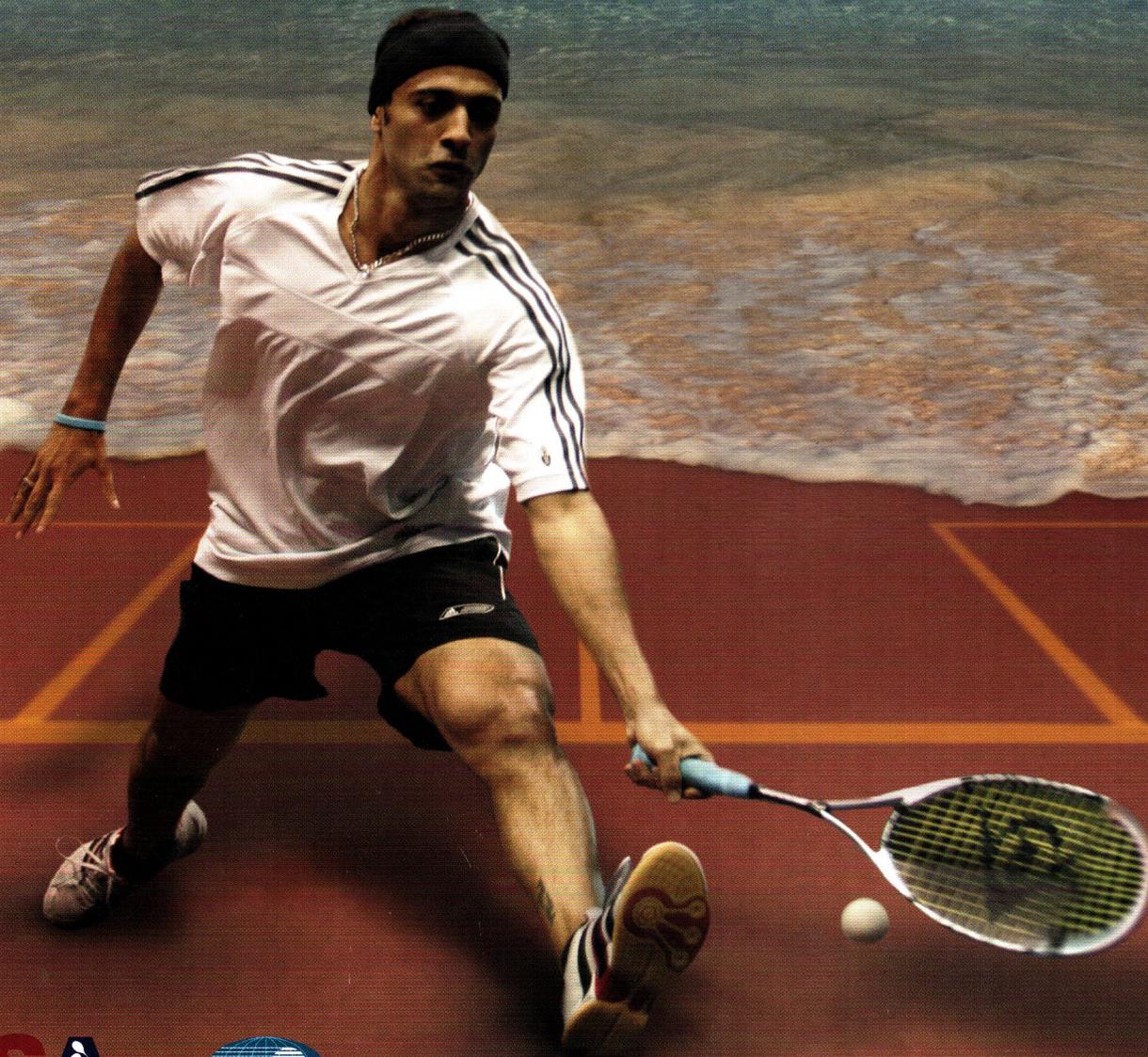


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World Open HISTORY

When the great Geoff Hunt won the first World Open to be held separately from the British Open, at Sydney 1977, he had to cope not only with the unpredictable Qamar Zaman but the distraction of a heavily sweating local player from an adjacent game who sidled away between the showcourt and spectators. Glass backs were a bit of a rarity then.

Hunt typically took it in his stride, which was more than Zaman did at the '83 World Open in Munich where a TV camera in the tin protruded 18 far-too-tempting inches into court. It was not long before the mischievous Pakistani landed a ball on to the intrusion with sly backspin and an amusingly evil grin.

Pioneering blips were perhaps inevitable in those early days. A side-wall panel fell noisily from the first all-transparent court in Birmingham in 1982, fluorescent strips on balls caused outrageous skidding in Toulouse

in 1986, and sunshine stopped play in Amsterdam in 1988.

But worse followed in 2000 and 2001 when the tournament ceased and might have died. All these memories remind us how far it has come.

Last year's World Open by the Giza pyramids brought a wondrous ambience for the most dramatic final of the 28 so far - David Palmer's amazing victory from five match points down against Gregory Gaultier. The year before, Amr Shabana's brilliance illuminated the final almost as much as the multi-lit skyscrapers of Hong Kong harbour.

Behind-the-scenes improvements had already been accelerating when the Egyptian won the first of his two titles at the old Lahore airport in 2003. Spurred by massive security required for President Musharraf, this was one of the best organized World Opens of all.

1976

London, England

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Adelaide, Australia

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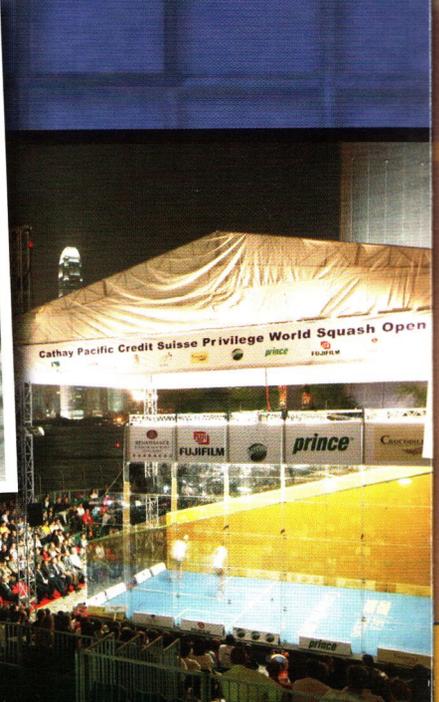
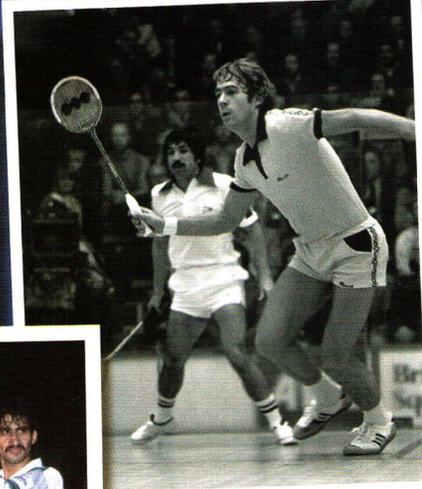
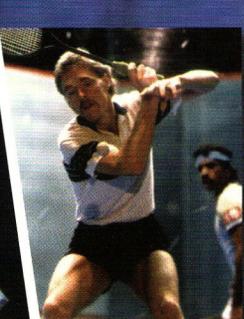
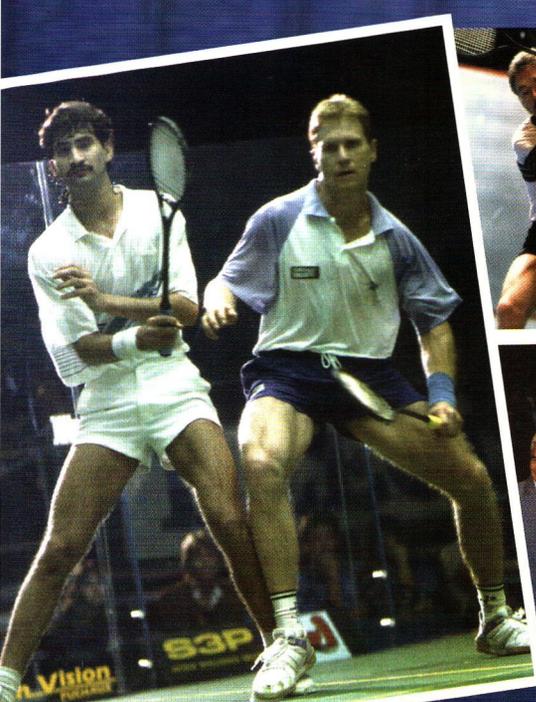
1984

Karachi, Pakistan

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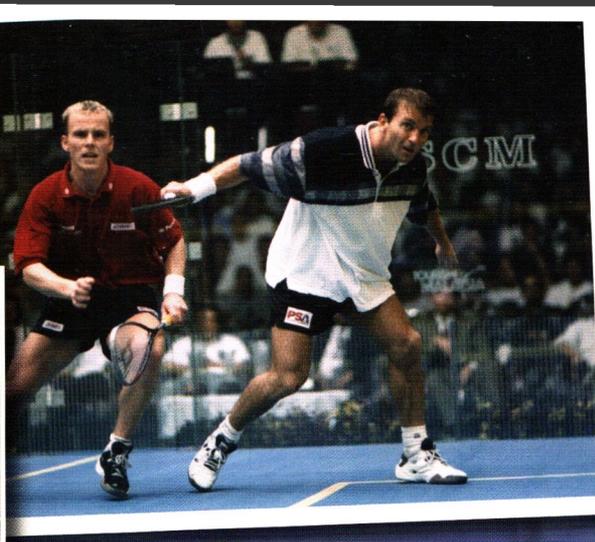
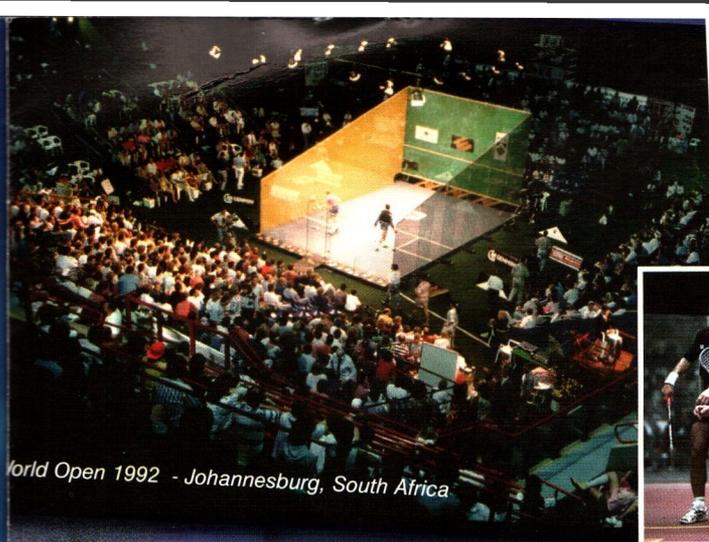
Cairo, Egypt

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| Geoff Hunt | Geoff Hunt | Geoff Hunt | Geoff Hunt | Jahangir Khan |
| vs | vs | vs | vs | vs | vs | vs | vs | vs |
| Mohibullah Khan | Qamar Zaman | Qamar Zaman | Qamar Zaman | Geoff Hunt | Dean Williams | Chris Dittmar | Qamar Zaman | Ross Norman |



World Open 2005 - Hong Kong

World Open 1992 - Johannesburg, South Africa



It saw Thierry Lincou lose a final the night after becoming world number one, an upset for which he atoned the following year at Doha's multi-million riyal complex, a vanguard of squash's technological and financial progress.

Improvements in presentation were aided by a spectacular evolution in how squash was played. Synthetic rackets and the lowering of the tin in 1987 stimulated excitingly creative styles - like those of Shabana, Gaultier, and Ramy Ashour - which are different from the patient stuff of yesteryear when the Khans, Jahangir and Jansher, were often the masters.

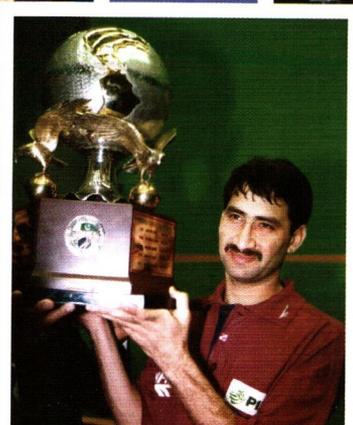
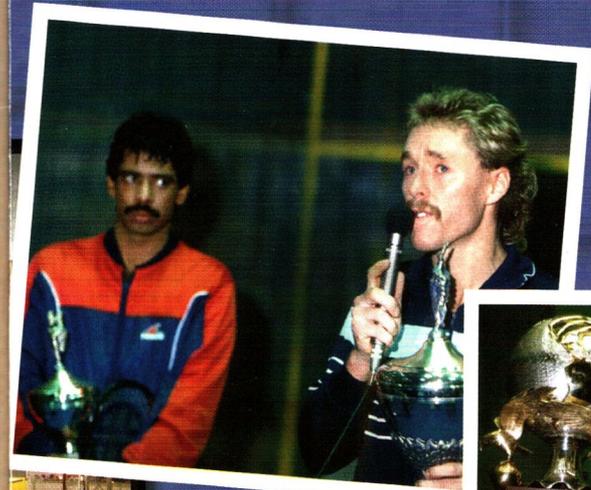
Jansher was perhaps the best ever tactically and technically, disruptively mixing slow and fast patterns from one rally to the next and even within rallies, and capturing the last of his record eight World Opens in Karachi in 1996.

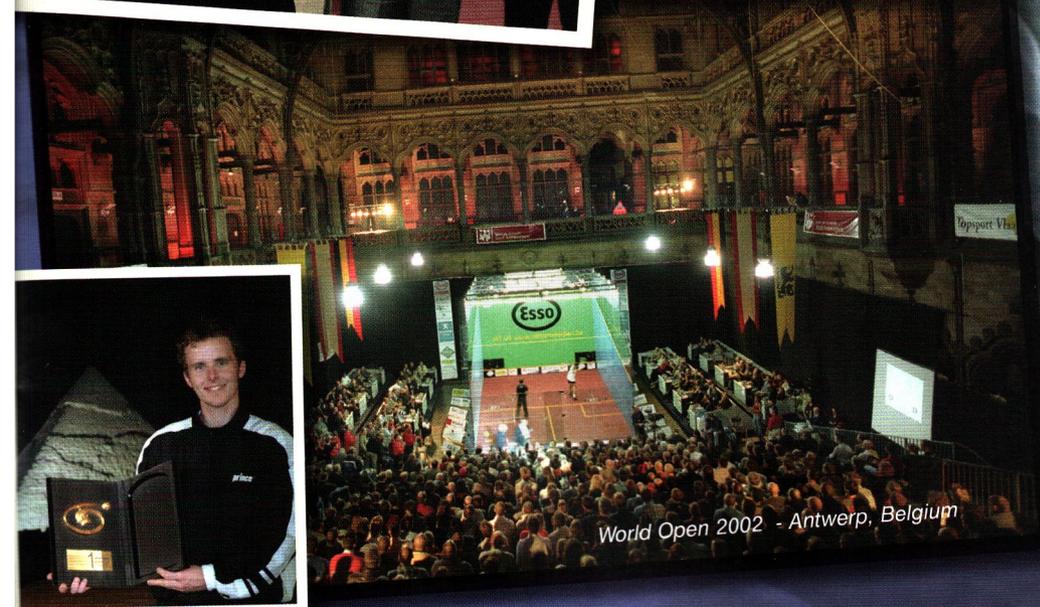
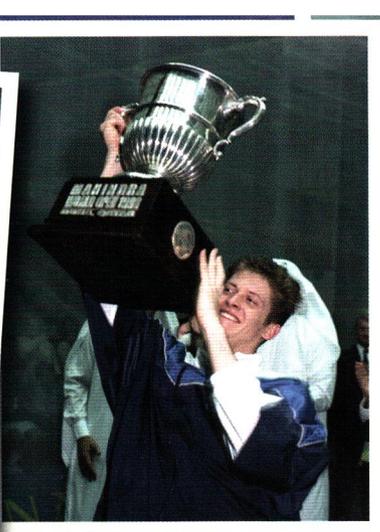
But Jahangir was arguably the best competitor, with a greater presence and a steamroller style which at its muscular best was irresistible. The first of his six World Open titles came in Toronto in 1981, when he was only 18, and the last at Amsterdam in 1988, when against predictions he beat Jansher.

But the most famous final was Jahangir's loss to Ross Norman in Toulouse in 1986, which ended the Pakistani's unbeaten record of five years and seven months. "Pull the other one," said one sports editor, when told the result. "It rings cow-bells."

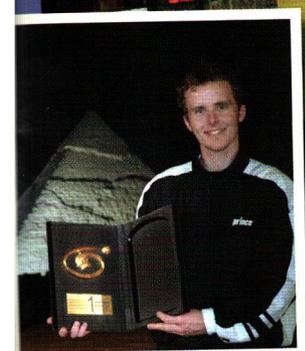
No such scepticism now. In these days of multiple contenders no-one lasts seven months unbeaten.

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| 1986 Toulouse, France | 1987 Birmingham, England | 1988 Amsterdam, Netherlands | 1989 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | 1990 Toulouse, France | 1991 Adelaide, Australia | 1992 Johannesburg, South Africa | 1993 Karachi, Pakistan | 1994 Barcelona, Spain |
| Ross Norman vs Jahangir Khan | Jansher Khan vs Chris Dittmar | Jahangir Khan vs Jansher Khan | Jansher Khan vs Chris Dittmar | Jansher Khan vs Chris Dittmar | Rodney Martin vs Jahangir Khan | Jansher Khan vs Chris Dittmar | Jansher Khan vs Jahangir Khan | Jansher Khan vs Peter Marshall |

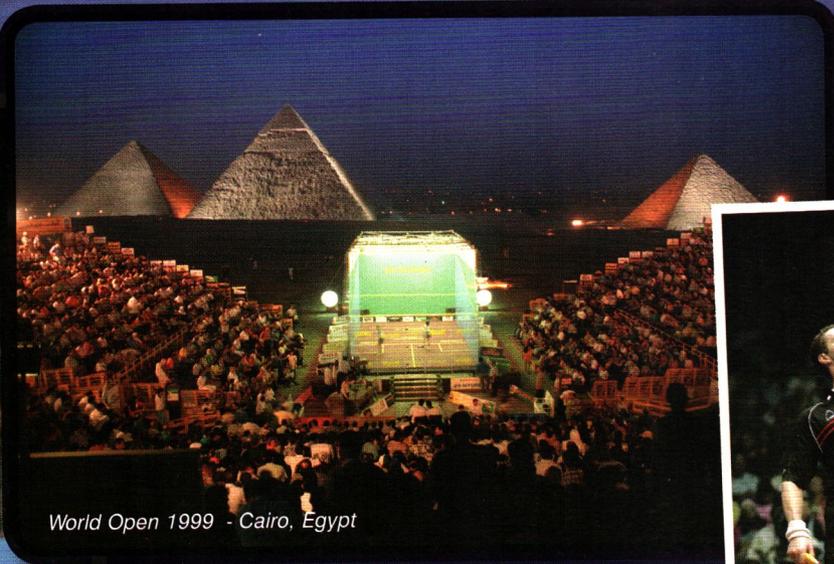
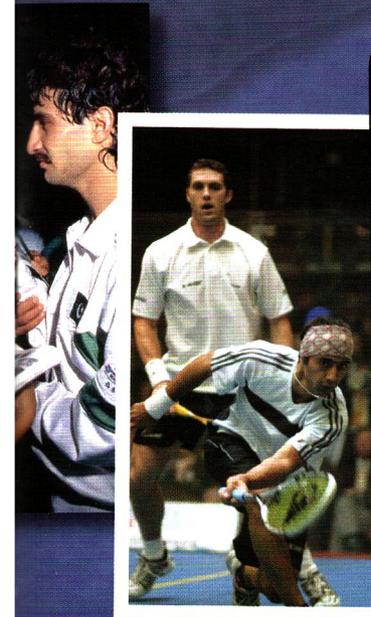




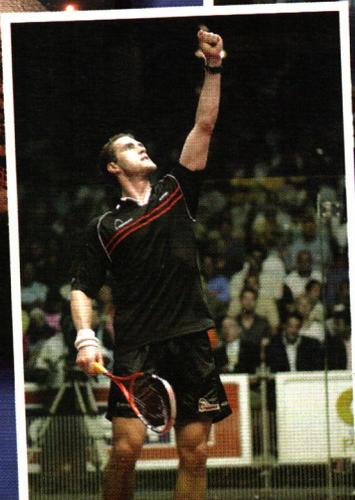
World Open 2002 - Antwerp, Belgium



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| 1995 Nicosia, Cyprus | 1996 Karachi, Pakistan | 1997 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia | 1998 Doha, Qatar | 1999 Cairo, Egypt | 2002 Antwerp, Belgium | 2003 Lahore, Pakistan | 2004 Doha, Qatar | 2005 Hong Kong, China | 2006 Cairo, Egypt |
| Jansher Khan vs Del Harris | Jansher Khan vs Rodney Eyles | Rodney Eyles vs Peter Nicol | Jonathon Power vs Peter Nicol | Peter Nicol vs Ahmed Barada | David Palmer vs John White | Amr Shabana vs Thierry Lincou | Thierry Lincou vs Lee Beachill | Amr Shabana vs David Palmer | David Palmer vs Grégory Gaultier |



World Open 1999 - Cairo, Egypt



President's Welcome

Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007

Bermuda has had an incredible few months hosting some of the world's top athletes, the PGA's top golfers and rugby's most famous stars along with entertainers such as legends Lionel Ritchie and Earth, Wind and Fire. To complement and hopefully surpass these premium events, I am pleased to welcome you, the sponsors, the players, officials, volunteers and spectators to the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 Squash Championships.

It is an honour for Bermuda and the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association to be given the privilege of hosting this event. I believe we have accepted the challenge and raised the bar to new heights.

To the Championship Committee, Ross Triffitt and Kim Carter, you are to be congratulated on not only surpassing the successes of the last few years, but setting a new standard for sporting events in Bermuda. I believe people throughout the world will be stunned by the setting, the glass court, the transparent tent and the unparalleled views of South Shore. Throw in the best squash players in the world and you have an unbelievable sporting event.

To our volunteers and members, many, many thanks. Without your help this event could not be as successful as we know it will be. The many hours of preparation leading up to the event as well as the time put into making it run smoothly are a testament to the strength of squash in Bermuda and the commitment of our members and volunteers.

The support of our Government, both logistical and financial has been crucial to the success of the tournament. Particular thanks to the Departments of Tourism and Youth and Sport.

Sincere thanks to all our generous sponsors. To stage such an event requires a great deal of financial support. Without you, this event would only be a dream. Thank you for making it a dream come true.

To the spectators, enjoy the spectacle. You will be watching not only the top squash players in the world but also some of the top athletes in the world challenging each other to be victorious and to be crowned the best in the world.

On behalf of the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association, thanks to all and please enjoy.

David Gibbons

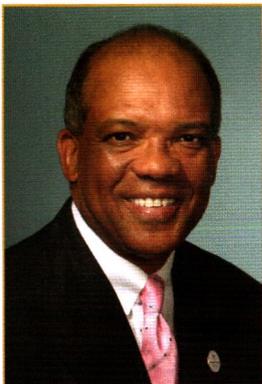
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FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bermuda I am thrilled to welcome all of the players, visitors and residents to the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007.

Over the years we have been very fortunate to host some premier sporting events – the XL Tennis Open, the World Rugby Classic, and most recently, the jewel in the crown of sporting events for Bermuda – the PGA Grand Slam of Golf. We are equally proud that Bermuda was chosen to be the featured setting of this prestigious event.

This tournament will be presented in such a way that can only be unique to Bermuda – at the Fairmont Southampton, on a specially built enclosed glass court overlooking the ocean.

I have always maintained that if given the chance Bermuda can be a fantastic location for sports tourism. In fact, this niche market is fast becoming an effective tool in generating tourism arrivals and international media exposure for Bermuda. We anticipate significant media exposure from this championship tournament, with an estimated 2.1 billion spectators worldwide viewing this event.

While visiting our lovely island, I encourage you to take in all that we have to offer, our historical attractions, our pink sand beaches and our many restaurants.

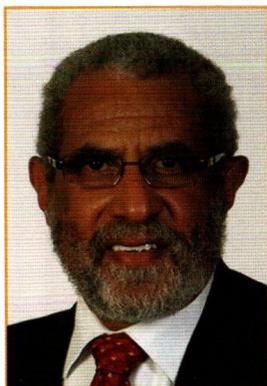
I extend my congratulations to the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association for their vision and dedication in bringing “the best of the best” to Bermuda.

Once again welcome to Bermuda, we are pleased to have you and I hope that you enjoy a successful tournament.

Dr. The Hon. Ewart F. Brown, J.P., M.P.

Premier

Minister of Tourism and Transport



As a former sportsman and Minister of the Government with responsibility for Sports here in Bermuda, I consider it a privilege, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Recreation, to welcome all of you to the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 Squash Championship.

With over 50 players from 33 countries spread across six continents and the potential to reach 2.1 billion viewers worldwide, this Squash Championship, a partnership of the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the World Squash Federation (WSF) and the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association is considered to be one of the most significant tournaments on the international squash competition calendar and caps a stellar year in sports for Bermuda.

This year, 2007, has seen the royalty of the Professional Golf Association grace our shores and compete for the PGA World Championship of Golf at the Mid Ocean Golf Course. Not to be outdone, the Escape to Bermuda Triathlon hosted the very best in the world in a 1st class sporting event that combined, competitive swimming, cycling and running with breathtaking scenery of Bermuda as memorable as the feats of endurance displayed by the triathletes themselves. Remarkably, just a few weeks ago, Bermuda hailed the return of the World Rugby Classic. Featuring the best of the best, from South Africa to Australia, France to New Zealand, the island witnessed sportsmen taking part in a tradition that has carved a niche in the world of international rugby.

This squash tournament will be no exception. With superstars like Amr Shabana of Egypt who took over the world #1 ranking last April in Bermuda after winning the Virtual Spectator Bermuda Masters 2006 and Bermuda resident and World Open champion, David Palmer of Australia, it is believed that the competition will be fierce. While the list is long, other contenders will include world #3 Greg Gaultier, world #6 Thierry Lincou, both from France, world #5 James Willstrop, world #7 John White of Scotland, and world #2 Ramy Ashour of Egypt who has recorded victories against literally all of the world’s top players. Playing alongside will be local players Patrick Foster, Nicholas (Nick) Kyme, Chase Toogood and Melrindo Caines.

Without precedence, Bermuda has positioned itself as a true world sports event leader and no accomplishment of this magnitude is achieved without the support of the sports administrators, event coordinators and event volunteers. This cooperative effort has created an atmosphere in Bermuda that speaks to the true spirit of Bermuda, its people. On behalf of them, thank you for coming and making this event the success that it is.

The Hon. K. H. Randolph Horton, J.P., M.P.

Minister of Education, Sports and Recreation



Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 Squash Championships and WSF Conference and AGM

Friday, November 23

10.00am Roll Call World Open Qualifying (BSRA)

12.00pm — 6.00pm World Open Qualifying Round 1 (BSRA)

Saturday, November 24

12.00pm — 8.00pm World Open Qualifying Finals (BSRA)

4.30pm — 7.30pm PSA AGM (Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 8.00pm Player and Sponsor Welcome Cocktail Reception (Bacardi International Building)

Sunday, November 25

12.00pm — 4.00pm World Open 1st Round (BSRA)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open 1st Round and Opening Ceremony (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Monday, November 26

9.00am — 5.00pm WSF Officers Meeting (Fairmont Southampton)

12.00pm — 4.00pm World Open 1st Round (BSRA)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open 1st Round (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Tuesday, November 27

8.00am — 6.00pm Bermuda Open Graded Championships (BSRA)

9.00am — 5.00pm WSF Officers Meeting (Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open Round of 16 (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Wednesday, November 28

8.00am — 6.00pm Bermuda Open Graded Championships (BSRA)

9.00am — 5.00pm WSF Management Committee Meetings (Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open Round of 16 (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Thursday, November 29

8.00am — 6.00pm Bermuda Open Graded Championships (BSRA)

9.00am — 5.00pm WSF CONFERENCE (Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 7.30pm WSF Welcome Reception (Pool Deck, Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open Quarter-finals (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Friday, November 30

4.00pm — 9.00pm Bank of Bermuda Foundation Junior Open (BSRA)

9.00am — 5.00pm WSF CONFERENCE (Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre, Fairmont Southampton)

6.00pm — 10.00pm World Open Semi-finals (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

Saturday, December 1

9.00am — 5.00pm Bank of Bermuda Foundation Junior Open (BSRA)

9.00am — 1.00pm WSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre, Fairmont Southampton)

6.30pm — 8.30pm Women's Exhibition and World Open Final (Glass Court, Fairmont Southampton)

9.00pm — 11.00pm WSF Gala Dinner (Ocean Club, Fairmont Southampton)

9.00pm — 2.00am Wrap Party (Ocean Club beach, Fairmont Southampton)



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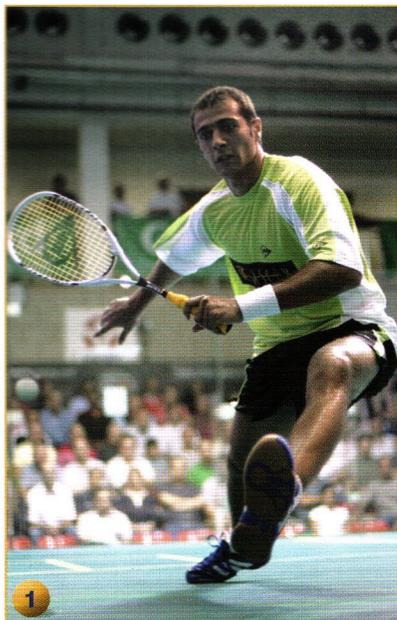
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Amr Shabana

Country: **Egypt**
 Date of Birth: **20 July 1979**
 Place of Birth: **Cairo**

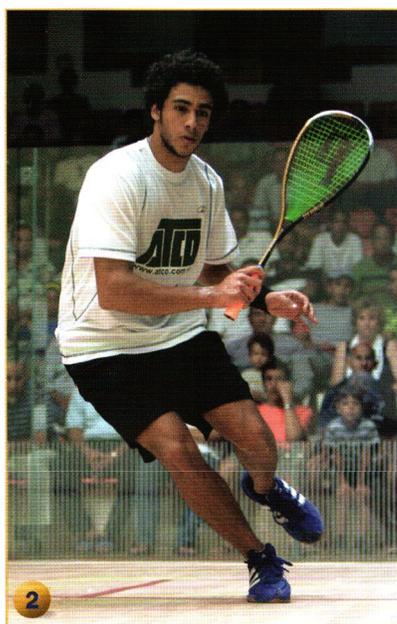
On June 1st, 2007, Amr Shabana celebrated his 15th successive month at the top of the Dunlop PSA Men's World Rankings. The Egyptian is the sixth longest-standing world number one of all time, overtaking Jonathon Power and Thierry Lincou. He has won 16 PSA titles, including two World Open trophies (2003 and 2005).

The left-hander from Cairo is one of the most stylish players in the game. Shabana claimed his first Tour title in 1999, the Puebla Open in Mexico, followed by the Mexico Open seven days later. He made his career breakthrough in the Pakistan 2003 World Open, where, seeded nine, he despatched title-holder David Palmer, Anthony Ricketts in the last eight followed by Karim Darwish (then the Egyptian No.1) in the semi-final. Shabana clinched the championship by beating Thierry Lincou, claiming the biggest title of his life.

Shabana is Egypt's first winner of the sport's premier title. In 2005, he won four PSA events including his second World Open title, leading him to the top of the world rankings in April 2006. He went on to win the Canadian Classic, Tournament of Champions, Virtual Spectator Bermuda Masters, Hong Kong Open and the Saudi International. He was honoured as PSA Player of the Year in the World Squash Awards in London.

This year Shabana picked up the Windy City Open and Tournament of Champions trophies but withdrew from the Canary Wharf Classic after a wrist injury. He reached the Kuwait Open final, where he was beaten for the first time by compatriot Ramy Ashour.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 16 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 23



Ramy Ashour

Country: **Egypt**
 Date of Birth: **30 September 1987**
 Place of Birth: **Cairo**

Ramy Ashour is the sport's 'new kid on the block'. He entered the Dunlop PSA World Rankings on November 1st, 2004 at 300. A year later he was 94th; 12 months after that he was in the top 10. By June this year, he had leapt to No.2.

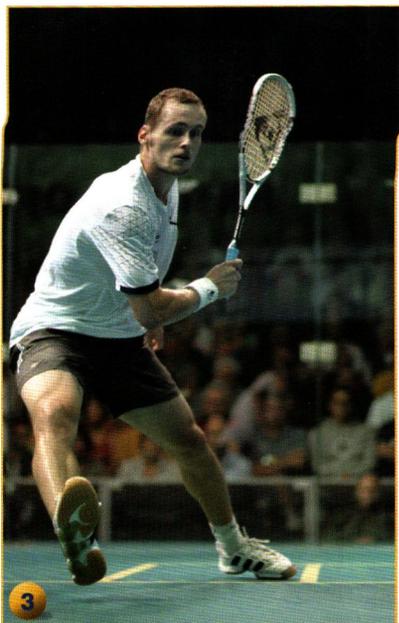
At 16, Ashour was the youngest-ever World Junior Champion. He went on to claim his first PSA title, the Athens Open, three months later. In 2006, he became the first to win the world junior title twice, in New Zealand. He made the 'senior' PSA World Open quarter-finals in his home country, beating No.12 seed, Lee Beachill, then reached his first Super Series final upsetting John White, former world champion, Thierry Lincou, and reigning world champion David Palmer, before losing to compatriot Amr Shabana. He was crowned PSA Young Player of the Year at the World Squash Awards in London.

Ashour surged back in 2007, beating second seed David Palmer in straight games to win the Canadian Classic. He beat John White for the Dayton Open in the USA. By April, he was established as one of the Tour's biggest draws. His first victory over Shabana in the Kuwait Open final marked him as a threat to everyone. He went on to beat Palmer again to win the Qatar Classic. A month short of his 20th birthday, Ashour became the first event debutant since 1996 to win the PSA's flagship Super Series Finals event in England, beating Gregory Gaultier in the final.

"On November 19th, 2007, Ramy Ashour withdrew from The Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007, due to injury."

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 6 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 10





Gregory Gaultier

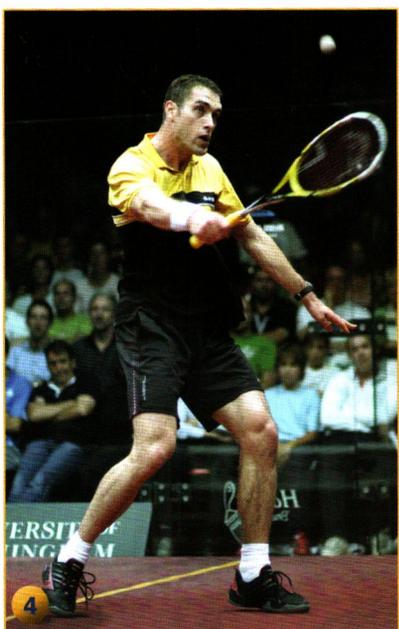
Country: **France**
 Date of Birth: **23 December 1982**
 Place of Birth: **Epinal**

Frenchman Gregory Gaultier has been in the shadows of compatriot Thierry Lincou since emerging from the junior ranks. But early this year - a week after his 24th birthday - Gaultier leapt to No.3 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings, overtaking Lincou. A month later, he toppled David Palmer to rank No.2 in the world.

Gaultier enjoyed a remarkable 2006. After two non-PSA Tour successes, the French Nationals (featuring his first ever win over Lincou) and the European Individual Championships, he reached six PSA Tour finals against the seedings, winning the Hungarian Open and US Open, his first Super Series triumph. In the World Open in Egypt, eighth seed Gaultier upset world No.1 Amr Shabana, top seed and local hero, to reach his first PSA Super Series event final. However, in November the Frenchman gained perhaps his sweetest win of the year, beating Thierry Lincou in straight games in the quarter-finals of the US Open. It was the pair's seventh PSA meeting since 2004 - but Gaultier's first Tour victory over his compatriot.

Gaultier started 2007 indifferently. Then in June he secured his fourth successive European Championship title and went on to reach the final of the Super Series Finals in his debut in the PSA's flagship event. Seeded third in the British Open, Greg made his breakthrough in the semi-finals where he beat top seed Amr Shabana. He joined Lincou in the first all-French British Open final, beating his friend to become the first French winner of the title in its 77 year history.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 11 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 22



David Palmer

Country: **Australia**
 Date of Birth: **28 June 1976**
 Place of Birth: **Lithgow, NSW**

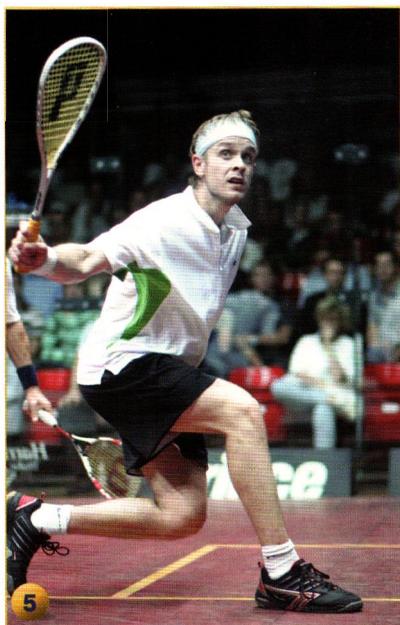
David Palmer has amassed 21 titles from 45 PSA Tour final appearances since 1995. A world top 10 player since 2000, he led the world rankings for the first time in 2001. His victory in the Dutch Open in September 2007 established him as the current player with the most Tour trophies to his name.

David Palmer has been Australia's top squash player for most of this decade. In 2002, Palmer won the World Open in dramatic style in Belgium, where he fought back from two games down to beat Scotland's John White in the final. In 2004, he joined a select band of three times British Open champions when he successfully defended his 2003 title, defeating the then world champion Amr Shabana in the final. History repeated itself in 2006 in Egypt when Palmer, in his third World Open final, again recovered from a two game deficit to defeat Gregory Gaultier. After winning the singles silver medal in the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Palmer took time off in his homeland to be with his wife Melinda for the birth of their first child, Kayla, in June.

Palmer's 2007 campaign began with a runner-up finish in the Canadian Classic in Toronto in January, when he lost to rising Egyptian star Ramy Ashour. The following month, he brushed aside all opposition to win the Swedish Open, marking his 20th trophy success. In April, he reached the final of the Qatar Classic for the fourth time, but succumbed once again to Ashour after 60 minutes.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 21 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 45





James Willstrop

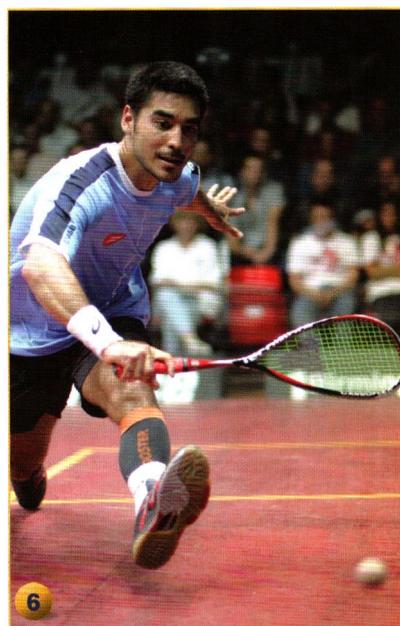
Country: **England**
 Date of Birth: **15 August 1983**
 Place of Birth: **North Walsham**

James Willstrop is England's most successful junior player of all time. He became the world's top-ranked Englishman just two years after becoming a 'senior'. In December 2005, after reaching a career-high world No.2, he led England to victory for the first time in eight years in the World Team Championships in Pakistan.

Willstrop enjoyed a glittering junior career, winning British National titles at U12, U14, U17 and U19, and British Junior Open trophies at U14, U17 and U19 age groups. He won both the European Junior and World Junior Championships. In his final junior year, 2002, he won his first PSA Tour title, the Swiss Open, followed by the Santa Barbara Open. The following year, he became one of the youngest players ever to play for the senior England team, representing his country at both the European and World Team Championships.

In 2004, Willstrop won the Pakistan Open (upsetting Amr Shabana in the quarter-finals) in his first appearance in a Super Series final. In 2005, he reached the final of the British Open, then went on to win the Qatar Classic in only his second Super Series final appearance. He won a silver medal in the 2006 Commonwealth Games with Vicky Botwright in the Mixed Doubles. In 2007, Willstrop won the British National Championship for the first time, then claimed the Canary Wharf Classic in London. In the inaugural English Grand Prix, he overcame favourite David Palmer in a 95-minute semi-final, clinching the trophy when he beat third seeded Thierry Lincou to claim his seventh PSA Tour title.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 7 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 10



Thierry Lincou

Country: **France**
 Date of Birth: **2 April 1976**
 Place of Birth: **Reunion Island**

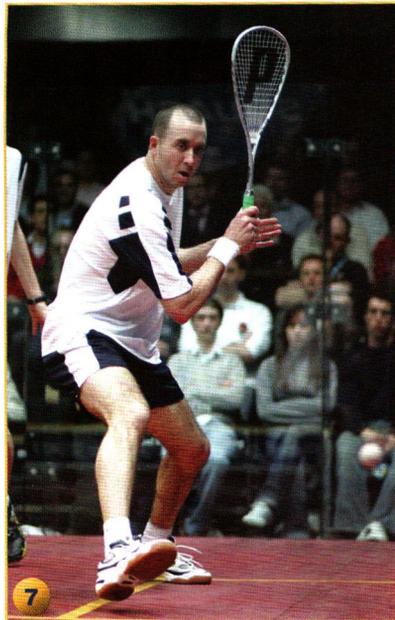
Since becoming world No.1 for the first time in January 2004 and confirming his status as the most successful French squash player of all-time, Thierry Lincou has continued to assert himself as a major force on the international squash circuit. He holds 18 PSA titles and has made 34 appearances in Tour finals.

In 2003, Lincou reached the semi-finals in nine successive PSA Tour events and contested five finals. In 2004, he captured the Super Series Finals, the Hong Kong Open, and the Canadian Classic. In the World Open final in Qatar Lincou beat top seed Lee Beachill to become world champion for the first time. He topped the rankings throughout 2005. In 2006 he clinched the Canary Wharf Classic title toppling Peter Nicol, his 'role model', in the semi-finals. He won the Liverpool Open, then the English Open after defeating Gregory Gaultier in the first all-French PSA Tour final outside France. He reached his first British Open final, ending Palmer's two year reign as champion in the semi-finals, then beat Gaultier again in the Pakistan Open final.

In 2007, Lincou won his ninth French National title. After losing to John White in a marathon semi-final at the Canary Wharf Classic, a calf injury caused his withdrawal from the Qatar Classic and Kuwait Open. Lincou bounced back however, in the English Grand Prix, upsetting the now higher-seeded Gaultier to reach the final. After contesting the final of the British Open for the second year, Lincou finished as runner-up again, losing to Gaultier this time.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 18 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 34





John White

Country: **Scotland**
 Date of Birth: **15 June 1973**
 Place of Birth: **Mount Isa, Australia**

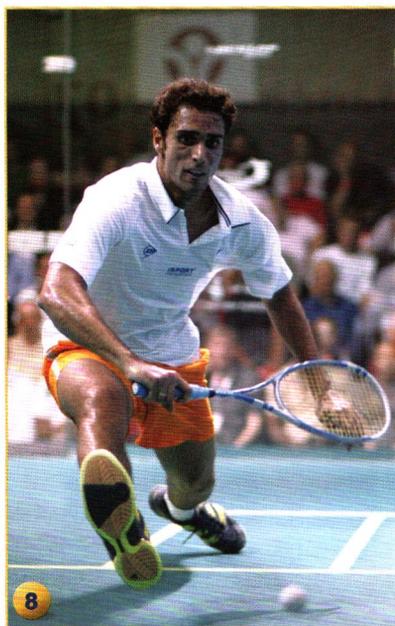
The Australian-born Scot known as the hardest hitter of the ball has enjoyed a highly successful career. Runner-up in the British Open and World Open in 2002, John White topped the world rankings in March 2004. Since relocating to the US in 2005, he has reached eight PSA Tour finals there, winning four of them.

John White was born and raised in Australia, but changed his allegiance to Scotland in 1998 (his father was born in Edinburgh). White broke into the top 20 in April of that year.

He won the Scottish Nationals in December, then represented his new country the following year in the European Championships, the World Cup and the World Team Championships. A great run in the new millennium led to him topping the world rankings in March 2004. After living in Nottingham for five years, White moved to the USA in 2005.

He confirmed his credentials as the game's hardest-hitter that year, when a ball he struck was clocked at 172 mph - a world record yet to be surpassed. In 2006 with four PSA Tour title wins, White returned to the world top 10 in the New Year. Seeded fourth, he reached the final of the Dayton Open in January 2007, and then the Canary Wharf Classic after four successive five game battles. He led 2/1 over James Willstrop, but then went down in five in a match which earned the pair a prolonged standing ovation. In May, White played his 31st PSA Tour final at the North American Open.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 12 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 31



Karim Darwish

Country: **Egypt**
 Date of Birth: **29 August 1981**
 Place of Birth: **Giza**

Karim Darwish, who led Egypt to the final of the World Team Championships in 2001, has been one of the country's leading players throughout the decade. The 26 year old from Cairo boasts 12 PSA Tour titles from 18 final appearances, and celebrated a career-high world No.5 ranking in March 2004.

Soon after joining the PSA in 2000, Darwish secured his first Tour title, the Maadi Open. He reached the World Open semi-finals for the first time in December 2003 in Pakistan, then began 2004 with three successive title wins, the Apawamis Open and Dayton Open in the USA and the Swedish Open, leading to his best ever No.5 world ranking.

A disappointing period followed, but Darwish rediscovered his form in 2006 reaching the semi-finals of the Canary Wharf Classic, the Tournament of Champions, the Liverpool '08 Open, the British Open and the Pakistan Open.

In 2007 he reached the semi-finals in the Dayton Open, the Swedish Open and the KL Open in Malaysia. In July he reached the Heliopolis Open final, but lost to fellow Egyptian Wael El Hindi. In August, Darwish celebrated his first appearance in the Super Series Finals, upsetting Thierry Lincou and David Palmer to the play-off for third place, losing to top-ranked compatriot Amr Shabana. Darwish then ended a three year title drought with the CNS International in Pakistan, winning the 18th title of his career without dropping a game. At the US Open in October, he toppled El Hindi and Shabana as 10th seed to reach the semi-finals, before surrendering to James Willstrop.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 12 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 1





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Nick Matthew

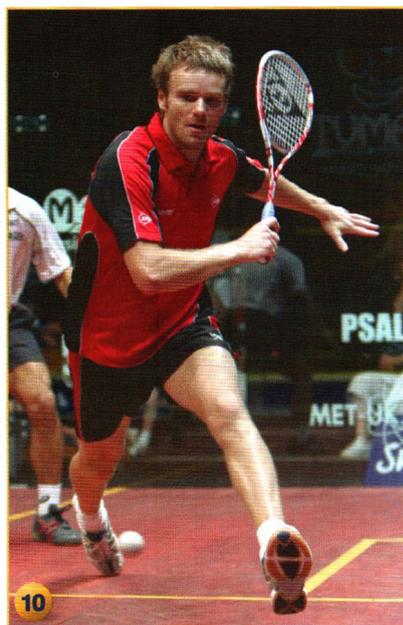
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| Country: | England |
| Date of Birth: | 25 July 1980 |
| Place of Birth: | Sheffield |

Despite achieving a world top five ranking in 2004, it was in 2006 that Nick Matthew made an indelible mark on squash history when, seeded six, he upset third seeded Thierry Lincou in the final of the British Open to become the first home-grown champion of the world's most prestigious event for 67 years.

The triumph rounded off a sensational year for Matthew, which began when he won the British National title for the first time, later becoming the only person to hold the National and Open titles simultaneously. He then made his breakthrough in the quarter-finals of the Tournament of Champions after upsetting No.2 seed and former champion, Jonathon Power, to advance to the final.

Matthew's 2007 campaign started disappointingly with an ankle injury at the Canadian Classic. He made a comeback at the Kuala Lumpur Open, where he reached the semi-finals. In the Canary Wharf Classic, Matthew made it to the semi-finals before losing to James Willstrop, who went on to win the title. Matthew was a surprise semi-finalist in April's Qatar Classic, where he was knocked down to Egypt's rising star Ramy Ashour. He failed to retain his British Open title in September losing to world No.1 Amr Shabana in the quarter-finals, but tempered this disappointment by winning his maiden Super Series crown in New York two weeks later. Seeded sixth in the US Open, Matthew upset Thierry Lincou in the quarter-finals. In the semis, he avenged his Qatar Classic defeat by beating second seed Ramy Ashour, then celebrated a historic triumph over compatriot James Willstrop.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 5 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 20



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Lee Beachill

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Country: | England |
| Date of Birth: | 28 November 1977 |
| Place of Birth: | Huddersfield, Yorkshire |

With a world No.1 ranking to his name, plus nine PSA Tour titles including two at the US Open, two Commonwealth Games gold medals, three British National Championship titles and three successful World Team Championship campaigns for England, there is little more that Lee Beachill has to prove in squash.

After a road accident in 1997 in which he broke his back, Beachill was told that he would never play squash again. He was on court eight weeks later, and he made his comeback at the 1998 British Open. In 2001, Beachill became the lowest seed ever to capture the British National title, successfully defending the crown one year later. After winning his third title in 2005, he became the first player the following year to reach the final six years in a row. In the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Beachill partnered Peter Nicol in the Men's Double and collected England's only gold medal of the Games, defending this title four years later in Melbourne.

In 2004, Beachill won the Bermuda Open, English Open and US Open, bringing him to No.1 in the Dunlop PSA world rankings. He ended the year reaching the World Open final in Qatar. In 2006, he beat Anthony Ricketts, Thierry Lincou and Peter Nicol to reach the Super Series final. In 2007 he reached the Virginia Pro Championship final, then exceeded his seeding by reaching the Kuwait Open quarter-finals. He bettered his seeding again in the US Open to make it to the quarter-finals of the Super Series event.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 9 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 11





Wael El Hindi

Country: **Egypt**

Date of Birth: **25 June 1980**

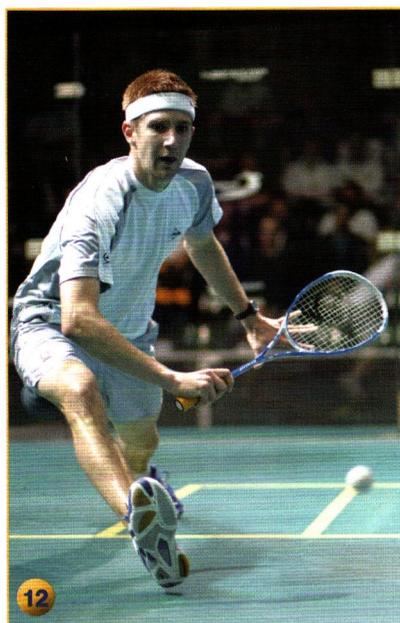
Place of Birth: **Giza**

Wael El Hindi has long been regarded as one of Egypt's most talented players, first making his mark in 1998 when he reached the World Junior Championship final. He rose to a career-high world No.10 position in May this year after securing five PSA Tour titles from 10 final appearances.

El Hindi reached his first Tour final in Spain at the Trofeo Aquarius Open in 1999, but it was two years later that he claimed his maiden title at the Spanish Open in Tenerife. Early the following year, he won his first trophy on home soil at the El Ahly Open in Cairo. In 2004, El Hindi began a love affair with Malaysia where he won the Kuala Lumpur Open in February, then went on to reach the final of the Malaysian Open later in the year, and again in 2005, in both cases exceeding his seeding.

His stand-out achievements in 2006 included home country success in the Heliopolis Open in August 2006, when he beat Finland's No.2 seed Olli Tuominen in the quarter-finals. The following month, unseeded, he burst into the last eight of the World Open after beating seeded compatriot Karim Darwish and England's Nick Matthew. El Hindi began his 2007 campaign by beating higher-seeded Darwish again to the semi-final of the Canadian Classic. In April, he produced impressive performances in both the Kuwait Open and Qatar Classic (featuring upsets over Anthony Ricketts and Lee Beachill) which saw him leap four places to make his top 10 debut in May.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 5 | **PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 10**



Stewart Boswell

Country: **Australia**

Date of Birth: **29 July 1978**

Place of Birth: **Canberra**

After celebrating a career-high world No.4 ranking in 2002, Stewart Boswell suffered a two year layoff with a back ailment. His comeback in 2005 began with seven PSA Tour titles wins in a row. That year, he leapt 279 places to 20 in the Dunlop PSA World Rankings, re-establishing himself amongst the world's elite.

A World Junior Open finalist in 1996, he made his first appearance in the PSA world rankings in January 1995, breaking into the top 50 in 1998. He made his top 20 debut in 2000, reaching his first Super Series final in April 2002, when as sixth seed, he beat higher-ranked compatriot David Palmer to make the Qatar Classic final. This led to his career-high world No.4 position, but in 2003 a back problem caused a first round defeat in the Qatar PSA Masters. Boswell was forced to stop playing, and it took him a full two years to recover.

Boswell marked his return in 2006 by beating John White in the final, adding the St Louis Open crown to his title collection. He began 2007 by reaching the final of the Kuala Lumpur Open, beating higher-seeded Karim Darwish in the semi-finals. He returned to the top 10 in April 2007, clinched his 17th career PSA Tour title at the Australian Open in July, then celebrated his 29th appearance in a Tour final at the Malaysian Open. Boswell delighted home fans in July when he competed in the Australian Open, beating compatriot Cameron Pilley in the final to win his country's most prestigious title for the third time since 2002.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 17 | **PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 29**





Peter Barker

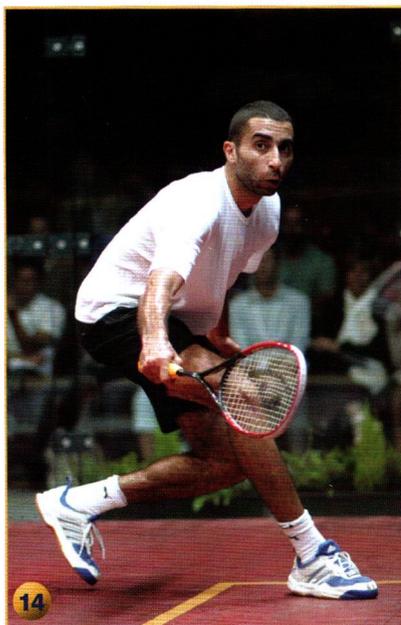
Country: **England**
 Date of Birth: **26 September 1983**
 Place of Birth: **London**

Peter Barker is England's newest international - the fourth highest-ranked English player. Steady progress since going full-time in 2002 has led to the 24 year old left-hander collecting 10 PSA Tour titles from 13 final appearances. Barker achieved a career-high world ranking of 14 in October this year.

In a highly successful junior career, Barker was a British, European and World Junior Open runner-up. Two months before he reached the final of the World Junior Championships in India in December 2002, he won his first three PSA Tour titles - the Saskatoon Boast Open and the Financially Plumb Open, both in Canada, and the Tech Valley Open in the USA. In August 2005, Barker began an impressive sequence of triumphs in Colombia, winning the Colombian Open as second seed, then retaining his title a year after. In Bogotá again this year, Barker clinched his hat-trick, beating Spaniard Borja Golan in the final.

Barker's standout result of the year took place in the Qatar Classic in April. In the second round, seeded 14, he pulled off a sensational win over top seed Amr Shabana, the world No.1 from Egypt, to record his second appearance in a PSA Super Series quarter-final. Later, he made it to the semi-finals of the European Individual Championships after defeating English compatriot Adrian Grant. In September, Barker upset Egypt's Wael El Hindi in Manchester to reach his first British Open quarter-final. He made his England debut in the 2006 European Team Championships, defeating France in the final.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 10 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 13



Mohammed Abbas

Country: **Egypt**
 Date of Birth: **24 December 1980**
 Place of Birth: **Giza**

A member of the PSA since 1998, Mohammed Abbas has made consistent progress up the world rankings. After winning his third PSA Tour title in his seventh final in March this year at the Kuala Lumpur Open in Malaysia, Abbas rose to a career-high world No.13 ranking on April 1st.

Abbas first made his mark when he reached the quarter-finals of the 1998 World Junior Championships in the USA, and then the final in Egypt of the team event, beating favourites Pakistan in the semi-finals. He claimed his first Tour title at the El Ahly Open in Cairo in January 2000. He enjoyed a breakthrough year in 2004 when, after reaching the final of the Dayton Open unseeded, he went on to reach the last 16 of both the World Open and Pakistan Open in December, resulting in a massive jump from 25 to 16 in the world rankings on January 1st, 2005.

In March 2006 Abbas won the COAS International in Pakistan (beating fast-rising compatriot Ramy Ashour in the final). In December he achieved his best ever finish in a Super Series event, reaching the quarter-finals of the Saudi International (having beaten higher-seeded fellow countryman Karim Darwish in the last 16). His 2007 campaign began with beating Malaysia's Mohd Azlan Iskandar in the quarter-finals of the Virginia Pro Championship to reach the semi-final. In the Kuala Lumpur Open the following month, he beat favourite Nick Matthew in the semis and higher-seeded Stewart Boswell in the final.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 3 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 7





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Mohd Azlan Iskandar

Country: **Malaysia**

Date of Birth: **1 June 1982**

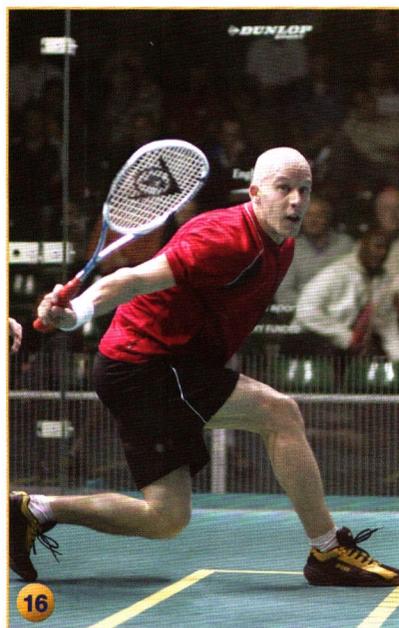
Place of Birth: **Sarawak**

Mohd Azlan Iskandar has made rapid progress on the international squash circuit since his appearance in 2001. In 2004, he leapt from 29 to 21 in the world rankings, but his crowning glory was winning the Malaysian Open in December as second seed – the second home player to win this title.

Azlan claimed his maiden PSA title in February 2003, winning the Kuala Lumpur Open. Before claiming his first Malaysian Open success the following year, he won the PNG International and the CAS International in Pakistan. In Peshawar, Azlan beat Ong Beng Hee in the final, his first ever victory over his great domestic rival. Not until August 2005 did he finally overtake Ong Beng Hee in the PSA rankings, becoming Malaysia's highest-ranked player for the first time. In December 2005, he led Malaysia to a sixth place finish in the Men's World Team Championships in Pakistan. Azlan won the Kuala Lumpur Open again in February 2006, achieving a career-high No.12 world ranking two months later.

After a disappointing second half of 2006, Azlan rediscovered his form. He followed his surprise North American Open title success this May with a second Malaysian Open crown in July. Seeded three in California, Azlan upset No.2 seed Adrian Grant in the semi-finals, then top seed John White in the final. Seeded to reach the last eight in the Malaysian Open, Azlan again overcame Grant before beating second seed Lee Beachill in the semis. A victory in the final over top seed Stewart Boswell gave Iskandar his 10th PSA Tour title.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 10 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 16



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Olli Tuominen

Country: **Finland**

Date of Birth: **15 April 1979**

Place of Birth: **Helsinki**

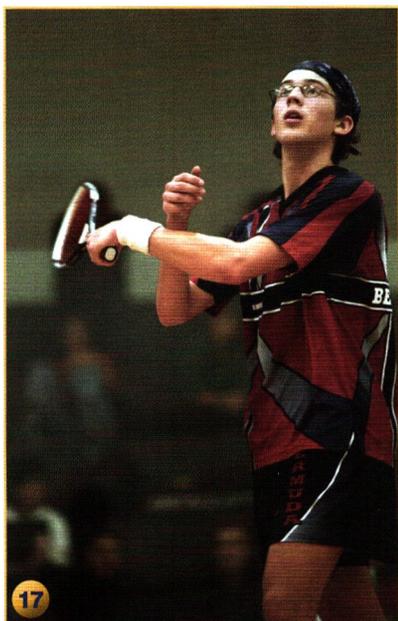
Olli Tuominen has made steady progress since claiming his first PSA title in Chicago in 1998. His remarkable consistency, achieving or bettering seeding expectations in PSA events, has led to six PSA Tour titles from 11 final appearances. Tuominen was rewarded in February 2006 with a career-high world ranking of 13.

After winning the European Junior Championship in 1997, Tuominen claimed the Lakeshore Classic, his maiden PSA title, in Chicago in 1998. Beginning in 2002, Olli began a sensational three-and-a-half year run, rising steadily up the rankings while establishing notable upsets. In the 2004 Motor City Open in Detroit, he reached the final as an unseeded player after upsetting Egyptians Amr Shabana and Karim Darwish, second and third seeds respectively, before losing out to Gregory Gaultier in his 11th Tour final. He achieved one of the standout results of his career in the 2005 English Open in Sheffield, where he defeated second seed David Palmer to reach the quarter-finals.

The highlight of Olli's 2007 campaign took place in New York in March, when he achieved his first semi-final appearance in a PSA Super Series event. Seeded 10th in the Tournament of Champions, he beat eighth seed Lee Beachill in the second round, overcoming David Palmer, the No.2 seed, in the quarter-final. In the semi-finals, Tuominen toiled for 54 minutes before going down in four games to Australia's Anthony Ricketts, the seventh seed.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Sept 07): 6 | PSA Tour Finals (to end of Sept 07): 11





James Stout

Country: **Bermuda**

Date of Birth: **16 August 1984**

Place of Birth: **Bermuda**

A five time Caribbean junior champion, James Stout has represented Bermuda at senior level in the Commonwealth Games, World Team Championships, Island Games, Pan American Championships, and CAC Games. He is currently employed by the New York Racquet Club where he coaches racquets and real tennis.

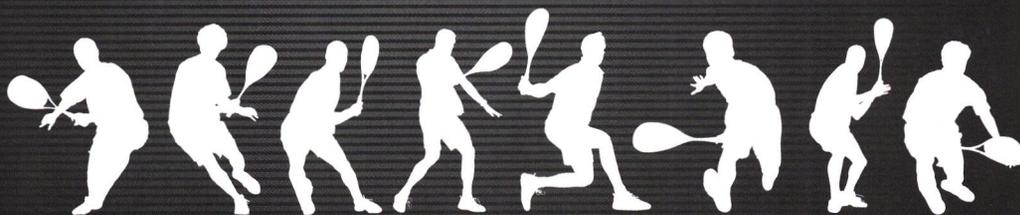
James Stout's professional career began in March 2003 at the age of 18 with a baptism of fire, facing then world No.6, Thierry Lincou, in the first round of the Logic Bermuda Open. Undeterred he went on to achieve his highest world ranking of 116 in March 2005, and in October that year decided to take a break from the rigours of the game. He rejoined the PSA this year, and is looking forward to resuming his squash career and representing Bermuda in the World Open.

Stout won a gold medal in the Island Games in Scotland in 2005, partnering Nick Kyme in the doubles event. He helped Bermuda win third place in the CAC Games in 2006, behind Mexico and Canada. This is Bermuda's best result to date in CAC Squash.

PSA Tour Titles (to end of Oct 07): **0**

PSA Tour Finals (to end of Oct 07): **2**

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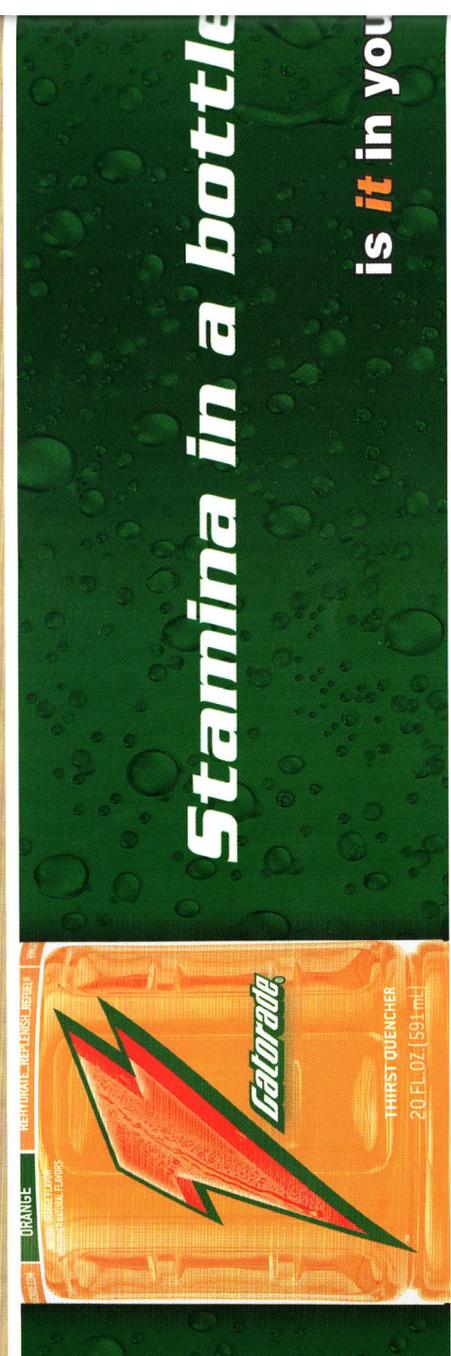


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| | 2 | Borja Golan (ESP) WR 19 | Glass - November 27, 6:00pm | | | |
| 9-16 | 3 | 11* Stewart Boswell (AUS) WR 13 Glass - November 25, 7:00pm | | | | |
| | 4 | WC James Stout (BER) WR 403 | | Glass - November 29, 6:00pm | | |
| 5-8 | 5 | 5* Thierry Lincou (FRA) WR 7 BSRA - November 25, 12:00pm | | | | |
| | 6 | Q1 | Glass - November 27, 7:00pm | | | |
| 9-16 | 7 | 16* Ong Beng Hee (MAS) WR 18 BSRA - November 25, 1:00pm | | | | |
| | 8 | Q2 | | | Glass - November 30, 7:00pm | |
| 3-4 | 9 | 3* David Palmer (AUS) WR 4 Glass - November 25, 8:00pm | | | | |
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| | 12 | Q4 | | Glass - November 29, 7:00pm | | |
| 5-8 | 13 | 7* Karim Darwish (EGY) WR 9 Glass - November 25, 9:00pm | | | | |
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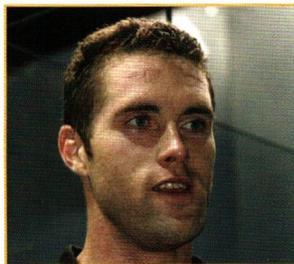


If you ask a squash enthusiast the question "Who will win the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007?" it's often met with some 'ums' and 'ahs' and even an occasional scratch of the head. This is all for very good reason. The current depth of field at the top level of squash is staggering. It could be argued that the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Tour has never been as competitive as it is today.

Long gone are the days when men's squash was dominated by one or two players and with the recent retirement of two living legends, Peter Nicol and Jonathon Power, the competition for the top spots has never been fiercer. The Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 will be televised to a potential television audience of over two billion people and it has attracted 56 top athletes from 33 countries and six continents, all with their eyes firmly on the title of World Champion. Only one man will take home that title and we will all have to wait until the last ball is hit to see who reigns supreme. In this snapshot we will examine the current world rankings of some of the top contenders, along with their performances in previous World Opens. For details of their achievements in other major tournaments, please refer to their profiles in this programme or go online to www.psa-squash.com.



Let's start with Amr Shabana of Egypt (World #1). Players have often said that when Shabana is on form he's unbeatable. Shabana should also feel at home in Bermuda, after winning the Virtual Spectator Bermuda Masters 2006 last April, cheered on by enthusiastic Bermudian fans. That win pushed him to the #1 spot for the first time in his career and since then no one has been able to take it from him. This has put Shabana in the record books as one of the longest standing World #1s of all time. Shabana has won the World Open twice (2003 and 2005) and he would dearly love to be the only man currently on the tour to own that title three times.



However, David Palmer of Australia (World #4) has other ideas. After all, he is the current World Champion and keen to defend his title, especially in Bermuda which he has made his second home. Palmer has also enjoyed the World #1 position before (2001 and 2006) and over the last five years has never ventured far from it. He is the only man on the current tour to have competed in three World Open Finals, winning two of them (2002 and 2006). In the latter his victory came in a dramatic fashion when he saved a multitude of match points before clinching victory. He is also the player with the most tour trophies to his name. Palmer is well liked in Bermuda and will have the advantage of competing in front of his home crowd.



Enter the dazzling Ramy Ashour of Egypt (World #2). In 2004 Ashour stunned the squash world by becoming the youngest World Junior Champion ever. Only two years later he added a second World Junior title and then proceeded to rocket into the top ten of the men's PSA World Tour. His meteoric climb continued and in June this year this talented 20 year old latched on to the #2 slot and has never let go. At last year's World Open he beat Willstrop, followed by Beachill, only to lose to Gaultier in the quarter final. Since then he has beaten everyone in the top 10 and most of them more than once. Could Ashour stun the squash world once more?



Gregory Gaultier of France (World #3) is also definitely one of the top contenders for the title. Gaultier hovered around the #10 spot for three years, but in May last year he started his challenge for the top. By March 2007 he arrived at world #2 with only Shabana denying him pole position. Since then he has never dropped lower than #4. In last year's World Open he made an impressive bid for the championship when he dispatched both White and Ashour 3-0 and then went on to beat Shabana 3-1 in the semi-final. It was only Palmer who was able to stop this onslaught by the narrowest of margins, denying Gaultier his first World Open Title at the young age of 23.



Players' Snapshot

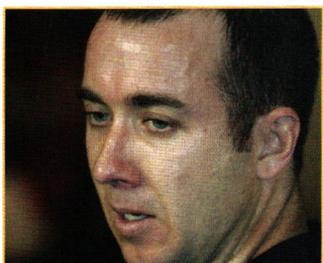
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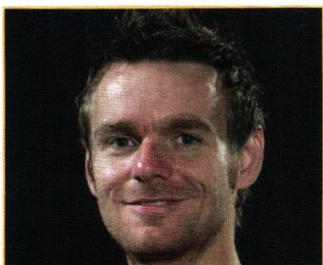
Thierry Lincou of France (World #7) is no stranger to a World Open final. He was runner up to Shabana in 2003 and made amends in Qatar a year later when he earned the title of World Champion for the first time. Lincou has remained in the top 10 since the latter part of 2001 and in January 2004 took hold of the #1 position which he kept for two months. However, better times were around the corner and in January 2005 he regained the #1 position, never allowing anyone to topple him for the whole calendar year. Lincou is only one of three people on the tour today to have competed in a World Open final twice.



James Willstrop of England (World #5) is overdue for a place in a World Open final. To date this tournament has not been kind to him. In 2005 he lost to Palmer in the semi-final, having just beaten him in the Qatar Classic that same month. In 2006 he was hospitalized with food poisoning on the eve of the tournament. This year the young Englishman is on form. In the English Grand Prix only two months ago he beat Palmer in the semi-final and then went on to beat Lincou to take the title. Willstrop is England's most successful junior player and became the world's top ranked Englishman just two years after becoming a 'senior'.



John White of Scotland (World #8) can never be taken for granted. He has a wealth of experience, as well being the hardest hitter in the game – once recording a ball struck by his racquet at 172 mph. The Australian-born Scot has been ranked among the top dozen players for the last six years and in March of 2004 he reached the coveted #1 position. White is yet another player in this field to have been a finalist in a World Open. In 2002 he stormed his way to the final, dropping a mere two games along the way. It was Palmer who put an end to his dream by stopping him one point short of being World Champion.



Lee Beachill of England (World #11) rounds out the list of six players on the current PSA World Tour who have competed in a previous World Open final. Bermudians will remember Beachill when he won the Bermuda Open 2004. That same year he also collected the English Open and US Open titles, became World #1 and ended a great year by reaching the World Open final. In 1997 Beachill suffered a road accident and was told he would spend four months on his back and never play squash again. Eight weeks later he was back on court. His biography includes so many 'firsts' that it would be unwise to discount him from being a serious challenger for the title.



If you are wise enough to think Beachill has a good chance to win a World Open title, consider the fact that there are nine men currently above him in the world rankings. One of them is Karim Darwish of Egypt (World #9) who has a string of titles to his name and last year beat the likes of Ashour, White, Palmer, Willstrop and Beachill. In 2003 Darwish achieved a semi-final placing in the World Open and in 2004 reached #5 in the world rankings.



Another competitor in the top 10 is Nick Matthew (World #10). Matthew also reached #5 in 2004, a feat he repeated in 2006 and 2007. Last year he beat the world's best when he snatched the coveted British Open title, overcoming Boswell, Willstrop, Darwish and Lincou along the way. There is hardly any squash player of note that Matthew has not beaten in the last two years, confirming that there is no doubt the man from Yorkshire could win the ultimate title in the world of squash this year.

The scene is set and spectators are definitely in for a treat. They will witness tremendous speed, strength, agility and stamina from what many believe are the fittest men on the planet. They will marvel at the arsenal of shots these athletes deploy and the lightning speed at which decisions are made while under pressure. They will enjoy all the thrills and spills from these 'modern day gladiators' and witness history in the making when a new World Champion is crowned in Bermuda on finals night, Saturday, 1st December. Our advice to you - don't miss it!



Qualifying



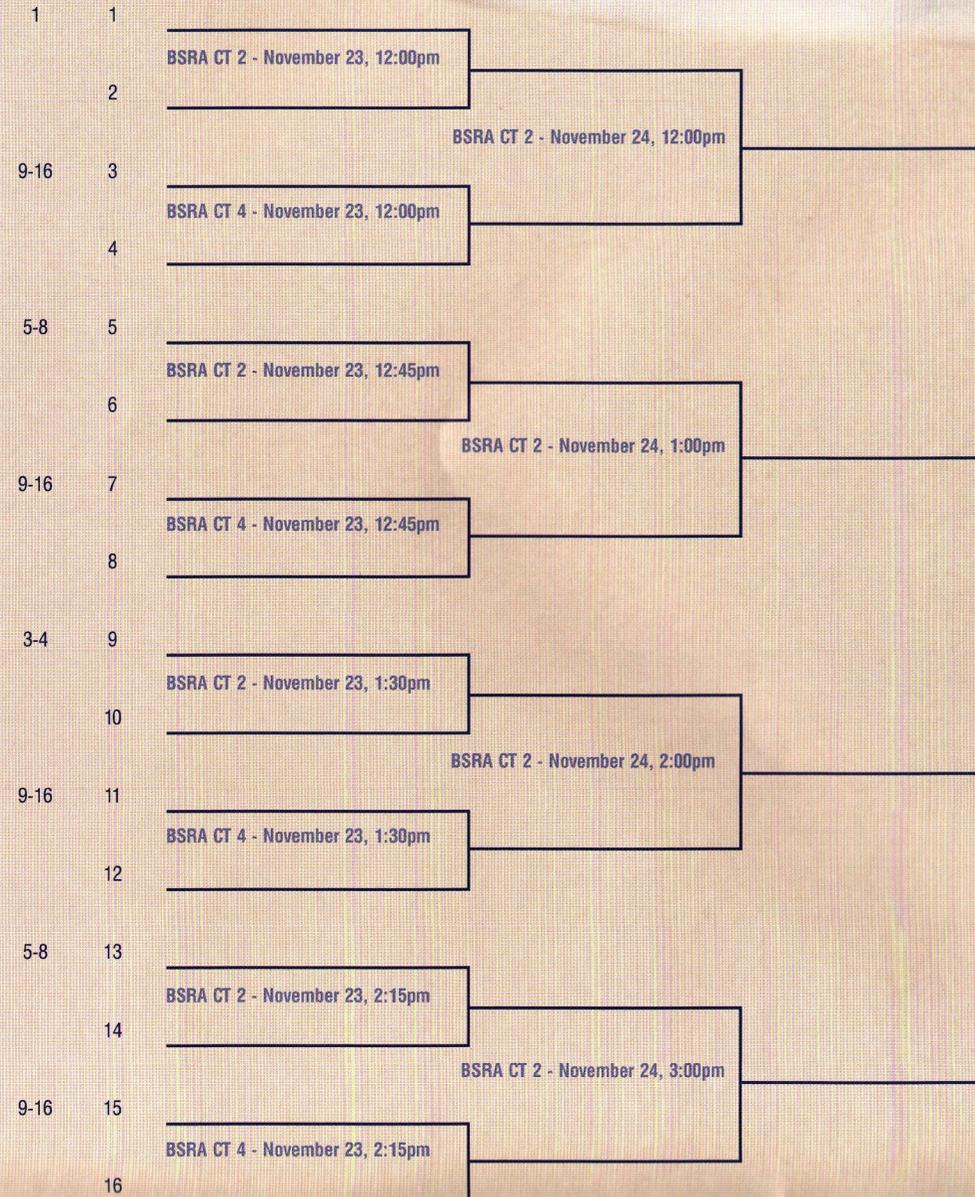
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1st Round - November 23

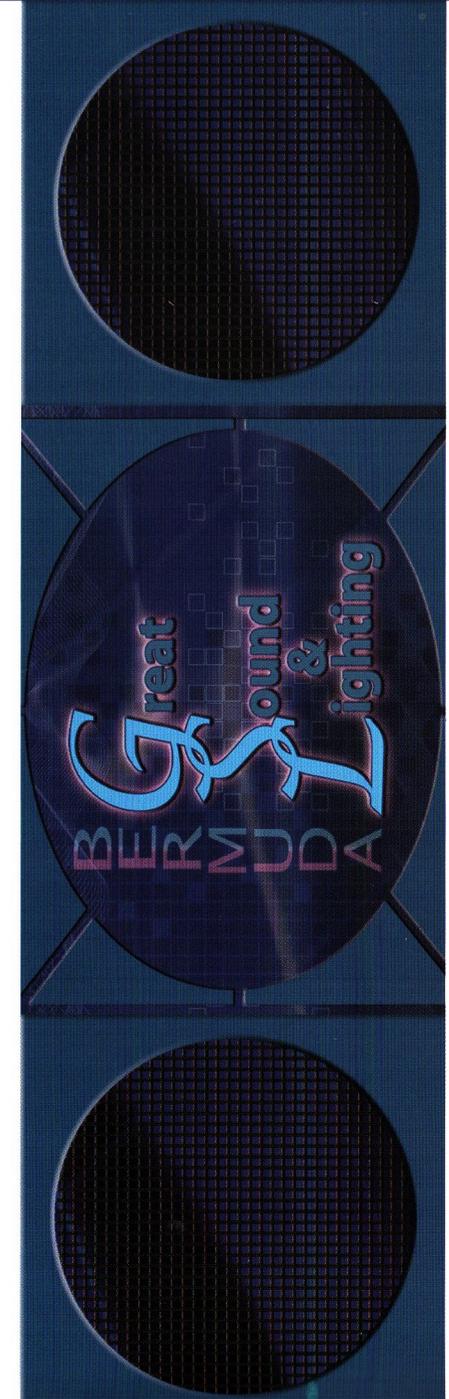
Round of 16 - November 24

QUALIFIERS



Entry List

- 1Q Shahier Razik (CAN) WR 27
- 2Q Renan Lavigne (FRA) WR 28
- 3Q Joey Barrington (ENG) WR 29
- 4Q Alistair Walker (ENG) WR 30
- 5Q Daryl Selby (ENG) WR 31
- 6Q Jonathan Kemp (ENG) WR 32
- 7Q Bradley Ball (ENG) WR 33
- 8Q Davide Bianchetti (ITA) WR 34
- 9Q Liam Kenny (IRL) WR 35
- 10Q Eric Galvez (MEX) WR 36
- 11Q Omar Mosaad (EGY) WR 37
- 12Q Omar ElBorolossy (EGY) WR 39
- 13Q Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) WR 40
- 14Q Stacey Ross (ENG) WR 41
- 15Q Kashif Shuja (NZL) WR 45
- 16Q Omar Abdel Aziz (EGY) WR 46
- 17Q Saurav Ghosal (IND) WR 48
- 18Q Shawn Delierre (CAN) WR 49
- 19Q Matthew Giuffre (CAN) WR 50
- 20Q Julian Illingworth (USA) WR 51
- 21Q Yasser El Halaby (EGY) WR 61
- 22Q Scott Arnold (AUS) WR 62
- 23Q Julien Balbo (FRA) WR 68
- 24Q Bernado Samper (COL) WR 69
- WSF1 Jesse Engelbrecht (RSA) WR 97
- WSF2 Dick Lau (HKG) WR 115
- WSF3 Morten W. Sorensen (DEN) WR 135
- LOCAL Nicholas Kyme (BER) WR 179
- LOCAL Chase Toogood (USA) WR 350
- LOCAL Melrindo Caines (BER) WR 368
- LOCAL Patrick Foster (IRL) NR
- WSF4 Joe Chapman (BVI) NR



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| 3-4 | 24 | | BSRA CT 2 - November 23, 3:45pm | |
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| 9-16 | 26 | | BSRA CT 4 - November 23, 4:30pm | |
| | | | BSRA CT 2 - November 24, 6:00pm | |
| 5-8 | 28 | | BSRA CT 2 - November 23, 4:30pm | |
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| 9-16 | 30 | | BSRA CT 4 - November 23, 5:15pm | |
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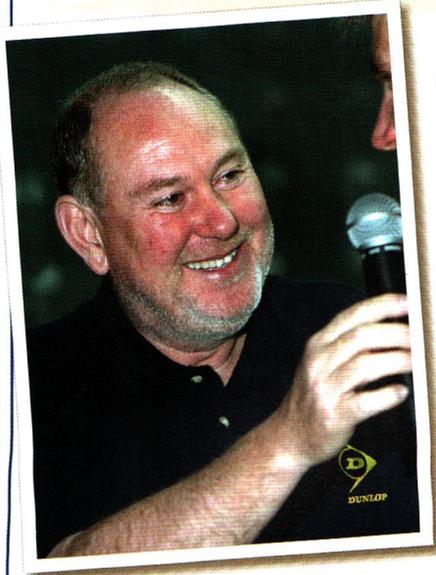
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Robert Edwards - The Voice of Squash and the Voice of Summer



Newcomers to Bermuda are often amazed at the smorgasbord of nicknames given to both locals and overseas residents, and every Bermudian is familiar with the man fondly known throughout the Island as "The Voice of Summer". Former Deputy Premier, Minister of Tourism, and Member of Parliament, the Hon. C.V. Jim Woolridge, has been the Island's

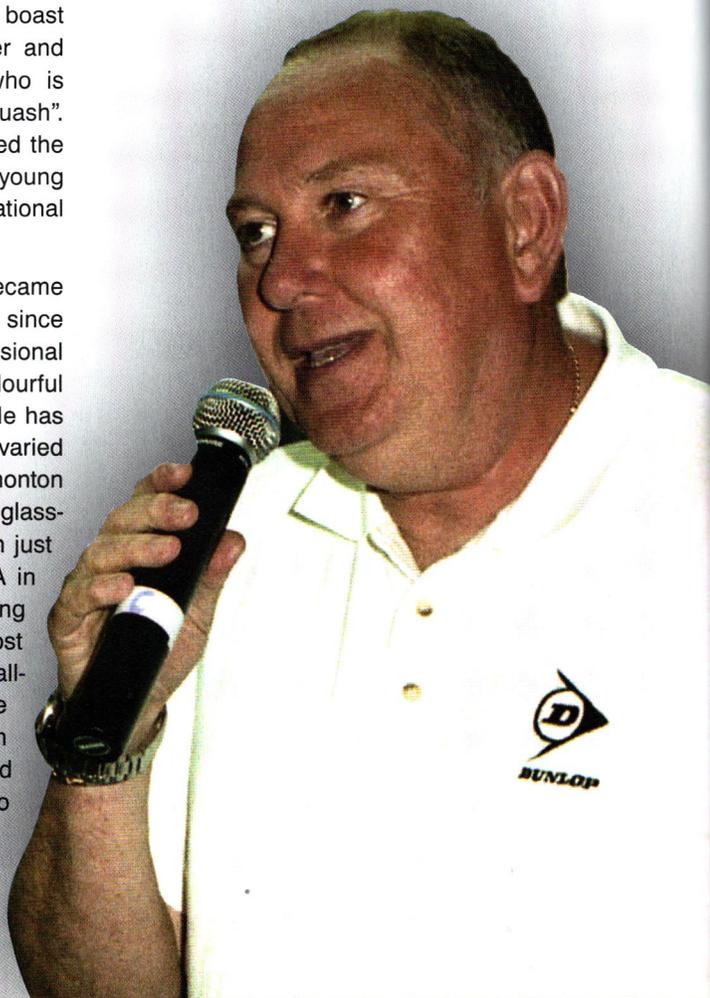
premier cricket commentator for over 40 years, and his mellifluous tones have become synonymous with languid summer days at the beach listening to his vivid descriptions of our national sport over the air waves. Now that world class professional squash has become a popular annual event in Bermuda, it's almost a case of "Watch out, Jim. You have competition!"

Well, maybe it's not a matter of competing, but the Professional Squash Association (PSA) can surely boast its own unique sports commentator, choreographer and character in the form of Mr. Robert Edwards, who is acknowledged around the world as "The Voice of Squash". Robert is no stranger to Bermuda, having first visited the Island in the 1970's as a brilliant (slim and svelte!) young squash player competing in one of our first international tournaments.

After his playing career ended, Robert became World Tour Technical Director for the PSA and has since been directly involved in over 200 major professional squash tournaments, but it is his penchant for colourful commentary that has earned him his special title. He has orchestrated squash spectaculars at venues as varied as the great pyramids at Gaza and at West Edmonton Shopping Mall in Canada. As he puts it, "I don't do glass-backs" - referring to those old fashioned courts with just a glass wall at the rear. Our court #2 at the BSRA in Devonshire was converted to a glass-back not too long ago and we thought we were being progressive! Almost all major tournaments are now held exclusively on all-glass courts and Bermudians will enjoy the unique opportunity of watching the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 Squash Championship being played on a court that is literally ALL glass, from walls to floor, under a huge see-through "glass-like" structure overlooking the magnificent South Shore beaches. Even Robert should be impressed at our progress!

As the PSA World Tour continues to move forward in leaps and bounds, Robert regularly refers to squash as "gladiator sport". He makes no apologies for claiming professional squash players are the fittest athletes in the sport. It is unlikely that squash will ever replace cricket as our national sport, but one convert to squash as a great spectacle is our own "Voice of Summer", who makes a point of attending major tournaments held in Bermuda and is a keen supporter. He will no doubt make another appearance this year and if you are a visitor, or have not previously had the pleasure of meeting him, just look for the dapper dresser in Bermuda shorts - "The Voice of Summer" is never seen without them.

It is perhaps fitting that Robert has publicly announced that the Endurance World Open will be his last tournament before he retires and rides off into the sunset - on his golf cart! When the court lights up at the Endurance World Open Bermuda 2007 Squash Championship we recommend that you sit back and brace yourselves for one incredible feast of squash with Robert Edwards as your Master of Ceremonies - or should we say "Ringmaster". Prepare yourselves for "The Voice of Squash".



Juniors

I really have to take my hat off to parents who try to teach their children how to play squash.

It reminds me of the many times I have seen male acquaintances of mine on court with an attractive lady who is obviously new to the game. He will be dressed in an old t-shirt, rugby shorts, rugby socks and dirty squash shoes, while she will be modeling a sports outfit you'd expect to see on the runways of Paris or Milan.

Their relationship is clearly at that exciting early stage where they're learning all about each other's interests. She may unsurprisingly have become intrigued by the amount of time he spends at the squash club, ostensibly to get in shape and work on his cardiovascular fitness. She will have struggled to reconcile this with the fact that after an evening there he looks no better for his work out and smells of beer.

The next step is for him to invite her down to watch him play. Typically she will come away from the match bored and puzzled. What's all the fuss, she thinks. After all, the rallies were short, he missed the ball more often than he hit it, and when he did hit it, well, was he really supposed to use the frame of the racket? If so, why go to the trouble and expense of having it strung?

Finally he acquiesces and they go on court. His girlfriend discovers that there is more to the game than she at first thought and eight years of tennis lessons are as naught. Against her, her boyfriend can hit the ball quite well and she discovers, at this early stage of their

relationship thank goodness, that he has a mean streak. Why else would he keep the rallies going for ever and send her running about the court non-stop? As a result she looks more like a rag doll than the sophisticated, demure athlete who stepped on court fifteen minutes earlier. It's an experience which few will repeat over the course of their relationship.

Well, playing your children is a bit like that. You're in control, encouraging young whatshisface or whatsherface to run from the front of the court to the back then cunningly sending them to the front of the court again, tantalizing the little beggar by making him/her/it think you're going to play a drop shot then hitting it into the back corner again. Then you roar with laughter and say "Hard lines, my serve, 87-nil, remember to keep your eye on the ball" and begin again, while the fruit of your loins is trying hard not to throw up on the other side of the court. All the while you're kidding yourself that this is a reflection of your squash ability and overlook the fact that they mastered walking only four or five years ago whereas you've been doing it for thirty-odd years.

PHOTO BELOW: Juniors with Lee Beachill



