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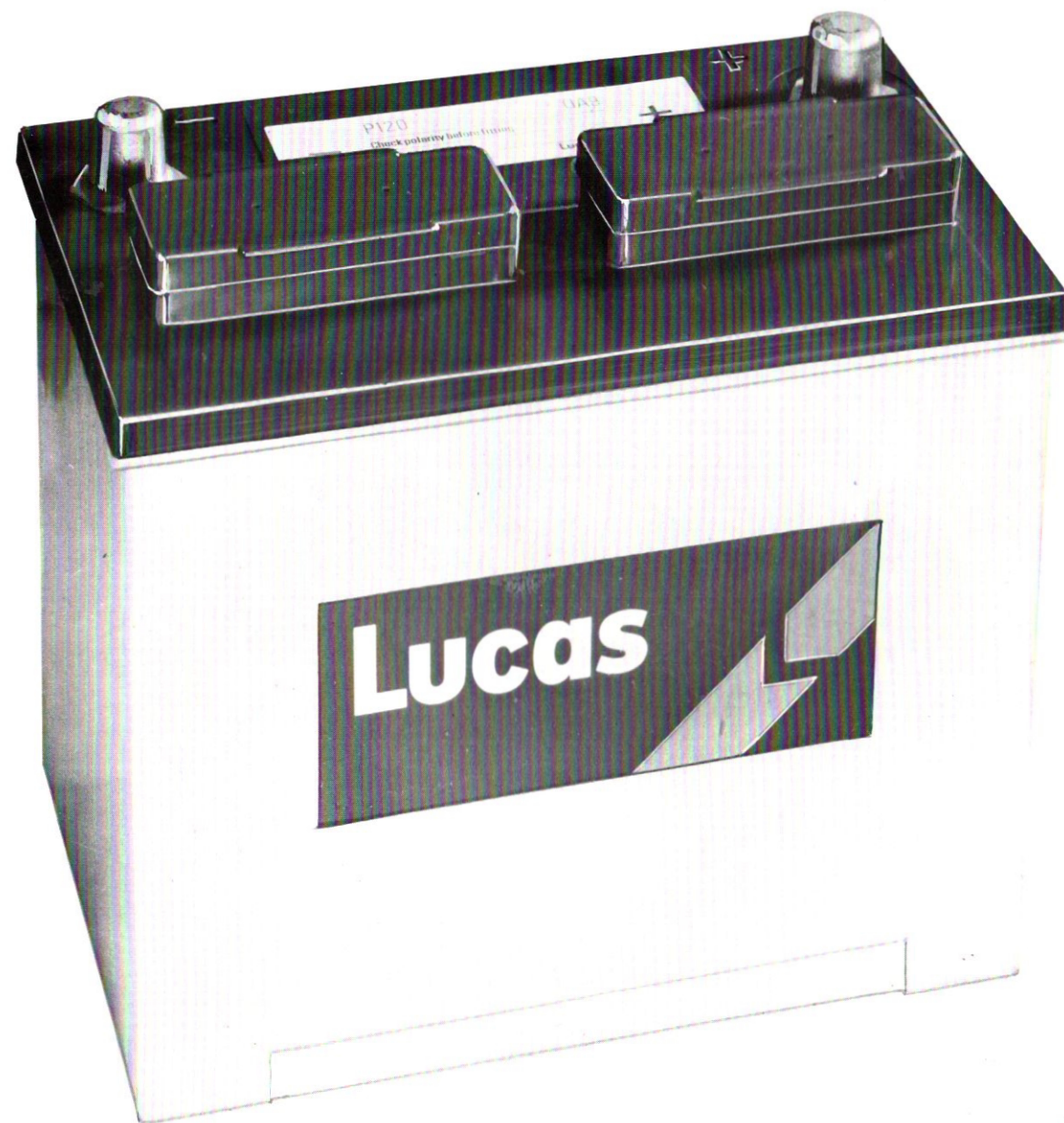
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## foreword

It is with the greatest personal pleasure that I welcome you to the 1976 Lucas British Open Squash Championship.

During the last few years Squash has grown enormously in popularity throughout the world. I am pleased that the Lucas organisation has been able to sponsor the British Open and thus associate itself with this dynamic and modern sport.

The fact that an official World Champion will emerge from the 1976 tournament and that recorded highlights of the event are being televised by the BBC to millions of homes are additional bonuses that will help to retain Britain's position as a leading centre of World Squash!



Bernard Scott, Chairman Lucas Industries



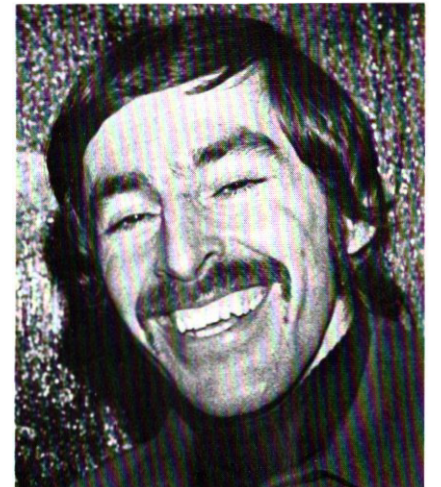
Major General Roderick Fyler CB OBE,  
President of the Squash Rackets Association

Only one month before the first round of this Lucas British Open Championship, the SRA had no financial support; however coincidence and opportunity have brought Lucas Industries and the Association together in a partnership which will bring great benefit to both, and to the game. It was perhaps appropriate that it was initially a conversation in a Midlands Club which eventually led to this happy solution; Jonah Barrington to whose endeavours Squash in this country, and indeed the World, has owed so much, was involved in this conversation. This sponsorship comes through the co-operation offered by the International Squash Players Association.

The players have always acknowledged the World status of the British Open Championship, and this was further confirmed this year when they gave assurance of their participation in the event even though there was no sponsorship, which meant threadbare administration and prizes. The event, now accorded the official World title, is now assured of appropriate organisation.

The heavy demand anticipated in the Association for seats at all stages of the Championships, and the conditions required for bringing news of the event to international audiences and readers, have materialised; the sponsorship, with its further opportunity for promotion, has captured the imagination.

The SRA welcomes Lucas Industries to the sport and is grateful for the excellent co-operation and support given by them in the organisation and the administration for the Championships; the players, we can be sure, will demonstrate their welcome through the quality of their play.

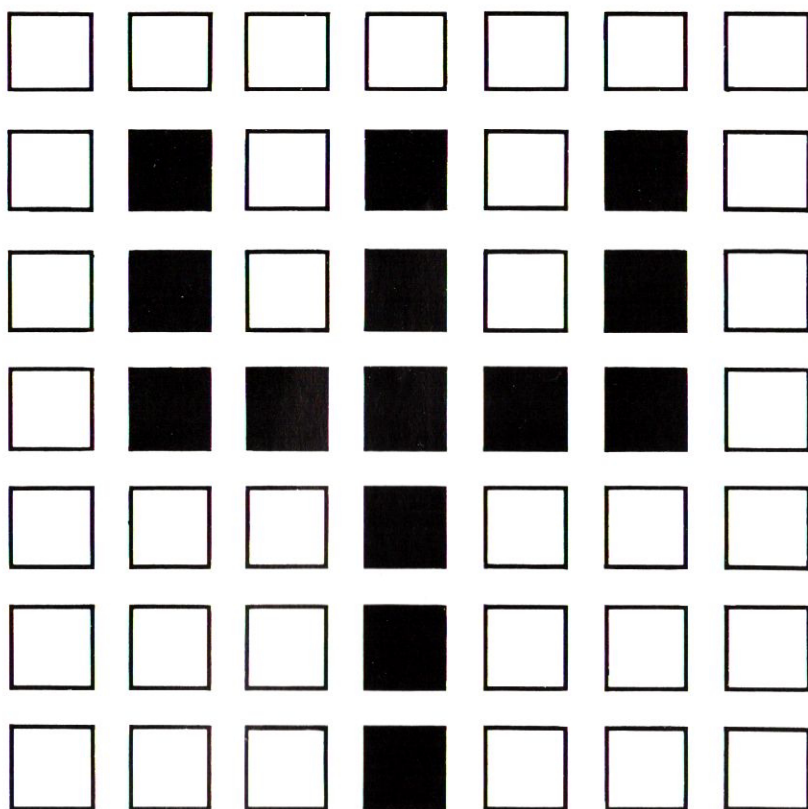


Jonah Barrington

Jonah Barrington, chairman of the International Players' Association writes: "The way that this sponsorship has evolved shows that professionals can work with the amateur governing body for the good of the game. The Lucas decision to promote squash is a breakthrough and means that the Open is being run in a way befitting its prestige and standing.

"I feel that Lucas have cast a big vote of confidence in squash and their involvement will have a catalytic effect — bringing the benefits of sponsorship to the attention of other major companies. As an association we are well aware of the debt we owe Lucas and trust that what they see during the 1976 Open will persuade them to maintain the sponsorship in the years ahead."





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This is the tenth Open championship to take place since Jonah Barrington won his first Open title in 1966/67. In the ten years squash has seen three champions — Barrington, Geoff Hunt of Australia and Qamar Zaman of Pakistan, all of them different in style, ability and personality.

Barrington, with his great reliance on fitness, embellished the championship with an aggressive, physical presence, his extrovert character bringing, as it still does, a mood of buoyancy and excitement.

Hunt, always a popular visitor to Britain and much admired for his fluency of play, is naturally unassuming — tough, but fair on court — and soft with his words off it.

Both players have been around a long time, but not so much is known about Zaman. How will he be remembered in years to come?

Zaman, I think, will be known as the friendly champion. This is no reflection on Geoff or Jonah but more to emphasise the impish humour of a man to whom stardom has come very quickly.

A little over a year ago, at Preston, Zaman began a run of victories that was to take him to the Open title and since then he has dominated the world.

The effect on Zaman the player has been shattering, on Zaman the man equally so. In his own country he is, rightly, a hero — to the rest of the squash world, a worthy champion.

He faces press and public with a growing confidence, while on court Zaman knows that his artistry will speak for him.

During these championships watch the speed with which Zaman gets to the front of the court, try to guess where his next shot is going and then you'll get some idea of the job facing his fellow professionals.

Zaman is not unbeatable but at the age of 24 he has arrived at the top exactly at the right time, when the game's financial rewards promise only to get better.

"I think my game will improve for the next three years and then maybe

stay at the same level for a while," says Zaman. There are few who would argue with that prediction, although when Zaman's game is at its height, it is difficult to see where the improvements could come.

Watch too for the flashes of humour from Zaman, even when under pressure. In the Open semi-finals last year his match with Hiddy Jahan reached flashpoint when Hiddy asked for a change of referee. The tension broke with Zaman spontaneously observing "I think you're a very good referee", a comment that brought roars of laughter and smoothed the tension from the situation.

Zaman, born in Quetta and who lives in Peshawar, has been influenced a great deal by his father and does not subscribe to suggestions that fitness is everything. "My father says why run ten miles, when you can run one and spend the rest of the time where it counts, on court, practising shots."

Since no player has a greater range of shots, it is a philosophy that has served Zaman well. The ability to produce winners is the hallmark of a great competitor.

Zaman couples this with an easy off-court personality, always approachable, a ready smile... a friendly champion.

Mike Palmer (Daily Express)

**Zaman-  
the friendly  
champion**





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## the top eight seeds- facts at a glance

**1. QAMAR ZAMAN** (Pakistan). Born Quetta 11/4/51. Lives in Peshawar. Other interests: tennis. 1968 Won Pakistan Junr Champs. 1973 Won Pakistan Amateur Champs, won Australian Amateur Champs. 1973-74 r/u British Amateur. 1974 Won Egypt Open, sf British Open, r/u British Amateur. 1975 Won Rolex NW Open, British Open, Durham Open, NSW Open.

**2. GEOFF HUNT** (Australia). Born 11/3/47 Melbourne. Lives in Cheltenham, Victoria. Married with one son. Turned pro October 1971. Other interests: fishing, swimming. 1963 Australian Jun Champ. 1965, r/u British Amateur 1965, 69, 70, 71 Australian Amateur Champ. 1967, 69, 71 Internat Amateur Champ. 1969, 74, British Open Champ. 1970, 72 r/u British Open. 1970 British Amateur Champ. 1971, 74 Australian Open Champ. 1972, 73, 74 Durham Open Champ. 1972, 73 Stockton Open Champ. 1973, 74 Irish Open Champ. 1974 Prodorite Open Champ, South African Champ. 1975 Warrington Open Champ, 1st Yellow Dot series, South African Champ.

**3. GOGI ALAUDDIN** (Pakistan) Born in Pakistan 1950. Lives in Lahore. 1967 rep Pakistan in World Amateur Champs. 1970, 71 Won British Amateur Champs. 1971, 72, 73 Won NW Open. 1973, 75 r/u British Open. 1974 3rd British Open. 1975 Won Irish Open, 3rd Yellow Dot series, r/u Warrington Open.

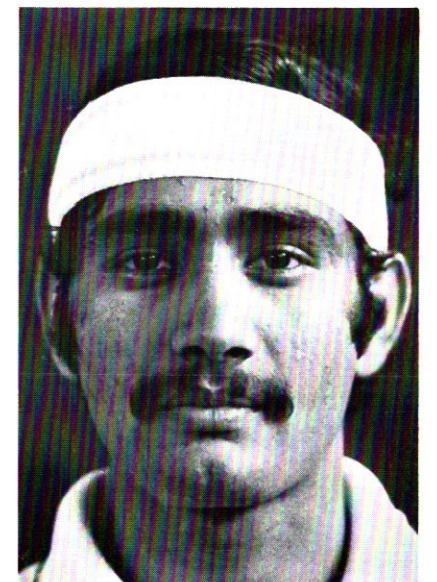
**4. MOHIBULLAH KHAN** (Pakistan), Born Peshawar 5/1/56. Lives in Peshawar. Other interests: tennis. 1971 Won Drysdale Cup, rep Pakistan in international series. 1973-74 Won British Amateur. 1974 Won Pakistan Open, r/u Egypt Open. 1974-75 British Amateur Champ. 1975 r/u Durham Open Won Australian Open. 1976. Won Dunlop NW Open.

**5. HIDDY JAHAN** (Pakistan) Born in Quetta 1950. Lives in London. Married. Turned pro Jan 1974. 1971, 72 Won Swedish International Champs. 1974 sf British Amateur Champs. 1975 r/u NW Open, r/u Irish Open, won Chichester Open, 4th British Open, 2nd Yellow Dot series, 2nd South African series.

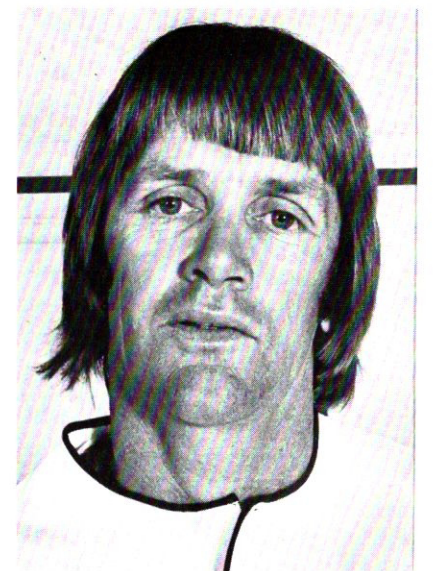
**6. KEN HISCOE** (Australia) Born 1938. Lives in Sydney. Married. 1960-64, 1966, 1967 Won Australian Amateur Champs. 1962 Won British Amateur. 1963 Won South African Champs. 1967, 69, 71 Rep Australia in World Amateur Champs. 1975 3rd British Open, 6th Yellow Dot series, r/u Australian Open.

**7. CAM NANCARROW** (Australia) Born Sydney 9/4/46. Married with one son. Turned pro Sept 1973. Other interests: golf, surfing, tennis, music, commerce. 19 67, 69, 71, 73, rep Australia in World Amateur Champs. 1966 Won South African Amateur. 1967 r/u World Amateur, 1969 r/u British Open. 1971 r/u World Amateur. 1972 Won British Amateur, Australian Amateur. 1973 Won World Amateur, won SA Amateur. 1974 r/u Australian pro. 1975 5th Yellow Dot series.

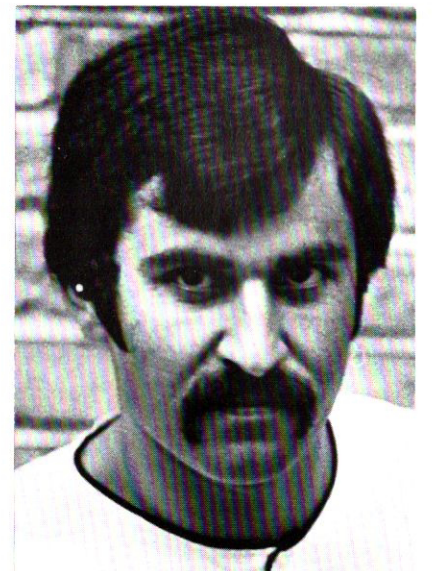
**8. JONAH BARRINGTON** (Great Britain and Ireland). Born Morwenstowe, Cornwall 29/4/41. Lives in Solihull. Married with one son. Other interests: reading, music. Chairman ISPA. 1965-68 rep Ireland. 1966, 67, 69, 1970-72 won British Open. 1966-68 Won Amateur Champs. 1966, 67, 69 won Irish Open. 1967-69 and 75 rep GB. 1967 Won Egyptian Open. 1968 Won Australian Amateur, won S. African Champs. 1969 Won Pakistan Nat Champs. 1970 Won NW Open, Stockton Open, Durham Open. 1975 8th Yellow Dot series.



Mohibullah Khan



Ken Hiscoe



Hiddy Jahan





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## The British Open Veterans Championships 1976

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1st Round Sunday February 1	2nd Round Tuesday Feb. 3	Quarter-Finals Thursday Feb. 5	Semi-Finals Saturday Feb. 7	Final
1. J. Platts (4)	M. Buck (1)	M. Buck 9.4 9.7 9.2	M. Buck 9.7 9.1 9.6	M. Buck 9.2 9.0 7.9 9.4
2. P. L. Richards	D. A. Pennington	H. G. Macintosh (8)	H. G. Macintosh 9.4 9.1 9.1	
3. I. MacIntyre	I. L. Butler	J. Platts 9.1 9.4 9.0	J. Platts 9.5 9.6 10.8	
4. E. P. Woods	E. P. Woods 9.2 9.5 9.0	R. B. Hawkey 9.1 9.2 9.1	R. B. Hawkey 9.5 3.9 3.9 9.5 9.2	
5. R. B. Hawkey (5)	R. B. Hawkey	R. V. Gawler w.o.	R. M. Chope 9.6 9.5 5.9 6.9 9.7	
6. A. E. Millman	R. V. Gawler	R. M. Chope 9.6 9.5 5.9 6.9 9.7	R. M. Chope 10.8 9.2 2.9 1.9 9.7	
7. P. R. Ramsay	R. M. Chope	R. Butterworth 9.3 9.5 9.5	A. E. Catherine 9.3 9.1 9.7	
8. R. V. Gawler	R. Butterworth	D. Thompson 9.0 9.1 9.6	A. E. Catherine 9.5 9.5 9.6	
9. R. M. Chope	D. Thompson	A. E. Catherine 9.6 9.4 9.1	K. Din 9.3 9.0 10.9	
10. C. D. M. Crawford	A. E. Catherine	J. W. Dengel	W. D. Vaughan (7) 9.4 9.7 9.6	
11. R. Osner	J. W. Dengel	W. D. Vaughan (7)	K. Din 9.5 9.2 9.2	
12. R. Butterworth (6)	W. D. Vaughan (7)	R. S. Bourne		
13. V. C. Zamick	R. S. Bourne	Khan Din (2)		
14. D. Thompson	Khan Din (2)			
15. N. Kerruish				
16. A. E. Catherine (3)				

## The British Open Vintage Championships 1976

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1st Round Monday February 2	Quarter-Finals Thursday Feb. 5	Semi-Finals Saturday Feb. 7	Final
1. H. B. Cooper (4)	Jamal Din (1)	J. Din 9.4 9.2 9.5	J. Din 9.3 9.1 9.4
2. E. K. Thompson	C. N. Campbell	D. B. Yorke-Long 5.9 8.10 9.0 10.8 9.3	
3. K. Bennett	H. B. Cooper 9.0 9.1 9.7	F. R. D. Corbett 8.10 9.4 9.10 9.5 10.8	
4. D. B. Yorke-Long	D. B. Yorke-Long 9.2 9.2 9.1	K. Hughes 3.9 10.8 9.3 9.0	
5. F. R. D. Corbett	F. R. D. Corbett	R. S. Bourne 9.2 9.0 7.9 9.4	
6. R. St. J. Stephens	K. Hughes 9.0 9.6 9.6		
7. K. Hughes			
8. A. E. Millman (3)			
	J. Leslie	R. S. Bourne w.o.	
	R. S. Bourne (2)		



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# Lucas British Open Squash Championships 1976

## Plate Event

1st Round Monday February 2	Quarter-Final Thursday February 5	Semi-Final Saturday February 7	Final Monday February 9
1. <b>M. Saleem</b> (Pakistan) 2. <b>R. O'Connor</b> (South Africa)	M. Saleem 5-9 2-9 9-4 9-5 9-3	M. Saleem 0-9 9-5 9-7 6-9 9-2	M. Saleem 1-9 9-1 9-5 9-10 9-4
3. <b>A. Mottelb Hussein</b> (Egypt) 4. <b>B. Pearson</b> (Yorkshire)	B. Pearson 9-0 9-3 9-0	B. Patterson 10-8 9-7 Ret.	
5. <b>M. Awad</b> (Egypt) 6. <b>P. G. Kirton</b> (Sussex)	P. G. Kirton 2-9 9-7 10-8 3-9 9-6		
7. <b>D. Williams</b> (Australia) 8. <b>B. Patterson</b> (Warwicks)	B. Patterson 6-9 10-8 10-9 9-5		
9. <b>M. Helal</b> (Egypt) 10. <b>C. M. N. Wilson</b> (Army)	M. Helal 9-0 5-9 9-1 9-6	M. Helal 9-6 10-8 9-4	M. Helal 10-8 5-9 5-9 9-0 9-5
11. <b>P. Wright</b> (Essex) 12. <b>R. Johnson</b> (Surrey)	P. Wright w.o.	C. Blackwood 9-0 9-0 10-9	
13. <b>C. Blackwood</b> (N. Zealand) 14. <b>Amanullah Khan</b> (Pakistan)	C. Blackwood 9-4 9-4 9-6		
15. <b>Afzal Khan</b> (Pakistan) 16. <b>M. W. Corby</b> (Middlesex)	A. Khan w.o.		

# Lucas British Open Squash Championship 1976

## Results of Qualifying Rounds

### 1st Round—Wednesday January 28

Shah Jahan Khan (Pakistan) beat Khan Din (Pakistan) 9-4 9-3 9-6  
G. Hodgetts (Worcs) w.o.  
R. L. Jolly (Australia) scr.  
P. M. Wright (Essex) beat A. Rashid (Egypt) 9-1 9-2 7-9 9-3  
A. Hough (Somerset) w.o.  
Dr. T. Apampa (Nigeria) scr.  
A. Swift (Lancs) beat A. A. G. Sims (Essex) 9-4 9-5 9-7  
B. Lingard (Surrey) beat T. Tantawi (Egypt) 9-3 9-0 9-0  
K. Richards (Australia) beat B. J. Wise (Leics) 9-5 9-3 9-1  
A. Mottelb Hussein (Egypt) beat A. Sabet (Egypt) 10-8 0-9 9-2 9-0  
H. Hegazy (Egypt) beat P. Tibbs (Middlesex) 9-2 9-1 9-2  
W. Andruss (U.S.A.) w.o.  
T. Afolabi (Nigeria) scr.  
J. M. Galt (Kent) beat U. Gosteli (South Africa) 9-5 10-8 3-9 4-9 9-4  
S. Aly (Egypt) beat C. Roe (Berks) 9-4 9-6 9-6  
M. M'Fuk (Nigeria) beat H. Nasser (Egypt) 9-4 9-2 9-5  
J. C. Yorke-Long (Bucks) beat P. Rae (Australia) 9-3 2-9 9-7 8-10 9-7

### 1st Round—Wednesday January 28

M. Awad (Egypt) beat A. Elsby (Cambs) 9-0 9-1 9-0  
A. Naughton (New Zealand) beat T. Edelman (Zambia) 9-3 9-3 9-5  
D. J. Houston (Scotland) beat M. Nathanson (South Africa) 7-9 10-8 9-1 10-8  
A. K. Bruce Lockhart (Scotland) beat K. Mahmoud (Egypt) 9-2 9-1 9-6  
A. Meguid (Egypt) w.o.  
B. Oshinbowale (Nigeria) scr.  
N. Topman (Hants) w.o.  
T. Sofoluwe (Nigeria) scr.  
T. E. Mabbitt (Bedfordshire) beat I. Din Khan (Pakistan) 9-5 6-9 9-5 9-1  
Rehmat Khan (Pakistan) w.o.  
Mehd El Tayab (Egypt) scr.  
N. Faulks (Devonshire) w.o.  
Ali Asghar (Pakistan) scr.  
R. A. Leslie (Middlesex) w.o.  
C. A. Zweigbergk (Surrey) scr.  
Hassan Mahmoud (Pakistan) beat J. Lack (Middlesex) 9-1 9-2 9-0  
G. Dupre (Dorset) beat J. W. Beattie (Wales) 9-3 9-5 9-1  
M. Helal (Egypt) w.o.  
J. Sier (Canada) scr.  
P. Ani (Nigeria) w.o.  
Hassan Nasser (Egypt) scr.

### 2nd Round—Thursday January 29

Shah Jahan Khan beat G. Hodgetts 9-6 9-1 9-1  
P. M. Wright beat A. Hough 9-5 9-5 9-7  
A. Swift beat B. Lingard 9-2 9-3 9-7  
K. Richards beat A. Mottelb Hussein 9-2 9-0 9-0  
W. Andruss beat H. Hegazy 9-4 9-5 9-5  
S. Aly beat J. M. Galt 9-2 9-3 9-4  
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N. Topman beat A. Meguid 9-1 6-9 9-3 9-4  
Rehmat Khan beat T. E. Mabbitt 9-3 9-1 6-9 9-6  
N. Faulks beat R. A. Leslie 7-9 9-4 9-0 9-3  
G. Dupre beat Hassan Mahmoud 9-10 9-3 9-3 4-9 9-1  
M. Helal w.o. P. Ani scr.



Zaman and Alauddin in action during last year's final

The 1975 Benson and Hedges Open Championship was a landmark in the game's history. The completion of the Wembley Squash Centre brought the tournament to London for the first time since 1967. The prize fund of £4,385 was a record. Zaman's success was interesting for many reasons. His facile artistry, matched only by Aboutaleb during the preceding decade, was a more joyous advertisement for the game than the relatively restricted efficiency of the intervening champions — Barrington and Hunt (it is no disrespect to either to suggest that Aboutaleb was, and Zaman is, more fun to watch). Zaman also put the famous Pathans back in power for the first time since Mohibullah, who came over from Massachusetts to see it happen, beat Aboutaleb in the final of December 1962.

All this disrupted the pattern of mostly provincial "opens" dominated by Barrington, who won all the six finals he reached, and Hunt, twice winner and twice runner-up. Zaman and Alauddin were unique finalists, too, in that they were seeded eighth and third respectively and, at the time, were both employed by Pakistan International Airlines. The PIA chairman, Air Marshal Nur Khan, flew in from New York too late to see the final, but interrupted his lunch the following day in order to watch the televised version (this in itself was a colourful stride forward for the game, with Alauddin dressed

in canary yellow for the benefit of the viewers).

The seeding positions occupied by the eventual finalists—plus the fact that nine unseeded competitors had previously reached the last eight — provided startling proof of the abundance of talent among the growing band of full-time professionals. Seven of the eight seeds had a reasonable chance of winning. The level of performance among the ambitious, highly trained professionals is so even that, as in tennis, we may have entered a period in which there can no longer be a firm favourite for a major championship.

At first Alauddin inspired more confidence than Zaman, who had an abscess on a wisdom tooth and throughout the tournament, had treatment to reduce the pain and swelling. By contrast, Alauddin had recently beaten both Barrington and Hunt and, in the first round, conceded only one point to Richardson. Alauddin reached the final without losing a game. This was impressive, because he had to play Safwat, Barrington and Hiscoe in successive matches.

Zaman had more trouble. He lost the first game to Ayton. Against Hunt, Zaman was two games down and, in the fifth, 5-7 down. But in winning the best match of the championship he also produced its best individual performance. Zaman and Jehan (who beat young

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open

Mohibulluah in the same round) tempered their natural sense of adventure with a patience and discretion for which they had not been renowned. They respected the frontier between the bold and the reckless—and thus produced two of the finest match-winning displays of their careers.

Zaman stayed on the peak. Jehan did not. In the next round Jehan had a testy exchange with the referee, Dick Hawkey, while having the worst of a match with Zaman. Alauddin subdued an aggressive challenge from the admirable Hiscoe, 37 years old (the same Hiscoe who, 13 years earlier, had reached the last four of the British amateur championship at his first attempt).

Zaman treated the final like a lap of honour, beating Alauddin with astonishing and often bewildering ease. The first game was close and in the second Alauddin led 6-4. But a few lets disturbed him and the rest of the match was a formality. Zaman was demoralizing. Alauddin was demoralized. Overall, Zaman's virtuosity prevented Alauddin from maintaining the rhythm he needs. Zaman had a huge advantage when it came to reading his opponent's intentions while masking his own. Zaman's squash had a subtle charm, a dazzling splendour. Doubtless he was in a hurry to get to the dentist.

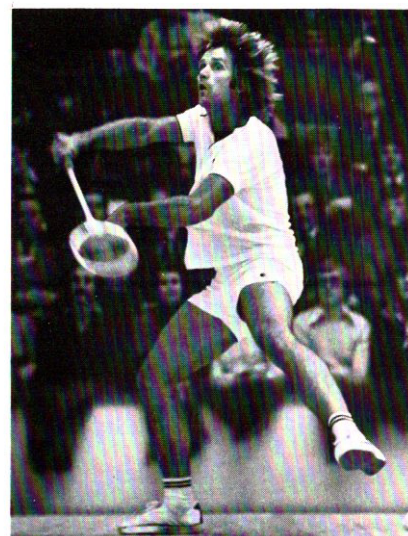
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Mohibullah Khan

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| <b>1930</b>  | Championship instituted. C.R. Read (Queen's Club) designated champion.   | <b>1958</b> | Azam Khan (New Grampians SRC) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan Air Force), 9-5, 9-0, 9-1 at RAC.                      |
| <b>*1930</b> | D.G. Butcher (Conservative) bt C.R. Read (Queen's), 9-6, 9-5, 9-5 at Queen's, and 9-3, 9-5, 9-3 at Conservative Club.        | <b>1959</b> | Azam Khan (New Grampians SRC) bt Roshan Khan (Pakistan Navy), 9-1, 9-0, 9-0 at RAC.                               |
| <b>1931</b>  | D.G. Butcher (Conservative) bt C. Arnold (Bath), 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 at Conservative, and 9-3, 9-0, 9-5 at Bath Club.              | <b>1960</b> | Azam Khan (New Grampians SRC) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan Air Force), 6-9, 9-1, 9-4, 0-9, 9-2 at RAC.            |
| <b>*1932</b> | F.D. Amr Bey bt D.G. Butcher (Conservative), 9-0, 9-7, 9-1 at Conservative, and 5-9, 6-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-0 at Bath Club.        | <b>1961</b> | Azam Khan (New Grampians SRC) bt Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan Air Force), 9-6, 7-9, 10-8, 2-9, 9-4 at RAC.           |
| <b>*1934</b> | F.D. Amr Bey bt D.G. Butcher (Conservative), 9-4, 8-10, 10-8, 9-0 at Conservative, and 9-6, 6-9, 9-2, 0-9, 9-5 at Bath Club. | <b>1962</b> | Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) bt A.F.A. Taleb (UAR), 9-4, 5-9, 3-9, 10-8, 9-6 at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs. |
| <b>*1935</b> | F.D. Amr Bey bt J. Dear (Prince's), 9-3, 6-9, 8-10, 9-2, 9-4 at Bath Club, and 9-4, 9-7, 3-9, 9-7 at RAC.                    | <b>1963</b> | A.F.A. Taleb (UAR) bt M.A. Oddy (Scotland), 9-3, 9-7, 9-0, at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs.                 |
| <b>*1936</b> | F.D. Amr Bey bt J. Dear (Prince's), 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-6 at RAC, and 9-7, 8-10, 9-1, 9-6 at Bath Club.                    | <b>1964</b> | A.F.A. Taleb (UAR) bt I. Amin (UAR), 9-0, 0-9, 9-1, 9-6 at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs.                    |
| <b>*1937</b> | F.D. Amr Bey bt J. Dear (Prince's), 10-8, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4 at RAC, and 9-7, 8-10, 9-6, 9-5 at Bath Club.                  | <b>1965</b> | A.F.A. Taleb (UAR) bt A. Jawaid (Pakistan), 9-6, 5-9, 9-3, 9-1 at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs.             |
| <b>*1938</b> | P. Dear (Prince's) bt A.E. Biddle (Junior Carlton), 5-9, 9-6, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5 and 6-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-6.                          | <b>1966</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt A. Jawaid (Pakistan), 9-2, 6-9, 9-2, 9-2 at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs.      |
| <b>*1946</b> | M.A. Karim (Gezira SC) bt J. Dear (Queen's), 9-4, 9-1, 9-3 at Lansdowne Club, and 5-9, 7-9, 9-8, 9-7, 9-4 at RAC.            | <b>1967</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt A.F.A. Taleb (UAR), 9-6, 9-0, 9-5 at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Clubs.             |
| <b>1947</b>  | M.A. Karim (Gezira SC) bt J. Dear (Queen's), 9-5, 9-3, 5-9, 1-9, 10-8 at Lansdowne Club.                                     | <b>1968</b> | G.B. Hunt (Australia) bt C. Nancarrow (Australia), 9-5, 9-4, 9-0 at Edgbaston Priory Club.                        |
| <b>1948</b>  | M.A. Karim (Gezira SC) bt B.C. Phillips, 9-4, 9-2, 9-10, 9-4 at Lansdowne Club.  | <b>1969</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt G.B. Hunt (Australia), 9-7, 3-9, 3-9, 9-4, 9-4 at Abbeydale Park SRC.                |
| <b>1949</b>  | M.A. Karim (Gezira SC) bt A. Bari (Cricket Club of India, Bombay), 9-4, 9-2, 9-7 at Lansdowne Club.                          | <b>1970</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt A. Jawaid (Pakistan), 9-1, 9-2, 9-6 at Abbeydale Park SRC.                           |
| <b>1950</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Peshawar) bt M.A. Karim (Gezira SC), 9-5, 9-0, 9-0 at Lansdowne Club.                                      | <b>1971</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt G.B. Hunt (Australia), 0-9, 9-7, 10-8, 6-9, 9-7 at Abbeydale Park SRC.               |
| <b>1951</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Peshawar) bt M.A. Karim (Gezira SC), 9-5, 9-7, 9-0 at Lansdowne Club.                                      | <b>1972</b> | J.P. Barrington (Ireland) bt G. Alauddin (Pakistan), 9-4, 9-3, 9-2.   |
| <b>1952</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Risalpur) bt R.B.R. Wilson, 9-2, 8-10, 9-1, 9-0 at Lansdowne Club.   | <b>1973</b> | G.B. Hunt (Australia) w.o. M. Yasin (Pakistan), injured, scratched at Abbeydale Park SRC.                         |
| <b>1953</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Risalpur) bt Azam Khan (RPAF Peshawar), 6-9, 9-6, 9-6, 7-9, 9-5 at Lansdowne Club.                         | <b>1974</b> | Q. Zaman (Pakistan) bt G. Alauddin (Pakistan), 9-7, 9-6, 9-1 at Wembley.  |
| <b>1954</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Risalpur) bt Azam Khan (RPAF Peshawar), 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-7 at Lansdowne Club.                         |             |   |
| <b>1955</b>  | Hashim Khan (RPAF Risalpur) bt Roshan Khan (RPN Karachi), 9-4, 9-2, 5-9, 9-5 at Lansdowne Club.                              |             |   |
| <b>1956</b>  | Roshan Khan (RPN Karachi) bt Hashim Khan (RPAF Risalpur), 6-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-1 at Lansdowne Club.                              |             |   |
| <b>1957</b>  | Hashim Khan (Pakistan Air Force) bt Azam Khan (New Grampians SRC), 9-7, 6-9, 9-6, 9-7 at Lansdowne Club.                     |             |   |

*\*From its institution until 1947 the championship was played on the challenge system, with home and away matches and the stipulation that a third match should be played if the results of the first two were level.*

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Squash will never be televised successfully... the cameras can never capture the on-court physical effort... the ball is difficult to see. The arguments against squash on the small screen have been pretty damning, with an almost ready-made band of critics ready to rise and voice their objections.

Ironically, and pleasurably for squash, a lot of people are being proved wrong on the subject. The irony comes from the BBC's decision to film the 1973/4 Open final, that disastrous occasion when Yasin was injured and a lack-lustre exhibition between Jonah and Geoff Hunt was put on as a replacement.

It wasn't the best squash in the world but many viewers took the trouble to write to the BBC and express their appreciation. The viewers clearly wanted more and the BBC, spending a lot of time to improve their technical presentation, have responded splendidly.

The highpoint came last November with the H.R. Owen Challenge match between Qamar Zaman and Geoff Hunt. A beaming Brian Venner of BBC Grandstand was so delighted that he was into the dressing room to voice his congratulations, almost before the players had time to reach for a towel.

"Great, just great", he enthused and the viewing public agreed with him. When the film went out the response was such that the BBC know for sure they have a firm following for squash.

Jeff Goddard, producer, was equally enthusiastic and much of the credit for the rising standard of TV squash can be attributed to the application he has shown in tackling the many problems.

Squash on television is no longer a novelty. It won't be on every week but after an uneasy beginning the sport is establishing itself, earning on merit several slots a year.

Independent television have also recognised the game's potential. Thames Television screened a series of instructional films and the approach of some of the regional stations could almost be described as enlightened. Anglia have just produced a series involving Jonah Barrington and as the game continues to grow so the television exposure will increase.

Commentary of the Lucas British Open is being tackled by yet another team, with Jonah Barrington linking his expert comments to the reporting of Nigel Starmer-Smith, perhaps better known at the moment for his rugby union background.



Ron Pickering and Jonah Barrington commentating during the H.R. Owen Challenge match which featured Zaman and Hunt

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# WEMBLEY WHAT'S ON

Wembley's national championship court has been open for just over a year — as the SRA hoped for — it has become a focal point for squash throughout the world.

Throughout the Lucas British Open there will be thousands of visitors, many attending a major squash event for the first time, all hoping to get a glimpse of the stars in action.

Some will be disappointed.

Seating, even on the championship court, cannot meet the demand, but during the months ahead there are further opportunities to see world class squash — both amateur and professional.

The first dates to note are from March 14-18 when the British Caledonian/Crest Hotels Grand Prix reaches its climax. This is the last of five tournaments when ten of the

world's leading professionals will be battling for points that will earn them extra cash in the Grand Prix table.

Then follows the Rolex British Amateur Closed Championship when Britain's top amateurs compete for the national title. This event lasts from March 19-24 with the early rounds on a round-robin basis, culminating in knock-out final rounds.

A hectic season concludes with the fifth world amateur team and individual championships during May. Players from the established nations clash with ambitious competitors from countries new to squash during the individual event at Wembley from May 17-25. It will be a fascinating mix, a fitting conclusion to 1975-76 and all going on at Wembley.



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The Squash Rackets Association tournament committee will judge the awards.

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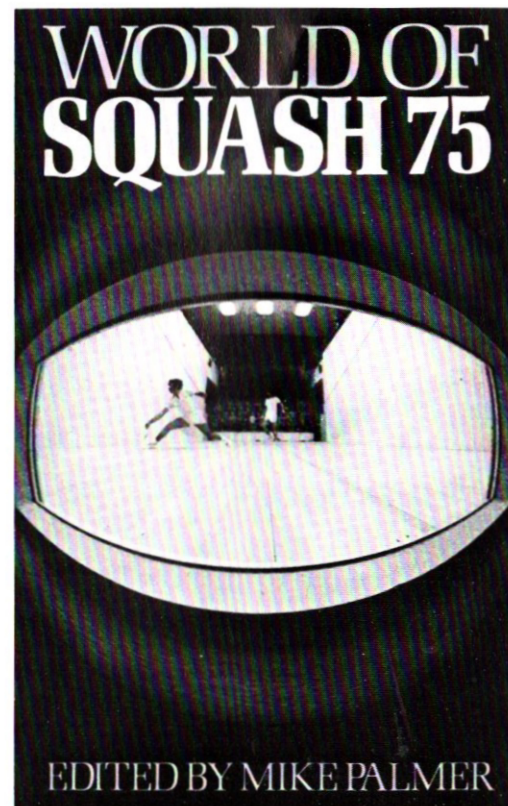
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