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When we first envisioned Squash On Fire over 12 years ago, we wanted to create a club which would remove all barriers for people to walk in, pick up a racquet, and learn squash. For kids we wanted to offer a safe place to study and excel in athletics.

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We are excited to be working with our growing squash community, the parents, the schools and universities which have entrusted us with kids, their students, the colleges and their coaches to help us with our mission to grow and raise awareness of this great sport.

We want to thank the US Squash Federation, PSA, WSF, and our sponsors for their support in hosting the Worlds, and to have the opportunity to bring this Team Championship to the United States as well as to have more of it distributed to an international audience than ever before in history.

Squash is mesmerizing, and one of the most exciting sports out there. We are honored for the opportunity to share its tight community and this historical experience with all of you.

Enjoy the tournament, Washington, DC and each other.

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Anthony M. Lanier
Founder, Squash On Fire



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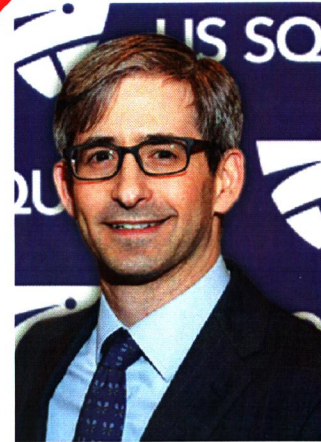
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On behalf of US Squash, welcome to Washington D.C. and the 2019 WSF World Men's Team Championship.

This event has entirely been made possible by the Squash On Fire team and the generosity of the Lanier family. We cannot adequately express our deep gratitude for their support for squash and their tireless efforts in preparing to put on this exceptional showcase event.

Squash on Fire is one of the country's most innovative facilities, and its location in the heart of our nation's capital—surrounded by diplomats and embassies—provides a fitting backdrop for the world's best players as they compete for their countries.

We appreciate the support of the sponsors, patrons, staff, coaches, volunteers and officials for their commitment to this championship.

And finally, to the competitors: thank you for showcasing your outstanding skill and sportsmanship at this championship. I am especially proud of our Team USA athletes; we are extremely fortunate to have such high caliber individuals pulling together as a team and representing the U.S.

Best of luck to all of the countries this week. We look forward to this showcase of squash at its very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Klipstein".

Kevin D. Klipstein,
President & CEO, US Squash



EVENT SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

POOL MATCHES
NOON - 10:00PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

POOL MATCHES
NOON - 10:00PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

POOL MATCHES
NOON - 10:00PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

ROUND 1 & PLAY-OFF MATCHES
NOON - 10:00PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

QUARTER FINALS
NOON - 10:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

SEMI FINALS
11:00 AM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

RUNNER UPS
11:00 AM - 12:30PM
FINALS
1:30 AM - 4:00PM

For draws, seedings, & results
visit WorldTeamSquashDC.com



Squash is played in every corner of the globe by all ages and abilities and is growing in popularity and innovation. In Washington DC, the World's best men will keenly demonstrate the strength, skill, athleticism and stamina to the highest level which is required to be part of the WSF Men's World Team Championship.

Although our dream of being part of the Olympic Games was not realised, we will not be

defeated. We are a sport played around the world, one that embraces innovation, gender equality and extreme skill and aptitude.

We are very grateful to Squash On Fire in partnership with US Squash for tendering to hold the Championship here.

I am sure that you will have a superbly hospitable and well organised week, and we thank everybody involved, staff and volunteers, sponsors and partners, along with referees, media and every other person, authority and organisation that has made this WSF World Championship possible.

Enjoy the squash, enjoy Washington DC, enjoy the USA!

Jacques Fontaine,
President, Squash on Fire

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SEEDING

1. Egypt	7. Australia	13. Usa	19. South Africa
2. England	8. Spain	14. Colombia	20. Singapore
3. France	9. Scotland	15. Canada	21. Kuwait
4. New Zealand	10. Malaysia	16. Argentina	22. Korea
5. Germany	11. Wales	17. Jamaica	23. Nigeria
6. Hong Kong, China	12. Switzerland	18. Ireland	

POOLS

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Egypt (1)	England (2)	France (3)	New Zealand (4)
Switzerland (12)	Wales (11)	Malaysia (10)	Scotland (9)
Canada (15)	Colombia (14)	USA (13)	Ireland (18)
BYE	Nigeria (23)	Korea (22)	Singapore (20)
POOL E	POOL F		
Germany (5)	Hong Kong, China (6)		
Spain (8)	Australia (7)		
Argentina (16)	Jamaica (17)		
South Africa (19)	Kuwait (21)		

* 13/15 drawn into Pools A-C, 16/18 drawn into Pools D-F, 19/21 drawn into Pools D-F, 22/23 drawn into Pool B-C

SCHEDULE

STAGE 1 - SUNDAY 15, DECEMBER - TUESDAY 17, DECEMBER

POOL A	
1ST	1v3
2ND	1v2
3RD	2v3

POOLS B-F		
1ST	1v3	2v4
2ND	1v2	3v4
3RD	1v4	2v3

DATE	START	SOF 1	SOF 8	SOF 7	SOF 6
SUNDAY 15	12:00	Egypt v Canada	New Zealand v Ireland	Scotland v Singapore	
	15:00	France v USA	Spain v South Africa	Germany v Argentina	Malaysia v Korea
	18:30	England v Colombia	Hong Kong v Jamaica	Wales v Nigeria	Australia v Kuwait
MONDAY 16	12:00	Germany v Spain	Egypt v Switzerland	New Zealand v Scotland	Ireland v Singapore
	15:00	USA v Korea	France v Malaysia	Jamaica v Kuwait	
	18:30	Hong Kong v Australia	England v Wales	Argentina v South Africa	Colombia v Nigeria
TUESDAY 17	12:00	New Zealand v Singapore	Scotland v Ireland	France v Korea	Canada v Switzerland
	15:00	USA v Malaysia	England v Nigeria	Australia v Jamaica	
	18:30	Wales v Colombia	Hong Kong v Kuwait	Germany v South Africa	Spain v Argentina



TOURNAMENT HISTORY

On par with The Ryder Cup, The Davis Cup, and The World Cup, WSF Men's World Team Championship attracts the top talent from around the world to compete on an international stage. Founded in 1967, this bi-annual tournament has taken place all over the world.

1967

-  Melbourne, Australia
-  Australia
- 2** Great Britain
- 3** New Zealand

1969

-  Birmingham, England
-  Australia
- 2** Great Britain
- 3** South Africa

1971

-  Palmerston N., N
-  Australia
- 2** Great Britain
- 3** Pakistan

1973

-  Johannesburg, S
-  Australia
- 2** Great Britain
- 3** South Africa

1976

-  Birmingham, Eng
-  Great Britain
- 2** Pakistan
- 3** Australia

1977

-  Toronto, Canada
-  Pakistan
- 2** New Zealand
- 3** Egypt

1979

-  Brisbane, Austral
-  Great Britain
- 2** Pakistan
- 3** Australia

1981

- 📍 Stockholm, Sweden
- 🏆 Pakistan
- ② Australia
- ③ Egypt

1983

- 📍 Auckland, New Zealand
- 🏆 Pakistan
- ② England
- ③ Australia

1985

- 📍 Cairo, Egypt
- 🏆 Pakistan
- ② New Zealand
- ③ England

1987

- 📍 London, England
- 🏆 Pakistan
- ② New Zealand
- ③ England

1989

- 📍 Singapore
- 🏆 Australia
- ② Pakistan
- ③ England

1991

- 📍 Helsinki
- 🏆 Australia
- ② England
- ③ Finland

1993

- 📍 Karachi
- 🏆 Pakistan
- ② Australia
- ③ England

1995

- 📍 Cairo, E
- 🏆 England
- ② Pakistan
- ③ Egypt

1997

- 📍 Petaling
- 🏆 England
- ② Canada
- ③ Australia

1999

- 📍 Cairo, E
- 🏆 Egypt
- ② Wales
- ③ England

2001

- 📍 Melbourne, Australia
- 🏆 Australia
- ② Egypt
- ③ England

2003

- 📍 Vienna, Austria
- 🏆 Australia
- ② France
- ③ England

2005

- 📍 Islamabad, Pakistan
- 🏆 England
- ② Egypt
- ③ France

2007

- 📍 Chennai, India
- 🏆 England
- ② Australia
- ③ France

2009

- 📍 Odense, Denmark
- 🏆 Egypt
- ② France
- ③ Australia

2011

- 📍 Paderborn, Germany
- 🏆 Egypt
- ② England
- ③ Australia

2013

- 📍 Mulhouse, France
- 🏆 England
- ② Egypt
- ③ France

2017

- 📍 Marseille, France
- 🏆 Egypt
- ② England
- ③ Australia/Hong Kong, China

2019

- 📍 Washington, United States



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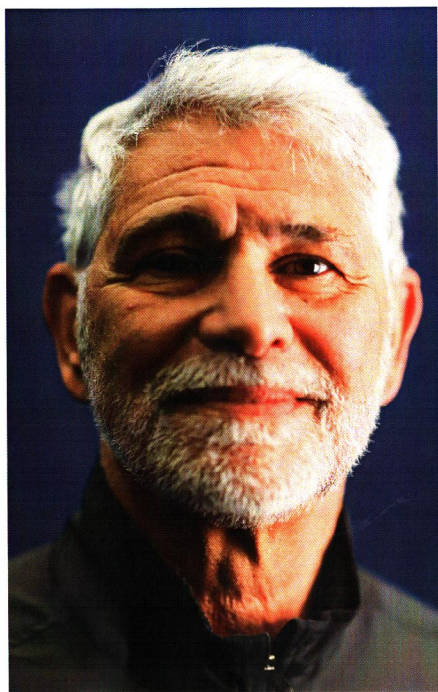
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A moment with Paul Assaiante



Paul Assaiante, two-time olympic coach-of-the-year, professional speaker and author, world championship coach and the "winningest coach in college sports history", has motivated top athletes from around the world. Currently the Trinity College head men's squash coach in Hartford, Connecticut, and the US Squash head national coach he recently helped guide the United States squash team to unprecedented success on the biggest international stage at the 2019 pan american games in

Lima, Peru this July 25 to 31. Team USA won both the men's and women's team gold medals and claimed a record total five golds, one silver and one bronze medal at the quadrennial event.

We asked Paul a couple of questions about what it all meant to him:

What are your hopes for the future of team USA and US Squash?

Things are about to change dramatically for US Squash as the us national training center will be up and running by the fall of 2020. This could truly be a game changer for us as it will become the home for all US Squash constituents and will be the "apirational center"! Our young ones will be able to work and learn side by side next to our top players.

What distinguishes a US Squash player from other nationalities. Is there a US Squash style of play, actually there is no discernable us style, particularly as so many of our players are now being coached by world class international coaches, many of whom have moved now moved to the States.

One thing we truly are focused on however is the development of character through sport and we hope the center will be a beacon for this!

Best moments about being team USA coach: to be frank, this summer at the Pan American games was astounding. To watch our men and women stand on the podium as they accepted their hard earned gold medals (5 of them) made me so very happy for them.

How and when did you get seriously interested in squash?

Funny story but I was made the head coach of squash at West Point having never seen a court before. I am an example of "fake it until you make it".

What would you say is your unique style of coaching and what are you looking for in a player?

Character! First and foremost. Competition makes you uncomfortable and one needs to learn to be comfortable in states of discomfort. To do this, one must be "character large".

What are your best memories in coaching?

Our Trinity team losing in the finals of the national championships to Princeton! Seeing our men genuinely gutted by this result made me proud of them because they truly went "all in". How many people in life ever experience that level of commitment? It was also my friend Bob Callahans last match at Princeton and it thrilled me that he went out a winner.

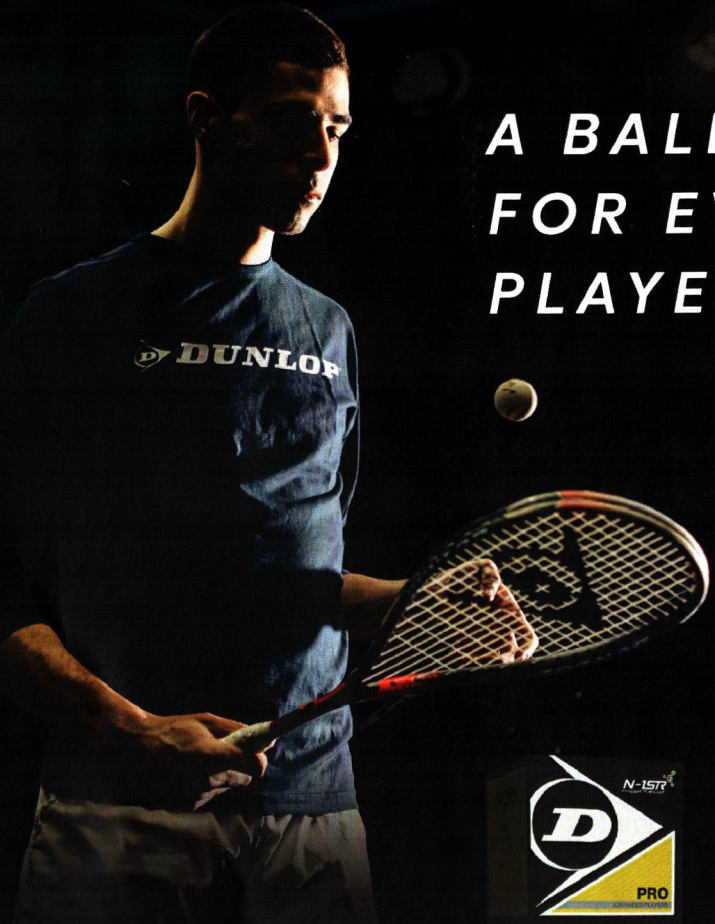
What is your essential coaching philosophy?

To be a great coach (and leader in any industry) you must be an empath. You must be able to put yourself in the other persons shoes to be able to truly understand where they are coming from. It is not about you, but about them and so this must always be the starting point.

What's next for you?

I just hope I can continue making a small impact on the game. I have gotten more from it, than it has gotten from me. ■

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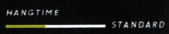


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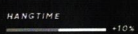
PRO PLAYERS

The Pro squash ball has the lowest bounce of all four balls in the range. Suitable for advanced players.



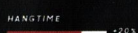
COMPETITION PLAYERS

The Competition squash ball is the same size as the Pro but has a 10% longer hang time. Suitable for intermediate players.



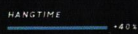
PROGRESS PLAYERS

The Progress squash ball is 6% larger and has a 20% longer hang time than the Pro. Suitable for improver players.



INTRO PLAYERS

The Intro squash ball is 12% larger and has a 40% longer hang time than the Pro. Suitable for beginner players.



TEAMS



TEAM

EGYPT

1
Ali
Farag

3
Tarek
Momen

4
Karim
Abdel Gawad

8
Mohamed
Abouelghar



○ Ali Farag
Team Egypt
World Number 1

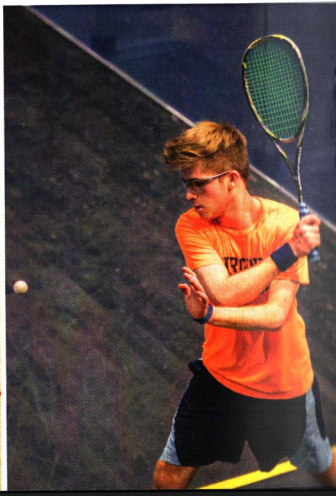
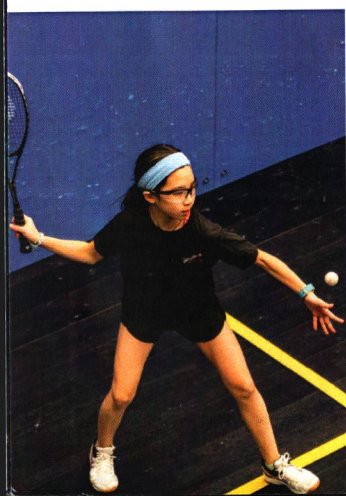


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ENGLAND

17 Adrian Waller

18 James Willstrop

20 Daryl Selby

22 Declan James

James Willstrop
Team England
World Number 18



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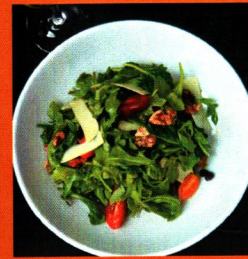


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EVENTS

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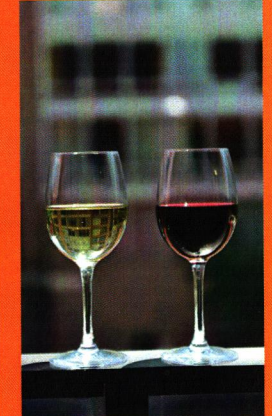
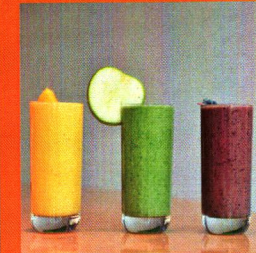
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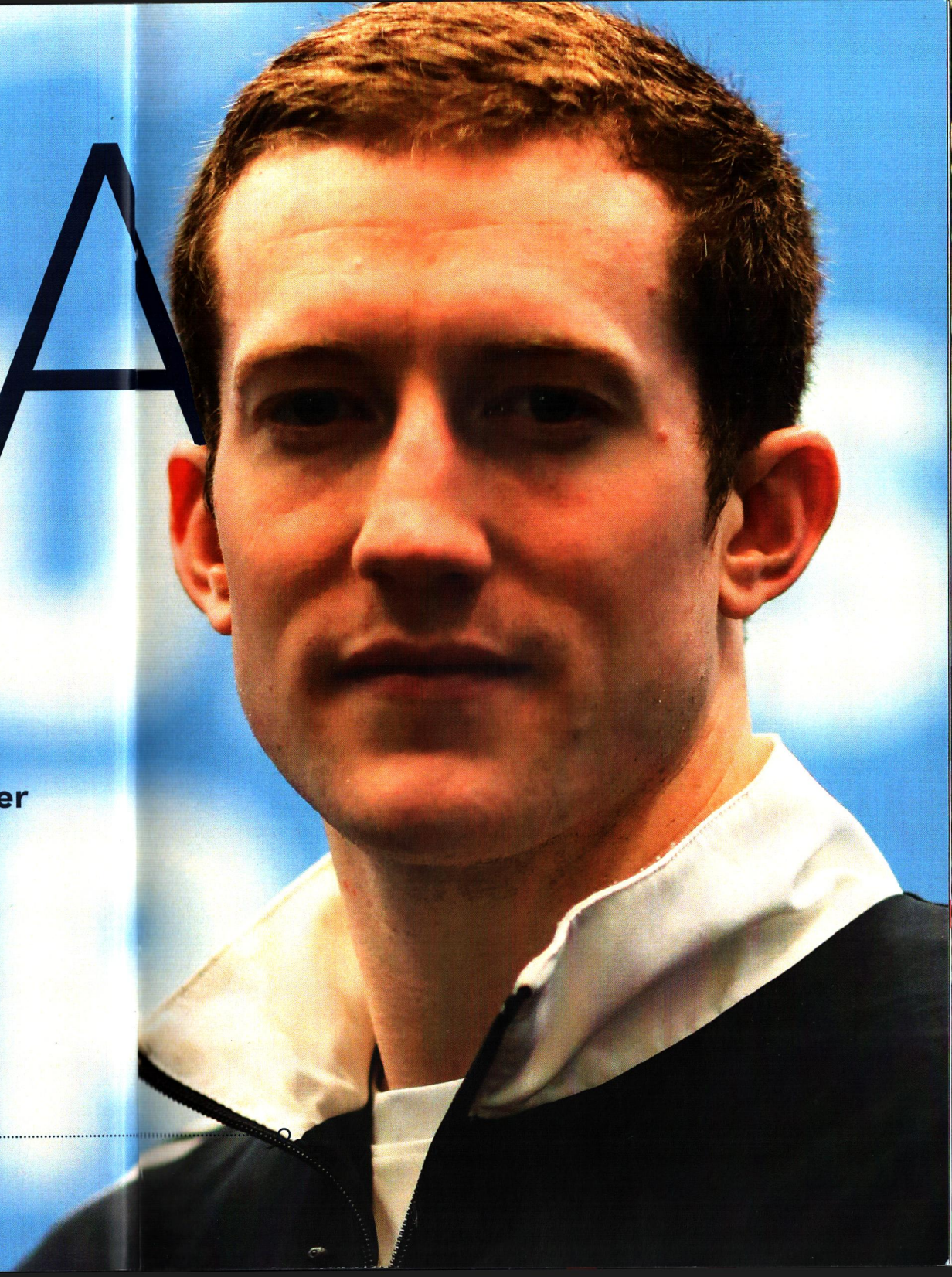
49
Todd
Harrity

68
Chris
Hanson

100
Andrew
Douglas

88
Christopher
Gordon

Todd Harrity
Team USA
World Number 49





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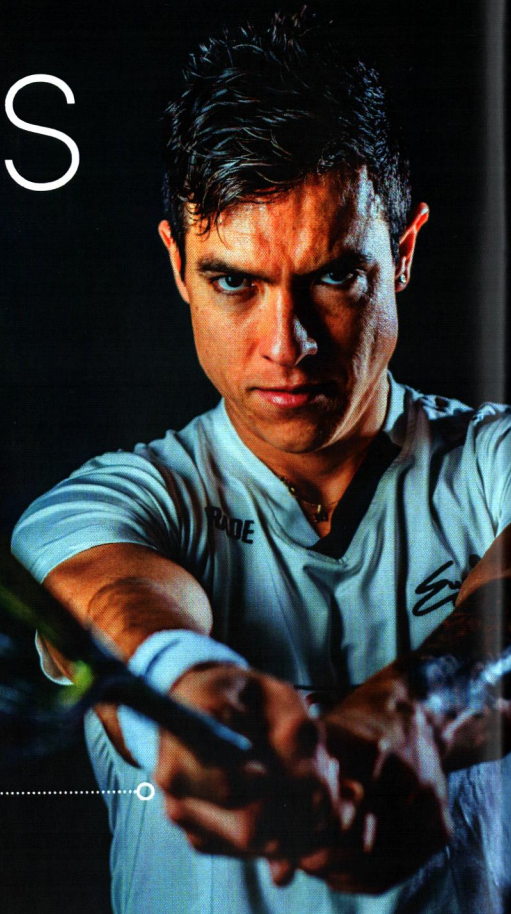
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Team Colombia
World Number 10

ARGENTINA

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Leandro Romiglio #157
Gonzalo Miranda
Jeremias Azaña #340

AUSTRALIA

Ryan Cuskelly #21
Cameron Pilley #38
Rex Hedrick #73
Zac Alexander #382

CANADA

Shawn Delierre #92
Mike McCue #86
David Baillargeon #104
Nick Sachvie #101

COLOMBIA

Miguel Rodriguez #9
Juan Carlos Vargas #90
Ronald Palomino #175
Erick Herrera #579

FRANCE

Gregoire Marche #15
Gregory Gaultier
Mathieu Castagnet #26
Baptiste Masotti #45

GERMANY

Simon Rösner #6
Raphael Kandra #25
Valentin Rapp #150
Rudi Rohrmüller

HONG KONG

Leo Au #30
Max Lee #36
Tsz Fung Yip #33
Chi Hin Henry Leung #70

KOREA

Youngjo Ko #277
Se Hyun Lee #610
Chang-Wook Woo #333
Joong-Won Hwang #439

NEW ZEALAND

Paul Coll #5
Campbell Grayson #25
Evan Williams #93
Lwamba Chileshe #158

SINGAPORE

Samuel Kang #158
Chua Man Chin #193
Chua Man Tong #244
Brandon Tan #607

SWITZERLAND

Nick Mueller #27
Dimitri Steinmann #62
Reiko Peter #133
Robin Gadola #147

IRELAND

Sean Conroy #115
Arthur Gaskin
Oisin Logan
Steve Richardson

KUWAIT

Ammar Altamimi #103
Abdullah Almezaayen #500
Yousef Saleh
Ali Alramezi

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Tunde Ajagbe #167
Adegoke Onaopemipo #241
Sodiq Taiwo #324
Gabriel Olufunmilayo #324

SOUTH AFRICA

Jean Pierre Brits #131
Christo Potgieter #243
Gary Wheadon #304
Dylan Groenewald #308

WALES

Joel Makin #12
Peter Creed #68
Emyr Evans #119
Owain Taylor #184

JAMAICA

Chris Binnie #83
Lewis Walters
Bruce Burrowes
Tahjia Lumley

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Ivan Yuen #44
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SPAIN

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Carlos Cornes #75

The General Returns.

On Thursday October 11, 2018, legendary Frenchman Gregory Gaultier limped off court at the U.S. Open following an epic five-game, 74-minute battle with Egypt's then-World No.2 Ali Farag. It transpired after the tournament that Gaultier had in fact been playing with a broken kneecap and the enigmatic Frenchman has not stepped on court since in a professional tournament.

The former World No.1 will make his eagerly anticipated comeback as part of the French team when the Men's World Team Squash Championship takes place in Washington D.C. this week - bringing an end to a gruelling 13-month rehabilitation period punctuated with numerous surgeries and setbacks.

"I'm very thankful to all my team who did a wonderful job and always believed there was a solution, so I just didn't give up.

"I had my second surgery on May 15, and I had to stay on crutches for eight or nine weeks because when I was at the U.S. Open, I was playing through pain. I didn't know what I had exactly, I thought it was just inflammation, but I couldn't even walk up the stairs to the glass court, I had to take the elevator.

"I left the day after the quarter-final, had an MRI, and one piece of cartilage and bone was broken [in his knee]. The next day I had surgery in Czech Republic, and the cartilage that they inserted into the bone didn't really heal well."

Gaultier admits the rehabilitation process has been a tough one, while he even had to re-learn how to walk again, leading him to debate whether he would be able to return to playing squash.

"There was the possibility of not being able to play squash again or do any sports".

The 'French General' is one of the sport's greatest ever players and has helped France to silver medals at the World Teams in both 2003 and 2009. He has won 40 professional titles in addition to topping the PSA World Rankings on six separate occasions, with the last of those seeing him become the sport's oldest ever World No.1. Gaultier made his first appearance since the 2018 U.S. Open in a French League match at his home club, Annecy, in November.

He will line-up alongside World No.15 Gregoire Marche, former World No.6 Mathieu Castagnet and World No.45 Baptiste Masotti in the American capital as they look to challenge for the prestigious title.

"I'm glad to start by making the World Teams with France. It will be another experience in my life, a new start and I'm happy to try to help my teammates as much as possible.

The former World No.1 is yet to return to the PSA circuit following his injury and has endured a steep slide down the rankings from

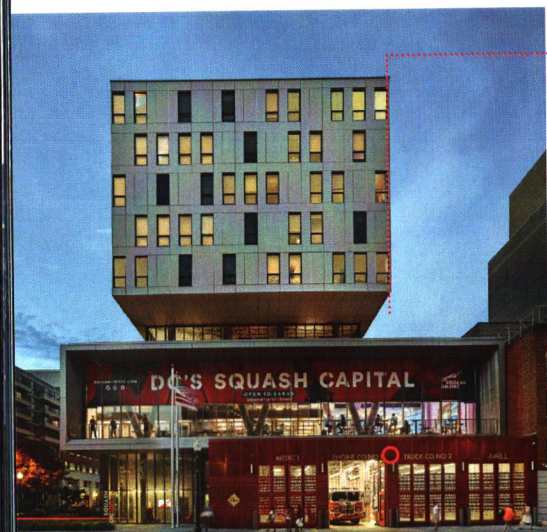
World No.7 to his current ranking of World No.622. However, Epinal-born Gaultier will still be one of the star attractions in Washington D.C. and is relishing making his return to competitive action after a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

"I can't wait to start again... I'm not putting any pressure on myself, I just want to enjoy and will see how the improvement goes throughout the season". ■





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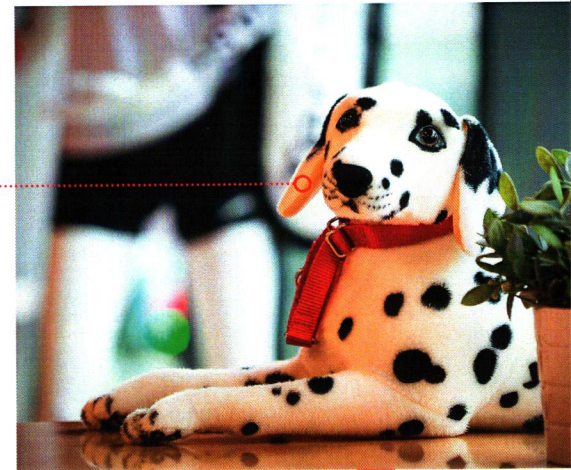


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THE UNITED STATES OF SQUASH

In November the Howe Cup came to a close and for only the fifth time in its 91-year history, a west coast team won the championship. Before this unlikely accomplishment in a day 2 match, Melliah Santos from the SquashSmarts program won a crucial game over Seattle's #1. And in the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, Team USA earned gold medals in both the men's and women's team events, both doubles events, and the women's singles. These impressive results suggest that change is afoot in the United States of Squash.

Over a decade ago, US Squash, the Professional Squash Association, and notable organizations and individuals began to spearhead the adoption of the game within the United States. As 2020 approaches and 1.7 million players compete around the country the consequences of their efforts can be felt like the aftershocks from an earthquake. Squash Education Alliance, a massive organization supporting youth engagement has built programs in 20+ cities causing a tectonic shift in stars to the sport (Melliah Santos comes from an affiliate program). East coast youth tournament registration has skyrocketed almost 500% since 2012 and more schools have built teams as a result. In the 2015 men's

national championship, two non-ivy League Schools competed against each other for the first time in history; in fact they were Division III schools. Along with the introduction of more school teams has come more opportunity for strong coaches to move to the United States like Thierry Lincou, John White, and David Palmer; all former world number ones. And like past explorers, squash has forged paths from its east coast roots to over the midwestern appalachian mountains and into the western rockies. The Eastbanc Group commissioned the building of America's first pay-to-play facility in Virginia, finance giant Mark Walter brought the World Championships to his hometown of Chicago offering the first \$1 million dollar prize fund in history, and former world number nine Adrian Grant emigrated to Los Angeles to grow the UCLA program. The efforts of these squash pioneers goes mostly unnoticed but like flowers in a yard, you don't notice until they bloom.

In the late 1960s, the televised Open Era introduced fans to a new side of Tennis. But that overnight success began decades earlier on the nation's public



courts where eager young players could access the sport. Once the Grand Slams were opened to these professionals, their raw personalities connected deeply with the American public. American tennis fans found someone to root for because they had skin in the game; homegrown players represent the tapestry that is the American sports fan.

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We are at the precipice of this in squash. The work accomplished in the past few decades has paved roads for unlikely athletes to adopt and triumph in a traditionally expensive sport in all corners of our country, reach the pinnacle of NCAA athletics, receive top-tier education, join the professional tour, and live off their earnings. Representing 30% of a \$600B market, the United States is the sporting equivalent of a Roman Emperor. And right now squash stands on the arena floor of the colosseum before a crowd of 1.7 million players, awaiting the Emperor's decision on whether the sport lives or dies. And the Emperor's thumb just went up. ■



Welcome Message from the Hong Kong Commissioner to the United States

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Hong Kong's men's squash team to Washington, D.C. to compete in the 2019 Men's World Squash Team Championship.

The Hong Kong team achieved a stunning success at the World Squash Federation's Men's World Team Squash Championship Final in December 2017, winning a Bronze medal in Marseille, France.

Sports fans would be right at home in Hong Kong as we enjoy a full sports calendar every year. Many international sporting events – equestrian events, regattas, Hong Kong E-Prix, Rugby Sevens, etc. – take place in Hong Kong. We are fully committed to being the premier sports venue in Asia.

Illustrating our commitment, construction is already underway for the massive new sports and recreation complex, Kai Tak Sports Park. Occupying 69 acres of land, the park is our most significant investment in sports infrastructure in recent years. Targeted for completion by 2023, it will play an important role in attracting major international sports events, supporting our elite athletes and promoting community sports.

It is a policy of the Hong Kong government to raise public interest in sports, encourage wider public participation and promote a healthy lifestyle. A variety of recreation and sports program are organized throughout the year for people across different age groups and physical abilities. In recent years, our government has been providing resources and financial support, as well as working jointly with universities, to support athletes in pursuing, in parallel, athletic training and academic studies.

I look forward to the Hong Kong squash team building upon its past achievements at this year's tournament. The team's tenacity emboldens athletes across the spectrum of sporting in our city and exemplifies the Hong Kong spirit.

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