater confidence than in the past.

With New Zealand having in Ross Norman and Susan Devoy both world individual champions, the pressure went on the national association in late 1986 to capitalise on their marvellous deeds by taking squash out of the clubs and promoting it in an auditorium as something to be enjoyed by sports fans with no special interest in the game.

The staging in Auckland of the Honda Womens World Championships was a vital consideration in the decision to purchase the court. While the Henderson Club made an excellent job of hosting the 1983 ISRF mens individual championships and world team event the national association realised it had to pursue a bold approach if squash was to continue to prosper in this country.

It all depended on the association being able to buy a clearview court. Neven Barbour, a former national champion and a man who has kept abreast with the game's developments, went to Europe last December to look at what was offering. He found there were three versions of the clearview court, and after studying his report it was decided to buy the French model, which was the cheapest at \$250,000 and also the lightest, quite an important consideration when moving it, at 5.6 tonnes.

Three French technicians came to New Zealand to oversee the erection and dismantling of the court and to train six New Zealanders to perform the same tasks. Following its first use in the country for a series involving Jahangir Khan, Ross Norman, Susan Devoy and Liz Irving the court then went to Australia for three major events on

that side of the Tasman.

The court built for New Zealand is the fourth made by the French manufacturer, Puchaux. Of the first three one belongs to the French squash association, one to a private promoter in Belgium and the third was bought by Australian Dean Williams who has it in Perth.

The trick of having the walls look shaded to the players, to block out movement behind them, and transparent to the spectators is all tied up with a system of lines on the walls. One side reflects the light and the other absorbs it, and the effect is enhanced with the remainder of the auditorium darkened.

The lines are embossed into the blue-tinted perspex, and the overall effect is created by two sheets of perspex being joined to form a double thickness.

The court is actually owned and administered by a company called Harvard Squash Vision Limited which consists of six directors. Squash is represented by its Executive Director Robin Espie, Barbour and a former president Bruce Davidson, and Harvard by its founder Lindsay Singleton and fellow director Tom Johnson.

In line with modern sporting trends in this country the directors have added a touch of glamour by offering corporate boxes around the court so that companies can entertain their clients at the squash, very much a case of sipping champagne while witnessing the squash version on court.

Television in New Zealand, who have a reputation for televising the sport as well as anywhere in the world, have welcomed the purchase of the court. It will enable them to make the game easier to watch, and they have been working hard on the new court to work out the best possible positions for their cameras.

Through the advent of the court squash is changing dramatically. It now has the potential to be a sport with appeal to a wide range of sports followers. It can now start to throw off its slightly 'elitist private club' image. Squash is now set on joining other sports where the distinction between competition and entertainment is now fading more and more.

Previous

World

(reproduced in substantia by courtesy of the 'Guiness Book of Squash')

Championships

In August 1976 the Australian Women's Association staged a Women's World Invitation Championship in Brisbane. The field was limited to 32 and the competition was designated 'Open' mainly in order to accommodate Heather McKay who had turned professional three years earlier. Mrs McKay duly repaid the honour by winning the title without dropping a game. Following the success of the event, the Women's International Squash Rackets Federation was formed to run regular world competitions for individuals and teams.

In 1979 England was chosen as the first for the combined team and individual world championship which was sponsored by hosiery company Pretty Polly. McKay retained her title from a field of 68 by beating England's Sue Cogswell in the final at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield after defeating Teresa Lawes and Angela Smith in earlier rounds. McKay did not compete in the team event at Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham and Cogswell, Smith and Lawes took full advantage of her absence by combining to win the title for Great Britain as they defeated Australia (Barbara Wall, Vicki Hoffman and Sue King) 3-0 in the final, Ireland, Sweden, Canada and the USA also took part with the Irish taking third place.

McKay did not defend her title in Toronto in 1981 but the trophy returned to Australia when Rhonda Thorne surprisingly beat compatriot and top seed Vicky Hoffman in a tense final which lasted just five minutes under two hours. The same two players were successful as Australia beat England 2-1 in the team final. In the first World Junior Championship final, English girl Lisa Opie beat Nottingham clubmate Martine Le Moignan.

For the next two years Vicki Cardwell (nee Hoffman) was haunted by the memory of that defeat and she prepared for the 1983 Perth event knowing that it would be her last

Martine Le Moignan



defeat by Thorne in Canada. It was widely expected that England's Lisa Opie, seeded number 2 would have provided the opposition in the final but she lost a desperately close match with Thorne in the quarter-finals. Opie had match ball at 9-8 in the fifth only to waste the opportunity by serving out and seeing Thorne recover to

opportunity to win the title as she had announced earlier

in the year her decision to retire after the 1983 world

championship. (Now of course she is back on the

Championship trail having missed the 1985 event in

Ireland.) Her determination was clear for all to see as she

crushed her colleague Rhonda Thorne in the final for the

stormed through to the final without losing a game and then

The manner of her victory was fitting revenge for the

win 10-9.

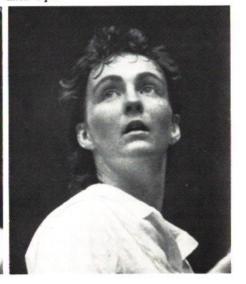
loss of only eight points.

This result climaxed a disappointing championship for the English contingent, none of them progressing beyond the quarter-finals and their failures providing an opportunity for Australia's Carin Clonda and New Zealand's Susan Devoy to make unexpected appearances in the semis. England hoped to recoup lost glory in the team event and indeed reached the final against Australia but lost in disappointing and controversial fashion.

A gamble was taken to restore Martine Le Moignan, injured in the quarter-finals, to the England team and to drop Angela Smith down the order to number 3. This was good news for Clonda who was due to face Smith knowing she had lost twice to the English girl in the last two British Opens. Also Clonda had beaten Le Moignan earlier in the week in the individual event. Indeed the new playing order meant all the English team had to face opponents to whom they had lost in Australia. When Smith avenged her defeat by Ian Miller it seemed a good omen but this good start was quickly offset by Clonda beating Le Moignan for the

Lisa Opie





loss of 10 points. This left Opie v Thorne in the decider and Opie after leading one game to love and 5-0 was pulled back to two games all. In the fifth Opie led 5-0, had match ball at 8-7, lost the verdict in a controversial refereeing decision at 8-8 and then the game and match at 8-10.

Although it was a close win for Australia, victory was achieved without their number 1, Vicki Cardwell who was suspended from representing her country after incidents at the 1981 championship.

Up until August 1985 Susan Devoy had been acknowledged as the best women player in the world for almost two seasons. Now it was official; she became world champion and a pattern emerged to suggest that she would soon achieve the sort of pre-eminence that was making Jahangir Khan so feared as the conqueror of the men's

At the Women's World Championships in Dublin, Devoy was only fleetingly pressed in her progression to the title that was a first on both the personal and the domestic national level for a New Zealander.

Newly crowned Junior Champion Lucy Soutter was the most threatening player in Devoy's half of the draw, easily displacing in the quarter finals fourth seeded Jan Miller of Australia.

Devoy began with a straight games win over Marjorie Burke of Ireland and went on to crush Switzerland's Barbara Hartman without dropping a point.

She dropped a game to Australia's Tracey Smith in the third round before accounting for Englands Angela Smith in the Quarters and then Soutter in the semi-finals for the loss of only 8 points. The final against Opie promised a very close battle, however it was over in three games despite a strong surge by the English star before Devoy won 10-8.

When Lucy Soutter played the angled drop shot that finally stranded her exhausted New Zealand opponent Robyn Blackwood in the last rally of the last game of the Women's World Championships in Dublin, it settled the 1985 team title. And it finally laid to rest the gathering notion that England, despite boasting four of the top half dozen women in the world could never rally themselves well enough to win the team prize. In Australia two years previous they fell at the last hurdle. Despite controversially leaving World Open finalist Lisa Opie out of their line up England defeated New Zealand 2-1., their top player Martine Le Moignan losing in four games to Susan Devoy. New Zealand had reached the final following an epic victory over Australia in the pool section forcing Australia to meet England in the semi-final where they went down 2-1.

Results:

1976 (Brisbane, Australia)

Quarter-finals: Mrs H. McKay (Aus) beat Mrs J. Webster (NZ) 9-1, 9-1, 9-1; Miss M. Zachariah (Aus) beat Mrs J. Eckstein (SA) 9-3, 9-6, 9-0; Miss S. Newman (Aus) beat Miss S. Cogswell (Eng) 9-5, 9-5, 9-4; Mrs M. Jackman (Aus) beat Miss C. van Nierop (Aus) 9-5, 9-5 10-8.

Semi-finals: McKay beat Zachariah 9-1, 9-4, 9-1; Jackman beat Newman 9-1, 9-5, 9-3.

Final: McKay beat Jackman 9-2, 9-2, 9-0.

1979 (England)

INDIVIDUAL (Abbeydale Park, Sheffield)

Quarter-finals: Mrs H. McKay (Aus) beat Mrs Anne Smith (Aus) 9-2, 9-5, 9-4; Miss Angela Smith (Eng) beat Miss B. Wall (Aus) 9-5, 9-3, 9-3; Miss S. Cogswell (Eng) beat Mrs S. King (nee Newman) (Aus) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; Miss V. Hoffman (Aus) beat Mrs R. Thorne (Aus) 9-2, 9-1, 9-1. Semi-finals: McKay beat Smith 9-10, 9-4, 9-3, 9-1; Cogswell beat Hoffman 9-6, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7.

Final: McKay beat Cogswell 6-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-4.

TEAMS (Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham) Final: Great Britain beat Australia 3-0. Miss S. Cogswell beat Miss B. Wall 9-6, 9-3, 9-1; Miss Angela Smith beat Miss V. Hoffman 9-7, 7-9, 9-3, 9-5; Miss T. Lawes beat Mrs S. King 5-9, 9-5, 7-9, 9-4, 9-5.

Final positions: 1 Great Britain, 2 Australia, 3 Ireland, 4 Canada, 5 Sweden, 6 USA.

1981 (Toronto, Canada)

INDIVIDUAL

Quarter-finals: Miss V. Hoffman (Aus) beat Miss M. Le Moignan (Eng) 9-1, 9-5, 9-3; Miss A. Smith (Eng) beat Miss S. Cogswell (Eng) 8-10, 9-4, 7-9, 9-3, 9-2; Mrs R. Thorne (Aus) beat Mrs B. Diggens (Eng) 9-2, 9-1, 9-1.

Semi-finals: Hoffman beat Smith 9-2, 9-2, 10-9; Thorne beat Opie 9-2, 9-0, 9-4.

Final: Thorne beat Hoffman 8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7.

TEAMS

Final: Australia beat England 2-1.

Mrs R. Thorne beat Miss A. Smith 9-1, 9-6, 9-0; Miss V. Hoffman beat Miss L. Opie 9-5, 9-7, 9-6; Miss B. Oldfield lost to Miss S. Cogswell 8-10, 9-3, 9-4, 7-9, 9-10.

Final positions: 1 Australia, 2 England, 3 New Zealand, 4 Scotland, 5 Ireland, 6 Wales, 7 Canada, 8 Zimbabwe, 9 Sweden, 10 Kenya, 11 USA, 12 Holland, 13 Germany, 14 Nigeria.

1983 (Perth, Australia) INDIVIDUAL

Quarter-finals: Mrs. V. Cardwell (nee Hoffman) (Aus) beat Miss A. Smith (Eng) 9-6, 9-5, 9-4; Mrs R. Thorne (Aus) beat Miss L. Opie (Eng) 9-7, 9-6, 9-10, 3-9, 10-9; Miss S. Devoy (NZ) beat Miss H. Wallace (Sco) 7-9,, 9-3, 9-4, 9-7; Miss C. Clonda (Aus) beat Miss M. Le Moignan (Eng) 9-3, 9-7, 5-9, 9-4.

Semi-finals: Cardwell beat Devoy 9-2, 9-5, 9-4; Thorne beat Clonda 9-6, 9-1, 9-2.

Final: Cardwell beat Thorne 9-1, 9-3, 9-4.

TEAMS

Final: Australia beat England 2-1.

Mrs R. Thorne beat Miss L. Opie 2-9, 9-6. 5-9, 10-8, 10-8; Miss C. Clonda beat Miss Le Moignan 9-4, 9-5, 9-1; Miss J. Miller lost to Miss A. Smith 6-9, 4-9, 6-9.

Final positions: 1 Australia, 2 England, 3 New Zealand, 4 Ireland, 5 Scotland, 6 USA, 7 Wales, 8 Canada, 9 Sweden.

1985 (Dublin, Ireland) INDIVIDUAL

Quarter-finals: S. Devoy (NZ) beat A. Smith (Eng) 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; L. Soutter (Eng) beat J. Miller (Aus) 9-0, 10-8, 9-3; L. Opie (Eng) beat A. Cumings (Eng) 9-2, 9-4, 5-9, 9-6; M. Le Moignan (Eng) beat H. Wallace (Scot) 3-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-6.

Semi-finals: Devoy beat Soutter 9-1, 9-5, 9-2; Opie beat Le Moignan 9-6, 7-9, 9-3, 9-5.

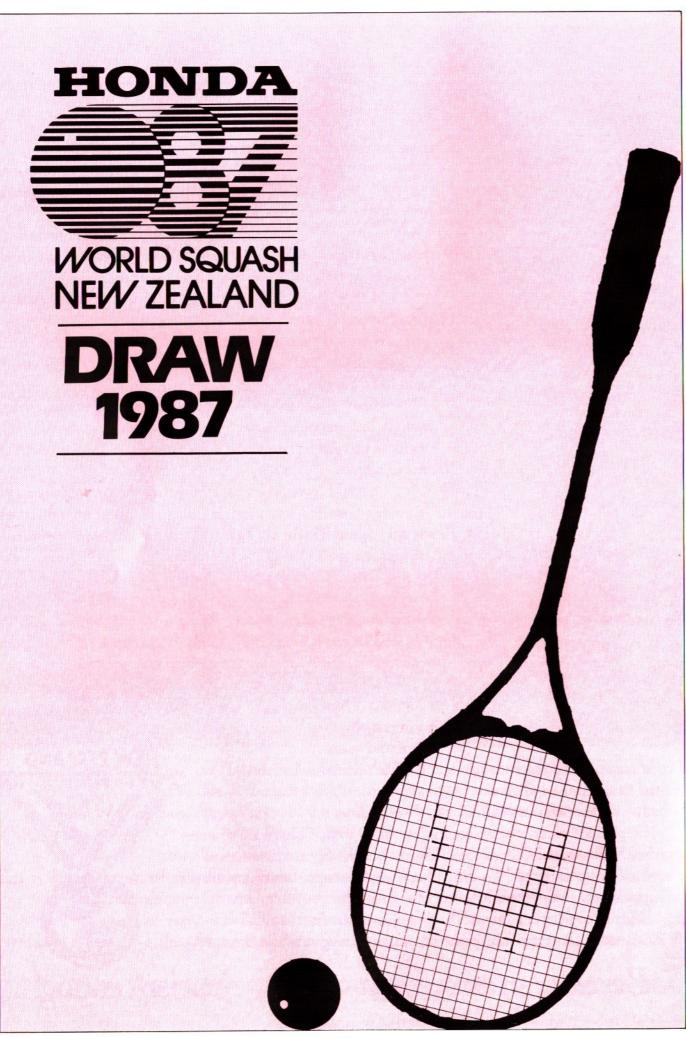
Final: Devoy beat Opie 9-4, 9-5, 10-8.

TEAMS

Final: England beat New Zealand 2-1.

M. Le Moignan lost to S. Devoy 9-3, 1-9, 2-9, 8-10; L. Soutter beat R. Blackwood 9-5, 9-7, 9-2; A. Cumings beat D. Gurran 9-6, 9-4, 9-5.

Final positions: 1 England, 2 New Zealand, 3 Australia, 4 Ireland, 5 Canada, 6 Scotland, 7 USA, 8 Netherlands, 9 Finland, 10 Hong Kong, 11 Wales, 12 Sweden, 13 German, 14 Zimbabwe.





OFFICIAL DAILY PROGRAMME

DATE	EVENT	OTHER EVENTS	FUNCTIONS	MEETINGS
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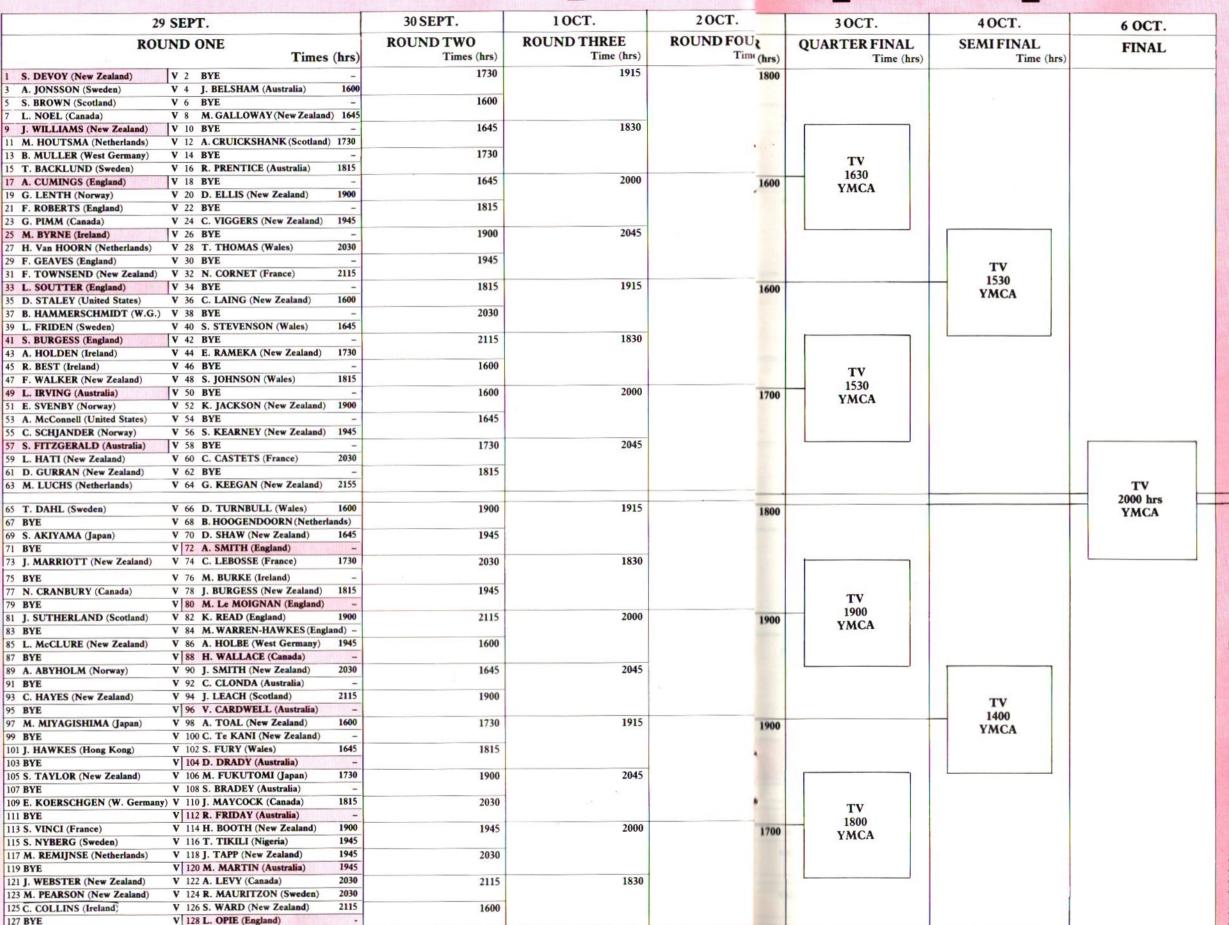
HONDA WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

				A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
Sept. 28 Monday	Assembly Day		Opening/Sponsors Function/Sheraton Hotel 1600 Hrs	
Sept. 29 Tuesday	Round 1 at Henderson		riotei 1000 Fils	WISPA Members 1000 Hrs
Sept. 30 Wednesday	Round 2 at Henderson			
Oct. 1 Thursday	Round 3 at Henderson			
Oct. 2 Friday	Round 4 at Henderson			
Oct. 3 Saturday	Quarter Finals at YMCA Stadium			
Oct. 4 Sunday	Semi Finals at YMCA Stadium			ISRF Womens Committee 1000 Hrs
Oct. 5 Monday	Rest Day	World Masters at North Shore	Players Harbour Cruise 1000 Hrs	
			World Masters Opening Function at North Shore Club 1800 Hrs	
Oct. 6 Tuesday	Finals at YMCA Stadium	World Masters at North Shore	Open Championship Prize giving on court after play. Champagne Supper at Henderson Club 2200 Hrs.	ISRF Open Forum 1000 Hrs

HONDA WORLD TEAMS EVENT

Oct. 7 Wednesday	Round 1 at Henderson	World Masters at North Shore	World Teams Championships Opening Flag Ceremony Henderson 1400 Hrs	
Oct. 8 Thursday	Round 2 and 3 at Henderson	World Masters at North Shore		
Oct. 9 Friday	Round 4 at Henderson	World Masters Finals at North Shore	World Masters End of Tournament Dinner at North Shore 1900 Hrs	
Oct. 10 Saturday	Round 5 at Henderson		ISRF Function	
Oct. 11 Sunday	Round 6 at Henderson			
Oct. 12 Monday	Round 7 at Henderson			
Oct. 13 Tuesday	Semi Finals at Henderson			
Oct. 14 Wednesday	Finals at Henderson		World Teams Prize giving on Court following play.	
			Closing Function Kingsgate Convention Centre 2000 Hrs.	
Oct. 15 Thursday	Disbandment Day			

The Honda World Open Championships 1987





SEEDINGS: HONDA WORLD OPEN **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The seedings for the Championships are based on the WISPA ranking list of 1-8-87 with adjustments taking into account WISPA graded tournaments held in Australia and New Zealand since August 1.

- Susan Devoy (New Zealand)
- Lisa Opie (England) Vicki Cardwell (Australia)
- Lucy Soutter (England)
- Martine Le Moignan (Englan
- Liz Irving (Australia)
- Alison Cumings (England) Robyn Friday (Australia)
- Suzanne Burgess (England
- Heather Wallace (Canada)
- Sarah Fitzgerald (Australia
- Michelle Martin (Australia
- Ioanne Williams (New Zealand)
- Angela Smith (England)
- Danielle Drady (Australia)
- Mary Byrne (Ireland)

WINNER:

WOMENS WORLD RANKINGS as at 1 August 1987

Computer Rankings as produced by the Womens International Squash Players Association

osition	Player	Country	Rating
1)	DEVOY, Susan	NEZ	8.2
2)	SOUTTER, Lucy	ENG	11.2
3)	Le MOIGNAN, Martine	ENG	11.3
4)	OPIE, Lisa	ENG	11.4
5)	IRVING, Liz	AUS	12.3
6)	CUMINGS, Alison	ENG	15.0
7)	BURGESS, Suzanne	ENG	16.2
8)	MARTIN, Michelle	AUS	17.3
9)	FRIDAY, Robyn	AUS	17.5
0)	WALLACE, Heather	SCT	18.7
1)	FITZGERALD, Sarah	AUS	19.7
2)	WILLIAMS, Joanne	NEZ	19.8
3)	SMITH, Angela	ENG	20.8
4)	KENNEWELL, Carol	AUS	21.5
5)	DRADY, Danielle	AUS	21.7
6)	REID, Mary Jo	AUS	22.2
7)	BRADY, Sharon	AUS	23.2
8)	BYRNE, Mary	IRE	23.4
9)	BEST, Rebecca	IRE	23.5
0)	VARDY, Donna	ENG	26.6
1)	CLONDA, Carin	AUS	26.9
2)	McCONNELL, Alicia	USA	27.7
3)	GEAVES, Fiona	ENG	28.4
	CALDWELL, Donna	SAF	28.4
5)	MACFIE, Senga	ENG	33.7
6)	BURKE, Margorie	IRE	34.4
7)	ANDERSON, Rae	AUS	37.1
8)	ROBERTS, Flavia	ENG	37.5
9)	MILLYNIEMI, Tuula	FIN	41.8
0)	STRAUSS, Ruth	ENG	41.9
1)	GURRAN, Donna	NEZ	44.0
2)	WARREN-HAWKES, Melanie	ENG	46.2

VENUES: Rounds 1 to 4 at Henderson S.R.C.: Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals at YMCA Stadium on the Harvard Squash Vision Court.

The Honda World Open Plate Event VENUES: All Plate & Classic Plate Matches Played at Henderson S.R.C. 3 OCT. 4 OCT. 6 OCT. **ROUND ONE ROUND TWO ROUND THREE QUARTER FINALS SEMI FINAL** FINAL HONDA Time Time Time 0900 1500 1200 0900 0900 1500 0900 WORLD SQUASH 1100 0945 1545 1300 **NEW ZEALAND** 0945 12 14 0945 1545 WORLD OPEN PLATE: 0945 Competed for by players eliminated in 1st and 2nd rounds of World Open Championship. 1100 1030 1545 1400 1030 WORLD OPEN CLASSIC PLATE: 22 1030 1545 Competed for by players eliminated in 3rd round of World Open Championship. 24 1030 1115 1630 1500 1115 1115 1630 1115 32 WINNER 34 1200 1630 1200 1200 1200 1630 1200 1100 1245 1715 1715 REFEREES: Referees selected for the Honda World 1245 44 Squash Championships. 46 1245 1715 Refereeing Commissioner: John Taylor 1245 1000 **Neil Butler** Australia **Margaret Campbell** Australia 1330 1715 1400 Australia Penny Glover Canada 52 1330 Teresa Brook Hong Kong **Pauline Boyle** Hawkes Bay/Gisborne 1330 1715 **Judy Burgess** Auckland 54 **Paul Devoy Bay of Plenty** Vicki Edmond **Bay of Plenty** 1330 1000 Chas Evans Wellington Rod Hayes Canterbury 58 0900 1500 Peter Highsted Wellington **Gary Hutchison** Canterbury 0900 Gary McBeth **Central Districts** Kevin McGeown Auckland 1500 **Gerald Moss** 62 0945 Auckland Alan Solly Waikato Wellington Warwick Stoupe Midlands **Nicol Taylor** Phil Taylor Auckland The Honda World Open Classic Plate Sandra Tinkler Wellington Auckland Mery Torrie Jenny Webster Auckland 4 OCT. 6 OCT. 3OCT. 2 OCT. **SEMI-FINALS** FINAL Dave Donnelly (Australia) and John Haines **QUARTER FINAL ROUND ONE** (New Zealand) will be in attendance for Time Time WINNER international examination purposes. 1000 1600 1100 1700 1800 1100 1500 1900 1000 1600 12 1700 1100 1800

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THE HONDA WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 1987

1. England 5. Canada 2. New Zealand 6. Scotland 10. Sweden

3. Australia 7. United States 11. West Germany 8. Netherlands 12. Norway 4. Ireland

POOL PLAY (Wednesday 7 Oct. - Wednesday 14 Oct. 1987)

ALL MATCHES AT HENDERSON S.R.C.

POOL A

	MATCHES	TIME	WINNER		
Round 1	England	v	Canada	1830	
Wednedsay	Ireland	V	Netherlands	1830	
7 October	Norway	V	France	1830	
	Wales	V	Bye		
Round 2	England	v	Wales	0900	
Thursday	Ireland	V	Norway	0900	
8 October	Canada	V	France	0900	
	Netherlands	v	Bye		
Round 3	England	v	Netherlands	1500	
Thursday	Ireland	V	Wales	1500	
8 October	Canada	V	Norway	1500	
	France	V	Bye		
Round 4	England	v	France	1330	
Friday	Ireland	V	Canada	1330	3
9 October	Netherlands	V	Wales	1330	
	Norway	V	Bye		
Round 5	England	V	Ireland	1700	
Saturday	France	V	Wales	1700	
10 October	Netherlands	V	Norway	1700	
	Canada	V	Bye		
Round 6	Ireland	V	France	1700	
Sunday	Canada	V	Netherlands	1700	
11 October	Wales	V	Norway	1700	
	England	V	Bye		
Round 7	England	v	Norway	1330	
Monday	Canada	V	Wales	1330	
12 October	Netherlands	V	France	1330	
	Ireland	V	Bve		

POOLA FINISHING **POSITIONS**

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POOL WINNERS AND SUBSEQUENT PLACINGS ARE DETERMINED BY FOLLOWING.

POOL B

FINISHING

POSITIONS

First by greater number of matches won.

If equal, then by greater number of ties (individual matches) won. If equal, then by positive difference between games won and lost. If equal, then by positive difference between points won and lost. If 2 teams still equal, then by the result between the teams, or if m 2 teams involved, then by lottery.

POOL B

	MATCHES			TIME	WINNER
Round 1	New Zealand	V	West Germany	1830	
Wednesday	Australia	V	U.S.A.	1830	
7 October	Scotland	V	Sweden	1830	
	Japan	V	Bye	1000000	
Round 2	New Zealand	V	0 11 0 11 0 11	1300	
Thursday	Australia	V	West Germany	1300	
8 October	Scotland	V	Japan	1300	
	U.S.A.	V	Bye		- 14
Round 3	New Zealand	V	Scotland	1900	
Thursday	Australia	V	Sweden	1900	
8 Octoberr	U.S.A.	V	Japan	1900	
	West Germany	V	Bye		
Round 4	Australia	V	Japan	1830	
Friday	Scotland	V	U.S.A.	1830	
9 October	Sweden	V	West Germany	1830	
	New Zealand	V	Bye		
Round 5	New Zealand	V	U.S.A.	1300	
Saturday	Australia	V	Scotland	1300	
10 October	Japan	v	West Germany	1300	
	Sweden	V	Bye		
Round 6	New Zealand	v	Australia	1330	
Sunday	Japan	V	Sweden	1330	
11 October	West Germany	V	U.S.A.	1330	
	Scotland	V	Bye	4000000	
Round 7	New Zealand	v	Japan	1830	
Monday	Scotland	V		1830	
12 October	Sweden	V	U.S.A.	1830	1
	Australia	V	Bye	5555	

SCOREBOARD

	ENG	CAN	IRE	NETH	NOR	FRA	WAL	TOTAL
ENG		1. 2.						Matches Ties Games Points
CAN	1. 2. 3.	3.						Matches Ties Games Points
IRE	1. 2.							Matches Ties Games Points
NETH	3. 1. 2.						.:	Matches Ties Games Points
NOR	3. 1. 2. 3.							Matches Ties Games Points
FRA	1. 2. 3.							Matches Ties Games Points
WAL	1. 2. 3.							Matches Ties Games Points

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115	NZ	WGE	AUS	USA	SCO	SWE	JAP	TOTAL
NZ		1. 2. 3.						Matches Ties Games Points
WGE	1. 2. 3.	3.						Matches Ties Games Points
AUS	1. 2. 3.							Matches Ties Games Points
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CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

Tuesday 13 October 1987

GROUP ONE

MATCH ONE	1400 or 1800 hrs	WINNER	SCORE
Winners Pool A	Runner-Up Pool B		
	v		
L	V 1	1.	
2	V 2	2.	
3	V 3	3.	

MATCH TWO	1400 or 1800 hrs	WINNER	SCORE
Runner-Up Pool A	Winner Pool B		
1	1	1. 2. 3.	

GROUP TWO

MATCH ONE	1400 or 1800 hrs	WINNER	SCORE
3rd Pool A	4th Pool B		
1	1	1. 2. 3.	

MATCH TWO	1400 or 1800 hrs	WINNER	SCORE
4th Pool A	3rd Pool B		
1	7 1	1. 2.	
3	3	3.	

GROUP THREE

MATCH ONE	WINNER	SCORE	
5th Pool A	6th Pool B		
1	1	1.	
3V	3	3.	

MATCH TWO 1400 hrs		WINNER	SCORE	
6th Pool A	5th Pool B			
1V	1	1.		
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7th Teams in Pool A and Pool B have Byes through to 13th and 14th Classification Final.

CLASSIFICATION FINALS

Wednesday 14 October 1987

MATCHES	TIME	WINNER
3RD & 4TH PLAYOFF (Runner Up Teams from Group One Semi Final) V	1130	
5TH & 6TH PLAYOFF (Winning Teams from Group Two Semi Final) V	1130	
7TH & 8TH PLAYOFF (Runner-up Teams from Group Two Semi Final)	1130	
9TH & 10TH PLAYOFF (Winning Teams from Group Three Semi Final) V	1130	
11TH & 12TH PLAYOFF (Runner-up Teams from Group Three Semi Final)	0900	
13TH & 14TH PLAYOFF (7th Team Pool A V 7th Team Pool B)	0900	

HONDA WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

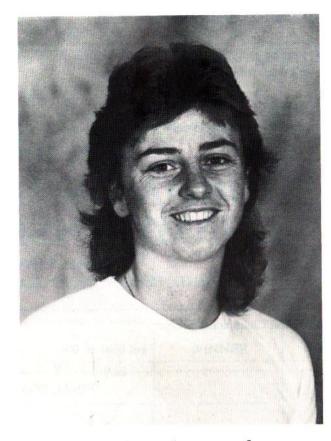
Wednesday 14 October 1987 (WINNING TEAMS FROM GROUP ONE SEMI-FINAL)

VENUE: Henderson Championship	Court	TIME:	1500
	V		
	FINAL SCORE		

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP I	INAL -	– DETAIL	
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v			
1 V 1			
2 V 2			
3 V 3			

FINAL POSITIONS			
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6.		13.	
7.		14.	





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1985-1986	Prue Hamilton (Ireland)
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internation	nally under a separate body. The Womens
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Secretaries

1984-1985 Rae Anderson (Australia) (Secretariat run from ISRF office from 1986)

Michele Martin is the Australian No. 4 and World No. 11. A member of the Champion 1985 World Junior Team, Michele's brother is the fast rising men's star, Rodney Martin recent conqueror of Jahangir Khan.



PORTRAITS



AUSTRALIA









VICKI CARDWELL National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Wife/mother/

Squash professional Member of Australian teams 1977 to 1981, 1984, 1986. In 1981 she was a member of the Australian team that won the Championships in Canada. World Champion in 1983. British Open Champion 1980 to 1983. Winner of many other national titles including NZ Open 1981 and 1982. She retired after the 1981 Championships. Since her return to competitive play she has defeated many of the world's top players. A left-hander she is intensely competitive but colourful. Likes to attack but is also very tenacious. One of the greatest players of her generation she has not achieved the same success in her comeback but is still a formidable competitor.

ROBYN FRIDAY Age National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional 1983 World Junior Champion. She represented Australia in Juniors 1981-1983 but this is her first appearance as a full Australian representative. Has competed in NZ in the past as a junior and senior with success and is now starting to achieve results as a senior comparable to her junior record.

SARAH FITZGERALD Age **National Ranking** WISPA Ranking Occupation - Student/Australian

Institute of Sport Capped a brilliant career as a junior with victory in the 1987 World Junior Championships. Has been acclaimed as a future world champion and is regarded by Heather McKay as a player of great natural talent.

MICHELLE MARTIN 20 National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Member of the 1985 Australian Junior team in Ireland and previous Australian Junior Champion. Was a semi-finalist in the 1987 Finnish Open and a quarter-finalist in the 1987 British Open. Like her team mates Robyn Friday and Sarah Fitzgerald she is training at the Australian Institute of Sport.

CANADA



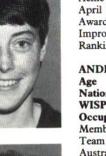
National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation — Squash player/coach Member Canadian Touring Teams 1985-87. Canadian Women's Open Champion 1986. Winner Consolation 1985 Women's World Individual Championship. Winner British Columbia and Ontario Opens 1987.

GAIL PIMM

Age

National Ranking **WISPA Ranking** Occupation - Engineer Member Canadian Team 1985 World Championships. Member British Team 1976 World Team 1978. Canadian Champion 1982-83 and winner of many Canadian Provincial Titles. NANCY CRANBURY

IOYCE MAYCOCK





Championships. Member English

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National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash coach Won Rideau Open 1987. A left hander she gained National Achievement Award — Squash April 1987 and Heather McKay Award September 1986 "Most Improved in Ontario Women's Rankings".

ANDRIE LEVEY National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation — School teacher Member 1983 Canadian Women's Team at World Championships -Australia, Member 1985 Canadian Touring Team. Placed 5th at 1987 Canadian National Championships. Winner - Saskatchewan Open and Calgary Open 1987.

IAN PATON (Coach)
42 Occupation - Squash professional Women's National Coach since 1983 including Worlds 1985 -Ireland. Women's Junior national coach 1985-1986. National Training Centre Coach - Calgary/ Edmonton.

PORTRAITS



ENGLAND



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Has gained 11 English caps since her first appearance in 1982. British Under 19 Open Champion in 1981. Quarter-finalist in 1987 British

SUZANNE BURGESS

ALISON CUMINGS

National Ranking

WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional First represented England in 1980 in Home International fixtures and has been capped 27 times. Member of winning team at 1985 World Championships, British Under 19 Champion 1980 and British Closed Champion 1983. Injured in 1986 and only returned to top competition in February 1987.

MARTINE LE MOIGNAN

24

Age

LISA OPIE



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Has represented England continuously since 1980 and has won a total of 45 caps. Member of the winning English team in the 1985 World Championships. British Under-23 Open Champion 1981 and British Champion in 1985. European Champion of Champions in 1985 and 1986. Runner Up British Open Championship in 1985. She has been one of the leading players in the world during the past five seasons. Employs a wide range of shots even if her technique is slightly unorthodox. Unlike her great home rivals Lisa Opie and Lucy Soutter she has not previously appeared in NZ.



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Has represented England since 1980 and has gained a total of 33 caps. Member of the winning team at the 1985 World Championships. Won the World Junior Invitation title in 1981, British Under 23 Champion in 1983, British Champion 1982, 1984 and 1987. European Champion of Champions 1984. Australian Open Champion 1986 and winner of other national titles. Runner up in the 1985 World Championships and also the losing finalist in four British Open Championships. An exciting player with a wide range of shots she is one of the most exciting of the leading players. She has been a popular and successful performer on the NZ scene during recent seasons.



WISPA Ranking Occupation — Squash professional Won her first English cap in the 1985 European Championships and was member of the winning team in the 1985 World Championships. British Champion in 1986 and winner of many British age group championships including the 1987 Under-23 event. Runner-up in the 1987 British Open where she lost to Susan Devoy in five games. She has been a successful competitor on the NZ tournament scene in the past two seasons. Of slight build she is very quick about the court which attribute she combines with a good range of attacking shots. One of the most consistent women players in

ALEX COWIE (Team Manager)

Won 5 caps for Great Britain and

National Ranking 11

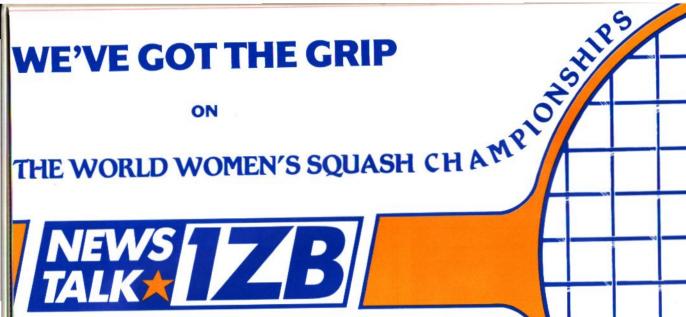
Occupation - Squash coach

LUCY SOUTTER

National Ranking



35 Champion. ANN JEE (Tour Manager) Occupation — Freelance Fashion Designer Represented Leicester County for 25 years and Runner Up in 1984 British Open Veterans Championship 1984.

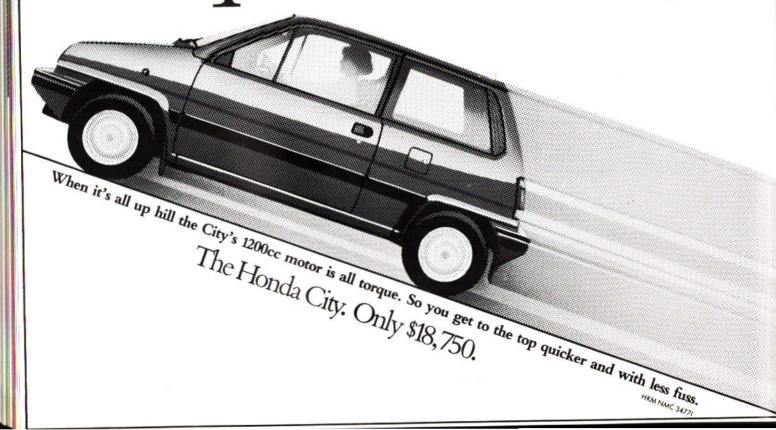


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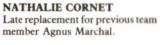


CORINNE CASTETS National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Member of the French Team since 1985. French champion in 1986.

CATHERINE LEBOSSE Age National Ranking **WISPA Ranking** Occupation - Student Member of the French team since 1984 - 10 caps. French champion in 1984 and 1987.



SABINE VINCI National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation — Housekeeping Member of the French team since 1982 — 10 caps. French Junior Champion 1981 to 1983. French Senior Champion 1983, 1985 and Runner Up in 1987.







National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional Has represented Ireland as an international since 1981. Winner of several titles including the Greek Open in 1985-6.

MARJORIE BURKE

Age



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation — Pharmacist Has represented Ireland since 1981 and holds 52 caps. Holder of Munster and Connacht Opens 1986/ 87. Cork Open, Waterford Glass Open, Munster Close, Golden Pages MARY BYRNE



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation — Squash professional Has represented Ireland since 1983 and holds 38 caps. Irish Close Champion 1983-1986. Winner of Leinster Open 1985, 1986 and Middlesex Open 1986. She has been in Australia since December 1986 and has attended the Institute of Sport in Brisbane for 3 weeks training.



CAROLINE COLLINS National Ranking WISPA Rankingg Occupation — Housewife Has represented Ireland since 1984 and has 13 caps. Winner of Ulster Close 1984 and Ulster U-23 1984.



ANNE SHEPPARD (Manager) Occupation — Teacher Connacht Champion 1983/4.

ALAN JERROLD (Coach) Occupation — Squash Coach





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IAPAN



SACHI AKIYAMA
Age 25
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Instructor
Member of Japanese team at East
Asian Squash Championships 1986.

MIYUKI FUKUTOMI
Age 26
National Ranking 2
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Housewife
Member of Japanese team at East
Asian Squash Championships 1986.



MACHIKO MIYAGISHIMA
Age 34
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Instructor
Member of Japanese team at East
Asian Squash Championships 1986.

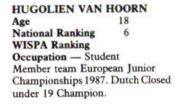
NETHERLANDS



BABETTE HOOGENDOORN
Age 21
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking 34
Occupation — Student
Member Netherlands Team at
European Championships 1987.
Dutch Closed Champion 1985-8687.

MARJOLEIN HOUTSMA
Age 21
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking 48
Occupation — Squash professional
Member Netherlands Team at
European Championships 1987.
Runner-up Dutch Closed
Championship 1987 and Squasher
of the Year 1987.





BARRY WHITLOCK (Coach)





PORTRAITS



NEW ZEALAND



Reigning World Champion, British
Open Champion 1984-87, NZ Open
Champion 1984-86, French Open
1985-87, Scottish Open 1983, 1985
and 1987, Swedish Open 1984, 1985
and 1987, 1985 World Open. Has
represented New Zealand
continuously since 1981 including
the past three World
Championships. She has not been
defeated in an official competition
or inter-national for over 3 years and
she will be determined to maintain
that record and successfully defend
her World title in her home country.
She is one of the quickest movers

SUSAN DEVOY

National Ranking

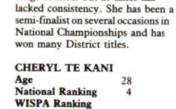
WISPA Ranking

Occupation - Squash professional

she will be determined to maintain that record and successfully defend her World title in her home country. She is one of the quickest movers of the top players on the court and has a wide and attractive range of shots. She is also a very determined competitor while a great ambassador for the sport both on and off the court.

DONNA GURRAN

Age 25
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking 31
Occupation — Squash professional
She has been a New Zealand
representative since 1983 and was a
member of the team at the last two
World Championships. She also
played in the Junior event in 1981
in Canada. In Ireland in 1985 she
defeated the New Zealand No. 2
player Robin Blackwood in the
individual event. She has a wide
range of shots but at times has



Occupation — Squash professional A first time representative who has been close to selection on previous occasions. She has been a consistent competitor for many seasons in New Zealand and is expected to respond well to the benefits of team training. Her game has developed and she has become more adept in using attacking shots.



National Ranking WISPA Ranking Occupation - Squash professional She has represented New Zealand since 1980 apart from 1985 when she was unavailable and was a member of the team at the 1981 and 1983 World Championships. Her two victories in 1986 over Liz Irving in Australia were crucial to the New Zealand success in the series. She has been a most determined player with a wide range of shots although her drops and volleys are her greatest attributes. JULIE GARVEY (Manager)

JOANNE WILLIAMS



Occupation — Teacher
She managed the New Zealand team in Australia in 1986 when it won the test series. She is a former Auckland Senior representative and also represented New Zealand at both Junior and Under 23 levels. She is still competing successfully on the local tournament scene. Her relaxed manner and attitude are assets for her managerial responsibilities.

NORMAN COE (Coach)
Age 60
Occupation — Stock buyer
A New Zealand representative in 1958 and 1959. He was three times

1958 and 1959. He was three times runner up in the New Zealand Championships. He was the coach of the men's team at the World Championships in 1971, 1975, 1976 and 1979. He has also coached the New Zealand Women's team since 1984 including the World Championships in Ireland in 1985. He has been responsible for the development of many prominent New Zealand players and has gained world wide respect as a tactician and coach. He is a great enthusiast for Squash and has dedicated himself to the progress of the sport in New Zealand



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NORWAY



ASTRID ABYHOLM
Age 20
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking 57
Occupation — Student
Member of team at European
Championships 1987. Winner
Norwegian Closed and Open
Championships.

GURI LENTH
Age 22
National Ranking 2
WISPA Ranking 61
Occupation — Student
Member of team at European
Championships 1987.



CECILIE SCHJANDER
Age 23
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking 62
Occupation — Student
Member of team at European
Championships 1987.



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SCOTLAND



SHIRLEY BROWN
Age 23
National Ranking 2
WISPA Ranking 46
Occupation — Product Manager
Member Scottish team Perth 1983
World Championships; Dublin
1985 World Championships and at
5 European Championships 30 caps
for Scotland. Scottish Under 16,
U-19, U-23 Open Winner. 1986/7
Scottish Closed Winner. Spanish
Closed winner.

ALISON CRUICKSHANK

Occupation — Computer

Age National Ranking

WISPA Ranking



Programmer/Analyst
Represented Scotland at senior level
since 1982. Played in two previous
world championships at Australia
and Ireland. North of Scotland
Open Champion, Abercorn Open
and West of Scotland Open
Champion. Finished 5th in the
European Champion of Champions.

JOYCE LEACH



Age 24
National Ranking 4
WISPA Ranking 54
Occupation — Squash player/coach
Represented Scotland since 1983.
10 Caps. Winner Zambian Open
1985 and Runner Up 1986.

JOAN SUTHERLAND
Age 23
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Research
Scientist
Member team in Senior Home
Internationals 1983/84 and 1986/87;
Junior Home Internationals 1982/
83.

ROSY FRASER (Manager)



ROSY FRASER (Manager) Age National Ranking 9 Occupation — Physical Education Teacher



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SWEDEN



TINNA BACKLUND
Age 21
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Clerk
Represented Sweden in the 1985/86
European Championships. Swedish
champion and winner of Norwegian
Open 1985 and Swedish Grand Prix
winner 1985-86.

TINA DAHL (Player/Coach)
Age 30
National Ranking 6
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Physical
Education Teacher
Represented Sweden in the World
Championships in 1978 and in the
European Championships in 1979

and 1987. Swedish Champion 1978.

LENA FRIDEN
Age 25
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Lab. Assistant
Represented Sweden in the World
Championships in 1983 and 1985
and in the European
Championships in 1983-85-86-87.
Swedish Champion 1983, 1984,
1986. Winner of Norwegian Open
1987. Swedish Grand Prix winner
1983, 1984, 1987.

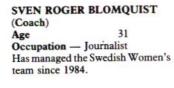
ANNICA JONSSON
Age 19
National Ranking 7
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Student
Represented Sweden in the 1985
World Junior Championships.

RENEE MAURITZON
Age 32
National Ranking 4
WISPA Ranking 56
Occupation — Physiotherapist
Represented Sweden in the 1985
World and European
Championships.



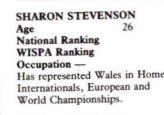
SUSANNE NYBERG
Age 25
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking 52
Occupation — Travel Agent
Represented Sweden in 1985 World
Championships and in the
European Championships 1985 and
1986.

EVA SVENBY
Age 18
National Ranking 2
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Nurse
Represented Sweden in European
Championships in 1986 and 1987
and in the World Junior
Championships 1987.





WALES



SIAN JOHNSON (Player/ Manager)
Age 27
National Ranking
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Law Clerk
Capped 54 times for Wales. Played
in 2 previous World Championships
— Canada and Australia.

DEBBIE TURNBULL
Age
National Ranking
WISPA Ranking
Occupation —
Junior Caps 26; Senior Caps 42.
Winner Welsh Closed
Championships 1983. Runner-up in
British Junior Championships 1984.

SARAH FURY
Age
National Ranking
WISPA Ranking
Occupation —
Represented Wales in Home
Internationals and European
Championships in 1987. 4 caps to
date.

TRACEY THOMAS
Age 22
National Ranking
WISPA Ranking
Occupation
Represented Wales in Home
Internationals and European
Championships 1987. 4 caps to date.

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UNITED STATES



ALICIA JANE McCONNELL
Age 24
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking 22
Occupation — Squash professional
Represented the USA in 1983 at the
World Championships in Australia.
US National Women's Champion
1981 to 1987. Has competed with
success in Australia and New
Zealand in 1986/87.

Age 30
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Squash professional/
Counsellor
1987 Winner of World Professional
Hardball Championships. 1986
Finalist US Championships.
Represented the USA in 4 Women's
World Championships.

NANCY GENGLER

GAIL RAMSEY
Age 30
National Ranking 5
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Squash professional
Represented USA in 4 Women's
World Championships.



DIANE STALEY
Age 25
National Ranking In top 15
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Commercial
Banker
Has represented the USA as a junior
player but this is her first
appearance for the USA in the
Women's World Championships.

WEST GERMANY



BARBEL HAMMERSCHMID
Age 21
National Ranking 3
WISPA Ranking 38
Occupation — Squash Coach
Member Team European
Championships. German Champion
1986 and 1984, runner up 1987 and
1985. Quarter-finalist November
1986 Dutch Open.

ANDREA HOLBE
Age 25
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Clerk
Member team European
Championships. German Champion
1987 and 1985, runner up 1986 and
1984.

EVA KORSCHGEN
Age 21
National Ranking 4
WISPA Ranking
Occupation — Gymnastic teacher
Member team European
Championships. Under 23 German
Champion. Bavarian Champion.
4th place in German Closed
Championships 1987.



BEATE MULLER
Age 24
National Ranking 2
WISPA Ranking 4
Occupation — Physiotherapist
Member team at World
Championships in Ireland in 1985.
Member of German team gaining
3rd place in European Team
Championships. 3rd place in
German Closed Championships in
1987.

PETER LANGHAMMER (Coach)





INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS OF PLAYERS NOT REPRESENTING COUNTRIES

CARIN CLONDA

Nationality Australian
Age 26
National Ranking 13
WISPA Ranking 21
Highest Previous
Rankings — National 2
— WISPA 5

Semi-finalist 1983 World Open National Representation — Member Australian team 1983, 1985 World Championships. Currently Chairwomen of Women's International Squash Players Association.

ANGELA SMITH

Past Great British and English representative and member of winning Great Britain team at World Championships 1979.

DANIELLE DRADY

Nationality Australian Age 19 National Ranking 10 WISPA Ranking 15

Australian Junior Champion 1986 and semi-finalist 1987 Scottish Open.

Member of Australian Junior team that won the World Championships in 1985.

TARRY TIKILI

Nationality Nigerian
Age
National Ranking 1
WISPA Ranking 68

Winner of Nigerian Open 1980-1985, Kenyan Open 1984 and 1985 and Winner of British Open Over 35 Championships 1987. Competed in 1981 World Championships in Canada.

LIZ IRVING

Nationality Australian Age 22 National Ranking 2 WISPA Ranking 5

Winner Scottish Open 1986, Surrey Open 1986, Dutch Open 1986, Queensland Open 1986. Winner of 1983 NZ, Queensland and Australian Junior Opens. Runner-up Australian Open 1986, Runner-up British Under-23, Semi-finalist British Open 1987, Runner-up Pro-Softball 1987. A very accomplished player, she is a surprise omission from the Australian team. She has appeared in New Zealand on many occasions including a 3 games contest with Susan Devoy in conjunction with the Norman–Khan series in July 1987.

HEATHER WALLACE

Nationality Former Scottish No. 1 now living in

Canada

Age 27 National Ranking 1 WISPA Ranking 10

1987 Canadian National Champion, 1987 US Open Softball Champion, 1985 German Open Champion, 1984 Swiss Open Champion.

ROBYN PRENTICE

Nationality Australian Age 29

WISPA Ranking

Current Australian Master Representative who has represented Queensland in 12 seasons including 1987 since 1971. Toowoomba Open Champion 1971-1987.

FIONA GEAVES

Nationality English
Age
National Ranking
WISPA Ranking
23

1986 Zambian Open and 1987 Berlin Open Winner of 4 1987 Under-19 European Open titles. SHARON BRADEY

 Nationality
 Australian

 Age
 21

 National Ranking
 10

 WISPA Ranking
 17

Former Australian age group champion and current South Australian representative.

KAREN READ

Nationality New Zealander

WISPA Ranking 45

A former nationally ranked player and Junior Age Group champion as Karen Lever, represented NZ at Junior Championships in Australia in 1976 and again in 1979 when selected in NZ team. Now married and living in England.

IULIE HAWKES

Country Hong Kong

National Ranking

WISPA Ranking

Was defeated finalist in 1987 Hong Kong and East Asian Championships. She is a former New Zealand representative and was the runner-up in the 1975 National final.

MARIE PEARSON

Country New Zealand 17

National Ranking
WISPA Ranking

Current NZ Junior Champiion she was the No. 1 player in the team that competed in the recent Junior Championships in England where she lost in the quarter-finals of the individual event. She is regarded as a player of great potential and must have come close to inclusion in the NZ team. At her best when attacking but at times can make unnecessary errors.



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