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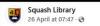
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June 1999 saw the 1st WISPA (women's tour) promotional visit. It was to Czech capital Prague, and featured Cassie Jackman, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Natalie Grainger. In the eleven years of the annual activity 25 cities were visited in 21 countries to promote squash and meet the media, communities. (LtoR in Prague: Milos Pokorny, Cassie Jackman, Natalie Grainger, Jan Koukal). World Squash





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The English county of Yorkshire had won the first men's Inter-County Championship in 1929/30 season beating Sussex 3-2, but Kent took the title the year after. The squads are pictured here. England Squash

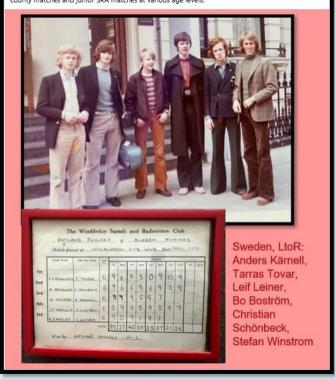


Kent and Yorkshire Teams—Inter-County Championship Final 1930-31 at Queens Club—Kent won 5-0.

L. to R. Sqn. Ldr. C. H. Medhurst (Y), Capt. J. B. Hyde-Smith (K), J. C. Gregory (Y), F. M. Strawson (K), S. M. Toyne (Y), G. O. M. Jameson (K), Hon. B. M. O. S. Foljambe (Y), C. P. Hamilton (K), J. R. B. Knox (Y). Missing—Capt. V. A. Cazalet (K).—Photo from SRA Library.



In April 1972, six young Swedish players came to England to play the British Junior open, and a match was arranged to coincide with the event at the Wimbledon Squash & Badminton Club. The English SRA stated the initiative as 'The first of its kind. This, we hope, will be the first of many junior representative matches, there being endless possibilities – junior internationals, junior county matches and junior SRA matches at various age levels.'

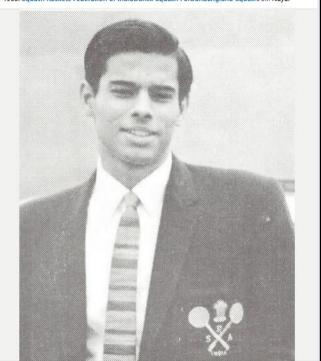




In 2023 former GB & England international Peter Verow spearheaded the start of an informal WhatsApp group of aged 60+ players, primarily internationals, from several countries. Since then it has grown to nearly 100 group members. Yesterday approaching 50 came together for a reunion in the Midlands of England for a dinner (along with half taking to the golf course). Also featured were a number of the European Team Championship teams from 1979 and 1980 between Sweden and England, the latter year Sweden winning to break the English stranglehold on it.







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The El Gouna PSA Platinum event begins today. Here are the winners since the Egyptian Red Sea resort event began in 2010, with the full set of past results viewable at https://
www.squashinfo.com/.../el-gouna-international-open on squashinfo.com. PSA Squash
TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاسكوات الإسكوات الحمول للإسكوات

	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
2010	Karim Darwish (EGY)	
2011	Not played	
2012	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	
2013	Not played	
2014	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	
2015	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	
2016	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	
2017	Gregory Gaulter (FRA)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2018	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)
2019	Ali Farag (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)
2020	Not played	Not played
2021	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2022	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)
2023	Ali Farag (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
2024	Ali Farag (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)



This weekend 50 years ago the 3rd European Men's Team Championship 1975 was played at the Fitzwilliam Club in Dublin. The home team took fourth place (squad pictured), and while Ireland have achieved 3rd place since, they have yet to reach a final. European Squash Federation





Another facet of earlier Under 23 play was that in August 1982 an England Under 23 team travelled to New Zealand to play a test series against the NZ national team (although the final test was not played due to a dispute over playing orders). England, LtoR: Zain Saleh, Geoff Hoare (manager), Christy Willstrop, Steve Bateman, David Pearson, Neil Harvey, Jamie Hickox. Squash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaEngland Squash





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The inaugural WSF Under 23 World Squash Championship has begun in Pakistan. During the 1980s, this age grouping was featured with British Under 23 Open championships being held; five winners of which went on to win World Open titles. Here is the Library finalists listing.

Also on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../british-under-23-open..., are the player profiles for the 1983 event, including Dittmar, Davenport, Qaiser, Wilkinson, Hill, Zahir Khan,

Pollard, Johnson, Gul, Zahran and a number of English players.
World Squash FederationEngland SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaSquash Australia

BRITISH UNDER 23 OPEN FINALS

U	MEN'S WINNER	MEN'S RUNNER UP	WOMEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S RUNNER UP
1979			Ruth Strauss (ENG)	Alison Cumings (ENG)
1980			Martine Le Moignan (ENG)	Ruth Strauss (ENG)
1981	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Ross Norman (NZL)	Ruth Strauss (ENG)	Suzanne Burgess (ENG)
1982	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Glen Brumby (AUS)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Martine Le Moignan (ENG)
1983	Sohail Qaiser (PAK)	Greg Pollard (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Ruth Strauss (ENG)
1984	Sohail Qaiser (PAK)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Nicky Spurgeon (ENG)	Alison Cumings (ENG)
1985	David Lloyd (ENG)	Fredrik Johnson (SWE)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)
1986	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1987	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1988	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Del Harris (ENG)	Fiona Geaves (ENG)	Donna Vardy (ENG)
1989	Not played		Cassie Jackman (ENG)	Samantha Langley (ENG)
1990	Not played		Donna Vardy (ENG)	Linda Charman (ENG)



Tommy Jameson won the first British Amateur championship when it was played at Lords Cricket Ground in London. He retained the title the next year.

Here he is featured in a 1936 article (which says he won the first in 1922, though for that season

the event took place in April 1923).

England Squash





In case you were wondering who were event winners (and finalists / semi-finalists) 40 years ago, here is a list of 'Who Won What' for 1984/5 published at the time. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationSquash Federation of Africa SFAEuropean Squash FederationFederacion namericana de Squash

WHO WON WHAT IN 1984/85

EVENT	WHENTE	MANUFACTURE	LOSING SEMI-PIKALISTS
SOUTHAPRICANOPEN	CHRISCITTMAN	GPEG POLLARD	STUANT DAVENPORT/GEOFF WILLIAMS
ROCHLIN OPEN	GEOFF WILLIAMS	PIOSE NORMAN	DEAN WILLIAMS PRICKING
NATAL OPEN	ROSSNORMAN	ACCOUNTY.	CEAN WILLIAMS STUART DAVENPORT
	OEOFF WILLIAMS	CIFAN WILLIAMS	STUART DAVENPORT ROSS NORMAN
WESTERN PROVINCE	OEOFT WILLIAMS	BOSS THORNE	
SOUTH CHEENING OPEN	ASHLEYNANLOR	TEIFICH/SALISBURY	JONEYANS-MARK HILDRED
WARRINGTON INVITATION	DAVID PEARSON	ASHLEYNAYLOR	MODESANELALJOHNILELIEVRE
DOMNAY FESTIVAL	JAME HICKOR	ANGEL STILES	POSERT OWEN GARRY ROSINSON
DISS WATATION	SMON TAYLOR	DAVIDTAYLOR	JOHN CORDEAUX RICHARD MILLMAN
		CHRISTY WILLSTROP	
		PROHABO MILLMAN	DAVID TAYS OR MARK WYRTT
LEAMINGTONOPEN	ROBERT OWEN	SIMON DOLINGTON	CERRYG JONES WHOREW DANZEY
ANDY GILL MEMORIAL	DAVID PEARSON	DRYAN PEARSON	BARRY HATKING ADNAY DAVIES
MALAYSIANOPEN	GREGIPOLIAND	MAGROOD APMED	GAMARZAMANMAGCISAAD
WESTMOLANDSUZBOPÉN	SMONTAYLOR	ROBERT GRAHAM	DANNY MEDDINGS MIKE LAPPAGE
BOVIS HOMES INVITATION	GAWANERARS	PHILKENYON	
BRADFORDOPEN	CHRISTYWILLSTROP	BANKY MATKING	ROBERT FORCE ASHLEY NAYLOR
SINSAPORE OPEN	QAMARZAMAN	MAGBOOD AHMED	GREG POLLARDMAGD/SAAD
WESSEXOPEN	JAME HICKOX	ALADIN ALLOUBA	HESPANIEL ATTANDAUL AT KHAN
SOUTHENGLAND OPEN	ALADIN ALLOURA	GAMALAWAD	NASSER ZAHTANMATTN BOOMEADE
WORLDWASTERS	ANNANGERHAN	STURREDAVENPORF	CHRISOTTMANGANANIBRARS
MERCIA OPEN	ASHLEYNKYLOR	DALLATIONAN	ROBERT FORDECHRISTY WILLSTROP
NORTHENGLAND OPEN	SCHAL GASSES	DAVID LLOYD DEAN WILLIAMS	DAVO PEARSON CHRIS DITTMAR
AUSTRALIANOPEN	TRISTAN ISANCAPIROW BOSSINORMAN	CHRISCITTMAN	ROSS THORNE ROSS NORMAN
NEW ZEALAND OPEN			GEAN HILLIAMS STUART GAVENPORT
JENFELD OPEN NORHEGIANOPEN	noodconse	LAREKVANT	MOHABBIED ALI SONUE E PROVI HELL
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STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN HERIOT WATTOPEN	CERRYOJONES ROBERT FORCE	ALADINALLOUSA	TESFION SALISBURY PHILIP BHITLOCK MARTIN SHAWMARK MACLEAN
DUTCHOMEN	ROSS THORNE	GEOFF WILLIAMS	GREG POLLAND/CHRIS DITTMAN
SPANISHOPEN	ROSENDRMAN	KELVIN SARTH	JANULE SOCERBERGMARTWISCOMEADE
BPANISH OPEN KIRMINGTON OPEN	STEVE BATEMAN	CHRISTYWILLSTROP	MARK HILDRED ZAN SALEH
COUPE LE DE PRANCE	POD-GEORGE	CHRISTA MITTALISM	MOHAMMED ALI SONAICE ASHLEY NAVLOR
GEPMAN OPEN	NOSS NORMAN	CLENDINAMEY	CARLO DETTAKA DI CARCO DEL LAMO
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BINTISH VINTAGE CLOSED	BOB OFFTW	JOHNICARR	STANLEY JACOBSON/BEPRIARIO FINNERAN
SIMOS MASTERS	JAMANGUR KHAN	POSS THOPINE	STUART DAVENPORT DEAN WILLIAMS
OPEN DES CARMAUX (FRA)	DAVIDSLEYO	KELVIN SANTH	BLOTH ALMSTROMMARTIN BOOMEACE
WELSHOPEN	BRYANBEESON	ALADIN NALOUBA	PAUL SYMONOS ASHLEY MAYLOR
PRAISTAN OPEN	SHIMMONT KINAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	GAMALAWAD GAMAR ZAMAN
WORLDOPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	GAMAR ZAMAN	ROSS NORMAN MACISCOD AHMED
BINTOHOLOGOO	GEOFFWILLIAMS	BRYANDESSON	PHILKENYON ASHLEY NAVLOR
PIAMASTERS	JAHANGER KOUAN	GREG POLLARO	
MODLESEXOPEN	JAME HICKOX	CERTIFICACIONES	MOUSSAHELALHESPAMELATTAR
HARICASCIS OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	PICHARO-D'CONNOR	MARKHILDREDICHRIS MCMANUS
AL FALAZINY, (MUSCAT)	JAHANGIR KHAN	ROSS NORMAN	GAMAR ZAMAN/CHRIS DITTMAR
	CHRISTHORERITSON	NIOSE HOUSE	
MNTSHU23 OPEN	DAVIOLLOYD	FREDRIK JOHNSON	CHRIS ROBERTSON/SCHARL GARSER
HARVEYS OPEN MADRITONES	PIORERT FORCE	DALKATKHAN	
	HELVIN SARTH	BRYAN REEDON	CAMAC ES AMPRIACUESA HELAS.
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WEST SUSSEXOPEN	PAUL SYMONOS	CHRISTIONERTSON	RICHARD O CORNORIGAMAL EL AMRI ROBERT FORDE AL ADRIALLOURA
MANSFIELDOPEN	GREG POLLAND	ASHLEYNAYLOR	POBERT FORDE/ALADRIALLOURA
GENVALOPEN	STUART DAVENPORT	TRISTANINANCAPIROW	GREG POLLARD/GAMAL AWAD
MADSTONE CIPEN	CHRISTOBERTSON	STUARTHAILSTONE	DALE STYNERWARHOLDING
JESTERSTROPHY	PROBBIE PROBINSON	ALAN THOMPSON	HUSAIN ABAZA/STUART COURTNEY
WISHOPEN	OAWAN BRIARS	POSS NORMAN	STUART DAVENPORT/GAMAL KRIAD
EAST SUSSEX OPEN	DALESTYNER	ADPEAN JASKS	SIMON YAYLOR PIC ZANYLIET
SWEDISHOPEN	JANUA SCOEMBERG	DAVIOLLOVO	CHRIS ROBERTSON JONAS GORNERUP
GRANTHAMOPEN	DALESTYMER	JONATHANICLARK	ETEVE BATEMANIAN HOLDING
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM OPEN	GREG POLIANO	TRISTANINANCARROW STUART HAILSTONE	BRYANSEESOWSOWAL GAISER ALADIN ALLOSSASMINOLDING
MORTHEAST OPEN	BRYANBEESON		TRISTAN NANCARROWICHRIS ROBERTSON
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SWISSORN	DALESTYNER	DAVID PEARISON	RICKI HELDEVINARIAM
BRITISH OVER 35 CLOSED	MOUSSA HELAL	STUART COURTNEY	HOWARD CHERLINANCHAMED KHALIFA
PREVIOUS CLUSTO	JAHONGIE KHAN	STUART DAVENPORT	CHRIS DITTMATUAN ULF SCOERBERG
KENT OPEN	CALESTYNER	JONATHAN COMMEN	PODERT FORCE GARY WATE
	CONTLEGUE	JONATHAN COPRESS	TORY HALLMALCICK M NORTH
BRIDGE OF ALANOPEN	ASHLEYNAYLOR	BARRY WATERS	
PRINCE RANGER CUP (MONACO)	GAWAN BRIANS	BARRY WATKING DREG POLLARD	MAGO: SAAD/ROSS NORMAN
CHECKOCHURE CIPEN	GARYWATE	STEVELAWTON	LUNE GOUNG JONATHAN CORNIGH
		STUMBT HALISTONE	
OPENDE BLOYE (FRANCE)			
	DAUR AT KHAN	POBERT OWEN	DARMEN MARING PIORERT FORDS
STOCKTON OPEN	CAWANIMARS		
BRITISHOPEN	JAPANOR KHAN		
BRITISH OPEN COS	HIDDY JAHAN	ARRAGINATION	AHMED SAFWATAKKISTA HELKI.
BRITISHOPEN VETB	MORRAND VANS	KENHISCOE	PREDHOWELLANCE ORLACY
BRITISH OPEN VINTAGE	BOS GRIFTIN	HASHMOHAN	
WREXHAM OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	PROBERT POPIDE:	CERRYGUCKESIACRIANDAINES
EASTWAYOPEN	DAULAT KHAN	PETERHILL	CERRYGLIONES/RICHARD (I'CONNOR
LANCASTRIANOPEN	JOHNLEUBYNE	BARRYWATKING	STEVE BATEMANMA/KHOPINDY
EDMINUNCHOPEN:			ERYANFEARSONBRYANBEZION
CANADIAN OPEN			
NORTHAMERICANIOPEN	JAMANOST KOMA	STEVE BOWDITCH	HED EDWARDS MARK TALBOTT
SISA HENDOLINI, KRICICKOUT	RUSTOM BATIVALA		
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Squash Library 19 March at 21:32 · 3

While it has only been held intermittently, the German Open being played this week dates back to 1976. Here is the Squash Library list of winners. Full results of many past events can be found at www.squashinfo.com. Deutscher Squash Verband e.V.PSA Squash Tour

	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
1976	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)	
1977	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)	
1978	Mikael Hellstrom (SWE)	
1979	Lars Kvant (SWE)	
1980	Lars Kvant (SWE)	
1981	Lars Kvant (SWE)	
1982	Gamal Awad (EGY)	
1983	Hiddy Jahan (ENG)	
1984	Ross Norman (NZL)	
1985	Ross Norman (NZL)	
1986	Ross Norman (NZL)	
1987	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	
1988	Not held	
1989	Not held	
1990	Not held	
1991	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	
1992	Jansher Khan (PAK)	
2004	Omar Elborolossy (EGY)	Laura-Jane Lengthorn (ENG)
2010	Not held	Joshna Chinappa (IND)
2024	Eain Yow Ng (MAS)	Georgina Kennedy (ENG)



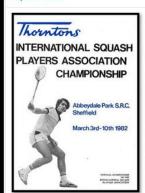
Squash success in Belgium used to be a sisterly affair but now it has become inter-generational! There were sisters Kim & Tine Hannes, and currently Tinne & Nele Gilis-Coll are at the fore. Meanwhile, Katline Cauwels first won their national title aged 15, and this month her daughte Savannah has done exactly the same thing at exactly the same age (they are pictured here). Katline went on to win it four times in total. But she and husband Shaun Moxham were able to watch another double as Savannah's brother Maddox took the Men's title too. A family affair to be sure! European Squash Federation







The 1980 ISPA Championships was held at the Gaumont Cinema in Southampton as reported in a Library post. Yesterday the 1981 event was covered, and today the 1982 event saw ISPA (now PSA), holding their championship at the Abbeydale Club in Sheffield. Here are the final round results, including the late Lars Kvant spectacularly beating Geoff Hunt. PSA Squash Tour Squash AustraliaPakistan Squash FederationSquash South AfricaEngland SquashSquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa



Last 16:

Last 16: Jahangir Khan (PAK) bt Steve Bowditch (AUS) 9-0 9-7 9-0. Dean Williams (AUS) bt Simon Rolington (ENG) 9-1 7-9 9-2 8-10 9-5. Roland Watson (RSA) bt Philip Kenyon (ENG) 9-6 9-3 9-6. Gamal Awad (EGY) bt John Easter (ENG) 9-2 9-0 9-4. Maqsood Ahmed (PAK) bt Craig Blackwood (NZL) 9-4 9-7 9-5. Ross Norman (NZL) bt Fahim Gul (PAK) 10-8 9-2 9-5. Gawain Briars (ENG) bt Gogi Alauddin (PAK) 9-2 5-9 9-1 4-9 9-2. Lars Kvant (SWE) bt Geoff Hunt (AUS) 7-9 10-8 9-2 8-10 9-5. Quarter-finals: Quarter-finals:

Water-imas: Khan bt Williams 9-6 9-0 9-0, Awad bt Watson 9-5 9-5 9-0. Ahmed bt Norman 9-3 9-2 9-6. Brias bt Kvant 9-4 9-5 9-1.

Semi-finals: Khan bt Awad 9-2 9-0 9-4. Ahmed bt Briars 10-8 7-9 9-1 3-9 9-7. Final: Semi-finals:

Khan bt Ahmed 9-0 9-0 9-0.



Today (6 March) in 1981, the first major title began in Northern Ireland. It was the ISPA Closed -ISPA being the forerunner to PSA for the Men's Tour. The 64 player draw started across four clubs before final rounds at Broomfield House, a nine court Bangor club that had opened four years earlier. Also called the ISPA Masters, Geoff Hunt was the winner, beating Jahangir Khan in the final. PSA Squash TourSquash AustraliaPakistan Squash FederationSquash South AfricaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Quarter-finals:

Geoff Hunt (AUS) bt Steve Bowditch (AUS) 9-39-39-6;

Maqsood Ahmed (PAK) bt Qamar Zaman (PAK) 10-9 9-0 9-1;

Jahangir Khan (PAK) bt Dean Williams (AUS) 9-49-59-3;

Gamal Awad (EGY) bt Roland Watson (RSA) 9-49-79-4.

Semi-finals:

Hunt bt Awad 9-2 9-6 9-6;

Khan bt Ahmed 9-3 9-1 9-3.

Final:

Hunt bt Khan 9-5 9-2 9-5.



Squash Library 4 March at 07:56 · ⊗

This week's New Zealand Open began in 1976 and so will celebrate its' 50th anniversary next year, albeit not played every year. Indeed, it returns after a gap last year. Here is the Library list of past finalists. Results from past years at www.squashinfo.com. PSA Squash TourSquash New Zealand Poipătů Aotearoa

DATE	MEN'S WINNER	MEN'S RUNNER-UP	WOMEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S RUNNER UP
2024	Not played		Not played	
2023	Paul Coll (NZL)	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Nele Gilis (BEL)	Tinne Gilis (BEL)
2022	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Joelle King (NZL)	Tesni Evans (WAL)
2009	Not played		Natalie Grinham (NED)	Natalie Grainger (USA)
1993	Paul Steel (NZL)	Simon Baker (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1992	Hansi Wiens (GER)	Austin Adarraga (ESP)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1991	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Robyn Lambourne (AUS)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1990	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Martine Le Moignan (ENG
1989	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1988	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1987	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Susan Devoy (NZL)**	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1986	Ross Norman (NZL)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1985	Ross Norman (NZL)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)
1984	Ross Norman (NZL)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1983	Jahangir Khan (PAK)**	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Robyn Blackwood (NZL)	Joanne Williams (NZL)
1982	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Gamal Awad (EGY)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)	Rhonda Thorne (AUS)
1981	Kevin Shawcross (AUS)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)	Robyn Blackwood (NZL)
1980	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Jenny Webster (NZL)	Annette Owen (NZL)
1979	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Jayne Ashton (ENG)	Annette Owen (NZL)
1978	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Maqsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lyle Hubinger (AUS)	Barbara Wall (AUS)
1977	Cam Nancarrow (AUS)	Roland Watson (RSA)	Not played	A STREET OF THE STREET
1976	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Howard Broun (NZL)	Pam Buckingham (NZL)	Jenny Webster (NZL)





Another squash centenary has been reached with the 100th British Royal Navy championship just having being played. The first in 1925 was won by Captain Robin Todhunter (pic). Details of the history of Naval squash is here: https://www.forcesnews.com/.../centenary-royal-navy.... Forces





Squash Library 24 February at 07:54 · 🔇

In the late 1960s before the formation of a world circuit, not only would professionals play the open/invitation events that had been established, but would also tour and play exhibition series. Here are (back) Abdelfattah Aboutaleb (L) and Aftab Jawaid; (front) Sharif Khan (L) and Jonah Barrington, arriving off a plane, destination uncertain. Jonah BarringtonPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواف



Squash Library

22 February at 07:55 · 🚱

South Africa boasts extensive national doubles activity. Following on from the National titles last weekend (pic), this weekend a Junior Doubles Camp is being held to educate youngsters about

doubles. Double is played across the country; an Inter-provincial Masters Team event is held featuring around 500 players

The SA National Doubles are played on four doubles courts at Country Club Johannesburg, built in 2007, using the lower 33cm (13") tin height, although other events use standard courts and tins. (Scoring is best of 3 games to 11, sudden death at 10 all).

Squash South AfricaWorld Squash Federation Squash Federation of Africa SEA



Squash Library 21 February at 07:47 · 🗞

The first Women's International match played in England was the second Wolfe-Noel Challenge Cup match played between Great Britain & USA teams at Oueens Club, London, in February 1934. The full Wolfe-Noel Cup history is on the Library website at https://wv wolfe-noel-challenge-cup.

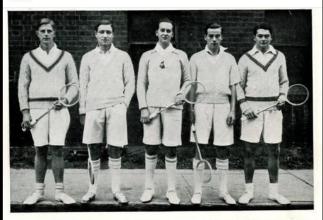
In 1934 GB won 5/0. Lord Aberdare is pictured presenting the Cup to Eliza Wolfe (GB non-playing captain. (L to R) American team, Miss Pafe, Marguerite Anderson, Mrs Green, Margaret Howe, Agnes Lamme, Eleanora Sears, Lord Aberdare, Susan Noel, Mrs Pittman, Eliza Wolfe, Margot Lumb, Sheila Mckechnie (GB). England SquashUS SQUASH



Squash Library 15 February at 07:51 · ❸

Today marks the centenary of the annual Oxford v Cambridge university match, which is being played at the RAC in London. While the first in 1925 was unofficial, the ensuing ones were formal ties. So far, Cambridge are ahead with 50 wins (Oxford have 42) over the years.

The selection of pictured teams collated by Chris Orriss, has English top-liners including Johnny Leslie, Philip Avton, John Easter, Nigel Broomfield and Norman Borrett sprinkled in the British and overseas players. It is here: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources on the Library website.



CAMBRIDGE CHOSEN FIVE (left to right): R. S. Rennie (Worksop and St. Catharine's), N. F. Borrett (Framlingham and Pembroke), M. B. Baring (Eton and Magdalene) (Captain), E. Halliday (Hymer's College, Hull and St. John's), P. Sherrard (Stowe and Magdalene).



Quarter finals: Qamar Zaman bt Ali Aziz 9-3 9-5 Maqsood Ahmed bt Bruce Brownlee 9-4 9-3 9-1; Gogi Alauddin bt Hiddy Jahan 5-9 9-4 9-7 9-4;

Mohibullah Khan bt Jonah Barrington 5-9 9-1 9-2 9-7. Semi-finals: Zaman bt Maqsood 10-9 7-9 9-0 9-3; Khan bt Alauddin 9-4 9-3 9-5. Final: Zaman bt Khan 9-5 9-1 7-9 2-9 9-7.

Abbey Life ISPA Championship Feb 6-13 1980 YERS EXPECTED FEB 6-8 GEOFF HUNT DAMAR ZAMAN



Squash Library 10 February at 08:10 ⋅ 🚱

In 1954/5 season a Welsh men's team toured Scandinavia in the course of which they met Denmark and Sweden for the first time. Wales had started playing internationals in 1947/8 with ties against Scotland and Ireland; while Denmark and Sweden started even earlier, playing each other in 1938/9 season.

Here are the 1954/5 results.

Squash Wales - Shoncen CymruDansk Squash ForbundFuronean Squash Federation

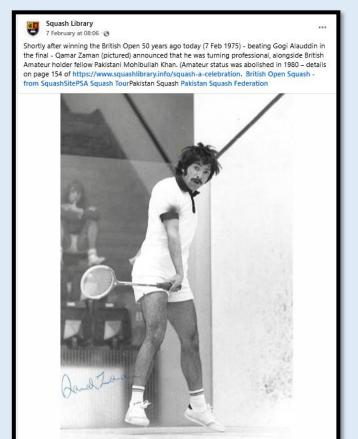


Wales beat Denmark 5-0

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Wales beat Sweden 5-0

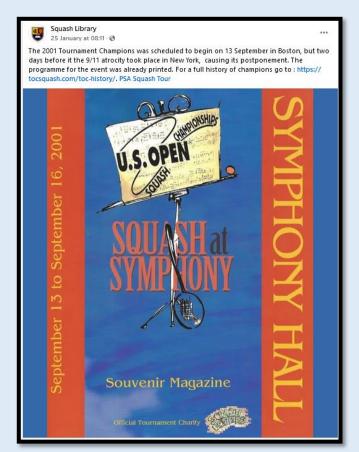
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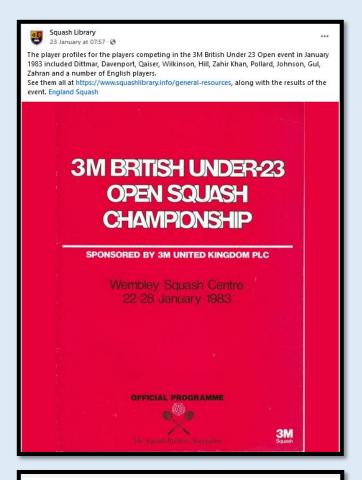




The Carol Weymuller Women's Open celebrates its 50th anniversary this week, having begun in 1975. Initially called the Heights Casino Open, named after the New York club which hosts it, in 1980 the title was altered to feature their club pro Carol Weymuller. She had been the co-head of tennis and squash for the 1970s decade, a US nationally ranked and national team member; and with her husband Fred founded the first Junior squash programme in New York. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASH

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1984	Alicia McConnell	2009	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)		
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1994	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	2019	Not played	Carol Weymuller (abo	ove)
1995	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2020	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		
1996	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	2021	Not played		wonin l
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	2022	Rowan Elaraby (EGY)	Squash Info	WORLD SQUASH LIBRARY
1998	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2023	Georgina Kennedy (ENG)	Beart Kned Strandard	LIDIOART
1999	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2024	Farida Mohamed (EGY)	THE SQUASH RESUL	TS & ARCHIVE HUBS













Late news. The first Indian National Championships were staged by the newly-formed Squash Rackets Federation of India at the Cricket Club of India in Bombay (now Mumbai) from 14 to 22 November 1954.

The first finals:

Women's: Mrs L. Rignall bt Miss Tehmi Vakeel 9-3 9-1 9-0 Men's: Rajkumar Narpat Singh bt Col N.S. Bhagat 9-2 9-4 9-4 Squash Rackets Federation of India

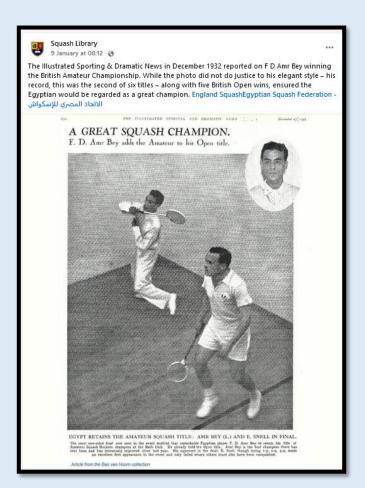
















The male Under 19 British Junior Open began in 1925/26 season played for a trophy donated by the squash players of the RAC (left pic), in memory of RAC member Dr Theodore Drysdale who had spearheaded the initiative to support junior squash, then died suddenly. The women's event started in 1948/49 season, initially as an Under 21 championship before moving to Under 19 in 1967/68. Later it was played for a trophy donated by Chris Orriss & Stuart Courtney.

The Drysdale Cup does have a few dents - on more than one occasion it took a dive when being held aloft by the winner whilst only holding the plinth! England Squash





2024



This interesting article profiling Abdelfattah Amr Bey was published in The Morning Post 90 years ago this week in 1934 (Morning post was a newspaper published in UK from 1772 – 1937). https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration for more Amr Bey background and photos. الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Egyptian Squash Federation

EGYPT'S GREAT SPORTSMAN

AMR BEY'S EXAMPLE AND PRECEPT

F. D. Amr Bey returned to Egypt yesterday, and it is unlikely that he will take part in the second half matches of the Bath Club Cup competition. It is hoped that he will play squash rackets again in England next season. season.

Egypt has not supplied the world with nany famous athletes, but in F. D. Amr Bey she has produced a squash rackets layer who is, as the French says, "hors

player who is, as the French says, "nors concours."

There are practically no games nowadays in which the amateur is better than the professional, with the exception of squash rackets. Amr has not only held the amateur championship for three years—he did not play this year—but holds the open championship, which means that he is better than the best professional, and those who have seen such men as Donald Butcher, of the Conservative Club, and James Dear, of Prince's Club, play, know what this means.

Squash rackets has been frequently described as "great exercise but a poor game." This may be true as regards the ordinary player but not so when Amr Bey goes into court. Some day a better may appear but it is hard to conceive it, for Amr has absolutely everything that one can imagine necessary for the make-up of the ideal player.

WIRE AND WHIPCORD

WIRE AND WHIPCORD

He weighs barely eight stones, but it is all wire and whipcord. He plays every stroke that every other playe has produced and several more entirely of his own. He has been called a "human streak of lighting" and those who have seen him in action do not wonder at it. For so frail a figure, his endurance is marvellous. On the rare occasions on which he is held to a fifth game his bewildered opponent suddenly finds that the little man has increased the pace, already terrific, to such an extent that there is no human reply.

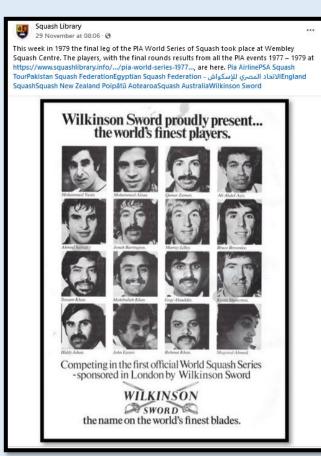
Those who know the game intimately say that Amr, if he had a mind to, could give any amateur seven points out of the hin that make the game. This sounds ridiculous, but I, for one, who have seen him in every important match, believe it to be true.

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Quarter-finals:



[2] Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt [3] Natalie Grinham (AUS) 3/0 [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Tania Bailey (ENG) 3/2

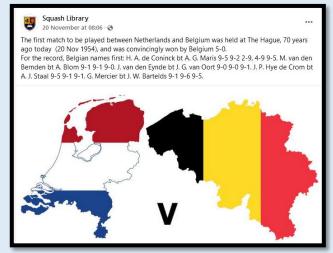
[7] Nicol David (MAS) bt [4] Natalie Grainger (USA) 3/1

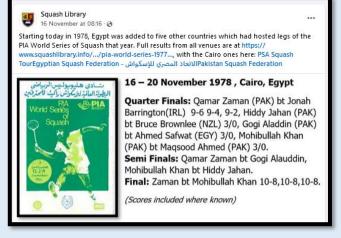
[7] Nicol David (MAS) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 3/1

[3] Natalie Grinham (AUS) bt Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 3/0

[2] Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt [Q] Vicky Botwright (ENG) 3/0













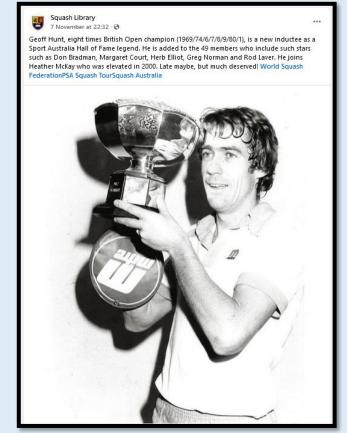
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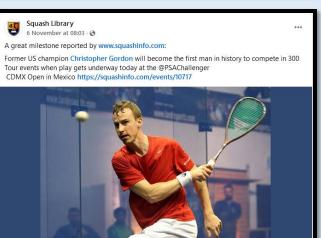
She did it! Following on from this recent Library post Sandra Denis has now won her 23rd

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Time to re-open the debate. The one about most senior national titles won.

When Sandra Denis plays in the Luxembourg Nationals at CK Sportcenter Kockelscheuer at the beginning of next month the tax adviser will be going for her 23rd win. Surprisingly, Denis was already aged 26 when she won her first, missed two years with an anterior cruciate ligament, as well as losing in 2020 and 2022 before winning it again in 2021 and 2023. Anybody with more male or female titles than her current 22?









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30 October at 08:35 · 🚱

The Hong Kong Junior Closed began in 1983 with 55 players. The long term success of the Hong Kong junior programme can be seen by the entry of 493 at the 41st edition this weekend - with only some competing players pictured last year as not all could fit into a court! **Hong Kong Squash**





In 1952 John Gilles of Invercargill retained his New Zealand National title, beating Palmerston North's Allen Johns 9-2 9-7 9-7 at his own club in the final. Pictured at the event were (back, L to R) George Perigo, Gillies, Ack Malcolm, Peter Vesty (Jun winner), Ted Christmas, (front): Mark Rodgers, Don Mochan, Johns, Eddie Earwaker. Squash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa



Squash Library 26 October at 08:10 - 🔇

The 1996 US Open went to Minneapolis under the directorship of Minneapolis Athletic Club's John Flanagan – the current Worlds manager in Chicago. It was played at a point when the state of Minnesota was shifting to international courts – later round results below. In 1992 Chicago had none, only 32 'narrow' ones. By the time of the event four years later 23 new international courts had been built. US SQUASHPSA Squash Tour

[1] Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt [3] Peter Nicol (SCO) 9-15, 17-15, 15-12, 15-17, 15-12

Semi-finals:

Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt Del Harris (ENG) 15-7, 5-15, 14-15, 15-13, 15-9 Peter Nicol (SCO) bt Ahmed Barada (EGY) 15-10, 10-15, 15-11, 12-7 ret.

Quarter-finals:

Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt Craig Rowland (AUS) 15-8, 3-15, 15-10, 15-13 Del Harris (ENG) bt Simon Parke (ENG) 15-10, 15-8, 13-15, 17-14 Peter Nicol (SCO) bt Mark Chaloner (ENG) 15-13, 15-7, 15-6

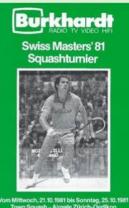
Ahmed Barada (EGY) bt Jonathon Power (CAN) 9-15, 15-9, 15-5, 14-15, 15-13

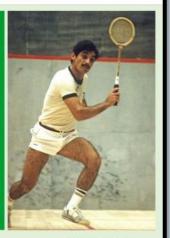




The first Swiss Masters final took place today (25 October) in 1981 at Town Squash, Airgate.

Magsood Ahmed (pic) scored a final win over Geoff Hunt in the final; here are the full results. PSA Squash TourPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaEngland SquashSquash South الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - AfricaEgyptian Squash Federation





ROUND 1

Geoff Hunt (Aus) bt Ian Robinson (Eng.) 3-1 Gawain Briars (Eng) bt Roland Watson (RSA) 3-0 Ahmed Safwat (Egy) bt Mo Asran (Egy) 3-2 Hiddy Jahan (Pak) bt Phil Kenyon (Eng) 3-1 Ross Norman (NZL) bt Gamal Awad (Egy) 3-1 Ali Aziz (Egy) bt Steve Bowditch (Aus) 3-0 Maqsood Ahmed (Pak) bt Lars Kvant (Swe) 3-1 Glen Brumby (Aus) bt John Easter (Eng) 3-0

OUARTER FINALS

Hunt bt Briars 3-2 Jahan bt Safwat 3-1 Norman bt Aziz 3-0 Magsood bt Bumby 3-1 SEMI FINALS

Hunt bt Jahan 3-1 Maqsood bt Norman 3-0

Maqsood bt Hunt 3-0

FINAL

Squash Library

The Library selection of past US Open programmes gives an insight into changes of sponsor and style. The covers include the second in 1955, the one for the postponed 2001 edition in the aftermath of 9/11, and 2005 when the women's event was re-combined. Go to the Library website: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources to see them. US SQUASHPSA Squash

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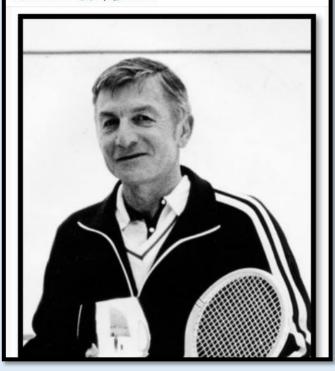




Squash Library 23 October at 08:02 - 3

70 years ago January 1954 saw the first US Open. It was open to all nationalities, amateur or professional, but the draw was limited to 20 players.
British Open champions Mahmoud Karim and Hashim Khan travelled to the University Club in

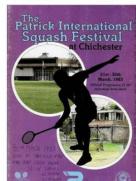
New York to play. Despite hardball being predominant in USA and unfamiliar to them they reached the semis before Egyptian Karim was beaten 3-0 by French American US Amateur champion Henri Salaun. However Hashim beat Diehl Mateer 15-12 in the decider before Salaun (pic) took the final 15-7 15-12 15-14. Hashim did master the game though, and later took three US Open titles. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASHPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Squash Federation



Squash Library

The Chichester Festival final 1983, was at the time record breaking – and was only four games. Alan Chalmers has provided a personal recollection (which the Library vividly recalls as I was present too). Here it is: PSA Squash TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري Pakistan Squash Federationللإسكواش

A LATE EVENING IN CHICHESTER



The Patrick International Squash Festival was played in the Chichester Theatre from 21/30 March 1983. Unsuspectingly, we trouped in for the final between Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) and Gamal Awad (Egypt). It started about 8pm in front of a full crowd, my chums and I in the front row. It turned into a monster of attritional squash at the highest level, and it lasted a seriobs 2 here and 45 seriotes. mighty 2 hours and 45 minutes!

My annotated programme (illustrated) tells the story. In the first game, the first score point came after 7 ¼ minutes; Jahangir forged ahead to 8/1; Gamal fought back grimly and reached 9/9; this next point was a rally of around 500 shots lasting about 5 minutes and ended in a let, but Gamal won it 10/9 after 1 hour 11 minutes)

The front row emptied in a scramble for the bar; I was with Dunlop's Bretton Priestley, fondly remembered as the chap who gave some of us terms on 9 guinea Maxply rackets.

We crept back into our seats half way through the second which Jahangir took 9/5 in 37 minutes, the third 9/7 in 40 minutes, and the 4^{th} 9/2 in 13 minutes.

I don't think Gamal ever fully recovered from the supreme effort he put into this match and died in 2004 aged only 49. He was a bubbly little chap, hugely popular at the Horsham club and was British Amateur Champion twice.

I nearly forgot to mention that the assembled crowd sat down (exhausted) for an excellent dinner round about 11.15 pm!

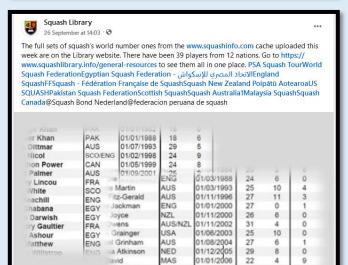


The Qatar Classic begins today in Doha having first been played in 1992. On the Library website at

https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, is a list of past Qatar winners and runners up, taken from the www.squashinfo.com data cache. (2023 champions Hania El Hammamy and Ali Farag pictured). PSA Squash Tour









To complete the list of number one ranked men, here are the most recent thirteen, including current stars, taken from the www.squashinfo.com data cache. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashEngland SquashSquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

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Name	Country	1st month at No1	-	st month No1^	Career total at No1	
			Year	Month	Year	Month
Karim Darwish	EGY	01/01/2009	27	4	0	11
Gregory Gaultier	FRA	01/11/2009	26	10	1	8
Ramy Ashour	EGY	01/01/2010	22	3	1	9
Nick Matthew	ENG	01/06/2010	29	10	1	7
James Willstrop	ENG	01/01/2012	28	4	0	11
Mohamed ElShorbagy	EGY/ENG	01/11/2014	23	9	4 *	2
Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	01/05/2017	25	9	0 *	1
Ali Farag	EGY	01/03/2019	26	10	4 *	0
Paul Coll	NZL	01/03/2022	29	9	0 *	3
Mostafa Asal	EGY	16/01/2023	21	8	0 *	3
Diego Elias	PER	17/04/2023	26	4	0 *	2

As at: September 2024

- * Currently competing
- ^ month approximation
- ** Career began prior to 1st ranking





Men's listings began in 1975 with 23 players taking the number one spot since then. Here are the first twelve from the www.squashinfo.com data cache, detailing the date they got there, how old they were and how long they held the spot overall (later ones tomorrow). PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationPquash AustraliaScottish SquashEngland SquashSquash CanadaFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashEgyptian Squash Federation الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Name	Country	1st month at No1		st month	Career total at No1	
			Year	Month	Year	Month
Qamar Zaman **	PAK	01/01/1975	23	9	2	1
Geoff Hunt **	AUS	01/02/1976	28	11	4	11
Jahangir Khan	PAK	01/01/1982	18	0	7	10
Jansher Khan	PAK	01/01/1988	18	6	8	1
Chris Dittmar	AUS	01/07/1993	29	5	0	2
Peter Nicol	SCO/ENG	01/02/1998	24	9	5	0
Jonathon Power	CAN	01/05/1999	24	8	1	2
David Palmer	AUS	01/09/2001	25	2	0	5
Thierry Lincou	FRA	01/01/2004	27	8	1	2
John White	sco	01/03/2004	30	8	0	2
Lee Beachill	ENG	01/10/2004	26	10	0	3
Amr Shabana	EGY	01/04/2006	26	8	2	9

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To complete the list of number one ranked women, here are the last seven of the 15 featured on www.squashinfo.com, including current stars. Tomorrow we can look at the men who have held the number one spot. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationUS SQUASHSquash الاتحاد المصري - ustraliaEngland Squash1Malaysia SquashEgyptian Squash Federation للإسكواش

Name	Country	1st month at No1	Age 1st month at No1 [^]		Career total at No1	
			Year	Month	Year	Month
Natalie Grainger	USA	01/06/2003	25	10	0	1
Rachael Grinham	AUS	01/08/2004	27	6	1	4
Vanessa Atkinson	NED	01/12/2005	29	8	0	5
Nicol David	MAS	01/01/2006	22	4	9	4
Raneem El Welily	EGY	01/09/2015	26	8	1	11
Laura Massaro	ENG	01/01/2016	32	1	0	4
Nour ElSherbini *	EGY	01/05/2016	20	6	5	1
Nouran Gohar *	EGY	01/07/2020	22	9	1	8

As at: September 2024

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- ^ month approximation Career began prior to 1st ranking
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23 September at 08:09 · 3

Since the formation of a player association for women in 1983, there have been 15 players who reached the world number one ranking spot. Here are the first eight from the www.squashinfo.com data cache, (later ones tomorrow), detailing the date they got there, how old they were and how long they held the spot overall. Men's to follow. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationEngland SquashSquash AustraliaSquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa

Name	Country	1st month at No1		st month No1^	Career total at No1		
	= 30	= 80	Year	Month	Year	Month	
Vicki Cardwell **	AUS	01/04/1983	27	11	1	0	
Susan Devoy	NZL	01/04/1984	20	2	8	9	
Lisa Opie	ENG	01/03/1988	24	6	0	2	
Michelle Martin	AUS	01/03/1993	25	10	4	10	
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS	01/11/1996	27	11	3	4	
Cassie Jackman	ENG	01/01/2000	27	0	1	4	
Leilani Joyce	NZL	01/11/2000	26	6	0	11	
Carol Owens	AUS/NZL	01/11/2002	31	4	0	11	

As at: September 2024

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PIA (Pakistan International Airlines) accorded Jahangir Khan the title of PIA's Sportsman of the Millenium, and produced a book to commemorate this at the time.

It included an eclectic selection of entries from other sports – and you can see Jahangir's and the others featured on the Library at: https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../jahangir-pia-sportsman... As for the cover, it is signed by Jahangir (centre) and also includes Qamar Zaman, Chris Dittmar, Azam Khan, Ross Norman and Hashim Khan. Jahangir KhanPakistan Squash FederationPia Airline



"The average Pakistani will be able to rattle off the names of Sportsmen who have represented the country. But he would be hard put to name even members of the present cabinet, what to say of previous cabinets. Surely this must tell us something"

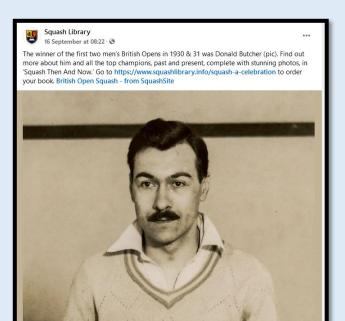




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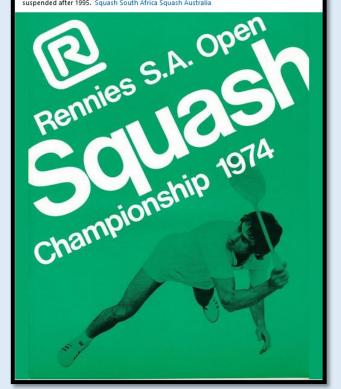
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30 August at 05:50 · 🚱

The 1st Men's South African Open began 50 years ago this week in August 1974. See the programme welcome, draw and results here https://www.squashiibrary.info/general-resources. Australians won the first 12, with Geoff Hunt winning 8 (1974-81), with the next winners being Dean Williams (82), Ross Thorne (83), Chris Dittmar (84/85), before it was suspended after 1995. Squash South Africa Squash Australia

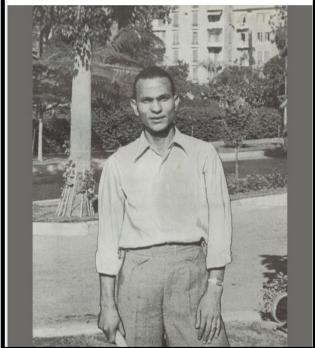






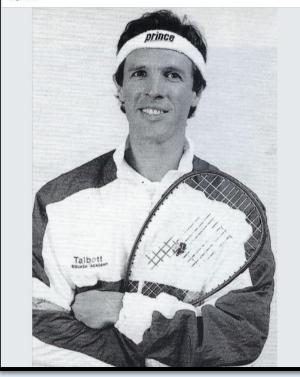


When four times British Open champion Mahmoud Karim (pic) wrote a foreword to Gerald Pawle's book. 'Squash Rackets' in 1951 he explained his match preparation. He said, 'I have no special diet, but one week before a big match I eat only two meals a day – breakfast and dinner at night. On the day of the match I have only one meal – an early breakfast.' He added, 'Often people say to me: "I am surprised that you smoke cigarettes when you are in training." But smoking has never affected me. If your system is used to a habit like that, to give it up suddenly will do more harm than good.' This at a time before the harmful effects of smoking were fully appreciated, of course. Egyptian Squash Federation





There is no argument about who has been the most successful hardball player in the North American squash variation. Before singles deferred entirely to doubles, Ohio born Mark
Talbott dominated in a career that began in 1980 and lasted 14 years. Over the period he won
116 events included majors many times over. The great retriever was almost unbeatable! US SOUASH







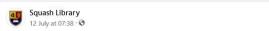




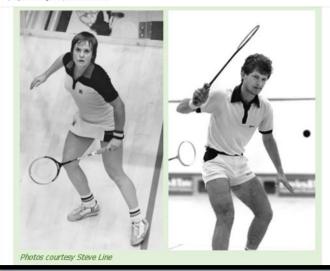
In 1988 the Iraq squash committee was part of the nation's Racket Federation, along with tennis and table tennis, and organised its first international event in Baghdad. The Saddam Championship for the Saddam Hussein Trophy (pic) featured teams of two senior and two junior males from Singapore, Kuwait and Jordan along with the hosts. It was preceded by an individual event. Singapore dominated, winning the team event and Kok Chew Keene and Soo Heng Ong winning gold and silver, with Kuwait's Adel El Ghareeb taking bronze. Singapore SquashJordan Olympic Committee







Looking back at Australian national rankings in 1986, players such as Rodney Martin, Rodney Eyles, Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and others were either still juniors or just emerging from them. Meanwhile Vicki Cardwell and Ross Thorne (pictured) headed the open listings. https:// www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources on the Library website to see the full senior and junior player listings. Squash Australia





Squash legend Heather McKay was still playing high enough level hockey to be named All-Australian twice, in 1967 and 1971. But she didn't actually play representative hockey, because it clashed with her squash commitments. That said, in 1971 after winning her 10th women's British Open title, she was named in the New South Wales team to face England in Sydney. Squash





In 1958 the entry of seven Egyptian players was remarked upon, especially after 'Suez' when relations between Egypt with Britain and France were at a low when their government took control of the Suez Canal away from the two European nations.

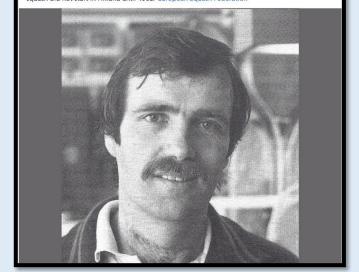
VISITATION FROM EGYPT
When entries for the Amateur Championship were received from no less than seven Egyptians, there were many who wondered what the reaction of the S.R.A. would be. It was remembered that diplomatic relations between this country and Egypt had not been renewed since "Suez." But it has always been the custom in this country to divorce sport from politics, and everything was done to facilitate the arrival of a team of which some at least were well known over here.

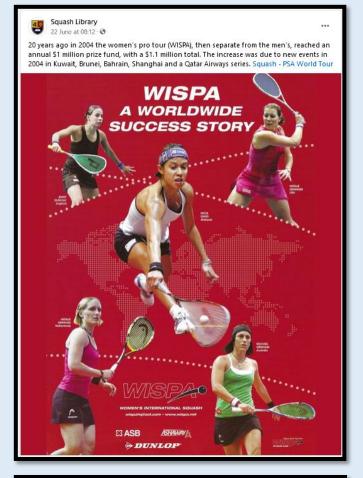






When the men's European Team Championship started in 1973, Finland competed. Their number one was an Englishman, Roger Jones, who was the Finnish national coach. He led the side for ten years and in 1975 commented, 'The Finns have the ability and determination to become one of the leading European nations in squash. It may take a little time but you must remember that squash did not start in Finland until 1968.' European Squash Federation











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In the late 1970s Tretorn sponsored a club mixed team event in UK – here are the 1977/8 season final results, played at Wimbledon Stadium in SW London, featuring some top players

Nottingham beat Richmond Town 3-2 Gawain Briars lost to Jonny Leslie 4-9 3-9 4-9 John Le Lievre lost to Ian Robinson 4-9 0-9 7-9 John Roe beat Chris Herridge 9-7 9-2 10-8 Lesley Moore beat Katarina Du Boye 10-8 5-9 9-7 9-1 Val Watson beat Jenny Congdon 9-4, 9-2, 9-0

Semi-finals:

Nottingham beat Manchester Northern 5-0 Richmond Town beat Squash Plymouth 4-1

Quarter-finals:

Manchester Northern beat Durham 4-1 Nottingham beat Hull 5-0 Squash Plymouth beat Aylesbury 4-1 Richmond Town beat Woodford Wells 4-1 Squash Library
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North London's Cumberland Club, home of the London Open, added squash to Lawn Tennis in 1933, when they built two courts. A year later the club applied to join the Bath Club Cup,

in 1933, when they built two courts. A year later the club applied to join the Bath Club Cup, the London league that had begun in 1922 – an application that was turned down on the basis that it was not a 'social club'.

This rejection led to the club initiating the Cumberland Cup, which became the premier London league and is still contested.



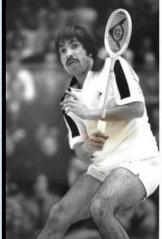


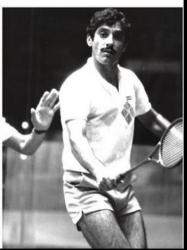
When the second women's JSM SuperSquash took place in Tokyo, Japan, 30 years ago in 1994, a player group photo was taken, as seen here. The event itself saw Australian Michelle Martin retain her title, beating Carol Owens 10-8 9-4 10-8 in the final. Squash - PSA World Tour公益社 団法人日本スカッシュ協会



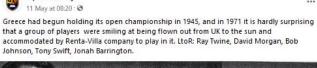


This month 40 years ago a three-nation event was started in Asia with the Yeo's-Pepsi Far East Squash Circuit 1984. The first leg was held in Hong Kong, followed by Singapore and Malaysia. Each event had the same final, world number two Qamar Zaman (left) playing brother-in-law Maqsood Ahmed – with Zaman winning them all. They had left players including Magdi Saad, Gogi Alauddin, Gawain Briars, Chris Dittmar and Philip Kenyon in their wakes on the circuit. 1Malaysia SquashHong Kong SquashSingapore Squash









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The El Gouna International Championships being played this week in the Egyptian Red Sea resort began initially with a men's event in 2010. So far only one non-Egyptian Gregory Gaultier - has been a winner. Here are the past finalists, full results at www.squashinfo.com. الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation

	MEI	N'S	WOMEN'S			
	Winner	Runner Up	Winner	Runner Up		
2023	Ali Farag (EGY)	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Neli Gilis (BEL)		
2022	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		
2021	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		
2020	Not played					
2019	Ali Farag (EGY)	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		
2018	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		
2017	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY		
2016	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)				
2015	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)	ĺ	F ₁ / ₂ = 2 +		
2014	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)		WORLD		
2013	Not played		Squash Info	SQUASH		
2012	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	James Willstrop (ENG)		LIBRART		
2011	Not played					
2010	Karim Darwish (EGY)	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	THE SQUASH RESUL	TS & ARCHIVE HUBS		



When Petros Tzamaloukas plays in the European Team Championship division 3 which begins today in Bucharest, Romania, it will mark a possibly record-breaking period of 30 years representing Greece. The 49-year-old's first European Championship was the 1994 edition in Zoetermeer, Netherlands. Impressive! Petros Tzamaloukas Squash AcademySquash.grEuropean Squash Federation





The 1994 Greek squad, L to R: Panos Malamis, Petros Gavala Nikos Moustroufis, George Barletis (Manager), Pana Vasiliou, Petros Tzamaloukas (and right).



The first USA, Canada and Great Britain matches took place in Philadelphia 100 years ago. The 1924 matches saw USA beat GB 3 -2 on the 'narrow' home courts. The following year GB scored an easy 5-0 win over USA in the return fixture at Bath Club in London, with the visitors unused to the wider courts. England SquashUS SQUASH

The 1924 results:

USA beat Gt Britain 3 - 2

Charles Peabody bt Sam Toyne 15-7 15-6 15-7 Wally Johnson beat Theodore Drysdale 15-9 15-10 15-13 Ralph Powers beat W 'Ginger' Basset 9-15 15-8 15-9 15-3 W.F. Harrity lost Timmy Robarts 9-15 12-15 9-15 Tevis Huhn lost Dugald Macpherson 18-15 11-15 14-18 12-15

(Note: It wasn't until 1927 that HiHo to nine points was introduced)



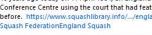
The Black Ball Championships being played this week in Cairo began in the year following the 2017 opening of the 19-court facility (including an all-glass court). Here are the past finalists, full results at www.squashinfo.com. Black Ball Sporting ClubEgyptian Squash Federation -Squash - PSA World Tourالأتحاد المصري للإسكواش

BLACK BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- V	MEN'S	S	WOMEN'S		
	Winner	Winner Runner Up		Runner Up	
2023	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Tarek Momen (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	
2022			Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	
2021*	Paul Coll (NZL)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	
2021	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Amanda Sobhy (USA)	
2020*	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Sarah-Jane Perry (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	
2020*		20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	
2019			Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	
2019	Karim Abdal Cawad (ECV)	All Earne (ECV)			

* played twice in the year.





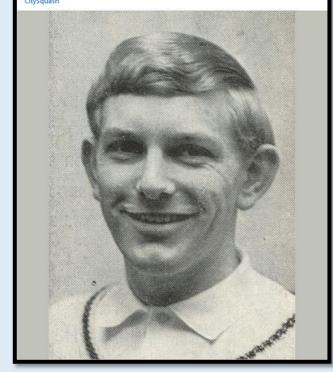
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40 years ago today on 11 April 1984, an England v Pakistan test match was played at Wembley Conference Centre using the court that had featured the final of the British Open the day before. https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../england-v-pakistan..., for the details. Pakistan



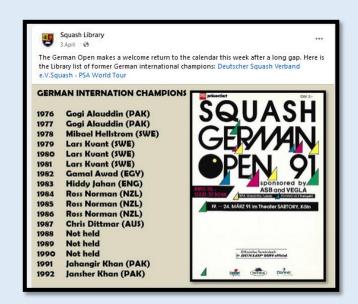


60 years ago today on 9 April 1964 Bryan Patterson ('64 pic) beat fellow Englishman Mike Young 3-9 9-7 8-10 9-1 9-5 to win the British Under 19 Open, (the 'Drysdale'), Later, in 1973, he beat the 6th, 3rd and 2nd seeds to reach the final of the World Amateur Championship in South Africa, (details: https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-amateur-championships) before being beaten by Cam Nancarrow. (The Australian turned pro immediately after the event).













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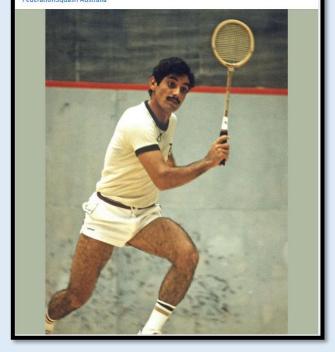
The Canary Wharf Classic in London has a new name (London Classic) and venue (Alexandra Palace) this week, and also adds a women's draw for the first time. Here are the past finalists; www.squashinfo.com for full results. Squash - PSA World Tour

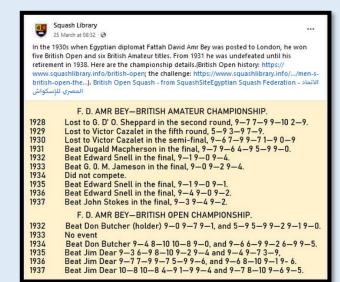
CANARY WHARF SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
2004	James Willstrop (ENG)	Thierry Lincou (FRA)
2005	John White (SCO)	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)
2006	Thierry Lincou (FRA)	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)
2007	James Willstrop (ENG)	John White (SCO)
2008	James Willstrop (ENG)	Cameron Pilley (AUS)
2009	David Palmer (AUS)	James Willstrop (ENG)
2010	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)
2011	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Peter Barker (ENG)
2012	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)
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2014	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)
2015	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Simon Rosner (GER)
2016	Mathieu Castagnet (FRA)	Omar Mossad (EGY)
2017	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Fares Dessouky (EGY)
2018	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2019	Paul Coll (NZL)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2020	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)
2021	Paul Coll (NZL)	Ali Farag (EGY)
2022	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Mostafa Asal (EGY)
2023	Paul Coll (NZL)	Joel Makin (WAL)



Jahangir Khan is one of only two players who have won a major final without losing a point. He did it at the ISPA Championship in England in 1982, aged 18, when he beat countryman Magsood Ahmed 9-0 9-0 in 24 minutes. Magsood plottured) only served four times. Meanwhile Heather McKay inflitched the same scoreline on her own countrywoman Beverley Johnson in the final of the British Open 1968. Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash FederationSquash Australia







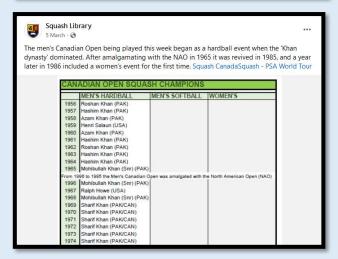


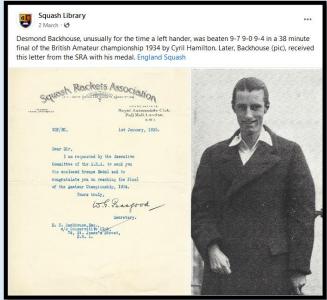




Today, 7th March 2024, marks exactly to the day the 50th Anniversary of the start of the 1st Swiss Open Squash Tournament in March 1974. It was held at the Geneva Squash Club until 2013 before being revived in Uster in 2021. GENEVA SQUASH CLUBSquash - PSA World Tour

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	MEN'S		WOMEN'S			MEN'S	THE	WOMEN'S		E HUBS
1974	John Easter	ENG	WOWEN 5		2001	Hadrian Stiff	ENG	Cheryl Be		ENG
1975	John Easter	ENG			2002	James Willstrop		Wendy Ma		SCC
	Philip Kenyon	ENG	SWISS OPEN SQUAS		2003	Stefan Leifels		Suzanne I		FNG
1977	Jonny Leslie	ENG	CHANDALOLDHEA	-		Davide Bianchetti	ITA	Annelize N		NED
1978	Jonny Leslie	ENG		1	2005	Shahier Razik		Dom Llove	1000000000	100
1979	Frank Donnelly	AUS		COURS	2006	Omar Abdel Aziz		Lauren Br		FNG
1980	Dean Williams	AUS	Marihoro	1	2007	Stephen Coppinger		Margriet H		NED
1981	Magdi Saad	EGY			2008	Shaun Le Roux	RSA	Sarah Kip	pax	ENG
	Peter Verow	ENG	Martine Le Moignan	ENG	2009	Nicolas Muller	SUI	Camille S		FRA
1983	Dean Williams	AUS	Vicki Cardwell	AUS	2010	Dylan Bennett	NED	Gaby Sch	mohl	SUI
1984	Kelvin Smith	AUS	Heather Wallace	SCO	2011	Kashif Shuja	NZL	Yathreb A	del	EGY
1985	Dale Styner	CAN	Susan Devov	NZL		Karim Ali Fathi	EGY	Emily Whi	tlock	ENG
1986	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Alison Cumings	ENG	2013	Lucas Serme	FRA	Miriam Me	etwally	EGY
1987	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Lisa Opie	ENG	2014	Not played		Not played		
1988	Jason Nicolle	ENG	Lucy Soutter	ENG	2015	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played	i	
1989	Anthony Hill	AUS	Not played		2016	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played		
1990	David Poole	ENG	Alison Cumings	ENG	2017	Not played		Not played		
1991	Tony Hands	ENG	Cassie Jackman	ENG	2018	Youssef Ibrahim	EGY	Not played		
1992	Paul Lord	ENG	Hugoline Van Hoom	NED	2019	Dimitri Steinmann	SUI	Not played		
1993	David Campion	ENG	Linda Charman	ENG	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played		
1994	Nick Taylor	ENG	Carol Owens	AUS	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Mer	lo	SUI
1995	Stefan Leifels	GER	Linda Charman	ENG	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Mall	iff	ENG
1996	Marcus Berrett	ENG	Sarah Cook	NZL	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played		
1997	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Kate Major	AUS	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Mer	to	SUI
1998	Paul Gregory	ENG	Leilani Joyce	NZL	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Mall	iff	ENG
1999	Scott Handley	ENG	Rachael Grinham	AUS	2023	Yannick Wilhelmi	SUI	Amina El I	Rihany	EGY
2000	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Jenny Tranfield	ENG						











The first Pakistan Amateur Championship, organised by the newly-formed Pakistan SRA, was played this week 70 years ago in 1954 at the Karachi Gymkhana Club (pic), and attracted an entry of twenty-three players. Pakistan Squash Federation



The results:

Quarter finals: Brigadier J. A. Faruqi b D. M. Dastur 9-0 9-0 9-0. Sir G. B. Constantine b Nasim Ahmad 9-6 10-8 3-9 1-9 9-2. A. J. Quraishi b H. D. Habib 9-2 9-1 9-0. Moneer Ahmad b P/O T Mohsin 9-4 9-5 9-10 9-5. Semi-Finals:

Faruqi b Constantine 9-7 9-6 9-5. Quraishi b Moneer Ahmad 9-5 9-0 9-2.

Quraishi b Faruqi 9-2 10-8 9-5.

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The Windy City Open being played this week in Chicago started as a hardball event and was won no less than 12 times by Mark Talbott, legend of that variation. Having moved to the international game, most recently it has become biennial, alternating with the World Championship in the city. Windy City Open Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH

WINDY CITY OPEN WINNERS Winner Winner Stephen Meads (ENG) 2023 Not played 2022 Paul Coll (NZL) 1998 Marcus Berrett (ENG) 2021 Not played 1997 Martin Heath (SCO) 2020 Ali Farag (EGY) 1996 Paul Johnson (ENG) 2019 Mark Chaloner (ENG) Not played 1995 2018 Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY) Gary Waite (CAN) 1994 2017 Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 1993 Mark Talbott (USA) 2016 Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY) 1992 Mark Talbott (USA) 2015 Nick Matthew (ENG) 1991 Mark Talbott (USA) 2014 Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 1990 Mark Talbott (USA) 2013 Borja Golan (ESP) 1989 Mark Talbott (USA) 2012 Saurav Ghosal (IND) 1988 Mark Talbott (USA) 2011 Oliver Pett (ENG) 1987 Mark Talbott (USA) 2010 Not played 1986 Mark Talbott (USA) 2009 Not played 1985 Mark Talbott (USA) 2008 Not played 1984 Mark Talbott (USA) 2007 Amr Shabana (EGY) 1983 Mark Talbott (USA) 2006 David Palmer (AUS) 1982 Mark Talbott (USA) 2005 John White (SCO) 2004 Nick Matthew (ENG) 2003 Paul Price (AUS)

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Nick Taylor (ENG) 2001 Thierry Lincou (FRA) 2000 Clive Leach (ENG)

2002

The first New Zealand Men's Championship was played at the Christchurch Club in 1932 – ten players (pic) competed. For anybody still awaiting the final result: Geoffrey Kingscote (2nd right, front) bt Peter Hall 9-5 9-7 9-5. Kingscote was not only the first national champion but the first President of NZ squash too. Squash New Zealand Poipätű Aotearoa





Sixty five years ago in 1959 Scottish Men beat Egypt 3-2 in Edinburgh. While Ibrahim Amin beat Mike Oddy in the next British Amateur winners match, Oliver Balfour (right) caused a major upset beating Tewfik Shafik (left). A result unlikely to be replicated currently.

Mike Oddy It Ibrahim Amin 9-1 9-7 5-9 5-9 3-9; Oliver Balfour bt Tewfik Shafik 9-1 9-7 9-4; George Chisholm bt S. Hamid 9-5 9-7 9-7; D. Shaw It A. Halfawy 9-3 9-5 3-9 2-9 6-9. W. H. Matheson bt G. El Dib 9-5 9-1, 6-9 6-9 9-6.

Scottish Squashالاتحاد المصري للإسكواش -







40 years ago in 1984 in the largest single sponsorship deal in the history of British squash, American Express put up £100,000 to back a pyramid framework linking the existing SRA league network with a new national Premier League.

The structure consisted of three distinct but interconnected tiers. At the base 39 county leagues which attracted some 50,000 players throughout the country. The leading club from the top division of each was eligible to enter the American Express National Challenge. At the top was the creation of the Premier League in which the country's top ten teams competed during the season, featuring all the top national men along with overseas stars **England Squash**





Manchester Northern (back row) beat off a Cannons challenge to win the inaugural Premier League. (Back: David Pearson, Robert Forde, Adrian Davies, Willie Hosey, Geoff Williams. Front: Nigel Stiles, Ross Norman, Jamie Hickox, Martin Bodimeade, Danny Lee).



60 years ago today (12 Feb 1964) an Australian women's group who had come to UK to play the British Open played an sanctioned unofficial test against a British Team, winning 3/2 at the Lansdowne Club in London. (All five matches were played on the famous Bruce Court). This was the first women's match between the two nations.

The visiting number one was Heather Blundell (McKay) who had already won the British Open title twice, pitted against Fran Marshall who had won in 1961 before McKay started her extraordinary run of 16. Marshall had been her opponent in the two finals and had amassed a number of points in her 3/0 defeats, but here could only muster one in 15 minutes of play.

Australia beat Great Britain 3-2

Heather Blundell beat Fran Marshall 9-1 9-0 9-0

Jenny Irving lost Sheila Macintosh 2-9 9-7 3-9 9-2 2-9, Pat McClenaughan beat Anna Craven-Smith 10-9 7-9 5-9 10-8 10-8

Barbara Baxter lost Mary Muncaster 5-9 9-6 9-2 2-9 6-9. Helen Plaisted beat Pauline White 10-8 4-9 4-9 9-5 9-5.

England SquashSquash Australia



Back row (LtoR): Pauline White, Sheila Macintosh, Janet Bisley (Morgan), Mary Muncaster Fran Marshall, Anna Craven-Smith. Front row (LtoR)t: Jenny Irving, Helen Plaisted, Pat McClenaughan, Barbara Baxter, Heather Blundell (McKay)

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The men's Pittsburgh Open being played this week began in 1993 with two wins for Canadian Jamie Crombie (pic). Here is the Library list of finalists. Full results are at www.squashinfo.com. Squash - PSA World Tour

RGH OPEN SOUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN'

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1993	Jamie Crombie (CAN)	Sabir Butt (CAN)
1994	Jamie Crombie (CAN)	Chris Clare (ENG)
1995	Jonathon Power (CAN)	Byron Davis (AUS)
1996	Craig Rowland (AUS)	Rodney Durbach (RSA)
1997	Juha Raumolin (FIN)	Tim Garner (ENG)
1998	Juha Raumolin (FIN)	Billy Haddrell (AUS)
1999	Paul Price (AUS)	David Palmer (AUS)
2000	Not played	
2001	Lee Beachill (ENG)	Olli Tuominen (FIN)
2002	Thierry Lincou (FRA)	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)
	Not played	
2009	Joel Hinds (ENG)	Bernardo Samper (COL)
2010	Shawn Delierre (CAN)	Stephane Galifi (ITA)
2011	Alister Walker (BOT)	Adrian Grant (ENG)
2012	Not played	
2013	Not played	
2014	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Alister Walker (BOT)
2015	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Alan Clyne (SCO)
2016	Not played	
2017	Zahed Mohamed (EGY)	Ivan Yuen (MAS)
2018	Max Lee (HKG)	Ben Coleman (ENG)
2019	Gregoire Marche (FRA)	Zahed Salem (EGY)
2020	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Saurav Ghosal (IND)
2021	Not played	
2022		j
2023	Diego Elias (PER)	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY





When aged 32, Heather McKay chose this month 50 years ago (1974) to turn professional. The Australian explained why, saying 'One of the main reasons for turning pro was that the British tournaments and especially the British Women's Championship, have become open events. I've done everything I've wanted to in squash. I've broken records [of championship wins] in Australia and Britain, and I wanted to put something back into the game. I can do more of this as a professional.' Squash Australia





After Jonah Barrington turned pro in February 1969 his stellar amateur career was recognised by the award of an MBE in the British Queen's Birthday Honours List in July of that year. British world champions Martine Le Moignan, Peter Nicol, Cassie Jackman, Nick Matthew (OBE) and Laura Massaro have been honoured too.

Earlier, 1938 British Open champion Jim Dear had received an MBE too, for combined services to tennis, rackets and squash, as did ten times British Open champion Janet Morgan (Shardlow) and overseas stars such as Heather McKay.









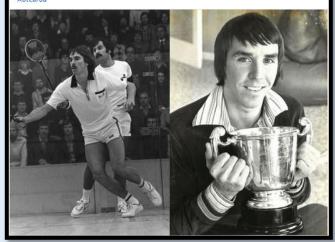




The first New Zealander to reach the top ten of the men's World Rankings was Bruce Brownlee. Coming from a squash playing family, he had swept the board in NZ Junior Champs before he beat Jonny Leslie 3-1 to win the British Amateur in December 1976 (pic). A year later he had turned pro, and a few months later and with a number of wins, including beating Mobibullah Khan, he reached a high of number six in the world.

Mohibullah Khan, he reached a high of number six in the world.

However, he was battling with a severe hip injury termed bilateral osteoarthritis – essentially a round ball in an egg-shaped socket. His arduous training regime had exaggerated the issue, so, in a short career that did also include representing his country in three World Team Championships, he was forced to retire at the age of 26. Squash New Zealand Poipātū



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Carol Weymuller, the name in the title of the event taking place currently at the Heights Casino in Brooklyn, New York was the squash and tennis pro at the club, as well as being US team captain twice. She and husband Fred started the first junior programme in New York; and were both inducted into the US SQUASH Hall of Fame in 2008. Carol Weymuller OpenUS SQUASH





The Carol Weymuller Women's Open now taking place at Heights Casino in New York began in 1975; beginning as a hardball event until switching to softball in 1993. Here is the Library list of past winners: Carol Weymuller OpenSquash - PSA World Tour

	Winner			Winner
	84 0		Hardba	all years
2023	Gina Kennedy (ENG)		1992	Demer Holleran
2022	Rowan Elaraby (EGY)		1991	Demer Holleran
2020	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		1990	Ellie Pierce
2018	Nour El Tayeb (EGY)		1989	Karen Kelso
2017	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1988	Not played
2016	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1987	Karen Kelso
2015	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1986	Alicia McConnell
2014	Alison Waters (ENG)		1985	Alicia McConnell
2013	Nicol David (MAS)		1984	Alicia McConnell
2012	Laura Massaro (ENG)		1983	Alicia McConnell
2011	Raneem El Welily (EGY)		1982	Alicia McConnell
2010	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)		1981	Alicia McConnell
2009	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)		1980	Alicia McConnell
2008	Natalie Grainger		1979	Virginia Akabane
2007	Natalie Grainger		1978	Barbara Maltby
2006	Rachael Grinham (AUS)		1977	Barbara Maltby
2005	Nicol David (MAS)		1976	Barbara Maltby
2004	Natalie Grainger		1975	Barbara Maltby
2003	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	И	Vinners L	JSA unless stated
2002	Carol Owens (NZL)		delayed	until January 2002
2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)*			
2000	Leilani Joyce (NZL)			
1999	Michelle Martin (AUS)			
1998	Michelle Martin (AUS)			
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)			
	Cassie Jackman (ENG)		Sause	sh Info
1995	Michelle Martin (AUS)		Jquas	LIBRAR
1994	Cassie Jackman (ENG)			
1993	Fiona Geaves (ENG)		THE SQ	UASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUB



Federico Usandizaga was the first South American male to make a real mark internationally. The Argentinean won gold at the first Pan American Championships in 1991 (and again in 93/96/97). Details at www.squashlibrary.info/asian-panam-events. He also as a bronze medallist when squash debuted in the PanAm Games in 1995 and again in 1999. He reached number 18 in the PSA rankings. Asociación Argentina de Squash Rackets Federacion Panamericana de Squash





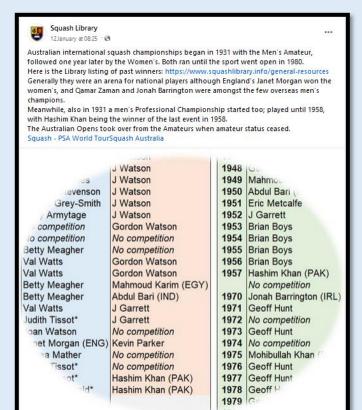
Seven years ago this month Australian Natalie Grinham played her last match at the 2017 Tournament of Champions. This after a career that included a record three gold medals at a single Commonwealth Games (Melbourne 2006, pic), and reaching four World Open finals, losing in 2004 to Vanessa Atkinson (NED), Nicol David (MAS) in 2006 & 2009, and her sister Rachael in 2007. Squash - PSA World TourTournament of Champions









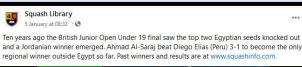




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Susan Devoy, the most successful squash player ever from New Zealand, celebrates her 60th birthday today (4 han 24). Here are some of her major achievements. Happy birthday to the Kiwi legend. Squash - PSA World TourSquash New Zealand Poipātů Actearoa



- Won 4 World Open and 8 British Open titles (between 1984 & 1992)
- Became the youngest Women's
 World No1 in April 1984 and went on
 to top the rankings for all but two
 months until retiring in February 1993
 (105 months in all)
- Represented New Zealand in 7 Women's World Team Championships between 1981 & 1992 – and led the country to its only two appearances in the final (in 1985 & 1992)
- Won 10 NZ National titles
- Was knighted and so became Dame Susan Devoy in 1998

Photo courtesy Steve Line













Jahangir Khan celebrates his 60th birthday today. Born 10 Dec 1963, the Pakistani player included six World Open and ten British Open titles amongst his array of achievements. He also spent 94 months as world number one, and was unbeaten for 5yr 7 months from April 1981 until October 1986. He also went on to become President of the WSF. Happy birthday legend!

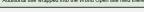






This week's New Zealand Open returned last year after a three decade gap (except for a women's edition in 2009). There were some illustrious names amongst the earlier finalists as can be seen here, with full results at www.squashinfo.com. Squash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaSquash - PSA World Tour

DATE	MEN'S WINNER	MEN'S RUNNER-UP	WOMEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S RUNNER UP
2022	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Joelle King (NZL)	Tesni Evans (WAL)
2009	Not played		Natalie Grinham (NED)	Natalie Grainger (USA)
1993	Paul Steel (NZL)	Simon Baker (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1992	Hansi Wiens (GER)	Austin Adarraga (ESP)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1991	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Robyn Lambourne (AUS)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1990	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Martine Le Moignan (ENG
1989	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1988	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1987	Rodney Martin (AUS)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Susan Devoy (NZL)**	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1986	Ross Norman (NZL)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1985	Ross Norman (NZL)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)
1984	Ross Norman (NZL)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1983	Jahangir Khan (PAK)**	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Robyn Blackwood (NZL)	Joanne Williams (NZL)
1982	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Gamal Awad (EGY)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)	Rhonda Thome (AUS)
1981	Kevin Shawcross (AUS)	Stuart Davenport (NZL)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)	Robyn Blackwood (NZL)
1980	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Jenny Webster (NZL)	Annette Owen (NZL)
1979	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Jayne Ashton (ENG)	Annette Owen (NZL)
1978	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Magsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lyle Hubinger (AUS)	Barbara Wall (AUS)
1977	Cam Nancarrow (AUS)	Roland Watson (RSA)	Not played	The state of the s
1976	Bruce Brownlee (NZL)	Howard Broun (NZL)	Pam Buckingham (NZL)	Jenny Webster (NZL)

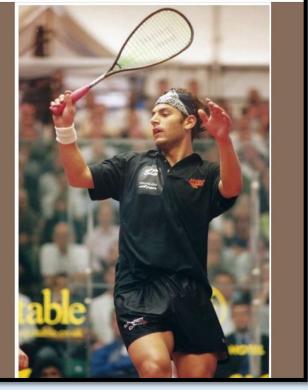








When Ahmed Barada beat countryman Omar Elborolossy in the final of the 1994 World Junior Championship he not only became the first Egyptian winner of the title, but became the first of the new wave of Egyptian players that has continued unabated. His greatest successes came in his home country such as winning the 1998 Al Ahram event, but he did reach number two in the world rankings in December 1998. He retired in August 2001, World Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation... See more

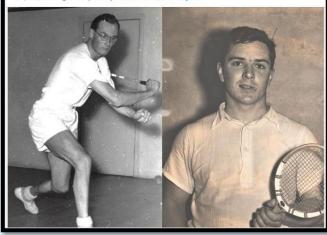






England had played Scotland before and Ireland shortly after WW2, but their first match against Wales was played at Cardiff Squash Club on this day - 29th November - in 1951. England were unbeaten in international matches and won this match 5-0.

Brian Phillips (England) (captain, left) bt Lawrence Verney (Wales, right) (captain) 4-9, 10-8, 9-3, 9-7; Alan Seymour-Haydon bt D. E. Williams 9-4, 3-9, 9-2; Geoffrey Atkins bt D. O. Bartlett 9-2, 9-7, 9-4; Alan Fairbairn bt D. H. Andrews 9-7, 9-0, 9-3; Colin Haycraft bt G. E. Needham 7-9, 9-3, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3. England SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymru





At the Hong Kong Open ten years ago Nicol David equalled Sarah Fitz-Gerald's record of 90 tour finals. She won the event and raised her own career total to 81 titles from 102 finals, according to www.squashinfo.com data. Squash - PSA World TourHong Kong Squash Nicol David



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This week, thirty years ago, over two and a half years after his last British Open win, Jahangir Khan returned after injury and seeming retirement to reach the 1993 World Open final. He lost to Jansher Khan, but the following day they joined up to spearhead Pakistan beating Australia in the final to win their sixth World Team title – on his home turf of Karachi. He then officially retired. Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash FederationPakistan Squash Federation



The winning Pakistan squad (LtoR): Jahangir Khan, Jansher Khan, Zarak Jahan Khan, Mir Zaman Gul.



www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources is a profile of him that appeared in 1949. Egyptian

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Sunday Times 1949



Mahmoud Karim



70 years ago the first Indian national championships were held by the newly-formed SRA. of India at the Cricket Club of India, Bombay, from 14th to 22nd November 1953. The results: Squash Rackets Federation of India



Men's:

Semi-Finals: Rajkumar Narpat Singh (Jodhpur) b Mahinder Singh (Calcutta) 9-6 9-7 9-2. Colonel N. S. Bhagat (Indian Army) b Narpat Singh (Idar) 8-10 10-8 9-3 10-8. Final: Rajkumar Narpat Singh b Bhagat 9-2 9-4 9-4.

Women's: Semi-Finals:

Miss Tehmi Vakeel b Miss Kumud Apte 9-4 10-9 2-9 5-9 10-8.

Mrs. L. Riggall (England) b Mrs. Leela Uttamsingh 9-0 9-2 9-1. Final: Mrs. Riggall b Miss Vakeel 9-3 9-1 9-0.

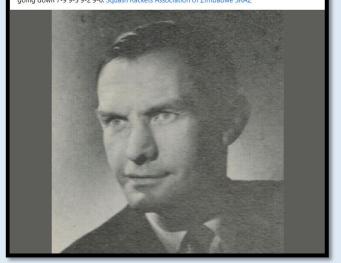
Junior Championship: Final: M. H. Chinoy b Pratap Lulla

9-6 5-9 10-9 9-7. Professional:

Final: Jamal Din (C.C.I., Bombay) b D. L. Shinde (Poona) 9-4 10-8 9-3.



The first Rhodesia Open (the country is now called Zimbabwe), took place in July 1957 at the Nkana Squash Club in the city of Kitwe. Featuring players from South Africa, Kenya the final was won by 2nd seed Bill Addison (pic) (KEN), beating 3rd seed Mike Timm (RSA), the Cape Towner going down 7-9 9-3 9-2 9-6. Squash Rackets Association of Zimbabwe SRAZ





Going into this weeks' Singapore Open here is the Squash Library list of past winners and runners up. It features so many great star winners, but surprisingly Jahangir Khan only reached the final once, in 1988, where he lost to Jansher Khan. Squash - PSA World Tour

	Men's Winner	Men's Runner-Up	Women's Winner	Women's Runner-Up
2022	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Diego Elias (PER)	Joelle King (NZL)	Nour El Tayeb (EGY)
2019	Elvinn Keo (MAS)	Seung-Taek Lee (KOR)	Wen Li Lai (MAS)	Jemyca Aribado (PHI)
2018		F 1000	Low Wee Wern (MAS)	Ka Yi Lee (HKG)
2017	Ramit Tandon (IND)	James Huang (TPE)		
2016	Tang Ming Hong (HKG)	Elvinn Keo (MAS)		
2015	Ong Beng Hee (MAS)	Valentino Bong (MAS)	Delia Arnold (MAS)	Rachel Arnold (MAS)
2004		4	Rebecca Chiu (HKG)	Sharon Wee (MAS)
2002	1		Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Tania Balley (ENG)
2001	1		Shelley Kitchen (NZL)	Annelize Naude (RSA)
2000	1		Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Claire Nitch (RSA)
1999	1		Michelle Martin (AUS)	Leilani Joyce (NZL)
1998	Paul Price (AUS)	Omar Elborolossy (EGY)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
1997	Martin Heath (SCO)	Billy Haddrell (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1996	Martin Heath (SCO)	Zubair Jahan Khan (PAK)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1995	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Mark Chaloner (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
1994	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Suzanne Homer (ENG)
1993	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Anthony Hill (AUS)	Suzanne Horner (ENG)	Sue Wright (ENG)
1992	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Brett Martin (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sue Wright (ENG)
1991	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Martine le Moignan (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1990	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1989	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1988	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Martine le Moignan (ENG
1987	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Martine le Moignan (ENG)	Alison Cumings (ENG)
1886	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Robyn Friday (AUS)
	Philip Kenyon (ENG)	Magsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)
1984	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Magsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)	Barbara Hartman (SUI)
1983	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Magsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)	Chia Chew Lan (SIN)
1982	Ali Aziz (EGY)	Mo Asran (EGY)	Julieanne Harris (AUS)	Sue Paton (SIN)
1981	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Rukhsana Rashid (PAK)
1980	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Tracy Oh (SIN)
1979	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Tracy Oh (SIN)
1977	Rahim Gul (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
	Magsood Ahmed (PAK)	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Helen Cooper (HKG)	Helen Chinchen (SIN)
	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Bette King (SIN)	Gayle Donovan (MAS)
1973	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Muriel Hocking (SIN)	Jeannie McColl (SCO)
	Barry Thomson (SIN)	Tan Eng Han (SIN)	Muriel Hocking (SIN)	Helen Chinchen (SIN)
1971	Malcolm Simons (SIN)	Ron Jacques (AUS)		
1970	Malcolm Simons (SIN)	Fred Howell (MAS)		







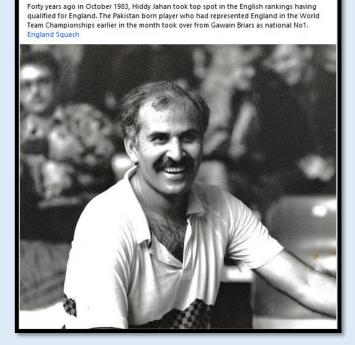
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Scores:

An Australian team visited Denmark in 1965, their first international match against the country

Cam Nancarrow (A) b Peter Gerlow 0-9, 9-6, 4-9, 9-3, 10-8; Dick Carter (A) b J. Philips 9-1, 9-7, 9-5; Ken Hiscoe (A) b Nils Middelboe 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; Geoff Hunt (A) b P. Rodtger 9-1, 9-3, 9-1.









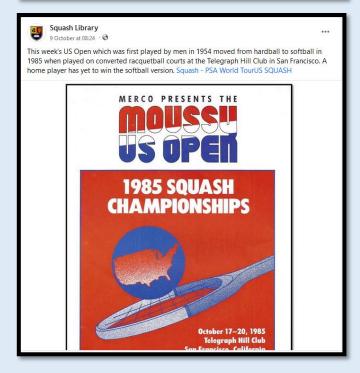


Frank Strawson died on a Queen's Club squash court 70 years ago in 1953, aged 60. Strawson (pictured) was a British international who was a great promoter of the sport, and himself learned to play left-handed after being wounded in WW1.

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Tonight Queen's Club in London sees the 70th anniversary of the Strawson Match, started in the year of his death, and played every year since except for Covid years. Here are the match details from the first match in 1953, featuring top players of the time playing for the SRA or Jesters Club. From then until now all the results were recorded in the Strawson book, and signed by the participating players.







25 years ago in 1998, Paul Johnson, then aged 26, and now a regular SquashTV commentator, jumped two places in the England rankings, leaping above Simon Parke, to reach the top spot for the first time - as well as getting to 4th place in the world rankings.



In 1967, the year that the world federation was formed, New Zealand was looking to develop the sport there by bringing in overseas players. That year a Great Britain Team led by Jonah Barrington arrived to play matches against invitation teams, that for the first two included Australian Geoff Hunt guesting. Barrington and Hunt ended up all-square. Squash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa England Squash



Pictured: L to R Jonah Barrington, Peter Stokes, Paul Millman (Mike Corby not present)

The results: GB bt Christchurch Invitation 3-1

Barrington It Hunt 2 – 3 Corby bt J. Isaacs 3 - 1 Stokes bt G. Davidson 3 – 0 Millman bt G. Bird 3 – 0

GB bt Timaru 4-0

Barrington bt Hunt 3 – 2 Stokes beat G. Bird 3 – 0 Millman beat B. Rippon 3 – 1 Corby bt G. Davidson 3 – 1

GB bt Wellington 4-0 Barrington bt J. Isaacs 3 - 0

Corby bt R. N. Hawkes 3 - 0 Stokes bt K. Green 3 - 0. Millman bt B. Christie 3 - 0 GB bt Central Districts 2-1 Barrington It T. Johnston 2 - 3 Stokes beat D. Burmeister 3 - 2 Millman beat G. Haddon 3 - 1





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After 46 wins against home countries, Denmark, Netherlands and South Africa, England suffered its first ever defeat on 31 December 1962 when beaten 4-1 by Australia at the RAC, London.

The scores

Jeremy Lyon It Ken Hiscoe 3-1, Richard Boddington bt Owen Parmenter 3-2, Tony Gathercole It Dick Carter 3-0, John Skinner It Ken Binns 3-1, Terry Pickering It Doug Stephenson 3-0. L to R: back: Ken Binns & Ken Hiscoe; middle: Dick Carter & Doug Stephenson; front: Owen Parmenter & John Cheadle. England SquashSquash AustraliaSquash South AfricaSquash Bond NederlandDansk Squash Forbund

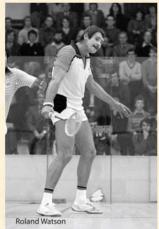








Roland Watson was ranked in the World Top 20 (indeed as high as six in 1978) but it took nearly 40 years before the next South African breached the men's top 20. Stephen Coppinger did so ten years ago in 2013, and reached a career high of 14 three times during 2015, according to www.squashinfo.com data. Squash - PSA World TourSquash South Africa

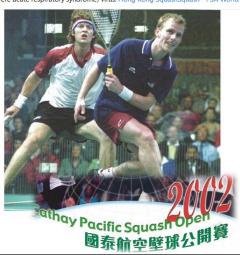




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Peter Nicol couldn't defend his 2002 Hong Kong Open title (where he beat Jonathon Power in the final) as 20 years ago in August 2003. The event was cancelled as the area was in the grip of the SARS (Severe acute respiratory syndrome) virus. Hong Kong SquashSquash - PSA World Tour





Nicol David celebrates her 40th birthday today.

After winning two World Juniors and her first Tour title, the Finnish Open when aged 16, the Malaysian's stellar career included winning the World Championship 8 times. She was also world number 1 for a record 109-month unbroken run; and in October 2018 she ended a record 14 year, 9 month (177 months) unbroken run in the world top 20. Happy birthday, superstar! Nicol DavidSquash - PSA World Tour Squash Racquets Association of





The American women's team had won the trans-Atlantic challenge – the Wolfe Noel Cup - 3-2 on the home ground of the Harvard Club, Boston in 1935, but when they travelled to the Lansdowne Club in London in 1936 to play softball on international size courts Great Britain prevailed 5-0.

In 1937 the Great Britain team travelled to the Junior League Club in New York, and again lost 3-2, before the US team completed the symmetry by again losing 5-0 at the Queens Club in London before WW2 intervened.

The full Library history of the Wolfe Noel Cup is at www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noelchallenge-cup.

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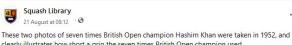
The pictured US 1936 team: L to R: Betty Dunn, E Drury, Agnes Lamme, Anne Page, Cecile Bowes. Sitting: Eleanor Sears, the captain, with the Wolfe Noel Cup.

The 1937 Great Britain team: L to R: Betty Cook, Ann Alexander, Eliza Wolfe (captain), Anne Lytton-Milbanke, Helena Barrett, Sheila McKechnie.



Six wins from nine finals of the British Under 19 Open (The Drysdale Cup), these five met up this week at the RAC, with the cup in front and the honours board behind. They are (LtoR): lain Nicholson - finalist 1972, Bryan Patterson - winner 1964, Peter Verow - winner 1970 & 72, Josing finalist 1971, Chris Orriss - winner 1966, Stuart Courtney - losing finalist 1966, winner 1967 & 68





clearly illustrates how short a grip the seven times British Open champion used.







30 years ago the English Men's National Championship in 1993 (English only rather than British that year), was severely impacted by a stand-off with top players who would not play if the event continued to be designated as a required event for national ranking and eligibility for national team selection, and prize money not increased.

Phil Whitlock, supported by Peter Marshall, negotiated a compromise with the SRA for that year whereby the conditions were removed, and would only be reinstated if the prize money reached a threshold in future years. But the players rejected this, and seventeen players, including Del Harris, Chris Walker, Simon Parke, Jason Nicolle and Marshall didn't play. Whitlock broke ranks with the rest and did so, beating Mark Allen in the final. England Squash





Coincidentally, two players who each won the British Nationals four times celebrate 'big' birthdays today. James Willstrop who turns 40 ended a run of 24 successive appearances in the Men's British Championship last year (1999 – 2022). Meanwhile, Lisa Opie is 60 today, the Guernsey player not only took four Nationals titles, but a British Open crown in 1991 too. Go to www.squashinfo.com for the full British Nationals winners and results history. England SquashJames Willstrop









30 years ago for the two months of July & August 1993, Australian Chris Dittmar overtook Jansher Khan to become world number one. It was controversial as the Pakistani player had beaten Dittmar on all six times they had met during the year, but Khan receiving three zero points for late withdrawals caused his ranking to dip.
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25 years ago in 1998 Susan Devoy was awarded a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, having already received an MBE in 1995 and a CBE in 1993. The four times World Open champion and eight times British Open was the youngest New Zealander since Sir Edmund Hillary to receive such a high accolade from the late Queen.

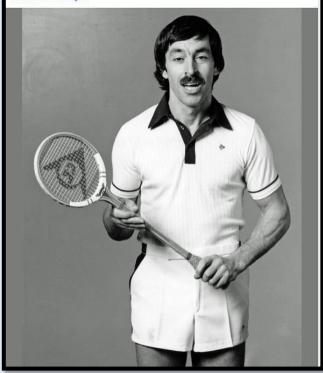
Dame Susan, currently a WSF Vice-President, is pictured at her last World Open win in 1992.

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Straight after the World Amateur Final in February 1969 which he lost to Geoff Hunt, Jonah Barrington (who had already won two of his six British Open titles) announced that he was turning professional, beginning with a series of exhibition matches and coaching in South Africa. Jonah Barrington





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This weekend the 25th playing of the Hunt Hiscoe golf trophy took place at the Vintage Golf Club, Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia. The photo features so many of Australia's top squash men as well as legends Ken Hiscoe and Geoff Hunt; including Chris Dittmar, Rodney Martin, Ross Thorne and Ricki Hill. Full left to right, anybody?

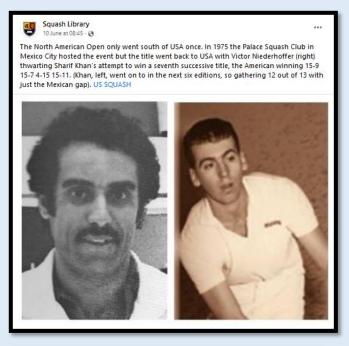


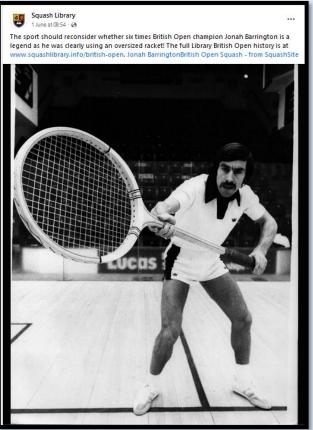




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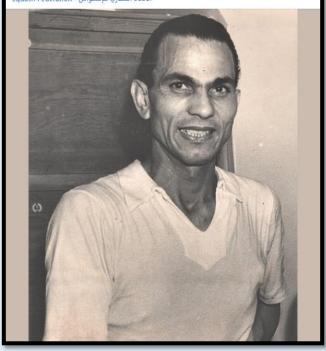






When Egyptian star Mahmoud Karim toured Australia in 1949 the Herald Newspaper in Melbourne report included this about combining squash and tennis, which he also played. 'He explained that he finds the squash touch so much lighter and different to tennis that his squash accuracy is upset if he mixes the two games'.

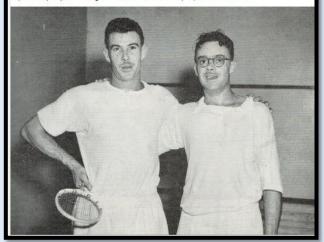
The report added about the four times British Open champion (1947-50): "He has not been beaten in a competitive game since 1934, the year he won the Egyptian championship for the first time. That was only a year after he first played the game. He played Amr Bey, who was prewar champion, many times in non-competitive games, and beat him consistently." Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





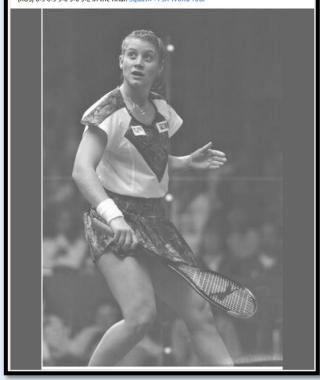
For the first time in its history the South African men's championship 1951 was played away from Johannesburg. It was played in Cape Town, at the Olympic Sports Club. The holder, Brian Callaghan of Transvaal, retained his title beating the Western Province champion David

Hodgson in the final. Score: B. Callaghan bt Hodgson, 9-5, 9-1, 9-6. (Pic: Brian, left, with losing semi-finalist brother Denis). Squash South Africa





The Women's Dronfields 2023 taking place in Brussels this week is the first Tour event held in Belgium since the Cup Olympics in Antwerp in 1998, according to www.squashinfo.com data. That event 25 years ago was won by England's Sue Wright (pic) who beat Michelle Martin (AUS) 6-9 0-9 9-0 9-6 9-2 in the final. Squash - PSA World Tour





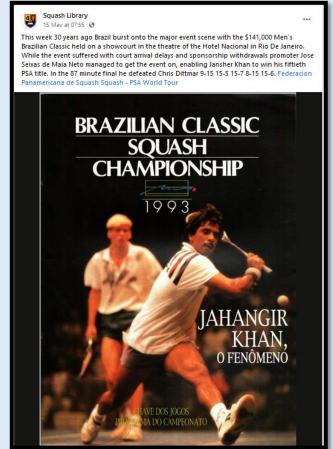
40 years ago, in May 1983 Ross Norman was in hospital having had a steel traction bar inserted through his fibula. This the result of his first parachute jump at Thraxton Airfield in Hampshire, England where he landed awkwardly and extensively damaged his left knee, including displacing the ligament under his kneecap.

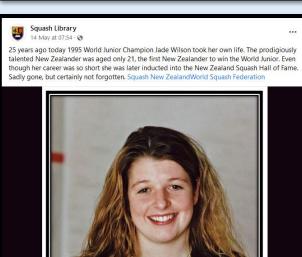
Not only was he able to fully recover, but on 11 November 1986 in Toulouse the New Zealander ended Jahangir Khan's 5y 7m unbeaten run to become World Open champion. guash New Zealand













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Following on from yesterday's photo of British Amateur winners taken in 1951, here is a much more recent one – taken this week! It features three British Under 19 Open winners taken with the Drysdale Cup on the gallery of the RAC Court 1, with the backdrop of their honours board. They are L to R: Chris Orriss (Eng,1966), Anil Nayar (India, 1965), Stuart Courtney (Eng, 1967 & 68).



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At the British Amateur Championships 1951, the four surviving champions were photographed together. They were L to R: Tom Jameson (1922/23), Dugald Macpherson 1924/28), F D Amr Bey (1931-33, 35-37, Egyptian Ambassador to UK), Jimmy Palmer-Tomkinson (1926). Three other past winners had perished in WW2.



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Ten years ago Sauray Ghosal became the first Indian male PSA top 20 player when he was ranked 18 in the February 2013 listing. He is currently placed at 19. Dipika Pallikal-Karthik holds the female accolade, having reached the top 20 before him in October 2011. (Historical rankings can be found at http://ww





In January 1993 the first Tour Finals took place at the Vitis Club, Zurich, Switzerland. The eight players competing were Jansher Khan, Chris Dittmar, Brett & Rodney Martin (playing each other), Peter Marshall, Tristan Nancarrow, Rodney Eyles and Chris Walker. The highlights are at www.youtube.com/@worldsquashlibrary7032/videos on the Library YouTube channel, with the Library event history at www.squashlibrary.info/post/world-tour-finals-1993-2022 and the results



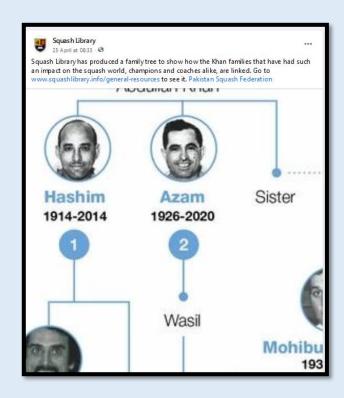
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25 years ago the February 1998 PSA World Rankings saw a Scot rise to top spot for the first time. During 1997 Peter Nicol had beaten Jansher Khan at the Al Ahram International in Cairo, the Kuwait Open and in the Mahindra Challenge, and so overtook him. During the period until October 2004 Nicol managed 60 months as number one (a period during which he changed his allegiance to England). England SquashScottish SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

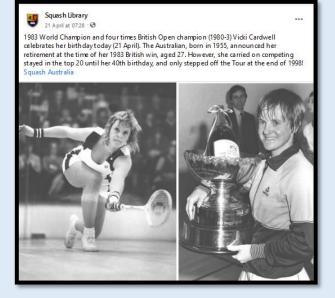


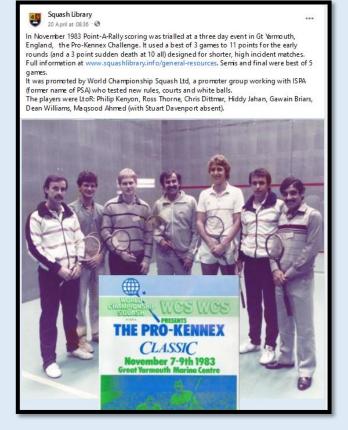




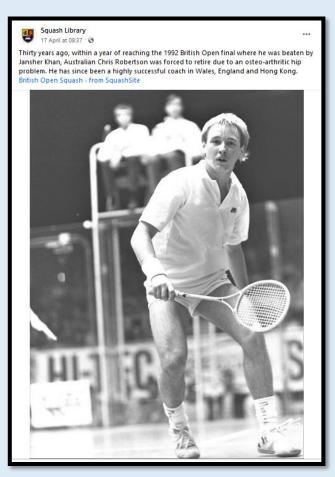














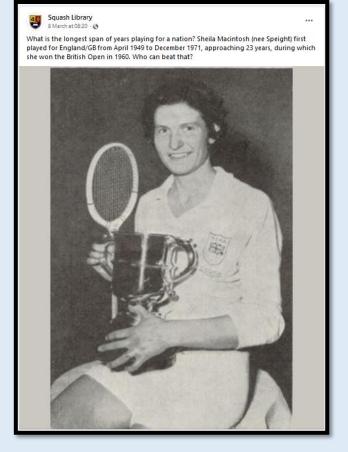


















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There have been 22 Men who have held top spot in the ISPA then PSA Men's World Tour rankings. Here they are, courtesy of www.squashinfo.com. Full details of the dates and period they were in top spot are at http://www.squashinfo.com/records (sub needed). Squash - PSA World TourSquash AustraliaSquash CanadaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري المحالي المحاليات المحاليات المحاليات المحاليات المحاليات المحاليات England Squash FSquash - Fédération Française de SquashSquash New ZealandPakistan Squash FederationScottish Squash

MEN'S WORLD NUMBER ONES

Name	Country	Career Total
Jansher Khan	PAK	8 years, 1 month
Jahangir Khan	PAK	7 years, 10 months
Peter Nicol	SCO/ENG	5 years, 0 months
Geoff Hunt	AUS	4 years, 11 months
Mohamed ElShorbagy	EGY	4 years, 2 months
Ali Farag	EGY	2 years, 9 months
Amr Shabana	EGY	2 years, 9 months
Qamar Zaman	PAK	2 years, 1 month
Ramy Ashour	EGY	1 year, 9 months
Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1 year, 8 months
Nick Matthew	ENG	1 year, 7 months
Thierry Lincou	FRA	1 year, 2 months
Jonathon Power	CAN	1 year, 2 months
James Willstrop	ENG	11 months
Karim Darwish	EGY	11 months
David Palmer	AUS	5 months
Lee Beachill	ENG	3 months
Paul Coll	NZL	3 months
John White	sco	2 months
Chris Dittmar	AUS	2 months
Mostafa Asal	EGY	1 month
Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	1 month

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Since World rankings began there have 16 Women who have reached the top spot. Here they are, courtesy of www.squashinfo.com. Full details of the dates and period they were in top spot is at http://www.squashinfo.com/records (sub needed). The Men's list tomorrow. Squash - PSA World TourSquash AustraliaEgyptian Squash Federation - تا المسكولين المسكولين المسكولين المسكولين المسكولين Racquets Association of MalaysiaSquash Bond NederlandSquash New ZealandUS SQUASH

WOMEN'S WORLD NUMBER ONES

Name	Country	Career Total		
Nicol David	MAS	9 years, 4 months		
Susan Devoy	NZL	8 years, 9 months		
Michelle Martin	AUS	4 years, 10 months		
Nour El Sherbini	EGY	4 years, 0 months		
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS	3 years, 4 months		
Raneem El Welily	EGY	1 year, 11 months		
Rachael Grinham	AUS	1 year, 4 months		
Cassie Jackman	ENG	1 year, 4 months		
Nouran Gohar	EGY	1 year, 3 months		
Vicki Cardwell	AUS	1 year, 0 months		
Carol Owens	NZL	11 months		
Leilani Rorani	NZL	11 months		
Vanessa Atkinson	NED	5 months		
Laura Massaro	ENG	4 months		
Lisa Opie	ENG	2 months		
Natalie Grainger	USA	1 month		

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These two new charts of the world men's and women's top 10s and 20s at www.squashilibrary.info/general-resources indicate how the fortunes of nations have ebbed and flowed. The entry point of countries such as France, the path of Egypt's rise and the overall decline of Australia, England and Pakistan for example as the spread of countries represented has increased. Go to www.squashinfo.com to see past PSA (and WISPA) rankings – get a subscription to view earlier ones at www.squashinfo.com/signup. Squash – PSA World Tour

TOP 10 R	ANKIN	GS			
	Janua	ry 1980*	Janua	ry 1990	Janua
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Australia	1	3	4	5	2
Canada					1
Colombia					
Egypt					1
England		5	1	3	2
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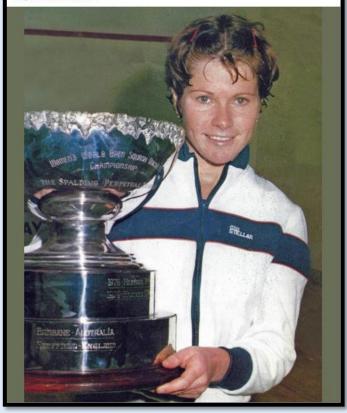
70 years ago in 1953 Roshan Khan won the Pakistan Professional Championship for the third time (adding a fourth in 1957, the year he won the British Open). Played at the Military Academy, Kaku, he beat Samiullah Khan of the Rawalpindi Club in the final. (There was a record entry of twelve amateurs and twenty professionals).

Semi-Finals: Samiullah Khan bt Nasrullah Khan 9-7 5-9 9-7 4-9 9-6. Roshan Khan bt Aziz Gul 9-5 9-3 9-4. Final: Roshan Khan bt Samiullah Khan 9-5 9-1 7-9 9-6. Pakistan Squash Federation





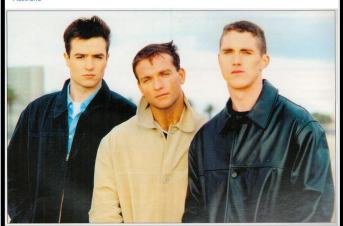
On 23 October 1981 at the Mayfair Parkway Club in Canada, Rhonda Thorne beat fellow Australian Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell) 8-10 9-4 9-5 7-9 9-7 in two minutes under two hours to win the Women's World Open title. She celebrates her 65th birthday today. Rhonda Thorne-Clayton Squash Australia





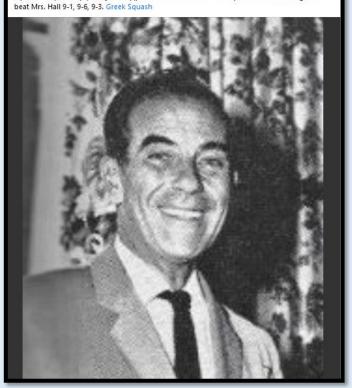
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25 years ago in 1998 Racquet Sports, an Australian publication featuring all racket sports, launched with a photo-shoot showing squash players away from the court. They were (Left to right): Paul Price (British Open R/U 2000, Rodney Eyles (World Champion 1997) and David Palmer (World Champion 2002 & 2006, British Open winner 2001,03,04,08), striking a pose. Squash Australia





70 years ago in 1953 squash was going through a difficult time in Greece owing to the import restrictions, one result of which was that rackets could not be purchased in shops. The National Championship was not held but the Greek Open Championship was won for the first time by a Greek player when Aris Vatimbella (pic) beat G. Louzy 9-5, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5. In the Ladies' Open Championship (the Xydis Cup), the Greek lawn tennis champion Miss Viki Georganta





The January 1988 rankings saw the transference of top spot from Jahangir Khan to Jansher Khan. Jahangir had occupied top spot for an unbroken six years, beginning in January 1982. Jansher overtook his Pakistani countryman on the back of nine wins from the last ten events played, including seven victories over Jahangir.

At that time Jahangir vowed to win number one back,and did so. During the following period up to April 1992 he had four further spells on top, bringing his overall months at number one to 68 (while Jansher managed 97 months between Jan 88 and Jan 98). Pakistan Sguash Federation Sguash - PSA World Tour

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FORENAMES	SURNAME		AVERAGE	RANK	COUNTRY
JANSHER	KHAN		643.706	1	PAKISTAN
JAHANGIR	KHAN		591.962	2	PAKISTAN
CHRIS	DITTMAR		507.273	3	AUSTRALIA
ROSS	NORMAN		408.827	4	NEW ZEALAND
RODNEY	MARTIN		343.225	5	AUSTRALIA
CHRIS	ROBERTSON		316.858	6	AUSTRALIA
ROSS	THORNE		187.923	7	AUSTRALIA
UMAR HAYAT	KHAN		187.454	8	PAKISTAN
TRISTAN	NANCARROW		179.250	9	AUSTRALIA
RICKI	HILL		174.233	10	AUSTRALIA
PHIL	KENYON		167.993	11	ENGLAND
QAMAR	ZAMAN		156.482	12	PAKISTAN
BRETT	MARTIN		153.920	13	AUSTRALIA
ZARAK JAHAN	KHAN		139.145	14	PAKISTAN
STUART	HAILSTONE		136.400	15	ENGLAND
GAWAIN	BRIARS		134.050	16	ENGLAND
NEIL	HARVEY		133.843	17	ENGLAND
ANDRES	WAHLSTEDT		132.931	18	SWEDEN
BRYAN	BEESON		131.900	19	ENGLAND
JAMIE	HICKOX		129.867	20	ENGLAND
GEOFF	WILLIAMS		125.867	21	ENGLAND
HIDDY	JAHAN		122.127	22	ENGLAND
MARTIN	BODIMEADE		121.842	23	ENGLAND
GLEN	BRUMBY		112.492	24	AUSTRALIA
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With his reaching world number 1, Mostafa Asal has become the seventh Egyptian player to reach top spot, following Amr Shabana who was the first from his nation in April 2006. Here is the list, taken from www.squashinfo.com data. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation Mostafa Asal الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

EGYPTIAN MEN AT WORLD NUMBER 1

	MONTHS*	FIRST	LAST
AMR SHABANA	33	Apr 2006	Dec 2008
KARIM DARWISH	11	Jan 2009	Dec 2009
RAMY ASHOUR	21	Jan 2010	Dec 2013
MOHAMED ELSHORBAGY (a)	50	Nov 2014	Aug 2021*
KARIM ABDEL GAWAD	1	May 2017	May 2017*
ALI FARAG	34^	May 2019	Jan 2023*
MOSTAFA ASAL	1^	Jan 2023	Jan 2023*

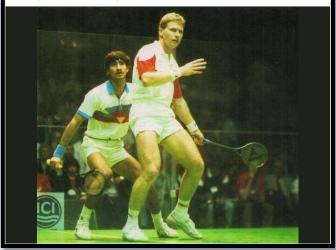
^ Not necessarily continuous. PSA Rankings moved from monthly to weekly on 29 August 2022 so after this date 'months' indicate weeks within the month, not necessarily the full month.



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Australian player Chris Dittmar celebrates his 59th birthday today (16 Jan). He had a superlative record, but playing during the Jahangir and Jansher Khan era of dominance he was thwarted by them in the World Open, reaching five finals without a win.

The left-hander from Adelaide did reach top spot in the World rankings for two months (July/August 1993) though, and was instrumental in Australia winning the World Team Championship in 1989, beating Jahangir Khan in the final. He and Australia retained the title in 1991. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Australia



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Six years ago this month (Jan 2017), Paul Coll climbed 13 places in the PSA Men's ranking to become the first New Zealander since 1986 World Champion Ross Norman to feature in the top 20. He was ranked 20 that month, on his way to reaching top spot in March 2022. Paul Coll So - PSA World TourSquash New Zealand

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1	1	Mohamed ElShorbag
2	2	Karim Abdel Gawad
3	3	Gregory Gaultier
4	4	Nick Matthew
5	5	Ramy Ashour
6	6	Marwan Elshorbagy
7	7	Ali Farag
8	11	Tarek Momen
9	8	Omar Mosaad
10	10	Simon Rösner
11	15	James Willstrop
12	14	Fares Dessouky
13	9	Mathieu Castagnet
14	13	Miguel Rodriguez
15	16	Daryl Selby
16	17	Borja Golan
17	18	Max Lee
18	12	Cameron Pilley
10	10	Pyan Cuskelly

Paul Coll





60 years ago this month Ken Hiscoe, seeded 4, became the first Australian to win the British Amateur when he beat 5th seed Egyptian Tewfik Shafik in the final 9-3 9-7 5-9 9-7 at London's Lansdowne Club in January 1963. He had travelled as a member of the Australian squad (L to R: Owen Parmenter, Doug Stephenson, Ken Binns, John Cheadle, Hiscoe, Dick Carter), In an interview with British Lawn Tennis & Squash magazine during the event he exploded the popular theory that the English play squash to keep fit while the Australians keep fit to play squash" Hiscoe said, "that theory is not really true. Most of our boys only play squash but occasionally we do a bit of running, say at the start of the season and in preparation for this tour." Squash





Squash Library 4 January at 08:25 · 🕙

50 years ago today (4.1.73), England's Jayne Ashton became the first player to win the British Junior Open Under 19 title four times (1973-6). She was followed by Egypt's Omneya Abdel Kawy (2001-4), and the only male four time Under 19 winner Del Harris (ENG, 1985-8). England لاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - hEgyptian Squash Federation



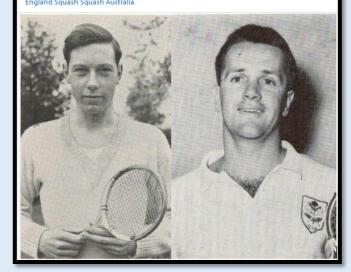
L to R: Ashton, Abdel Kawy, Harris

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60 years ago today (31 Dec 1962) England Men suffered their first ever defeat after 46 internationals, mostly against the 'home countries', with two against Denmark, and one each with Netherlands & South Africa. Australia were the 4 – 1 winners at the RAC Club in London. The results:

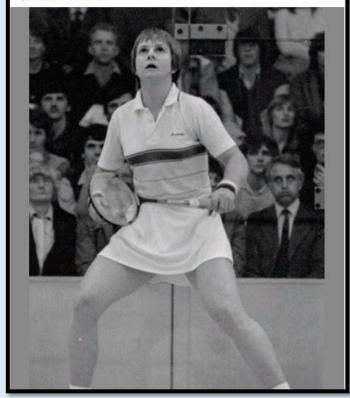
Jeremy Lyon (pic, L) Lt Ken Hiscoe (pic, R) 6-9, 9-5, 6-9, 7-9 Richard Boddington Bt Owen Parmenter 9-4, 4-9, 7-9, 10-8, 9-5 Tony Gathercole Lt Dick Carter 8-10, 6-9, 2-9 John Skinner Lt Ken Binns 10-8, 3-9, 8-10, 5-9 Terry Pickering Lt Doug Stephenson 3-9, 4-9, 9-10





After the US National Championships were played in Cincinnati, the first international event held in the city was the Charlie Johnson's Ohio Open 30 years ago in 1992.

Hosted in the city at the Cincinnati Sports Club and Queens City Racquets Club, the event saw 37 year old former World number 1 Vicki Cardwell (pictured) prevailing, the Australian beating US number 1 Demer Holleran 9-6 9-3 7-9 9-4. Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH Cincinnati Sports ClubVicki Cardwell





According to www.squashinfo.com data cache there are six members of squash's '500 Club' – winners of 500+ Tour matches. Here is the list, headed by France's Gregory Gaultier (pic). Squash - PSA World TourFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashSquash AustraliaSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaEngland Squash



587 Gregory Gaultier (FRA)

579 Nicol David (MAS)

526 Rachael Grinham (AUS)

518 Nick Matthew (ENG)

507 Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)

500 James Willstrop (ENG)









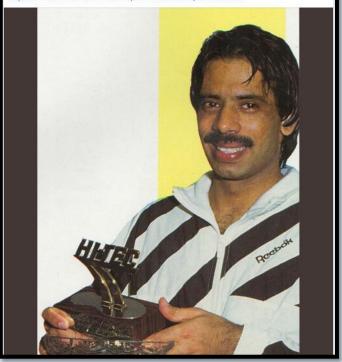
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A year after his tenth and last British Open title in 1991 (pic) Jahangir Khan, then aged 28, dropped out of the world top 20 rankings in November 1992. He had not been lower than two from 1980 until February 1991 when he fell to three following illness. See the top 50 at www.squashlibrary.info/features.

The Pakistani star regained top spot but back injuries during 1992 meant a fall from 5 to 26 in the November listing.

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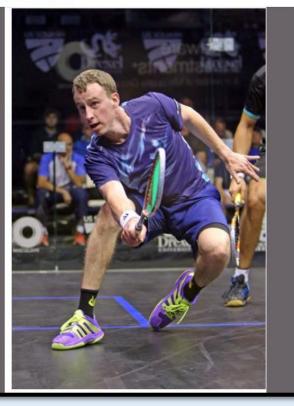


Aussie Rachael Grinham won the North Coast Open to become the first 45-year-old champion in Tour history! Squash - PSA World Tour Squash AustraliaRachael Grinham





According to the www.squashinfo.com data cache, competing in the Hong Kong Open this month, USA's Chris Gordon has set a new record of playing in 269 PSA Tour events. Squash-PSA World Tour US SQUASH





Football matches in Qatar now, but thirty years ago squash came to Doha with the December 1992 opening of the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. Before later expansion it began with a permanent all-glass showcourt with two side courts, along with the Federation office.

The day after the opening the first Qatar Men's International Championship began (Women's events took place 2001-2015), and saw Pakistani Jansher Khan win the first of his five consecutive trophies, beating Chris Dittmar 15-9 14-15 12-15 15-6 15-11. The following four titles were also won against Australians (Rodney Martin, 1; Rodney Eyles, 3). http://www.squashinfo.com/.../370/mens/qatar-international for the full results history. Qatar Squash Federation





Glen Wilson has become the 31st inductee into the New Zealand Squash Hall of Fame. (The full list is at www.nzsquashhalloffame.co.nz/inductees). Three times NZ champion, Wilson also won Doubles Gold at both the World Doubles and Commonwealth Games (pic, with Leilani Joyce), Games at which he now fills the role of head coach. Squash New Zea



The Hong Kong Open Squash Championships were first played in 1985, and won then by Philip Kenyon over Steve Bowditch, as reported in the 1986 programme, below. The Library full list of finalists is at www.squashlibrary.info/features. Detailed results are at

w.squashinfo.com. Hong Kong SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

England's Kenyon Scoops First Hong Kong Open Title

Englishman Phil Kenyon emerged champion of Hong Kong's first major international squash event last year, when he downed Steve Bowditch of Australia in a hard-hitting final at the Island School Squash Rackets Club on September 15.

After powering to a 9-3 win in the opening game, Kenyon dropped the second 6-9 to the determined Australian, but kept his composure to go on and clinch a 3-1 victory by taking the next (wo games 9-3, 9-7.

The inaugural Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open attracted a high-powered list of world ranked players, including seventeen ranked in the top thirty. The result was a fiercely competitive event, with even recognised players having to battle their way through the qualifiers to gain entry to the lucrative main draw.

With the Open taking place in September, at the start of the world circuit season, surprises were alway on the cards, as competitors were keen to make an early mark on the world rankings list. That meant plenty of high tension squash, and no shortage of incidents and upsets.

Both winner Kenyon, seeded 8, and runner-up Steve Bowditch, seeded 11, belied their seedings and world rankings with well-earned wins against higher ranked players.

Kenyon had enjoyed a smooth semi-final passags over 6th seeded Jan-Ulf Soderberg, taking the match 9-5, 9-1, 9-5, 4 through the Swede had looked very sharp and fit in previous games. But previously Kenyon needed all his talent in his quarter-final mate against tournament favourite Maqsood Ahmed of Pakistan, seeded 2nd.

Going into the match as underdog, Kenyon oduced a brilliant mixture of power and disguise to aster the touch and speed of Ahmed, winning a seew match 9-2, 4-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-0.

Bowditch had to use his fighting qualities as v amazing array of shots to reach the final. Twi ne back from a two game deficit to win match

Against fellow Australian Dean Williams, a real crowd pleaser with his entertaining style who looked in good form as he took a two game advantage in the semi-final, Bowditch staged a remarkable comeback.

His touch returned and Williams ran out of steam, the final score being 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.



Kenyon (left) faces Bowditch in last year's final

Earlier, Bowditch had beaten unseeded Danny Lee, the conqueror of top seed Qarnar Zaman in the previous round, and another Australian

In other memorable episodes Singapore's Peter Hill posted a magnificent win over 10th seeded Jamie Hickox of England, winning 31 after being a game and 1-6 down. Chris Robertson, unseeded but World Junior Champion, had an excellent 3-0 win over 4th seed Gamal Awad of Egypt.

Dean Williams produced some unforgettable plays in winning the third-place play-off. He played "exhibition squash" which had the gallery enthralled and gasping in dishellef. Soderberg, scratching his head at times, nonetheless contributed fully to a match which everyone wished could go on all night.

Soderberg, heading a strong Swedish continge looked very fit and fast about the court, retrieving seemingly impossible shots time and time again.

Kent Li of Hongkong, twice local champion, made history by becoming the first Hongkong player to take a game from a world ranked player, before losing to Bowditch 3-1.

For the local officials and organisers the event proved a valuable experience, and much important groundwork was laid for this year and the future, when we can confidently expect to see world class squash on a regular basis in Hong Kong.



Squash Library 30 November at 08:53 · 🔾 NETHERLANDS v BELGIUM

The first match ever to be played between the two countries was held at The Hague Club (pic) on 20 November 1954, and was convincingly won by Belgium by five ties to nil.

H. A. de Coninck bt A. G. Maris 9-5, 9-2, 2-9, 7-9, 9-5. M. van den Bemden bt A. Blom 9-1, 9-1, 9-0.

J. van den Eynde bt J. G. van Oort 9-0, 9-0, 9-1. J. P. Hye de Crom bt A. J. Staal 9-5, 9-1, 9-1. G. Mercier bt J. W. Bartelds 9-1, 9-6, 9-5. Squash Bond Nederland



Photo courtesy Robert Anjema

Squash Library 29 November at 08:36 · 🕙

The 25th Monte Carlo Women's Classic is taking place in Monaco this week. The event history at quashinfo.com shows that Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) beat Cassie Jackman (ENG) 3-1 in the final first final in 1996, the players being presented with their trophies by HRH Prince Albert. Back row: Patrick Rubino (club manager), Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Prince Albert, Liz Irving (semi-finalist), Bruno Fissore (Federation President). Front: Cassie Jackman, Michelle Martin (semi-finalist), Cheryl



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This week's Malaysian Open Squash Championships were first played in 1975, and here is a full list of finalists: http://www.squashlibrary.info/.../malaysian-open-squash.... Detailed results are at

Most recently there have been 12 Women's home winners

from 14 stagings, including 8 titles for legend Nicol David.

Meanwhile Malaysians Ong Beng Hee and Mohd Azlan

Iskandar have each won the Men's event three times. Squash Racquets Association of Malaysi... See more





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23 November at 08:42 · 🕙

The longest ever best of three PSA Tour match took place in the quarters of the 2022 Canary Wharf Classic between Mostafa Asal and Joel Makin (pic below), but the great www.squashinfo.com data cache shows that their 2-1 only ranks seventh in the list of three game matches of all time. Squash - PSA World Tour

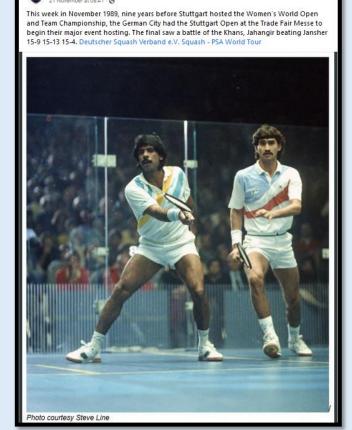


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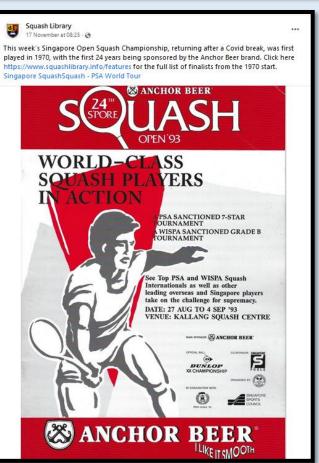
sf 11-9, 12-10, 11-2 (99m) sf 11-5, 11-4, 21-19 (99m)

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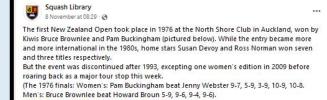
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November 1922, the Times newspaper reported the milestone in this way:

From "The Times" - Thursday 2nd November 1922 >

A start in the new and particularly interesting squash rackets compet

From "The Times" – Thursday 2" November 1922 :

A start in the new and particularly interesting squash rackets competition was made at the Bath Club yesterday, where the Bath Club beat the RAF Club by three matches to none.

Lord's, Prince's Club, Queen's Club, the Bath Club, the Royal Automobile Club and the RAF Club have all entered for this competition and each club will play every other in home-and-home matches. Three players will represent each club in every match and the rules allow for the playing of any member of a club in any match, so that no teams need be "declared", but no players may represent more than one club in the competition. The rules of the club at which the match is played obtain there and so also does the ball which is generally in use at the club. There are big differences in the size, pace and make of the different courts and the pace and weights of the balls also differ considerably. There is a scheme on foot to standardise the squash ball, but this is, in the writer's opinion, a mistake. Squash rackets is not a standard game and can never be one. Where there is as much as one wall available a species of squash rackets can be played and produce both the "sweat" which, to many, is the first reason of the game and some amusement. The Elstree game without a back wall is perhaps the best of all "squash", though comparatively few have played it. The Bath Club ball, which has a hole in it, would not suit the big court at Lord's, though it has its votaries even there. The pace, and particularly the jump, of the ball favour the "home" club even more than the difference in size and construction of the different courts. Some of the competitions say that it means half the game, but this is not quite true in the highest class of even amateur squash. If so, to play away will prove even more deadly for one of the squash rackets clubs than the association football clubs. As was very appropriate, the first match in the competition was played at the Bath Club, for that club has given a challenge cup to



The Lapham Grant Cup being played now at Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club marks the Centenary of what may be the oldest continuing squash team event. The Lapham Cup, a men's team competition played between USA and Canada, began in 1922.

Seemingly an informal match between some players from the two countries in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1921 prompted American Henry C. Lapham to offer to put up a trophy (now valued at over \$50,000) when it was suggested that it become an annual match, and the Lapham Cup was born.

The first one took place in Boston, USA and was won by USA 11-2. Since then between five and fifteen players have contested the trophy, depending upon availability, each year. Ordinarily, the top five players for each team were picked from their rankings, with another five because of their involvement in the game and then a quota for their sociability! The Grant element arrived in 1944 when Canadian Alastair Grant donated a trophy for a doubles event played along the same lines as the 'Lapham' with up to eleven pairs

Women's singles & Doubles matches were added in 1999, Men's Over 65 in 2001.

The events, held at the same time and venue, are hosted in alternate years by Canada and the United States. From 2000, all singles matches have been played with the international ball.







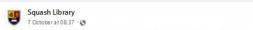
The US Open, taking place this week, was a 'hardball' event until it moved to 'softball' in 1985, with the first being held at New Year 1954. Here is Edwin H Bigelow's report from the British SRA Handbook 1954/5, indicating that Hashim Khan adapted to hardball enough to reach the final before going down to top American Henri Salaun.

Two years after the first 'softball' Nationals were played in USA, the International game arrived at the US Open in 1985, when they were played on converted racquetball courts at the Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco. (Conversions were 1ft narrower than the standard 21ft international size). PAR and 17" tins were experimentally used by promoter Tom Jones. The inaugural winner was Jahangir Khan, the Pakistani star beating New Zealand's Ross Norman 15-4, 15-5, 15-8. U.S. Open SquashUS SQUASH

The First United States Open Championship



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 † Eddie Reid (U.S.A.) scratched, his place being allotted to Elmalch.

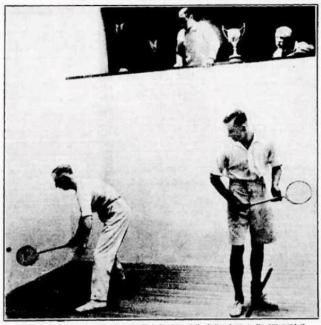


Woolner Stone was the winner of the inaugural Men's Squash Championship of Australia, played in Melbourne in late 1928.

. Stone was a 'royal' tennis professional in Melbourne.

Squash Australia

SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP.



W. Stone (lett) who defeated Lieutenant D. I. Merrison, of the Indian Army, in the hrst round of the squash racquets championship of Australia, at the Reyal Methourne Tennis Clab's courts yesterday. The cap shown above was presented by Captain G. A. Fairbairn.

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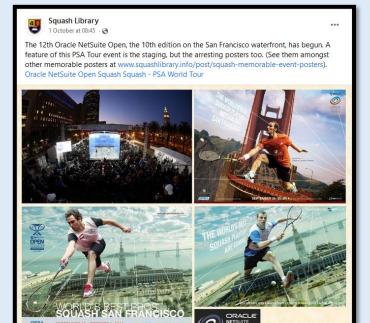
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The Men's 'Home Internationals' began in 1939, with Wales joining England, Ireland & Scotland in 1947. The Women's started in 1947 too. Initially they were individual matches. The first time they all came together for a weekend was January 1974 in Warrington, and was last played in 1991. (England won the first weekend in 1974 – pictures I to r: Mike Thurgur, Philip Ayton, John Easter, Paul Millman).

Junior editions began with Under 19s in 1981, with Under 16s added two years later. They were also discontinued, but more recently Under 13 and 15 events have been held, with France participating too.

As for Masters, Men's Over 45 was the starting point in 1980, and with the addition of Over 75s in 2016 all five year bands from 35 - 75 are included. The Women's version began in 1997 and spans 35 - 55 currently, with Over 60s intended for the cancelled 2020 stagging. Scottish SquashEngland SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymrulrish Squash







The Bath Club Cup team league is celebrating its centenary. The 100th birthday of the London squash league features a dinner tomorrow at the Royal Automobile Club. Here is the original league announcement in the Times newspaper in October 1922:

A fifty-guinea challenge cup has been offered by the Bath Club for competition at squash rackets between the London clubs possessing squash courts. At present the competition will be restricted to singles matches, each club being represented by three players. Among the clubs which will take part are Lord's, Prince's, Royal Air Force, Bath and Royal Automobile Club.

(Queens Club was added as the sixth Club)



Following on from the Library feature on the England v Pakistan Test Match 1984 at www.squashlibrary.info/post/england-v-pakistan-test-1984, now film of the matches featuring number ones Jahangir Khan and Hiddy Jahan is on the Library YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/.../UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSUO34TQnQ/videos It was filmed through the front wall.

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The first Egyptian Open was played in 1958, won by Mohamed Dardir El Bakary (right). After a short gap it was revived in 1962, and won five times by anther Egyptian Abdel Fattah Abou

ahead of Jonah Barrington in 1967 (pictured together), before it was discontinued again.





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The French Open (Internationaux De France), beginning today, was first played in 1983. Here are the results. The event, played on an all-glass court in the circus ring at the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris featured the milestone of the first match played on a painted (blue) floor with a white ball (Frank Donnelly v Ali Aziz). See www.squashlibrary.info/squash-event-innovation for background and www.squashinfo.com for past results. FFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

THE GUY LAROCHE FRENCH OPEN 10-15 May 1983 (seedings in brackets)

First Round

First Round
Jahangir Khan (PAK) (1) bt Willie Hosey (IRL), 9-1,
9-6, 9-2; Aly Abdel Aziz (EGY) bt Frank Donnelly
(AUS), 9-4, 9-6, 9-6; Gamal Awad (EGY)(5) bt Bo
Bostrom (SWE), 9-1, 9-4, 9-1; Philip Kenyon (ENG)
(9) bt Shah Jahan Khan (PAK), 9-0, 9-0, 9-2; Hiddy
Jahan (ENG) (3) bt 1an Robinson (ENG), 6-9, 9-0, 9-4
4, 9-6; Rod George (AUS) bt Steve Bowditch (AUS)
(12), 9-0, 9-4, 7-9, 9-6; Sohail Qaiser (PAK) bt
Gawain Briars (ENG) (8), 9-6, 0-9, 9-5, 9-6; Christy
Willstrop (ENG) bt Glen Brumby (AUS) (13), 9-4, 910, 9-6, 9-2; Ross Thorne (AUS) (16) bt Sean Flynn
(ENG), 9-1)-33, 9-0; Ross Norman (NZL) (6) bt M. Ali
Somjee (PAK), 9-0, 9-6, 7-9, 9-7; Stuart Davenport
(NZL) (10) bt Kelvin Smith (AUS), 9-4, 9-8, 5-9, 9-4;
Dean Williams (AUS) (4) bt Nasser Zahran (EGY)
10-8, 9-6, 6-9, 9-5; Magdi Saad (EGY) (11) bt Geoff
Williams (ENG), 9-3, 9-3, 9-5; Ricki Hill (AUS) bt
Magsood Ahmed (PAK) (7), 3-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3;
Ahmed Safwat (EGY) (14) bt Mohamed Awad (EGY),
9-5, 2-9, 9-7, 1-9, 9-1; Qamar Zaman (PAK) (2) bt
Lars Kvant (SWE), 3-9, 9-1, 9-0, 9-5.

2nd Round

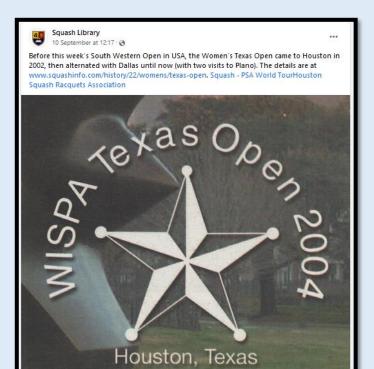
2nd Round
J. Khan bt Aziz, 9-1,9-2, 9-2; G. Awad bt Kenyon, 9-6, 9-5, 9-5; Jahan bt George, 9-5, 9-2, 9-5; Qaiser bt Willstrop, 10-8, 8-10, 7-9, 9-4, 9-3; Thorne bt Norman, 9-1, 9-5, 0-9, 0-9, 9-5; D. Williams bt Davenport, 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; Saad bt Hill, 9-4, 6-9, 1-9, 9-3, 9-4; Zaman bt Salwat, 9-4, 9-0, 9-7.

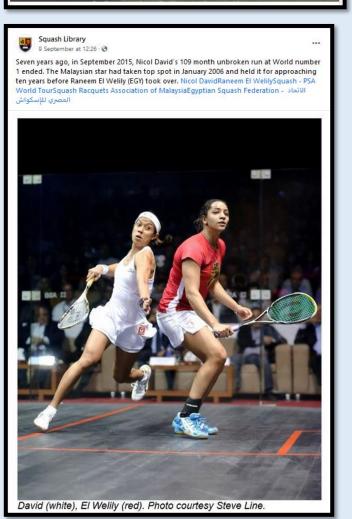
Quarter Finals Khan bt Awad, 9-3, 9-7, 9-6; Jahan bt Qaiser 10-8, 6-9, 1-9, 9-6, 10-9; Williams bt Thorne 9-6, 9-4, 9-0; Zaman bt Saad, 9-4, 10-8, 9-2.

Semi Finals Khan þt Jahan 9-6, 9-2, 9-5; Zaman bt Williams 9-6, 9-4, 0-9, 9-0.

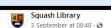
Final Khan bt Zaman, 9-3, 7-9, 9-1, 10-8.











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To end Library rankings week, the last decade – the January 2010 top twenties. While almost all of the players from ten years ago had now retired, Mohamed Elshorbagy, just turning nineteen, was on the rise, and the first group of Egyptian women had arrived during the decade in a list headed by dominant Nicol David. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - FFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashSquash Bond NederlandEngland SquashUS SQUASHSquash AustraliaSquash New ZealandHong Kong SquashPakistan Squash Federation

WOMEN'S

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1. Nicol David (MAS) Natalie Grinham (NED)

Jenny Duncalf (ENG)

Rachael Grinham (AUS)

Natalie Grainger (USA)

Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY)

Alison Waters (ENG)

Madeline Perry (IRL)

Laura Massaro (ENG)

Kasey Brown (AUS)

11. Vanessa Atkinson (NED)

12. Camille Serme (FRA)

Engy Kheirallah (EGY)

14. Samantha Teran (MEX)

16. Shelley Kitchen (NZL)

MEN'S **JAN 2010**

- Ramy Ashour (EGY)
- 2 Nick Matthew (ENG)
- Amr Shabana (EGY) 3.
- Gregory Gaultier (FRA) Karim Darwish (EGY)
- Peter Barker (ENG) 6.
- 7. James Willstrop (ENG)
- 8. David Palmer (AUS)
- Thierry Lincou (FRA)
- Adrian Grant (ENG)
- 11. Wael El Hindi (EGY)
- 12. Alister Walker (ENG)
- 13. Daryl Selby (ENG)
- 14. Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) 15. Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)
- 16. Stewart Boswell (AUS)
- 17. Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS)
- 18. Cameron Pilley (AUS)
- 19. Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK)
- 20. Ong Beng Hee (MAS)
- *Nations denoted are at the time of the ranking.



17. Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) 18. Isabelle Stoehr (FRA) 19. Rebecca Chiu (HKG)

15. Annie Au (HKG)

20. Tania Bailey (ENG)

Photos courtesy Steve Line.





Next in Library ranking week we arrive at the start of the millennium. Here are the January 2000 listings. The women's was headed by Cassie Campion (Jackman) who had just won the 1999 World Open, and Jonathon Power who had won the British Open the previous month.

Egyptian men had begun to appear but no women yet. Pakistani male dominence has ended. uash - PSA World Tour Squash Australia England Squash Squash Canada... See more

MEN'S **JAN 2000**

- Jonathon Power (CAN)
- Peter Nicol (SCO)
- Ahmed Barada (EGY)
- Simon Parke (ENG)
- Martin Heath (SCO) 6. Paul Johnson (ENG)
- Anthony Hill (AUS)
- 8 Paul Price (AUS)
- Alex Gough (WAL)
- 10. Derek Ryan (IRL)
- 11. Thierry Lincou (FRA) 12. David Palmer (AUS)
- 13. Graham Ryding (CAN)
- 14. David Evans (WAL)
- 15. Del Harris (ENG)
- 16. John White (SCO)
- Amjad Khan (PAK)
- Omar Elborolossy (EGY)
- Dan Jenson (AUS)
- 20. Peter Marshall (ENG) *Nations denoted are at the time of the ranking

- WOMEN'S
- Cassie Campion (ENG)
- Leilani Joyce (NZL)
- Linda Charman (ENG) Natalie Grainger (ENG)
- Carol Owens (AUS)
- 6. Suzanne Horner (ENG)
- Sabine Schoene (GER)
- 8 Fiona Geaves (ENG)
- Stephanie Brind (ENG)
- 10. Claire Nitch (RSA)
- 11. Vanessa Atkinson (NED) 12. Rebecca Macree (ENG)
- 13. Tania Bailey (ENG)
- Rachael Grinham (AUS)
- 15. Jenny Tranfield (ENG)
- Tegwen Malik (WAL) 16.
- Pamela Nimmo (SCO)
- Latasha Khan (USA)
- Liz Irving (AUS)
- 20. Sue Wright (ENG)

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Moving forward in Library ranking week, we reach the first rankings of the next decade: the January 1990 top twenties.

The Men's listing was dominated by the 'big beasts' of the period, while Susan Devoy still headed the Women's as next stars Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitz-Gerald were climbing.

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MEN'S

JAN 1990

- Jansher Khan (PAK)
- Jahangir Khan (PAK)
- Chris Dittmar (AUS)
- Rodney Martin (AUS)
- Chris Robertson (AUS)
- Umar Havat Khan (PAK) Ross Norman (NZL)
- Brett Martin (AUS)
- Del Harris (ENG) Mir Zaman Gul (PAK) 10.
- 11. Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)
- 12. Rodney Eyles (AUS)
- 13. Philip Kenyon (ENG)
- 14. Rory Watt (NZL)
- 16. Bryan Beeson (ENG) 17. Chris Walker (ENG)
- Tristan Nancarrow (AUS)
- 19. Hiddy Jahan (ENG)

20. Fredrik Johnson (SWE)

Rebecca Best (IRL)

WOMEN'S

3.

6.

1. Susan Devoy (NZL)

Lisa Opie (ENG)

Liz Irving (AUS)

Martine Le Moignan (ENG)

Danielle Drady (AUS)

Robyn Lambourne (AUS)

Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)

Michelle Martin (AUS)

- Fiona Geaves (ENG) 10.
- 11. Alison Cumings (ENG)
- 12. Lucy Soutter (ENG)
- 13. Joanne Williams (NZL)
- 14. Babette Hoogendoorn (NED)
- 16. Suzanne Horner (ENG)
- 17. Tuula Myllyniemi (FIN)
- 18. Nina Taimiaho (FIN)
- 19. Heather Wallace (CAN)
- 20. Sue Wright (ENG)

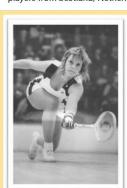
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Now, in Library rankings week, to the very first Women's ranking list from April 1983. It was headed by four times British Open Champion Vicki Cardwell (left) followed by 19 year old Lisa Opie (right), who would go on to win the British Open herself in 1991. Only four nations were included initially, but expansion soon after added players from Scotland, Netherlands and other nations, Squash - PSA World Tour



APRIL 1983

- Vicki Cardwell (AUS)
- Lisa Opie (ENG) Robyn Brownlee (NZL) Martine Le Moignan (ENG)
- Rhonda Thorne (AUS)
- Barbara Diggens (ENG) Jan Miller (AUS)
- Susan Devoy (NZL) Carin Clonda (AUS) Renee Aucamp (RSA Rae Anders
- 13. Rae Anderson (AUS) 14. Lynne Ferry (AUS)
- Alex Cowie (ENG)
- Paula Anderson (ENG) Gillian Winckler (RSA)
- 18. Jayne Ashton (ENG) 19. Nicola Spurgeon (ENG) 20. Claire Oxley (ENG)





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Library Rankings Week: Day 2: The earliest Men's rankings / seeding lists tended not to be published but here is one from 1975 which only features players from Pakistan, Australia & Gt Britain, plus South African Roland Watson in the 16 player listing. Squash - PSA World Tour

Pakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaEngland SquashSquash South Africa

- Qamar Zaman (Pakistan)
- Geoff Hunt (Australia)
- Gogi Alauddin (Pakistan) 4
- Hiddy Jahan (Pakistan) 5 Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan)
- Ken Hiscoe (Australia)
- Jonah Barrington (GB)
- Cam Nancarrow (Australia)
- Ahmed Safwat (Egypt)
- Torsam Khan (Pakistan) 11 Roland Watson (South Africa)
- Sajjad Muneer (Pakistan) 12
- 13 Rehmat Khan (Pakistan) 14 Billy Reedman (Australia)
- 15 Mohammed Yasin (Pakistan) 16 John Easter (GR)

(pic: Watson and Easter, by Robin Eley Jones)











Library Rankings Week: Day 1:

When ISPA (later PSA) Men's rankings began from 1974 initially they were published quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov). They were called seeding lists and intended to be used as the basis for event seedings during the period. (However, the orders were not mandatory and could be varied as well as non-ISPA members inserted by event organisers). There was one World Ranking list published on 1 February each year.

From 1988 to 1997 they came out every two months, before moving to monthly from 1998. WISPA Women's were every two months from 1984 to 2001 when they became monthly. As of today, rankings start being produced weekly. (See old listings at www.squashinfo.com). Squash - PSA World Tour.

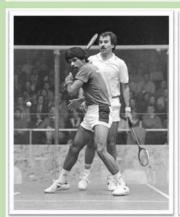


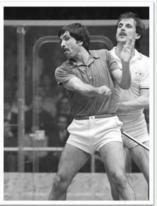


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On the day after the British Open final at the Wembley Conference Centre in London, on 11 April 1984 England took on Pakistan in a five string tie in front of TV Channel 4 cameras in a bid to promote wider media interest in squash. www.squashlibrary.info/features for the



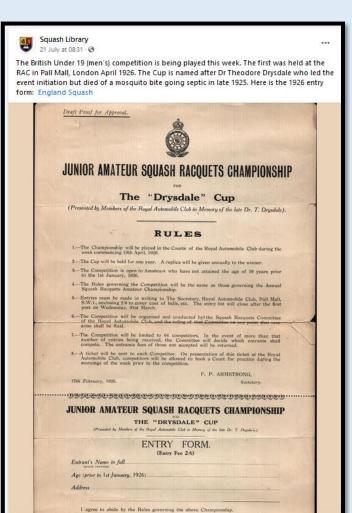






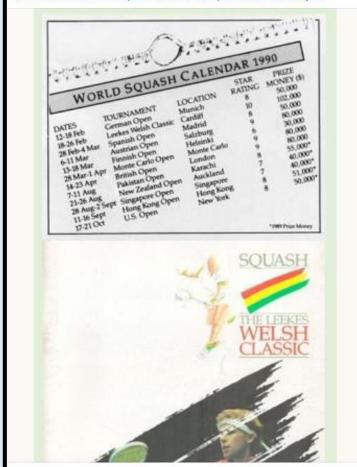
Englishman Victor Cazalet (pic) travelled to Cairo to play exhibition matches in 1935 after winning the USA & Canadian Opens some years earlier. At the end of a session a youngster asked Cazalet if he could play him. Yes was the answer and Cazalet went on to lose. He pointed at the young man and said that he would become World Champion. This was Mahmoud El Karim who went on to win the British Open four times (1947 – 1950)!







In February 1990, the largest men's prize money event to that point was held in Wales. The Leekes Welsh Classic, sponsored by Leekes of Lllantristant was played at the Welsh National Sports Centre, and featured a prize fund of \$102,000. The final saw Jahangir Khan beat Chris Robertson 15-12 15-6 15-10. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymru

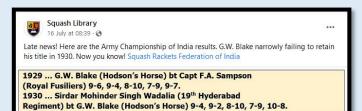


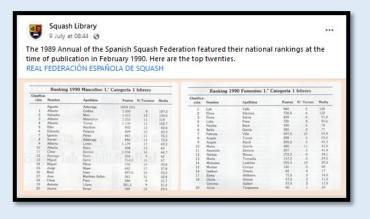




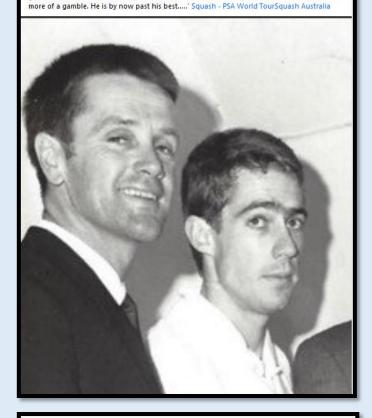
Le Lievre bt Bostrom 9-6,9-5, 9-4; Roe bt Wright 9-6,9-4,9-2.

> Final places: 1 Roe (pic); 2 Le Lievre; 3 Wright; 4 Bostrom.





A bombshell was dropped in September 1971 with the announcement that Australians Geoff Hunt and Ken Hiscoe (left) had decided to turn professional. The Australian Federation had opposed a motion that amateur status be abolished that year – unsurprising as Hunt & Hiscoe had been two of the three players who had won the first three World Team Championships (1967, 69, 71) and Hunt had won the three accompanying world individual titles. A quote at the time: 'Geoff Hunt is young enough to make a big killing from the professional game and then to return to his profession as a scientific chemist, but for Ken Hiscoe it is much





In 1987 the InterCity National Squash Challenge in Great Britain entered the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest participation event, with an entry of 8,900. Sponsored by the national rail service, in 1988 the event expanded to 18 categories (see pic), and recorded an entry of close to 10,000. The finals were played alongside the British Nationals (with players receiving free rail travel to reach the event in Bristol, naturally!)

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ary 1988. Late entries cannot



This article signaled the start of the Harp Lager Championships which ran very successfully in UK for eight years from 1969. While it did not reach the projected numbers a follow up event did. Details of that one tomorrow!

MAMMOTH SQUASH TOURNAMENT FOR 8,000 PLAYERS!

That is the hope of Harp Lager who are planning to run a nationwide event which will take the whole season to get through. While this may pose nightmare problems for the organisers, it should prove enjoyable for the players who will get the opportunity of meeting new opponents — it is surprising how many have their own opponent against whom they play week in and week out. A tournament of this size depends on co-operation from the players such as quickly reporting the results of their matches, it is understood that the country will be divided into 16 areas. Given a full entry of 8,000 this would result in 500 players per area, but unless a limit is enforced on the entry from the more populated parts of the country it would be reasonable to expect an entry in excess of that fligure in, say, the South-Eastern area. An entry of 500 would mean nine rounds to find the area winners and with three weeks between the completion of each round this would take up over 6 months — and then the 16 winners have to fight it out!

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But whatever the difficulties entailed, the conception is a fine one Playit Cool which can do nothing but good for the game. It is hoped that appropriate coverage of the tournament will be forthcoming both from the national as well as the local press. There are still a large number of people in the country whose knowledge of squash is confined to a soft drink and it would only be reasonable to express the hope that at the people this became the country whose knowledge of squash is Have a Harp.

confined to a solf drink and it would only be reasonable to express the hope that at the end of this bournament more people will know about the game — and also about Harp Lager. Who will enter the bournament? At present it is the idea of the organisers that anyone can enter including the country's leading amateurs. It is felt that this would be a mistake. This should be an event for the club player, not for the international player and a large number of moderate performers would be scared out of entering if they thought that there was a chance of meeting swift ignominous extermination at the hands of an international or even a leading county player. If then this is to be a tournament for the moderate performer, he should be encouraged by having the tournament to himself. In other sports similar events have been the means of bringing to light unknown but talented players who have gone on from the control of the company to sponsor a really worthwhile squash event which will mean a great deal to the game.

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The 1994 Mahindra Challenge in Mumbai, India, the first PSA Super Series to be played on an outside court, featured upsets by Hansi Weins (GER) and Federico Usandizaga (ARG). The Martin brothers and Rodney Eyles (AUS), Peter Marshall (ENG) and others are featured. See the official video at www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSUO34TQnQ on the Library YouTube Channel, Squash - PSA World TourSquash Rackets Federation of India





In August 1955 South Africa hosted a British touring team for the first time, and beat the visitors! The home team won at altitude in the first test, the visitors levelled back at sea level, before South Africa edged the last two. The details:

1st Test at Johannesburg, 20 Aug 1955, RSA 4 – GB 1. Brian Callaghan bt Norman Borrett 3-1, Dennis Callaghan bt Alan Seymour-Haydon 3-0, bt Roger Jarvis It lan De Sales la Terriere 2-3, A. B. Barnes bt Brian Phillips 3-2, Cecil Kaplan beat Mike Perkins 3-2.

2nd Test at Durban, 26 Aug 1955 RSA 1 – GB 4. B. Callaghan bt Borrett 3-0. D Callaghan It De Sales la Terriere 2-3, Jarvis It Seymour-Haydon 1-3, Barnes It Phillips 0-3, Kaplan It Perkins 2-3. 3rd Test at Cape Town, 3 Sept 1955 RSA 3 – GB 2 B. Callaghan bt De Sales la Terriere 3 – 1, D Callaghan bt Borrett 3-0. Jarvis It Seymour-Haydon

1-3, Barnes bt Phillips 3-0, Kaplan It Perkins 1-3.

4th Test at Johannesburg, 16 Sept 1955, RSA 3 - GB 2

D. Callaghan bt De Sales la Terriere 3 - 1, B. Callaghan lt Seymour-Haydon 2-3, Jarvis lt Borrett 1-3, Barnes bt Dick Hawkey 3-2, Kaplan bt Perkins 3-0. Squash South Africa **England Squar**

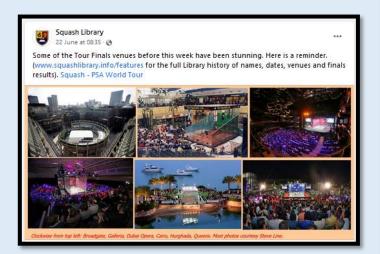




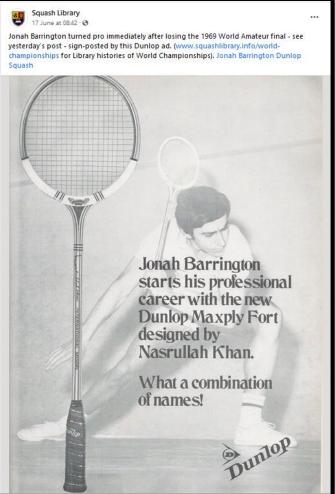


The February 2016 PSA Women's Rankings saw Australian Rachael Grinham end a remarkable 223 month unbroken run in the Women's Top Twenty according to her http://squashinfo.com profile. The then 39 year old Grinham included 16 months in the number one spot during 2004 / 5 and her winning the World Open in 2007. A sparkling span of nearly 20 years from July 1997. Rachael GrinhamSquash - PSA World TourSquash Australia











The February 1969 cover of Lawn Tennis (the British magazine that included a squash section) posed the question of whether Jonah Barrington would become World Champion that month. The answer was no as Geoff Hunt beat him in the World Amateur Final in London. www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships for the Library's Full World Amateur history. Jonah Barrington World Squash Federation





Frenchwoman Camille Serme who announced her retirement yesterday was not only unarguably the most successful French female player of all time, but one of only two French players to win any of the trio of British Open (2015), US Open (2016) and Tournament of Champions (2017 & 20).

The other winner was Gregory Gaultier who won the British (2007, 14, 17), US (2006, 13, 15) and TOC (2009). Details via www.squashinfo.com.

Thierry Lincou the other male star of French squash, former World Champion and number one, didn't have these in his title collection.

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Following on from the news that Mohamed Elshorbagy is changing his allegiance from Egypt

to England, it recalls the last high profile player move, also to England, when Peter Nicol made the move from Scotland in 2001 as covered by the Library in 2020 here. (To see all past categorised Library posts go to www.squashlibrary.info and click on POSTS).

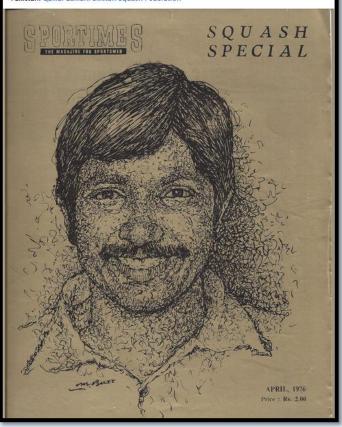


A major furore was created on 17 March 2001 when news that Peter Nicol was moving allegiance from Scotland to England reached the media. Nicol had won Commonwealth Singles Gold in 1998 and the World Open in 1999. He had been based in England for some years, and explained that the move was not about money, but support via the English World Class Performance programme. 'It has been a difficult decision for me to make but I am a professional athlete and believe I am joining the best programme there is in the World'. Under the England banner he reached the 2002 Commonwealth Games Final (losing to Canadian Jonathon Power), and was a member of the England squash which won the Men's World Team Championship in 2005.





In 1976, Pakistani star Qamar Zaman, then aged 26, become the first recipient of the Sportsman of the Year award instituted by the Pakistan Sports Board. This following his 1975 British Open win amongst other titles. It also gained him a cover drawing of Sportimes in Pakistan, Qamar ZamanPakistan Squash Federation





Today marks the start of the 10th Resistencia Open at the Regatas Club in Argentina, which was first played in June 2011. Jan Koukal was the first winner, beating Rafael Alarcon 11-8, 11-6, 10-12, 10-12, 11-7 in the final (pic), with all the finalists so far listed here. Club de Regatas





The El Gouna International dramatic outside event taking place in Egypt now is the 10th edition. It began in 2010 with Karim Darwish beating Ramy Ashour 16-14 11-3 5-1 ret. in an all-Egyptian final (pic below). A women's draw was added in 2018 where Raneem El Welily (pic) beat Nour El Sherbini in another all-home final 5-11 11-8 11-3 14-12. El Gouna Squash Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - PSA World Tour Ramy AshourKarim DarwishRaneem El WelilyNour el Sherbini







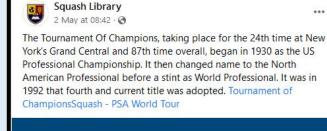
















The programme for the second Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open in 1986, rounded up the details of the inaugural event in 1985, won by England's Philip Kenyon over Steve Bowditch from Australia. It is reproduced here. Hong Kong Squash

England's Kenyon Scoops First Hong Kong Open Title

by Alan Robinson

Englishman Phil Kenyon emerged champion of Hong Kong's first major international squash event last year, when he downed Steve Bowditch of Australia in a hard-biting final at the Island School Squash Rackets Club on September 15.

After powering to a 9-3 win in the opening game, Kenyon dropped the second 6-9 to the determined Australian, but kept his composure to go on and clinch a 3-1 victory by taking the next two games 9-3, 9-7.

The inaugural Carlusy Pacific Hong Kong Open attracted a high-powered list of world ranked players, including seventeen ranked in the top thirty. The result was a fleredy competitive event, with even recognised players having to battle their way through the qualifiers to gain entity to the lacrative main draw.

With the Open taking place in September, at the start of the world circuit season, surprises were always on the careh, as competitors were keen to make an early mark on the world rankings list. That meant plenty of high tension squash, and no shortage of incidents and uppets.

Both winner Kenyon, seeded 8, and runner-up Steve Bowditch, seeded 11, belied their seedings and world rankings with well-earned wins against higher ranked players.

Kenyon had enjoyed a smooth semi-final passage over 6th seeded Jan-Ulf Soderberg, taking the match 9-5, 9-1, 9-3, although the Swede had looked very sharp and fit in previous games. But previously Kenyon needed all his talent in his quarter-final match against tournament favourite Maqsood Ahmed of Pakistan, seeded 2nd.

Going into the match as underdog, Kenyon produced a brilliant mixture of power and disguise to master the touch and speed of Ahmed, winning a secsaw match 9-2, 4-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-0.

Bowdisch had to use his fighting qualities as well as his amazing array of shots to reach the final. Twice he came back from a two game deficit to win matches.

Against fellow Australian Dean Williams, a real crowd pleaser with his entertaining style who looked in good form as he took a two game advantage in the semi-final, Howdisch staged a remarkable comebuck.

His touch returned and Williams ran out of steam, the final score being 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.



Kenyon sleft) Jacov Browditch in ion year's final

Earlier, Bowdisch had beaten unseeded Danny Lee, the conqueror of top seed Qamar Zaman in the previous round, and another Australian Glen Brumby, 5th seed, 5-9, 1-9, 9-7, 9-2, 10-8.

In other memorable episodes Singapore's Peter Hill posted a magnificent win over 10th seeded Jamie Hickox of England, winning 3-1 after being a game and 1-6 down. Chris Robertson, unseeded but World Junior Champion, had an excellent 3-0 win over 4th seed Gamal Awad of Egypt.

Dean Williams produced some unforgettable plays in winning the third-place play-off. He played "exhibition squash" which had the gallery enthralled and gasping in diabelief. Soderberg, scratching his head at times, nonetheless contributed fully to a match which everyone wished could go on all night.

Soderberg, heading a strong Swedish contingent, looked very fit and fast about the court, retrieving seemingly impossible shots time and time again.

Kent Li of Hongkong, twice local champion, made history by becoming the first Hongkong player to take a game from a world ranked player, before losing to Bowditch 3-1.

For the local officials and organisers the event proved a valuable experience, and much important groundwork was laid for this year and the future, when we can confidently expect to see world class squash on a regular basis in Hong Kong.



In 1949 the New Haven Lawn Club in Connecticut USA hosted the first Women's New England Championship, which was held in conjunction with the Wolfe Noel Cup (Cup details at: www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup). Dinner Dance included for \$4! Here is the announcement: New Haven Lawn Club US SQUASH

NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB 193 Whitney Avenue New Haven 11, Connecticut

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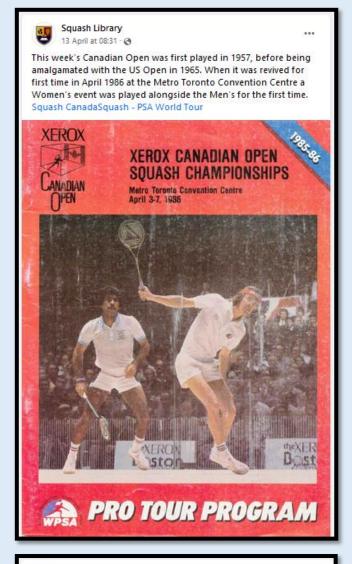
NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB Thursday, Friday and Saturday February 10, 11 and 12, 1949

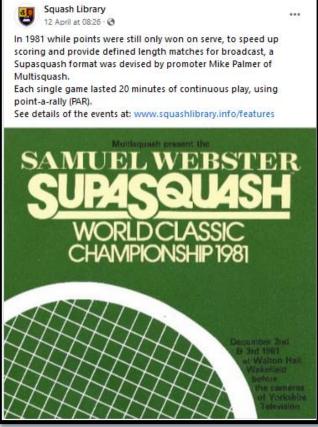
MATCH PLAY—late morning and early afternoon FINALS—Saturday afternoon

Watch Bulletin Boards for Times, Pairings

TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES

Buffet Dinner and Dance in Dining Room, Friday night, February 11 Cocktails - 7:15 to 8 P. M. only Dinner served from 8 to 9 P. M. only Dancing from 8 to 1 A. M. Tariff \$4 per person



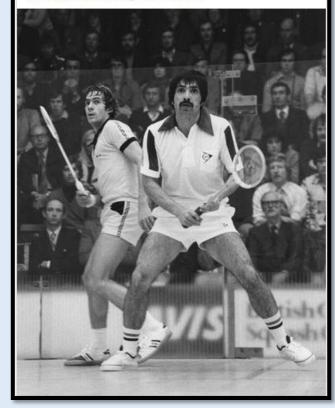




Today in 1951 (11.04.51), Pakistani star Qamar Zaman celebrates his birthday. Born in Quetta, the 'magician', so often in the shadow of Geoff Hunt would have done more than win his many international titles including the British Open in 1975 had the Australian not had the edge.

His stroke-making mesmerised his opponents, his impish humour entertaining crowds; and he can look to four World Open Runner up slots, and being a three time Pakistan squad World Men's Team Championship winner. (Pic: Hunt v Zaman, British Open final 1979)

Qamar ZamanPakistan Squash Federation



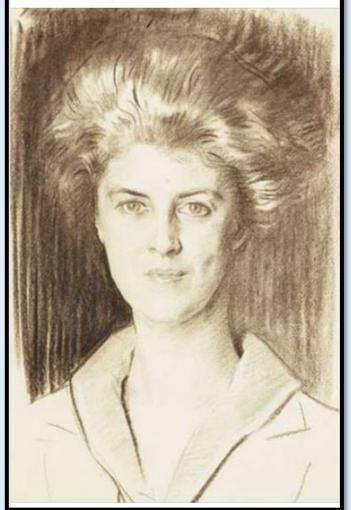
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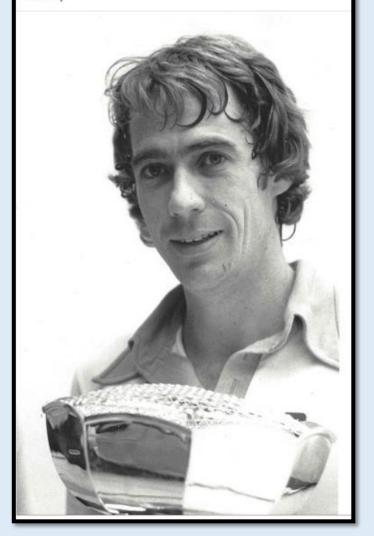
11 March at 08:34 · 😚

Geoff Hunt, winner of the first World Open in 1976 (and the next three too), celebrates his 75th birthday today (11.03.2022). The Australian dominated before Pakistani Jahangir Khan took up the mantle, winning eight British Open titles. (Full World & British Open histories at www.squashlibrary.info in the CHAMPIONSHIPS section).

On this day 54 years ago (16.03.68) Eleonora Sears died. She had become the first US Women's squash champion, at the age of 46 in 1928. She did so having been involved in the formation of the United States Women's Squash Racquets Association that year. She also captained early Wolfe Noel international matches (www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup) in its early years.

Thought to be one of the greatest all-round sportswomen of her era, her achievements included being inducted into the US Tennis Hall of Fame. US SQUASH



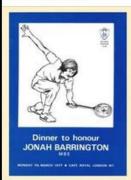




45 years ago today (7 March 1977) the National Sporting Club in London held a dinner to honour the career of Jonah Barrington. It was greatly deserved, as not only had he won six British Open titles, but through his strength of personality he had single-handedly led the growth of the sport at the time and since.

(Oddly, the commemorative ashtrays enabled guests to stub their cigarettes on his face!).

Jonah Barrington









Finally for this batch of lists generated by SquashInfo.com provided for Squash Player Magazine is an order of all-time Tour wins by nation up to the time of publication at the end of 2021. Squash Player

MagazineSquash - PSA World TourSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaSquash New ZealandFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaEgyptian Squash England Squashالاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Federation

TOP FIVE NATIONS

(totalling all-time Tour title winners):

MEN	WOMEN

1 England 463 2 Egypt 425

3 Australia 356 4 Pakistan 279

5 France 169

1 England 324

2 Australia 309

3 Egypt 192

4 New Zealand 156

5 Malaysia 145



4 March at 08:39 · 3

After yesterday's oldest winners, Here is a listing of youngest Tour event winners - dominated by Egyptian juniors - generated by SquashInfo.com provided for Squash Player Magazine recently. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Player MagazineEgyptian Squash Federation -Pakistan Squash Federationالاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

YOUNGEST TOUR EVENT WINNERS

- 1 Ahmed Barada (EGY): Al Mannai Open champion in June 1993, 16y, 1m
- 2 Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) Palestra In Forma Open champion in Feb 2009, 16y, 2m 3 Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) Royal Jordanian Open champion in Mar 2010, 16, 5m
- 4= Jahangir Khan (PAK) Pakistan Open in Nov 1980 16y, 11m 4= Mostafa Asal (EGY) Mar del Plata Open in May 2018 16y, 11m

- 1 Habiba Mohamed (EGY): Malaysian Tour Grand Final in November 2013, 14y, 5m
- 2 Hania El Hammamy (EGY) Geneva Open champion in 2015, 14y, 6m 3 Nour El Sherbini (EGY) Heliopolis Open champion in Sep 2010, 14y, 10m 4= Yathreb Adel (EGY) Swiss Open champion in Mar 2011, 15y, 0m
- 4= Fayrouz Aboelkheir (EGY) Egyptian Challenger Tour champion in Mar 2021, 15y, 0m









L to R:Barada, Hammamy, Khalifa, Mohamed, Photos courtesy Steve Lin



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3 March at 08:19 · 3

Today's listing generated by SquashInfo.com provided for Squash Player Magazine recently is of the oldest international event winners, (updated to Feb 2022). Squash Player MagazineSquash - PSA World

- 1 Hashim Khan (PAK): British Open champion March 1958, 43y, 8m 2 Mike Corren (AUS): Golden Open champion in June 2017, 43y, 3m
- 3 Olli Tuominen FIN): Subbotnik Open champion in Mar 2019, 39y, 11m
- 4 Stephane Galifi (ITA): Sport Life Open champion in Dec 2016, 38y, 11m
- 5 Valeriy Fedoruk (UKR): Moscow Tour champion in Sep 2021, 38y, 7m

- 1 Rachael Grinham (AUS): North Coast Open champion in Feb 2022, 45y, 0m
- 2 Vicki Cardwell (AUS): Head Satellite No3 champion in Aug 1996, 41y, 3m 3 Suzanne Horner (ENG): Swiss Open champion in Mar 2003, 40y, 0m
- Latasha Khan (USA): Orange County Open champion in Sep 2012, 39y, 7m
- 5 Madeline Perry (IRL): NT Open champion in May 2016, 39y, 3m







Khan. Colour photos courtesy Steve Lin



Starting today, here are some more lists generated by SquashInfo.com provided for Squash Player Magazine recently. This is a chart of the most Tour matches won in a row. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash AustraliaSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaSquash New Zealand

LONGEST UNBEATEN TOUR MATCH RUN

1 Jahangir Khan (PAK) Uncertain pril 1981-Nov 1986 (estimated **555**)

- 2 Jansher Khan (PAK) 76
- 3 Ramy Ashour (EGY) 49
- 4 Geoff Hunt (AUS) 45
- 5 Stewart Boswell (AUS) 37

1 Heather McKay (AUS) Uncertain [unbeaten 1962 to 1981]

- 2 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) 71
- 3 Nicol David (MAS) 56
- 4 Leilani Joyce (NZL) 39
- 5= Carol Owens/Susan Devoy (NZL) 31









t R: Ashour, Joyce, Owens, Boswell. Phot



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19 February at 08:58 · 3

Finally this week in another list generated by SquashInfo.com, provided for Squash Player Magazine recently, the oldest World Champions are followed here by the youngest winners of the title. World Squash FederationSquash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash الاتحاد المصري - FederationEgyptian Squash Federation Squash CanadaSquash New ZealandSquash Racquets للإسكواش Association of MalaysiaSquash Australia

- 1 Jahangir Khan (PAK) 179, 11m (Nov 1981) 2 Jansher Khan (PAK) 189, 4m (Oct 1987) 219, 0m (Oct 2008) 4 Jonathon Power (CAN) 249, 3m (Dec 1998) 3 Ramy Ashour (EGY) 5 Amr Shabana (EGY)

- WOMEN

 1 Nour El Sherbini (EGY)
 2 Susan Devoy (NZL)
 3 Nicol David (MAS)

 2 Oy, 5m (Apr 2016)
 21y, 7m (Aug 1985)
 22y, 3m (Dec 2005)
- 21y, 7m (Aug 1985) 22y, 3m (Dec 2005) 23y, 8m (Oct 1981) 4 Rhonda Thorne (AUS) 5 Raneem El Welily (EGY) 28y, 11m (Dec 2017











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Another list generated by SquashInfo.com, provided for Squash Player Magazine recently is the order of the oldest World Open Champions, all of which were over 30 when they won. Youngest Champions tomorrow. World Squash FederationSquash Squash - PSA World Tour

MEN (all 30+)

- 1 Geoff Hunt (AUS)
- 1 Geoff Hunt (AUS) 33y, om (Oct 1980)
 2 Nick Matthew (ENG) 33y, 3m (Nov 2013)
 3 Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 32y, 10m (Nov 2015)
 4 Tarek Momen (EGY) 31y, 8m (Nov 2019)
 5 Amr Shabana (EGY) 30y, 3m (Nov 2009)
 6 David Palmer (AUS) 30y, 2m (Sep 2006)
 7 Rodney Eyles (AUS) 30y, 1m (Nov 1997)

- WOMEN (all 30+)

 1 Heather McKay (AUS) 37y, 7m (Mar 1979)

 2 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) 33y, 11m (Nov 2002)

 3 Carol Owens (NZL) 32y, 6m (Dec 2003)
 31y, 3m (Dec 2014)
 31y, 3m (Dec 2014)
 3014, 9m (Oct 2007)
- 5 Rachael Grinham (AUS) 30y, 9m (Oct 2007) 6 Laura Massaro (ENG) 30y, 4m (Mar 2014)





33y, 6m (Oct 1980)







17 February at 08:39 - 3

Here is another list generated from the great SquashInfo.com trove of data, provided for Squash Player Magazine recently. The longest unbroken spells achieved at number one in the World rankings. Squash Player MagazineSquash AustraliaSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Squash New ZealandEnglandالاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Federation Squash.

MEN

- Jahangir Khan (PAK) 6 years
- 2 Geoff Hunt (AUS) 4 yrs, 11 mths 3 Jansher Khan (PAK) 4 yrs, 5 mths
- 4 Amr Shabana (EGY) 2 yrs, 9 mths
- 5 Peter Nicol (ENG) 2 years

WOMEN

- 1 Nicol David (MAS) 9 yrs, 1 mth 2 Susan Devoy (NZL) - 4 yrs, 10 mths 3 Michelle Martin (AUS) - 3 yrs, 8 mths
- 4 Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 2 yrs, 7 mths 5 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) - 2 years





eft: Jahangir Khan & Geoff Hunt. Right: Susan Devoy & Nicol David. Colour shots co



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16 February at 08:34 · 3

Squash Library is posting some of the records generated from the great SquashInfo.com trove of data, provided for Squash Player Magazine recently. Here is the run-down of longest Tour matches: Squash - PSA World TourSquash Player MagazineHong Kong SquashSquash CanadaPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash England SquashScottish الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Federation SquashSquash AustraliaSquash MexicoUS SQUASHSquash New Zealand대한스쿼시연맹 Korea Squash Federation

LONGEST TOUR MATCH

1 Leo Au (HKG) bt Shawn Dellerre (CAN)

1 Coo XII (INXS) pt shawn believer (CNX) (Gas City Pro-Am st. Jan 2015) 11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 16-14 (170m) 2 Jahangir Khan (PAK) bt Gamal Awad (EGY) (Chichester Festival final, Mar 1963) 9-10, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2 (160m) 3 Shawn Delierre (CAN) bt Adrian Walter (ENG)

- (Baltimore Cup sf, Nov 2008) 9-11, 8-11, 11-7, 13-11, 11-5 (150m) 5 Douglas Kempsell (SCO) bt Joshua Larkin (AUS) (Shepparton International sf, Aug 2015) 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 13-11 (149m)

tha Teran (MEX) bt Latasha Khan (USA) 1 Samantha Teran (MEX) 01 Latasha Khan (USA) (Liberty Bell Open final, Jan 2008) 9-1, 10-9, 4-9, 6-9, 9-6 (120m) 2 Rhonda Thorne (AUS) bt Vicki Hoffman (AUS) (World Open final, Cct 1981) 8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7 (110m)

8-10, 9-4, 9-3, 7-9, 9-7 (118m)
3= Natalile Grinham (AUS) bit Rebecca Macree (ENG) (Irish Open of, Apr 2004)
9-3, 8-10, 9-6, 9-10, 9-7 (110m)
3= Nour ET Tayeb (EGY) bit Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) (Irish Open final, Apr 2011)
3-15, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10, 16-14 (110m)
5-Park Eun Ok (KOR) bit Dianne Desira (AUS)
(Concelle Californe Des (1, M 2006) (Crocodile Challenge Cup Q, Jul 2006) 9-7, 5-9, 9-5, 3-9, 10-8 (109m)



Leo Au (left), Samantha Teran (foreground) playing Latasha Khar



In 1977 16 times British Open champion Heather McKay was giving an exhibition on a show court in the middle of Parramatta Westfield Shopping Centre when there was a knock on the door by Roger Climpson - the host of This is Your Life, a TV programme which surprised people and told their life story via guests.

England's Janet Morgan (Shardlow), who had won ten British Open titles just before the McKay era was flown out to Australia to appear on the show. Here they are together at it.

(The full British Open history can be found at

www.squashlibrary.info/british-open) Squash Australia





On this day in 1980 Jahangir Khan had hoped to be playing in the final of what was the last British Amateur Championship. The previous October, still aged 15, he had swept through the qualification and then the main draw to win the world Amateur title in Melbourne, and was the hot favourite to double up with the British title.

However, an eve of event slip while practicing on the Wembley courts led to back muscle damage and withdrawal. Here's the programme preview complete with his signature. (The title went to England's Jonny Leslie who beat Kiwi Ross Norman 9-3, 9-3, 9-4 in the final). Pakistan Squash FederationEngland Squash

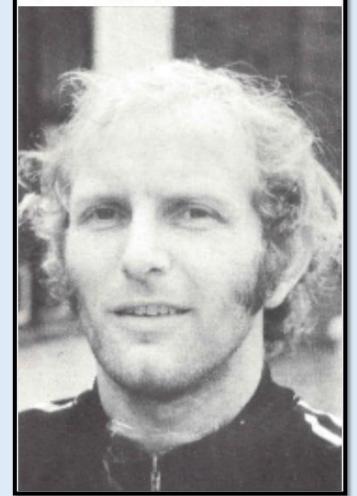






Winner of the British Junior Open (1964) and runner-up in the World Amateur in 1973, Englishman Bryan Patterson celebrates his birthday today (born 26.01.46). He lost to Cam Nancarrow (AUS) in the all left-handed 1973 World final, and now manages City Squash, an Urban Squash programme in Bronx, New York.

Bryan Patterson CitySquashSquash and Education Alliance









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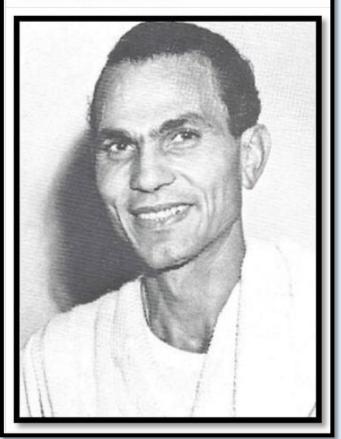
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Egyptian Mahmoud Karim who won the first four British Opens played after the end of World War Two said this in 1951. These are not routines that are recommended now!

'On the day of the match I have only one meal – an early breakfast. Often people say to me: I am surprised that you smoke cigarettes when you are in training. But smoking has never affected me. If your system is used to a habit like that, to give it up suddenly will do more harm than good'. British Open SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





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In 2001 Men's Tour winners came from 13 nations – last year it had exploded to 31. The Women's has shot up similarly, from 9 to 24. The lists also show which nations have come in, dropped out and positions achieved by the success of their players.

(This cover all main Tour levels, while of World Series events in 2021 Egyptian players were dominant, winning six of eight Men's World Series events, and all six of the Women's). Squash - PSA World Tour





New Zealander Ross Norman (born 7.1.1959) celebrates his birthday today. On 11 November 1986 he won the World Open in Toulouse, France, beating Jahangir Khan 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 9-1; ending the Pakistani's 5 year 7 month unbeaten streak in what was then a stunning upset. Squash New ZealandSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation







Susan Devoy, four times World Open and eight times British Open Champion celebrates her birthday today (born:4.1.64). On the Library YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSUO34TQnQ is the Devoy segment of a Satellite Media series from 2008 about New Zealand's top sports stars that they have allowed the Library to make available. Susan DevoySquash New Zealand



Photo courtesy Steve Line

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Canadian Jonathon Power (born 9 Aug 74) became the first Pan-American world number one in May 1999, spending a total of 14 months in that spot. The 1998 World Open winner had 12 months at one during the period up to July 2001; then after winning the last major of 2005, the Saudi International, he added January and March 2006 at the apex before retiring. Jonathon PowerSquash CanadaSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation





Cassie Jackman was born on this day in 1972 (22 Dec). In 1999 the Englishwoman became World Champion, beating top seed Michelle Martin (AUS) 9-6 9-7 9-7. She was also World Open runner-up three times.

Amongst her 28 World Tour titles were two US Open crowns, and she was also six times British champion.

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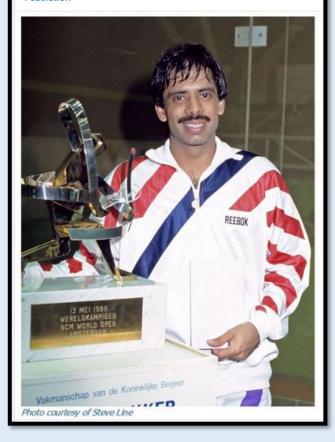
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Today in 1963 (10 December) Jahangir Khan, 6 times World Open winner and holder of a record breaking 10 Men's British Open titles, was born. (World's details at https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships). The Pakistani legend also went 5 years and 7 months unbeaten between 9 April 1981 and 11 Nov 1986. Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash FederationPakistan Squash Federation





Today (1.12.68) is the 53rd birthday of 5 times World Champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald, winner of a total of 62 Tour titles. The Australian also has the distinction of a record 18 World Titles from 6 different World events including Team, Junior & Masters. Library breakdown at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/most-world-titles





This week's Malaysian Men's and Women's Open began in 1975, with the Men's dominated by Pakistani players, and Singaporean women the female event. Here are the early year winners. Full event details can be found at www.squashinfo.com. Squash Racquets Association of MalaysiaSquash - PSA World Tour

MALAYSIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1975 - Gogi Alauddin	(Pakistan)	bt Mohibullah Khan	(Pakistan)	5/9,9/7,9/3,9/5
1976 - Maqsood Ahmed	(Pakistan)	bt Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	
1977 — Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	bt Abdul Rehman	(Pakistan)	9/4,4/9,9/5,9/2
1978 — Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	bt Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	9/7,2/9,9/6,9/3
1979 - Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	bt Daulet Khan	(Pakistan)	9/2,9/5,9/5
1980 — Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	bt Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	9/2,9/6,2/9,9/7
1981 — Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	bt Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	5/9,9/3,9/0,9/6
1982 – Ali Aziz	(Egypt)	bt Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	10/9,9/6,9/3
1983 — Jahangir Khan	(Pakistan)	bt Dean Williams	(Australia)	9/4,9/1,9/4
1984 — Greg Pollard	(Australia)	bt Magsood Ahmed	(Pakistan)	10/8,9/6,1/9,9/3

LADIES

		EMBIES		
1975 - Helen Chinchen	(Singapore)	bt Glynne Wong	(Malaysia)	9/4,3/9,10/9,9/0
1976 — Annette Andrews	(Singapore)	bt Glynne Wong	(Malaysia)	
1977 - Annette Andrews	(Singapore)	bt Rose Tablante	(Philippines)	10/8,9/6,3/9,9/7
1978 — Annette Andrews	(Singapore)	bt Tracy Oh	(Singapore)	9/3,3/9,9/2,9/0
1979 — M. Miyagishima	(Japan)	bt B, Kumari	(India)	5/9,9/1,3/9,10/8,9/6
1980 — Sue Paton	(Singapore)	bt Tracy Oh	(Singapore)	9/2,9/2,9/1
1981 — Sue Paton	(Sinapore)	bt B. Kumari	(India)	9/4,9/3,9/0
1982 — Sue Paton	(Singapore)	bt M, Miyagishima	(Japan)	9/4,9/0,9/3
1983 - Chia Chew Lan	(Singapore)	bt Geraldine Yeo	(Singapore)	9/8,9/0,9/3
1984 — Lim Slok Hui	(Singapore)	bt Barbara Hartman	(Switzerland)	9/2,9/3,5/9,7/9,9/4



25 years ago today (22 Nov 1996) Jansher Khan won the last of his record 8 World Open titles, beating Rodney Eyles (AUS) 15-13, 17-15, 11-15, 15-3, in front of a home crowd in Karachi, Pakistan. These eight World Opens and six British Open crowns were part of a total of 99 PSA Tour titles overall (from 118 finals). He also still has a record total of 97 months at World number 1 (between Jan 1988 - Jan 1998)

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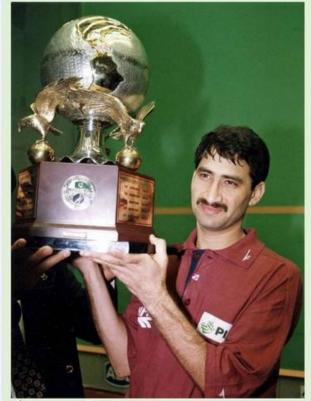
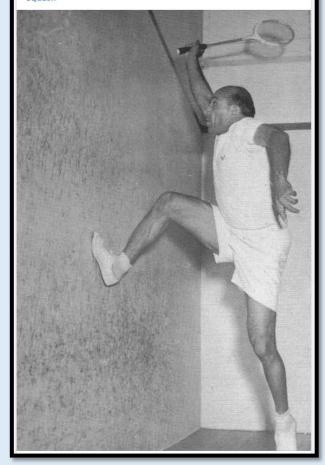


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Pakistan's seven times British Open champion Hashim Khan shows how to take a ball high on the side wall in 1957. Maybe not out of the coaching manual! Pakistan Squash FederationBritish Open Squash





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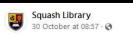
Going into the 8th Men's European Team Championship in Helsinki, Finland in 1980, England were unbeaten. For Sweden it was third time lucky having served notice by reaching the previous two finals, when they won the final 3/2, (a feat they repeated three years later too). The final 1980 scoreline:

Sweden beat England 3 – 2 Lars Kvant beat Andrew Dwyer 9-1 9-7 9-0 Mikael Hellstrom lost Barry O'Connor 8-10 9-6 4-9 0-9 Johan Stockenberg beat David Pearson 9-4 9-7 9-5 Peter Bostom beat Ian Nuttall 9-2 10-8 9-5 Bo Bostrom lost Philip Ayton 9-2 5-9 2-9 8-10

Svensk Squash England SquashThe European Squash Federation







This print of the 'champions' photo taken outside the PIA Squash Complex in 1976 may be unique as referee Graham Dixon got each of the players to sign it. They are (L to R): Azam Khan, Geoff Hunt, Hashim Khan, Jonah Barrington, Roshan Khan, Mohibullah Khan Snr and Qamar Zaman.



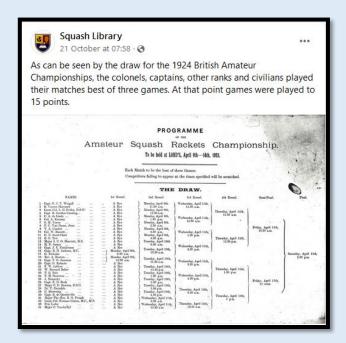


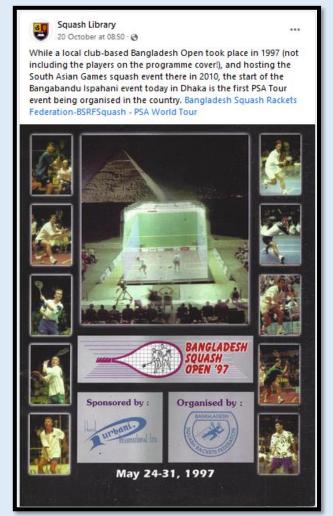
On this day (28 Oct) in 1962 Martine le Moignan, the 1989 World Open Champion was born. The left-hander from Guernsey took the world title, beating New Zealand's Susan Devoy in Warmond, Netherlands. She was also a four times World Team title winner with England.

Martine Simmons England SquashWorld Squash FederationSquash - PSA World Tour



Photo courtesy Steve Line









Frenchman Greg Gaultier's competitive retirement at the age of 38 (DofB: 23.12.82) ends a sparkling career that included winning the World Championship in November 2015 and three British Open crowns (he was the first French winner), amongst 44 PSA Tour titles from 83 finals. The six times French champion also represented his country at 18 European Team and 10 World Team Championships, amassing 189 caps.

He spent 20 months as world number one (and became the oldest ever in April 2017). The www.squashinfo.com data trove also reports that he boasts both the longest unbroken run in the men's world top 20 AND the top 10 - his 16 years in the 20 (May 2003 - Apr 2019) beating Nick Matthew by 18 months, and 12 years 10 months in the top 10 (Apr 2006 - Jan 2019) overtaking Peter Nicol (12 years 6 months). Squash - PSA World Tour FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash





Leo Au, from Hong Kong, broke the record for the longest professional squash match ever recorded en-route to claiming the ninth PSA World Tour title of his career at the Holtrand Gas City Pro-Am in January 2015 in Canada.

His dramatic semi-final victory was the longest match ever recorded a mammoth 170-minute encounter (11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 16-14) against Canadian Shawn Delierre.

It was a match that eclipsed the previous record set by legendary Pakistani six-time world champion Jahangir Khan, who took 166minutes to get past Gamal Awad in the 1983 Chichester Festival 9-10, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2. Yes, in four games!

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A tour event in a factory staff canteen. Yes, a canteen! It happened in March 1979 after Yorkshire, England company FKI first decided to install a court for their staff, and then thought that the high ceiling would enable them to add 500 seats behind the glass wall. (At the time the company were a dominating force in the UK production of motorway lighting, manufacture of parking meters and car battery chargers).

After early rounds took place at the nearby Queens Club, Halifax... See more

Results
O. Zaman beat M. Helal 9-2 9-7
9-3: M. Yasin beat B. Patterson 9-5
9-0 10-8: J. Easter beat T. Khan 9-6
49 9-1 10-8: A. Safwat beat M. Asran 9-6 9-5 9-1: B. Browniec beat
R. Khan 4-9-9 4-9-0-0: D. Williams
beat M. Lilley 9-0-9-2 5-9-9-2: A.
Aziz beat A. Kaoud-9-7 10-9-1: M.
Ahmed beat M. Kalifa 9-1 9-4 9-5.

Quarter-Finals Zaman beat Yasin 9-8 9-4 9-4; Safwat beat Easter 9-4 5-9 9-4 9-2; Brownlee beat Williams 9-3 9-4 9-7; Ahmed beat Aziz 9-4 9-6 9-3.

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Final Zaman beat Brownlee 9-2 9-7 9-0.

Third Place play-off
Ahmed beat Safwat 9-6 0-9 6-9 10-8 9-0.







8 October at 08:27 · 3

On 31 December 1962, England suffered their first Men's International match defeat after 46 victories. Australia beat them that day at the RAC Club in London, winning 4-1. Number one Ken Hiscoe then became the first Australian winner of the British Amateur in the New Year at the nearby Lansdowne Club. (Geoff Hunt, Kevin Shawcross and Cam Nancarrow later completed the quartet of Aussie winners). The scoreline:

Australia bt England 4 - 1

Ken Hiscoe bt Jeremy Lyon 9-6 5-9 9-6 9-7

Owen Parmenter It Richard Boddington 4-9 9-4 9-7 8-10 5-9

Dick Carter bt Tony Gathercole 10-8 9-6 9-2

Ken Binns bt John Skinner 8-10 9-3 10-8 9-5

Doug Stephenson bt Terry Pickering 9-3 9-4 10-9

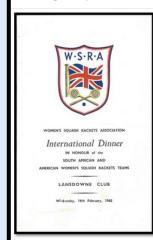
(Pic, L to R: Parmenter, Stephenson, Binns, John Cheadle, Hiscoe, Carter) Squash Australia





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In 1968 the American Women's Wolfe-Noel Cup squad & a South African Women's Touring team were both playing in London and so were hosted to a dinner by WSRA at the Lansdowne Club. (Full Wolfe-Noel history at https://www.squashlibrary.info/features). GB won the Wolfe-Cup match 5/0 and beat South Africa 3/0... Meanwhile, for the record here is the dinner menu: Quiche Lorraine, Truite de Rivierz, Salle d'Agneau Roti Anglais + Pommes Chateau + Petit Pois, Canope Diane, Coupe Andolaise. The wines? Chateau Neuf du Parc 1962 and Poilly Fuisse 1962. Information complete! US SQUASHSquash South AfricaEngland Squash



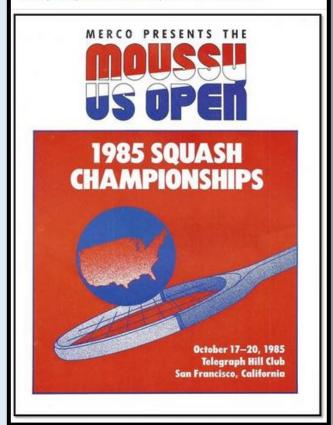




The US Open moved from hardball to softball for the first time in 1985, held at the Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco, 17 – 20 October. In the programme the ISPA (now PSA) Chairman Greg Pollard commented that 'the Association recognises the enormous potential for international softball in North America' adding 'this event, therefore, is of crucial importance....'

The first holder became Pakistani Jahangir Khan who beat Kiwi Ross Norman 15-4, 15-5, 15-8 in the final.

U.S. Open SquashUS SQUASHSquash - PSA World Tour







This week's Scottish Open has a history beginning in 1974 when Aftab Jawaid won it, continuing until 1991 when Jahangir Khan provided a Pakistani bookending beating Australian Chris Dittmar at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow.

The next edition took place in 2001, when Peter Nicol, now representing England, went north to Perth to beat another Australian, Stewart Boswell, in the final.

Revived in 2019, Spaniard Edmon Lopez beat Patrick Rooney (ENG) in the final, before Covid intervened.

The Women's event began at the same time as the Men's, and featured three wins by New Zealand's Susan Devoy amongst top international names. Scottish SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

SCOTTISH OPEN HONOURS BOARD

MEN	WOMEN
1974 Aftab Jawaid (PAK)	Alex Cowie (ENG)
1975 Alan Colburn (RSA)	Teresa Lawes (ENG)
1976 Mike Donnelly (AUS)	Sue Newman (AUS)
1977 Dean Williams (AUS)	Sue Cogswell (ENG)
1978 Frank Donnelly (AUS)	Irene Hewitt (IRL)
1979 Glen Brumby (AUS)	Rhonda Thorne (AUS)
1980 Zahir Hussain (PAK)	Vicki Hoffman (AUS)
1981 Karimullah Khan (PAK)	Vicki Hoffman (AUS)
1982 Craig Blackwood (NZL)	Margaret Zachariah (AUS)
1983 Trevor Wilkinson (RSA)	Robyn Blackwood (NZL)
1984 Neil Harvey (ENG)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1985 Chris Robertson (AUS)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1986 Ashley Naylor (ENG)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1987 Mark Maclean (SCO)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1988 Frank Ellis (SCO)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1989 Mark Maclean (SCO)	Shirley Brown (SCO)
1990 not held	not held
1991 Jahangir Khan (PAK)	not held
2001 Peter Nicol (ENG)	not held
2019 Edmon Lopez (ESP)	Lucy Turmel (ENG)





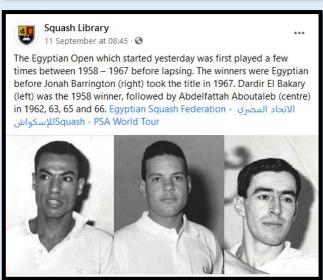
THE SQUASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUBS



The Wolfe-Noel Challenge Cup was the first inter-continental women's squash match. It ran for 35 years from 1933 and featured 5 string matches between British & American women's teams. https://www.squashlibrary.info/features has the 17 page Library match,









The first Canadian Men's Championship was played on 20 March 1912 at the Montreal Racket Club, won by Kenneth Molson, who beat Peter Mackenzie 12/15, 15/5, 15/12, 15/9 in an all-Montreal final. (Mackenzie secured the title the following year when he beat Arthur J Hills 18/17, 8/15, 10/15, 15/12, 15/11).

This was three years before the Canadian Squash Racquets Association was formed in 1915. The five founding members were the Montreal Racket Club, Toronto Racquet Club, Hamilton Squash Racquets Club, University Club of Toronto, and the Ottawa Squash Racquets Club. The Montreal Racket Club was built in 1889 as a rackets club, with a squash court subsequently added. Squash Canada









The first event of a new Masters circuit coordinated by ESF featuring a number of national Masters Open titles took place in February 2015 - the Spanish Masters.

Worldwide Masters event details can be viewed at:

http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar & the Library full World Masters history at www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships World Squash FederationThe European Squash FederationREAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE SQUASH





On 27/8 February 1954 the English Federation sent a team to France for the first time. They went to Paris to play both squash and real tennis at the Societe Sportive de Jue de Paume et de Racquets. The visiting squash team was led by five times British Amateur Champion Norman Borrett (pic). England Squash FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash





In 1981 when Jahangir Khan was aged 17, six times British Open champion Jonah Barrington made this prediction, 'Jahangir Khan will become the best player of all time'.

Ten British Open titles later (and six World Open wins too), nobody can argue that the Pakistani is right up there.

A profile by journalist Dicky Rutnagur quotes another legend Geoff Hunt – who won eight British Open titles himself -, who said 'They used to call me the best player ever at my age, but Jahangir is something special, much better than I was at seventeen".

(Barrington & Hunt left, Khan right) England SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaSquash - PSA World Tour

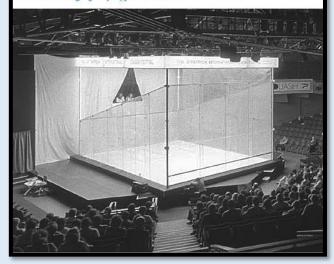






Sunday prompt. In March 1983 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England Jahangir Khan (PAK) beat Gamal Awad (EGY) 3 - 1 in the then record breaking 2hr 46 min final of the Chichester International (yes, only four games!). He did so in the probably unique situation of the master camera filming being through the front wall. As can be seen there was no backwall viewing for the event except for the match officials.

Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Federation





A look at the list of ISPA (now PSA) major event finalists from 1987 is an illustration of the dominance of Jahangir and Jansher Khan with them generally only losing to one another. It also shows that amongst the Australian stars, Chris Dittmar was up against and beaten by Jansher Khan in six finals - and in the seventh thwarted by countryman Chris Robertson. Squash - PSA World TourSquash AustraliaPakistan Squash Federation

I.S.P.A. GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS 1987:

DATE	EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP	SCORE	
JAN	BELGIAN TROPHY	ROSS NORMAN	STUART DAVENPORT	3-0	
FE8	SWEDISH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	JAMIE HICKOX	3-0	
FEB	FINNISH OPEN	JAHANGE KHAN	RODNEY MARTIN	3-0	
FEB	SPANISH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	JANSHER KAHN	3-1	
MARCH	FRENCH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	ROSS NORMAN	3-0	
MARCH	MONACO OPEN	CHRIS ROBERTSON	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-1	
APRIL	CANNONS CLUB INTL	ROSS NORMAN	GEOFF WILLIAMS	3-0	
APRIL	BRITISH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	JANSHER KHAN	3-0	
JULY	NEW SOUTH WALES OPEN	RODNEY MARTIN	JAHANGIR KHAN	3-2	
AUG	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	CHRIS ROBERTSON	RODNEY MARTIN	3-2	
SEPT	NEW ZEALAND OPEN	RODNEY MARTIN	STUART DAVENPORT	3-2	
SEPT	MALAYSIAN OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	QAMAR ZAMAN	3-0	
SEPT	SINGAPORE OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-2	
SEPT	HONG KONG OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-0	
OCT	PAKISTAN OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	JAHANGIR KHAN	3-2	
OCT	WORLD OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-1	
NOV	CANADIAN OPEN	CHRIS DITTMAR	RODNEY MARTIN	3-2	
NOV	US OPEN	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-1	
NOV	SWISS MASTERS	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3.0	
NOV	P.I.A. MASTERS	JANSHER KHAN	JAHANGIR KHAN	3-2	
DEC	AL FALAJ OPEN (OMEN)	JANSHER KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	3-1	



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13 July at 08:46 · 🔇

South Africa and Great Britain first played representative matches against each other in 1955 and 1957. First the British toured South Africa - the first men's tour outside Europe since the SRA had been formed in 1928 - and then two years later Britain hosted them. Four tests were played in 1955 in South Africa. South Africa won the first at altitude in Johannesburg 4-1, GB levelled 4-1 in Durban, the hosts won 3-2 in Cape Town and wrapped up the series 3-1 with 3-2 win back in Johannesburg.

The first of three return matches was played before the British Amateur at the Lansdowne Club in London, and won by the home team 3-2. The second and third ties, played in Cardiff and Edinburgh were both won by the British team 5-0.

Photos: Denis (left) & Brian Callaghan, mainstays of the South African team in 1953. The British team arriving in Durban: L to R: Mike Perkins, Alan Seymour-Haydon, Brian Phillips, Norman Borrett, Ian de Sales Ia Terriere.

Squash South AfricaEngland Squash





Sunday prompt: Go back to 2005 and some familiar names were competing in the British Junior Open. Strikingly, on the men's side Pakistan were so strong, winning three of the four titles, and R/U in the other. Yet in the last edition no Pakistani player reached a final, with Egypt dominating. In 2019 Malaysia took three younger titles. Pakistan Squash FederationSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaEgyptian الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - Squash Federation

) 3-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-0 (48m); Alia Magdy a (Egy) bt Victoria Bell (Eng) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0

Final: Heba Alaa Ahmed (Egy) bt Alia Magdy Balbaa (Egy) 9-3, 9-2, 9-6 (24m).

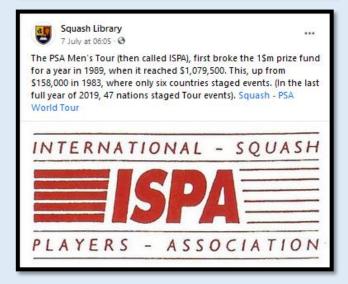


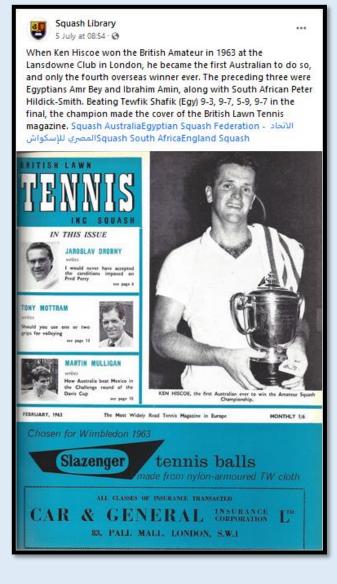
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THE SQUASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUBS









Here they are! The top ten most memorable event posters from those nominated are at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../most-memorable-squash.... They were selected by a panel comprising Laurent Cossa (PSA), Ritwik Bhattychara (START Academy), Camille Serme (pro player), Howard Harding (squashinfo.com), Andrew Shelley (World Squash Library).

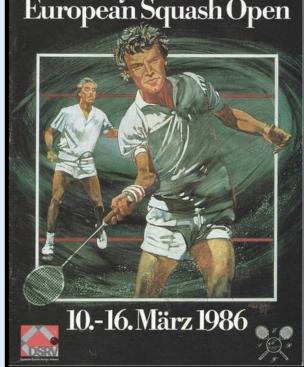
Below them is a gallery of other posters that were submitted. Why not add to the gallery - it doesn't matter the level of event, or how recent or old it is; it just needs to be clever or original, unusual or simply stunning - by sending your poster in PDF or jpg to info@squashlibrary.info. Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation





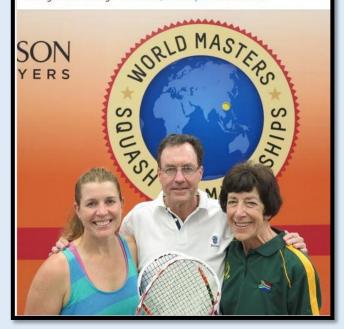


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So far, South African mother and daughter Jean & Natalie Grainger have amassed seven World Masters gold medals. (Leader-board at www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships). Their tally: Jean: O55 (1999), O60 (2003), O65 (2008), 70 (2014), and two silvers too (O50 (1997), O75 (2018). Natalie, USA based former world number 1: O35 (2014 & 2016), O40 (2018). Husband and father Chris has been no mean performer himself, a past semi-finalist, but the women have brought home the goods! US SQUASHSquash South Africa

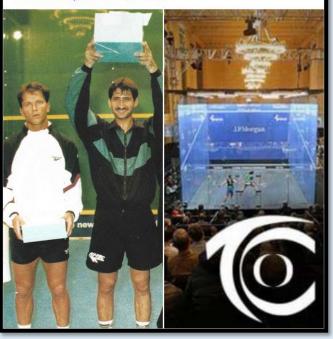




Sunday prompt:

The first Tournament of Champions event played at Grand Central Terminal in New York – an iconic squash venue - took place in 1995. It was won by Jansher Khan (PAK) who beat Rodney Eyles (AUS) 15-5, 15-8, 15-10. TOC history is at www.squashinfo.com

US SQUASHSquash - PSA World Tour





The Men's Pakistan Open began in 1980, and was won by Jahangir Khan, beating fellow Pakistani Qamar Zaman in the final. Indeed, the first 16 titles for the event were shared by Jahangir (left) & Jansher Khan (right), Jahangir amassing ten, and Jansher six.

The full results history is on www.squashinfo.com.

Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash Federation





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30 May at 08:45 · 🚱

Sunday prompt. Squash player brand partnerships is not a recent phenomenon. In 1954 Pakistani 'legends' Azan, Hashim and Roshan Khan wore and advertised Fred Perry clothing. The advertisements were not in colour but neither was the clothing! Fred Perry

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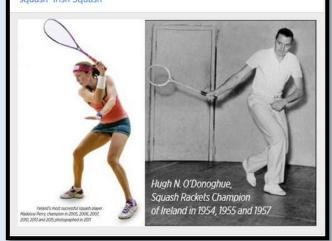
You, too, can obtain them from any leading sportswear stockist







The Irish Open has a long and distinguished history. The Men's began in 1932 as has a winner list including Barrington, Hunt, Jahangir, Nicol and more recently Farag; while the Women's from 1949 includes, Devoy, Opie and Massaro. Dublin's Fitzwilliam Club has produced comprehensive histories: Men's: https://mailchi.mp/fltc.ie/grm43t17fl-1025588 & Women's: https://mailchi.mp/fltc/irish-womens-open-squash Irish Squash





More from the www.squashinfo.com data treasure trove, here are the all-time top five oldest Tour event winners, a category where it is an all-Australian affair. (L to R: Grinham, Corren, Cardwell). Squash - PSA World TourSquash Australia

	WINNER	AGE (at time of win)	EVENT	DATE
1	Rachael Grinham	44 years, 0 months	Australian Open	07 Feb 2021
2	Mike Corren	43 years, 3 months	Golden Open	05 Jun 2017
3	Mike Corren	42 years, 3 months	Golden Open	06 Jun 2016
4	Vicki Cardwell	41 years, 3 months	Head Satellite No3	10 Aug 1996
5	Rachael Grinham	40 years, 9 months	Australian Open	18 Nov 2017









WINNER

From the www.squashinfo.com data treasure trove, here are the top five youngest Tour event winners – with only Jahangir Khan (PAK) breaking the Egyptian monopoly. (Habiba & Barada pictured). Oldest, to follow tomorrow. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

AGE (at time of win) EVENT

DATE

1	Habiba Mohamed	14 years, 5 months	MAS Tour Final	17 Nov 2013
2	Hania El Hammamy	14 years, 6 months	Geneva Open	22 Mar 2015
3	Habiba Mohamed	14 years, 7 months	Edinburgh Open	26 Jan 2014
4	Nour El Sherbini	14 years, 10 months	Heliopolis Open	14 Sep 2010
5	Habiba Mohamed	15 years, 0 months	Paderborn Open	07 Jun 2014
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1	Ahmed Barada	16 years, 1 month	Al Mannai Open	03 Jun 1993
2	Amr Khaled Khalifa	16 years, 2 months	Palestra Open	22 Feb 2009
3	Mohamed Abouelghar	16 years, 5 months	Jordanian Open	27 Mar 2010
4	Jahangir Khan	16 years, 11 months	Pakistan Open	15 Nov 1980
5	Mostafa Asal	16 years, 11 months	Mar del Plata Ope	en 05 May 2018
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Sunday prompt. Before Covid caused a pause we have had the 20 years of this century to compare how nations in the rankings have evolved. The millenium dominance of UK & Ireland with no less than 18 players in the top 16s shrunk to just 5 in January 2020. Australia dropped from five to zero in the period.

Meanwhile, Egypt have exploded from 1 to 16 and a raft of new nations have taken up the combined total of 8 countries in 2000 to 14 in 2020 (even with the Jan 2020 absence of Australia, Canada, Netherlands & South Aftrica). Squash - PSA World Tour

MEN'S (Jan 2000)		WOMEN'S (Jan 2000))		ME	N'S	WOI	MEN'S	TOTAL
1 Jonathon Power	CAN	1 Cassie Campion	ENG	NATION	Jan 00	Jan 20	Jan 00	Jan 20	Change
2 Peter Nicol	SCO	2 Leilani Joyce	NZL	Australia	3		2		5↓
3 Ahmed Barada	EGY	3 Linda Charman	ENG	Canada	2				2↓
4 Simon Parke	ENG	4 Natalie Grainger	RSA	Colombia		1			11
5 Martin Heath	sco	5 Carol Owens	AUS	Egypt	1	9		7	15个
6 Paul Johnson	ENG	6 Suzanne Horner	ENG	France	1	1		1	11
7 Anthony Hill	AUS	7 Sabine Schone	GER	Hong Kong Ch				1	11
8 Paul Price	AUS	8 Fiona Geaves	ENG	India		1		1	2↑
9 Alex Gough	WAL	9 Stephanie Brind	ENG	Germany		1	1		0
10 Derek Ryan	IRE	10 Claire Nitch	RSA	Netherlands			1		14
11 Thierry Lincou	FRA	11 Vanessa Atkinson	NED	New Zealand		1	1	1	11
12 David Palmer	AUS	12 Rebecca Macree	ENG	Peru		1			11
13 Graham Ryding	CAN	13 Tania Bailey	ENG	South Africa			2		2↓
14 David Evans	WAL	14 Rachael Grinham	AUS	UK+Ireland	9	1	9	4	13↓
15 Del Harris	ENG	15 Jenny Tranfield	ENG	USA			1	1	11
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The October 1937 British ranking lists were particularly notable for the formality of names and titles, and that the number 1 British man was none other than legendary Egyptian Amr Bey! Bey was posted to London as a diplomat. Men's four Norman Yardley was an England cricket international too.

MEN

- F.D. Amr Bey
- E.Snell
- 3 Dr J.F. Stokes
- 4 N.W.D. Yardley
- J.A. Gillies
- D.M. Backhouse
- R. Pulbrook
- 8 J.N.S Ridgers
- 9 A.G. Hazlerigg
- 10 J.W.C. More 11 R Stone
- 12 Dr F.D.M Flowerdew

WOMEN

- 1 Miss M.E.Lumb
- 2 Miss S. Noel
- 3 Mrs I.H McKechnie
- 4 The Hon. Anne Lytton-Milbanke
- 5 Miss F.B. Cooke
- 6 Lady Katherine Cairns
- Miss A.I. Alexander
- 8 Mrs E.S. Barrett
- 9 Mrs F.C. Dawnay 10 Miss E.E. Knox
- 11 Miss M.L. McLintock
- 12 Mrs A.A. Teague





Bey & Lumb pictured.



Nicolette Fernandes of Guyana made history when she became the first Caribbean player to win a World Tour title. She won the Greek Open in December 2009, beating Egyptian Farah Abdel Meguid in the final. Meanwhile Christopher Binnie was the first regional men's winner in 2012 when the Jamaican upset Frenchman Johan Bouquet in the final of the British Virgin Islands Open ... and did so from the qualification event. (Fernandes has won a second tour title and Binnie four at this point). Guyana Squash Squash Jamaica Jamaica Squash AssociationSquash - PSA World Tour







Ranking O & A!

Q: Why is the December 2004 PSA Men's World Top 10 the most remarkable of all-time?

A: Because it is a distinguished list of players ALL of whom would become, or had already been, World No1!

Here is the superstar list with the date they first reached top spot in brackets, from the amazing www.squashinfo.com date treasure trove. Squash - PSA World Tour

PSA MEN'S RANKINGS - DEC 2004

1 Lee Beachill (ENG) (Oct 2004)

(Jan 2004) 2 Thierry Lincou (FRA)

3 Peter Nicol (ENG) (Feb 1998)

4 David Palmer (AUS) (Sep 2001)

5 Amr Shabana (EGY) (Apr 2006)

6 John White (SCO) (Mar 2004)

7 Nick Matthew (ENG) (Jun 2010)

8 Karim Darwish (EGY) (Jan 2009) 9 Jonathon Power (CAN) (May 1999)

10 Gregory Gaultier (FRA) (Nov 2009)

Squash Info



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Squash Library 30 April at 09:11 - @

To follow up on yesterday's action footage uploaded to coincide with Jonah Barrington's 80th birthday, here is an excellent profile written of the great man by Mike Palmer in 1977 in the Squash Champions publication: https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../happy-80th-birthday...

by Mike Palmer The Daily Express

hat so many Britons have discovered the pleasure of squash can be traced in part to the extraordinary contribution from one man, Jonah Barrington.

Barrington, a Cornish man born of an Irish father, won the British Open title (ostensibly the world championship until this year's official World Open at Wembley) six times. His run of victories from 1966 to 1973 forever marks him as one of the world's greatest players and when Barrington claimed his first Open he was the first Briton to do so for 28 years.

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to do so for 28 years.

But Barrington's place in squash goes far beyond impresonal lines in record books. His total application to success has set the supreme example to fire the enthusiasm of the lowliest player; this success a direct inspiration to those entrepreneurs who sparked Britain's squash boom with an explosion of commercial clubs. Barrington's brand of squash evangelism struck an immediate mass chord of public sympathy and acceptance. The formula was simple, for here was a man forthright, unrelenting in his desire to win. He was and still is one of the fitteet men in the world, a fact which enabled him to compensate for an ability judged average by international standards. international standards.

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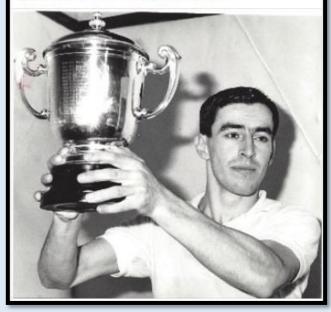
And Barrington was successful, oozing confidence; an oddity in a nation accustomed to filling second place. Above all, Barrington could talk, fluently, amusingly, often scathingly, his Zapata style moustache bristling with rebel fervour as he frequently harangued.



As six times British Open winner Jonah Barrington celebrates his 80th birthday today you can see him in action against fellow legend Geoff hunt in 1974 on the library YouTube Channel at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSUO34TQnQ.

Barrington had lost to Mohamed Yasin in the British Open quarter finals, but Yasin was later forced to scratch from the final with an ankle injury after beating Qamar Zaman in the semis. To provide the BBC cameras some action a match was arranged, and here is the first game of the exhibition. Happy birthday, Jonah!





Australian Joshua Larkin celebrated his first PSA World Tour title at the 2015 City of Perth Open — but runner-up Ko Youngjo made history by becoming the first Korean man to reach a Tour final at the PSA Challenger 5 squash event in Australia. The first Korean woman finalist was Lee Hai-Kyung (left), a qualifier who reached the Calgary Open final in Oct 2004. (Korean Song Sun-Mi reached her debut final in Nov 2009 at the China Open and won 2 titles, first in Aug 2010 (NSW Open), while Ahn Eun Tschan, won 1st of 4 WISPA titles (Black Knight Open in Perth, WA) in May 2011). 대한스쿼시연맹 Korea Squash Federation Squash – PSA World Tour



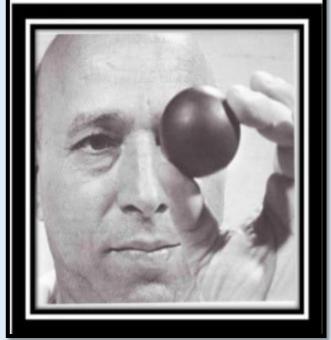




Ten years ago in early 2011 Josh Easdon's documentary film, "Keep Eye on Ball" The Hashim Khan Story, was first broadcast on the U.S. national Sundance Film Channel.

It traced the extraordinary life of the legendary Pakistani. (In 1951, 'veteran' 37-year-old Hashim Khan first entered the British Open. Virtually unknown at the time, he won the first of his eventual seven British Open titles).

Pakistan Squash Federation





Squash Library 18 April at 08:47 · 🔇

Sunday prompt: During 1975 and 1984 respectively when Men's and Women's World Rankings began, Pakistani players dominated the Men's, while Australia were strong in both. A greater spread of nations now, these two nations unrepresented, and Egypt pre-eminent.

Squash - PSA World Tour

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7 Jonah Barrington	GBR	7	Jan Miller	AUS
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15 Mohammed Yasin	PAK	15	Barbara Diggens	GBR
16 John Easter	GBR	16	Lynne Ferry	AUS



MEMORABLE POSTERS. The Library would like to produce a gallery of the most memorable posters that have been produced for events. To start you thinking, here are a selection to look at:

www.squashlibrary.info/post/squash-memorable-event-posters

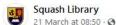
A panel will select the set – but first your nominations are needed! It doesn't matter the level of event, or how recent or old it is; it just needs to be clever or original, unusual or simply stunning. Do send your poster in PDF or jpg to me at info@squashlibrary.info, no later than 31 May. (And if you can't find the one you are looking for let me know and I will try to unearth it for you). Andrew





World Team Championship history was made in 2016 when sisters represented different countries. While Rachael Grinham was battling for Australia at the Team event in Paris, her younger sister Natalie was in action on behalf of Netherlands, the country in which she had resided since 1999. They didn't play each other though. www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships for full World Championship details. World Squash Federation Squash Australia Squash Bond Nederland





Sunday prompt: With the PSA Tour in Cairo at present, back in 1996 the very first Giza 'Pyramids' event was played there. The Al Ahram International 25 years ago saw home star Ahmed Barada beaten by Pakistani Jansher Khan in the final. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - بوابة / Ahram Sport الأهرام الرياضية الأهرام الرياضية



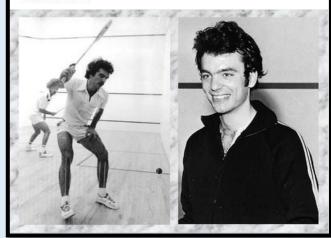


Squash Library

15 March at 09:09 · 🔇

At the time when amateur status was being abolished, in January 1980 Englishman Jonny Leslie became the last winner of the British Amateur Championship, Beating New Zealander Ross Norman in the final. Being captain of the winning World Team Championship team the preceding year was another distinction. But what has also set him apart is that 'multi-sport' Leslie accumulated no less than five sporting blues at Oxford University – squash, tennis, real tennis, rackets and rugby fives.

Now, all these years later he has won the national Over 65 grass court tennis title twice.





Squash Library

14 March at 08:52 · 6

Sunday Prompt. The first World Squash Awards Dinner took place on 6 May 2005. That year the Players of the Year were Thierry Lincou & Vanessa Atkinson (2004 World Champions).

https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../world-squash-awards... shows the full annual list of winners. World Squash Federation Squash - PSA World Tour







Partners who have both won WSF World Masters squash titles at the same event? Yes, South African pair of Angelique Clifton-Parks and Craig Van Der Wath did so in 2003 when they won the Over 35 & 40 crowns respectively, and 2006 where the 40 & 45 titles were theirs. These were two of the six World Masters titles won by Van Der Wath. Squash South Africa World Squash Federation





The first Italian Open was played in Milan in April 1988, with the early rounds ay Squash Sporting Milano, and semis & final on a showcourt at Piazza del Duomo. Rain caused the semi between Egypt's Ahmed Taher and Philip Whitlock (Eng) to be moved back to the club at one game all. With the court still dangerous on finals day, Rodney Eyles (Aus) beat eventual semi winner Whitlock 3/1 at the club, with the match being 'tentatively' re-created on the showcourt for the audience! Full results at www.squashinfo.com Federazione Italiana Giunco Squash



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Lookback Sunday. In Nov 2019, soon after Squash Library began, these 1975 & 1984 ranking lists were published showing how Pakistan were strong in the Men's, Australia & England in both. Now Egypt dominate both, and there is a wider range of nations overall. Squash - PSA World TourSquash AustraliaEngland SquashSquash New ZealandPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

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23 February at 09:45 · 3

Omneya Abdel Kawy is the only player to have played in four Junior Team Championships (1997, 99, 01 & 03). Her Egypt team won in 99 & 03 (pics below).

(The Library World Championship compendia are at https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships)

When she played her team first match on the first day of the 1997 Women's World Junior Championship at the AABB Club in Rio De Janiero, Brazil, she was still nearly two weeks short of her 12th birthday! In her four World Junior Team events she only lost one of the 23 matches she played, that to formidable Malaysian Nicol David. Meanwhile, she was runner up in the accompanying World Junior Individual in 01 & her junior career culminated in winning the title in 2003.

Egyptian Squash Federation - World Squash Federation الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



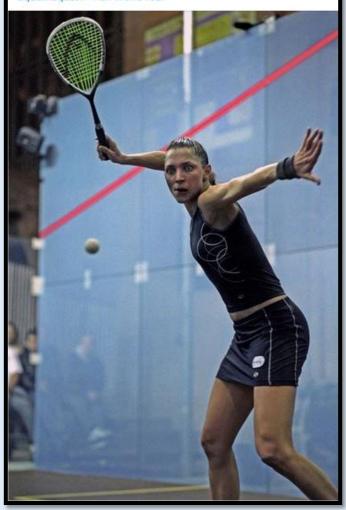




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In her long and successful Tour career (1990 – 2007), Englishwoman Rebecca Macree who was born deaf, won eight World Tour titles and reached a high of seven in the World Rankings in May 2003, as well representing her country. A hard trainer and quick to the ball, because her hearing aids would fill with sweat she didn't wear them on court, and so lip read the referee instead. England SquashSquash - PSA World Tour





The centenary of the Lapham Cup approaches – the event having started in 1922. The Lapham Cup is an annual amateur match played 15 a side between USA & Canada, for a trophy donated by Henry B. Lapham of Brookline, Massachusetts; and is believed to be one of the oldest amateur sporting events between two countries.

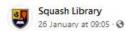
Doubles was added when the Grant Trophy was initiated for Doubles in 1945. The Crawford Trophy began for Women's singles & Doubles matches in 1999, and the Lawrence-Wilkins Trophy matches for Men's Over 65 in 2001.

The four events, held at the same time and venue, are hosted in alternate years by Canada and the United States. Starting in 2000, all singles matches have been played with the international ball.

Squash CanadaUS SQUASH







Australians Liz Irving and her mother Jenny, are the only mother & daughter to have reached British Open finals, though neither (pictured together below) took the title. Jenny Irving reached hers in 1971 where legend Heather McKay waited; while Liz faced Susan Devoy (NZL) in 1988, and countrywoman Michelle Martin in 1994 & 95. Squash Australia







The programme for the 1962 Pakistan Amateur & Professional Championships in Lahore gives a snapshot of the national players of the time. Headed by Roshan Khan, father of Jahangir, later popular manager Umar Draz and others are featured. See it all at https://www.squashlibrary.info/features.















Only two 'legends' have won a professional final without dropping a single point. Jahangir Khan (PAK) managed it in the final of the Thorntons ISPA Championship at Abbeydale Park Squash Club, Sheffield, England when as top seed 18 year old Khan beat countryman Maqsood Ahmed, seeded three, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 in 24 minutes. Ahmed, ranked four in the world at the time, only won six rallies – all won in the second game. Meanwhile, in the 1968 British Open final, Heather McKay inflicted the same scoreline on countrywoman Beverley Johnson. Squash - PSA World Tour



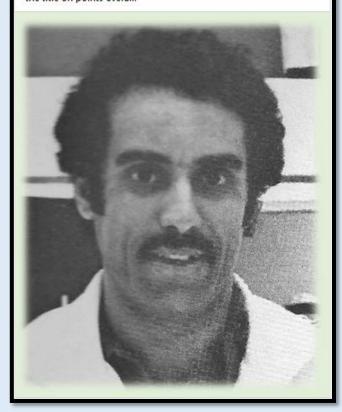




Squash star Sharif Khan (son of Hashim Khan), below, beat John McEnroe in 1979. Not in a tennis match but at the World Invitational Racquets Championship held at the Atlas Health Club in San Diego, USA!

He came first overall ahead of racquetball player Marty Hogan, with both winning two events; Khan the racquetball and badminton events, Hogan winning the squash and tennis ones. (Players were not allowed to compete in their own sport in the CBS televised event).

20 year old McEnroe won the table tennis event, but it was Khan beating Hogan 21-19 in their table tennis semi-final that gave him the title on points overall.



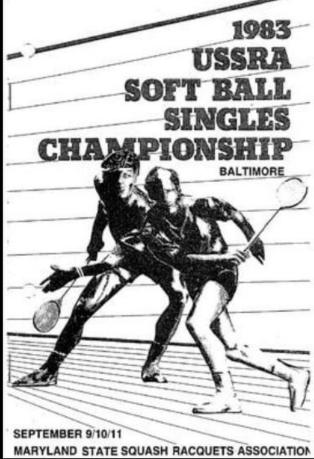
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Extraordinarily, two girls from the same small island have won major squash titles. From the same school and squash court (there was only one on the island for a while). Known as the 'Guernsey Girls', Martine Le Moignan won the 1989 World Open, beating Susan Devoy in the final; and Lisa Opie took the 1991 British Open title. Together, Le Moignan (left) and Opie were members of the England squads which won the World Team title four times between 1985 & 1990. Guernsey Squash & Racketball AssociationEngland Squash









The first ISPA Championship was played 27 Feb - 5 March 1978 at Abbeydale Sports Club, Sheffield, England. (ISPA was the former name for PSA, then Men' Tour only). The draw featured top seed Geoff Hunt - who signed the programme - but although he took the title in 1979 & 1981, the inaugural winner was second seed Qamar Zaman who beat Hiddy Jahan, who had scored a 3/2 semi-final win over Hunt. Squash - PSA World Tour

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In 1935 the first Canadian player reached the final of the Canadian

Open Championship - when two of them did. Players from Hamilton, cousins Hubert and Harold Martin, hold the distinction. As can be seen, Hubert became the first Canadian to win their open title. Squash

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

1924 ... Capt. G. Robarts (G.B.) beat W. D. Macpherson (G.B.). 1927 ... Capt. V. A. Cazalet (G.B.) beat R. S. Wright (Chicago).

1934 ... E. Snell (G.B.) beat J. A. Gillies (G.B.). 3-1. 1935 ... Hubert Martin beat Harold Martin. 3-0. 1936 ... C. Polley (U.S.) beat Hubert Martin. 3-1. 1937 ... N. J. Sullivan (U.S.) beat C. Polley (U.S.). 3-0.



In 1982, the first demountable event took place in South Africa when promoter Owen Emslie built a 'big top' of aluminum posts and plastic awning in Johannesburg for the South African Open. Up to 800 people could watch the matches on the imported glass court, and that number did so for the final where Australian Dean Williams beat Magdi Saad (Egypt) 9-7, 9-6, 9-3. (South African Roland Watson on the 'Big Top' court with Gamal Awad (Egypt). Squash South Africa





Australian squash champion in 1937, Mervyn Weston, reported upon the progress of the women's game there in 1938: 'Perhaps the best player Australia has so far produced is Miss Dorothy Stevenson who won the Australia title in 1936 after a few months practice. Since then she has practically dropped out of the game to concentrate on lawn tennis. I should say that Miss Margot Lumb [English 5 times British Open winner] who appears to have no difficulty in combining squash and lawn tennis would beat any Australian woman without losing a point'.

This, before Heather McKay, Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Rachael Grinham et al turned these comments into a footnote! Squash Australia





A major furore was created on 17 March 2001 when news that Peter Nicol was moving allegiance from Scotland to England reached the media. Nicol had won Commonwealth Singles Gold in 1998 and the World Open in 1999. He had been based in England for some years, and explained that the move was not about money, but support via the English World Class Performance programme. 'It has been a difficult decision for me to make but I am a professional athlete and believe I am joining the best programme there is in the World'. Under the England banner he reached the 2002 Commonwealth Games Final (losing to Canadian Jonathon Power), and was a member of the England squash which won the Men's World Team Championship in 2005.





The first winner of the United States Men's National Championship was John Miskey in 1907, a title he won three times. Miskey, a doctor, was from the Overbrook Golf Club in Greater Philadelphia. Until 1990 the event was Hardball, that year switching to Softball. The Women's title was first played in 1928 when Eleanora Sears became the inaugural winner. Boston born Sears was extravagantly multi-talented, having already been US tennis champion. US SOUASH





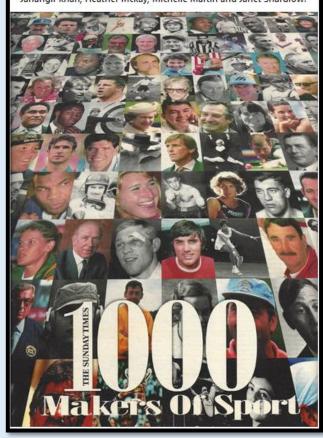
World number one Jansher Khan won the 1992 Dutch Open final wearing his manager's squash shoes! The Pakistani player had his bag stolen after the semi-finals. The solution - manager Satinder Bajwa's same-size worn-in shoes were couriered over from London on the morning of the final enabling Khan to go on to defeat Australian Chris Dittmar 15-12, 15-10, 15-13. (The postscript is that the thief left the bag with everything except money in a locker at Amsterdam Station for the player to collect).

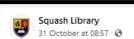


Photo: Steve Line



In June 1996 the Sunday Times (UK) newspaper produced a weekly series of inserts that built up to total 1000 Makers of Sport. Each person had a photo and brief synopsis, with the squash entries mostly written by Richard Eaton. Squash was represented by Jonah Barrington, Susan Devoy, Jim Dear, Geoff Hunt, Hashim Khan, Jahangir Khan, Heather McKay, Michelle Martin and Janet Shardlow.





The Qatar Classic begins today at the same venue as the very first Qatar International event held on 17 – 22 December 1992. The courts, then and now, have been at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. That year was won by Jansher Khan (PAK) who beat Chris Dittmar (AUS) 15-9, 14-15, 12-15, 15-6, 15-11. Qatar Squash Federation

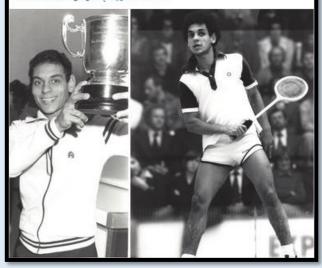








The early Egyptian male champions such as Amr Bey & Mahmoud Karim, along with many recent ones have come from Cairo. Current world number one Mohamed Elshorbagy hails from Alexandria though – as did Gamal Awad, the first star to emerge from Egypt's second city. Known as the Grasshopper for his outstanding athleticism the late Gamal Awad (9 Aug 55 – 6 Nov 04) won the British Amateur twice, recorded a win over Geoff Hunt and was 1983 British Open finalist too (losing to Jahangir Khan). Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





When Jahangir Khan became President of the World Squash Federation in 2002 at the Kuala Lumpur AGM, the Pakistani 'legend' became the first and to date only professional player to take the role. The 6 times World Open and 10 times British Open Champion became a WSF Vice-President in 1998. He served the maximum two terms before stepping down in 2008 to become and remain WSF Emeritus President. (Five times Australian World Champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald is a current WSF Vice-President). World Squash Federation







So far the World Squash Federation have inducted 12 players into the WSF Hall of Fame.

There are career interviews with a number of them on the WSF website: https://www.worldsquash.org/hall-of-fame/
The 'legends' are (with year of induction):

World Squash Federation

MEN:

F.D. AMR BEY (EGY) (1993)
HASHIM KHAN (PAK) (1993)
JONAH BARRINGTON (IRL) (1993)
GEOFF HUNT (AUS) (1993)
JAHANGIR KHAN (PAK) (1993)
JANSHER KHAN (PAK) (2001)

WOMEN:

JANET SHARDOW (ENG) (1993)
HEATHER MCKAY (AUS) (1993)
SUSAN DEVOY (NZL) (1993)
MICHELLE MARTIN (AUS) (2001)
SARAH FITZ-GERALD (AUS) (2004)
NICOL DAVID (MAS) (2011)



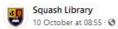
Courts have been given the name of a local star rather than a number, but upon occasion a complete squash centre has been named or re-named to honour the achievements of a player. Here are examples:

The PIA Squash Complex in Karachi was renamed PIA Jahangir Khan Complex in 1990 after he broke Geoff Hunt's record of eight British Open wins (he won ten in all, and six World Open crowns). When the Tauranga Squash Club in New Zealand relocated in 2011, the six court complex was re-titled Devoy Squash & Fitness Centre to acclaim Susan Devoy, four time World & eight British Open title winner.

When Pakistan Squash Federation built a regional centre in Abbottabad City in 1996 they called it Jansher Khan Squash Complex after the eight World Open title winner.

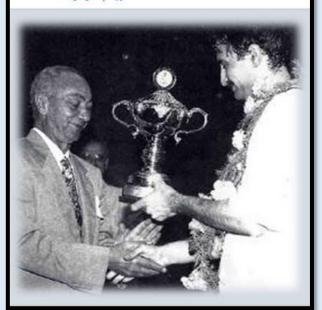
In Malaysia, the Penang International Squash Centre on the home island of Nicol David was re-named in 2010 as Nicol David International Squash Centre, recognising her successes midway through her career which eventually resulted in eight World Open titles.

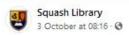




The Egyptian Open, starting today, began for men in October 1997 with Jansher Khan (pic) beating Jonathon Power in the final. In a significant change from expectations now, only one Egyptian player reached the last eight - Ahmed Barada losing to Jansher Khan in the quarters.

The Women's event began three years earlier in 1994, featuring an all-English Final won by Jane Martin. It was uncontested when opponent Linda Charman (Elriani) was forced to concede due to a serious stomach bug. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





The winners of the CIB PSA World Tour Finals in Cairo today follow first winners Jansher Khan (PAK) & Michelle Martin (AUS). Khan won the first Men's in 1993, while Martin prevailed when the Women's debuted in 1998.

The then called ISPA Tour Finals 1993 was played in Vitis Center, Zurich-Schlieren, Switzerland where Khan beat Chris Dittmar (AUS) 15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8.

Meanwhile in 1998, five years later, Martin beat fellow Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald 9-3, 9-5, 3-9, 9-5 in the initially titled WISPA Grand Prix Finals 1998. The event was held on the Red Sea at Hurghada, Egypt. Squash - PSA World Tour





Australia staged its' first outside event in January 1992 – the Northwest Airlines World Outdoor Pro-Am. It was played in Sydney, with a showcourt erected on the reported busiest pedestrian thoroughfare in the country. Matches were played using point a rally with two 20 minute periods.

Men's winner was Chris Dittmar, who beat Brett martin 48 – 41, while Michelle Martin had a more comfortable 45 – 33 final win over Nikki Solan.

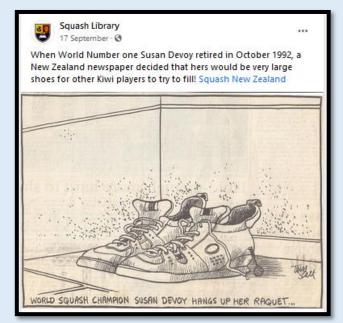
The five day event aimed to raise the profile of the sport and attract more young players via the showcasing. Squash Australia





The PSA World Tour Finals (starting today) began with different names. The Men's debuted in 1993 as the Super Series Finals, before altering to World Series Finals in 2011. Meanwhile for the Women it was Grand Prix Finals from 1998 before following PSA to 'World Series' in 2012 and 'Tour in 2018. Squash - PSA World Tour



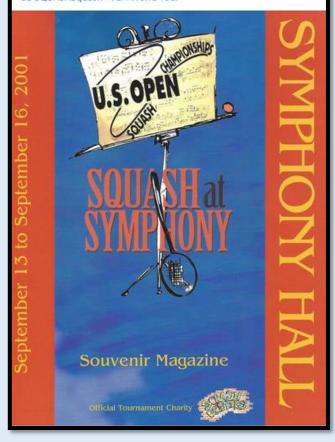


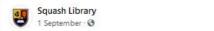


19 years ago today, on the morning of 11 Sept 2001, planes hit the Twin Towers in New York; the atrocity causing a terrible death toll and changing the world. That day in Boston qualification matches for the U.S. Open had been scheduled to take place at the Harvard & University Clubs, with the Boston Symphony Hall set for showcourt matches.

Tournament Director John Nimick and his Event Engine Company bounced back superbly from the inevitable postponement and the general financial and general dislocation, not only by staging the first sporting event at the Symphony Hall exactly a year later, but first by playing the September 2001 U.S. Open in January 2002 at the Sheraton Boston Grand Ballroom. Here's the programme cover for the event that did not take place.

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The first women's test match between Australia and England took place on 12 February 1964. The visitors included Heather McKay (then Blundell, before her marriage) who had already won two of her 16 British Opens; & Jenny Irving, (mother of Liz Irving).

The outcome at the Lansdowne Club in London was a 3 – 2 win to Australia. It was very close except for the number ones, where Blundell was totally dominant.

Scores: Fran Marshall lost Heather Blundell 1-9,0-9,0-9; Sheila Macintosh beat Jenny Irving 9-2,7-9, 9-3,2-9,9-2; Anna Craven Smith lost Pat McLenaughan 9-10,9-7,9-5,8-10,8-10; Mary Muncaster beat Barbara Baxter 9-5,6-9,2-9,9-2,9-6; Pauline White lost Helen Plaisted 8-10, 9-4, 9-4, 5-9, 5-9.

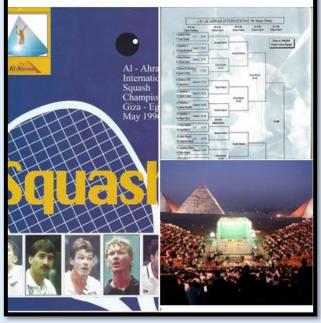
(L to R: Plaisted, Blundell, McLenaughan, Irving, Baxter) Squash Australia England Squash





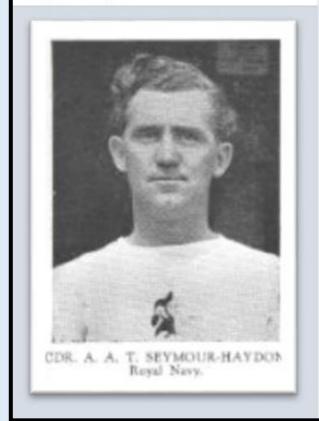
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Championship played in front of Giza's Pyramids in Cairo took place 17 – 22 May 1996. Here is the draw of players who took part in the historic debut event. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash الاتعاد المصري للإسكواش - Federation





Past times In 1958 there were 47 entries for the Mediterranean Fleet of ships crew championship played in Malta. For the record, this event ... where spectators may have been called navel-gazers! ... was won by Capt Seymour-Hayden who beat Lt. Rump 9-5, 9-2, 9-0 in the final, after they had semi-final wins over Lt Evelegh and Sub-Lt Gambier respectively).





In the 1969 Monaco International Championship the runner up was H.H. Prince Rainier, who was beaten by Aris Vatimbella 9-6 10-9 2-9 9-7 at the Monte Carlo Country Club – possibly risky for a Monaco citizen! His own court in Monaco's Prince's Palace gave him a home training base, but he went back to it with the smaller trophy.





The Men's & Women's record holders for longest unbroken months in the PSA world top 10 are Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 154 (Apr 2006 - Jan 2019) & Nicol David (MAS) 177 (Jan 2004 - Sept 2018). For a full range of Tour stats e.g. time at number one, most finals, youngest and oldest winners, go to Library general features: www.squashlibrary.info/features Squash - PSA World Tour





In 1963 Scotland were able to celebrate their first victory over England in a test match, having lost every year from 1937. The win was on home turf at Edinburgh Sports Club with the Scots taking the top three strings.

Scotland bt England 3 – 2 Mike Oddy bt Richard Boddington 9-4, 10-8, 9-7 Oliver Balfour bt Jeremy Lyon 9-5, 9-3, 5-9, 3-9, 9-5 George Chisholm bt John Skinner 6-9, 7-9, 9-6, 10-8, 9-1 Robert Montgomerie It Pat Kirton 7-9, 7-9, 2-9 Ian de S la Terriere It Tony Gathercole 8-10, 4-9, 6-9

From left: Balfour, Sales la Terrier, Montgomerie, Chisholm, Oddy Scottish Squash England Squash





Australian Harry Hopman has a place in the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Twice winner of the Wimbledon Mixed Doubles & the Australian Championships (1929 & 1930), he also coached Australia to 15 Davis Cup championships and he also found time to win three Australian Squash Championship titles too!

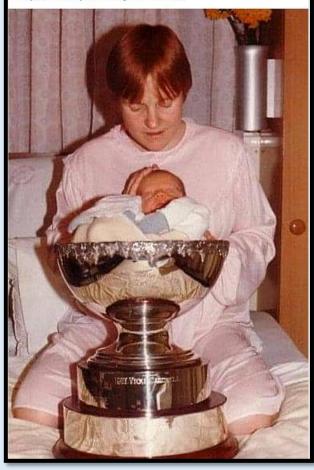
Oh, and Australian cricket legend Don Bradman won the South Australian Squash Championship in 1939. Squash Australia







Trophies have regularly been filled with champagne, but not babies! The one in question was newly-arrived Joshua, son of 1983 Women's World Open winner Vicki Cardwell and husband lan. For the full list of Women's results, photos and poster go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/features





Nobody is playing Wimbledon this week, of course, but there was a time when top squash players also played competitive tennis. Ten times Women's British Open Champion in the 1950s, Janet Morgan (Shardlow), played 14 times at Wimbledon, as did another British Open winner Joan Curry. The Men's tennis event saw top British

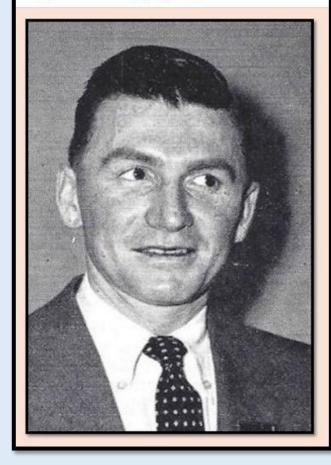
squash players of the time participating, including Denis Hughes and Henry Truman. (Curry left, and Morgan)





1st January 1954 saw the start of the first US Open Championship. It was open to all nationalities, amateur or professional but the draw size limited to twenty players.

British Open champions Mahmoud Karim (EGY) & Hashim Khan (PAK) travelled to the University Club in New York to play, and while the Hardball version of squash predominating in USA then was unfamiliar to them they both progressed before Karim was beaten by US Amateur champion Henri Salaun 15-9 15-1 15-5 in the semis. Khan beat Diehl Mateer in a tight semi 12-15 12-15 15-8 15-8 15-12, but lost to Salaun in the final. The scoreline was 15-7 15-12 15-14, indicating that the softball star was getting stronger as Hashim got to grips with Hardball day by day. US SQUASH





We might assume general Egyptian player success now, but it was an all-English Final in the first Women's Tour event held in Egypt. The Egyptian Women's Open, held in Cairo in September 1994, was won by Jane Martin (pictured). She won an uncontested final when opponent Linda Charman (Elriani) was forced to concede due to a serious stomach bug. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش England Squash





Can you name the youngest & oldest Tour event winners / world number 1s, longest PSA memberships, most matches played? In conjunction with squashinfo.com, answers to these and much more besides, are in the Squash Library at https://www.squashlibrary.info/features Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

		MEN'S	
gest PSA Membership	Olli Tuominen (FIN)	266 months (May 97 - Jun 29)	Rachael Grinham (AUS)
gest unbroken time in top 10	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	154 (Apr 2006 - Jan 2019)	Nicol David (MAS)
st consective months at Number 1	Johangir Khan (PAK)	72 months (Jan 1982 - Dec 1987)	Nicol David (MAS)
st overall months at Number 1	Jansher Khan (PAK)	97 months (Jan 1988 - Jan 1998)	Nicol David (MAS)
vest months at Number 1	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	1 month (May 2017)	Natalie Grainger (USA)
lest World Number 1	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	35 years 1 month (Feb 2018)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
ingest World Number 1	Johangir Khan (PAK)	18 years (Jan 1982)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
ingest Tour Event Winner	Ahmed Barada (EGY)	1993 (16y 1m - Al Mannai Open, Egypt)	Habiba Mohamed (EGY
lest Tour Event Winner	Mike Corren (AUS)	2017 (43y 3m - Golden Open, Australia)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)
st Tour Event wins	Jansher Khan (PAK) or Jahangir Khan (PAK)	99 (1986 - 1998) number unconfirmed	Nicol David (MAS)
st Tour event finals	Jansher Khan (PAK)	118 (1986-1999)	Nicol David (MAS)
st World Open wins	Januher Khan (PAK)	8 (1987, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96)	Nicol David (MAS)
agest World Open Winner	Johangir Khan (PAK)	1981 (17y 11m)	Nour El Sherbini (EGY)
1.World Open Winner	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	1980 (33v 6m)	Heather McKay (NUT
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It is worth remembering that Raneem El Welily, who announced her retirement from the PSA Tour today while atop the world rankings, became the first Egyptian female to become world number one in any sport when she reached the top of the squash pyramid in September 2015.

El Welily, aged 31 from Alexandria had her potential recognised as early as 2004 when she was voted Tour Young Player of the Year – before she had won the World Junior title in 2005 & 2007 (during a period when it was held every two years), and British Junior Under 19 Open in January 2007 (incidentally beating future French star Camille Serme in the Final).

Winning the World Championship in Manchester in December 2017 was another high point of a career that included 24 titles including the US Open 2018.

But the high point for spectators was watching not only a hugely talented player but a supreme athlete too. And a player who looked happy going about her business, and off-court the most personable and humble person anybody could wish to meet.

World Squash Library congratulates her on a stellar career, thanks her for the pleasure she has brought to so many, and wishes Raneem and husband Tarek Momen, himself a World Champion, every happiness, health and success in the future. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواس







Iran has hosted men's and women's Tour events, as well as Asian Championships. The first was a Women's Tour 4 in Tehran in 2005 won by Malaysia's Tricia Chuah, followed by the Men's Fajr International in Kish Island a year later won by Omar Mosaad (both pictured). Since then three Asian Junior Championships have been held in the country.







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League match for Linköping Squash Club in 1979 when he was 15 years old. Earlier this year he made it six decades in the League, all for the same club!

Can anbody challenge this six decade national level record?

Seen here, he was giving away no less 41 years to opponent Karl
Bundy in January!

Meanwhile, the headline in the 1979 newspaper was 'Star in the 80s'

'Freddie', now 57, has amassed 53 Swedish Championships titles, won the European Club Championships along with six World Tour events (reaching the world top 20) as well as British & World Masters titles. ActiPro Event Svensk Squash

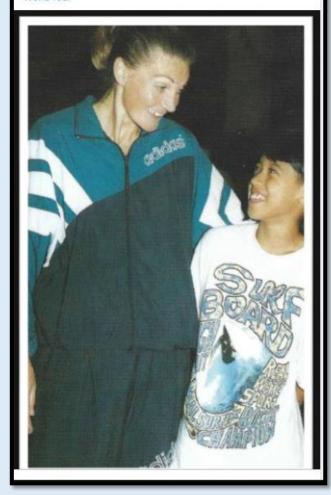




Nicol David was a Malaysian Junior was aged 13 when she was awarded a place in the qualification draw of the Women's World Open in 1996 in her home country. While she didn't make the main draw, she went on to win eight titles.

She is seen here with three times winner Michelle Martin (1993 – 1995).

The full Women's World Open history, information and champions poster is at http://www.squashlibrary.info/womens-world-squash... Michelle MartinNicol DavidWorld Squash FederationSquash - PSA World Tour





The first Irish Open took place in February 1932 (won by a Mr A Hamilton). The venue then was Dublin's Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in Dublin – and still is.

The historic club (established 1877) built a clubhouse on new land it acquired in 1902 and built what was believed to be the first court in Ireland. It featured one plaster and three wooden walls. The club now has six squash courts. Irish Squash





11 November 1986 was a squash milestone – being the date when Ross Norman ended Jahangir Khan's Syear 7month unbeaten spell in the final of the World Open at the Palais Des Sports in Toulouse, France.

But three years earlier was a significant time too. The summer of 1983 was when the New Zealander wrecked his knee landing awkwardly on the edge of the runway at the end of his first ever parachute jump. He reported it as 'it felt like falling out of a two-storey building'. Having severed one ligament and displaced another it seemed unlikely that he would play again. He did, and the rest, as they say, is history!

For full Men's World Championship results, info & poster: https://www.squashlibrary.info/mens-world-squash... Squash - PSA World Tour Squash New Zealand





The British Under 19 Open, informally called the Drysdale Cup after the trophy provided by RAC members in the name of Dr Theodore Drysdale who initiated the event, began in 1926. It was the unofficial Men's World Under 19 title until the World Junior Individual began in 1980.

It was won by British players until Peter Gerlow from Denmark won in April 1961 & 1962, followed in short order by Sharif Khan from Pakistan in 1963 and Indian Anil Nayar in 1965.

L to R: Gerlow, Khan, Nayar.

[Coincidentally, there are the life stories of two of the trio available: Sharif Khan (The Sheriff of Squash) and Anil Nayar (Lucky)].







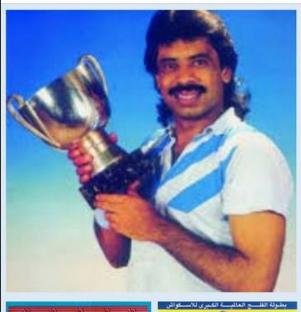


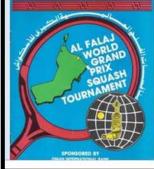
The Khan dynasty of male Pakistani champions is renowned, but Carla Khan, grand-daughter of 4 times British Open winner Azam Khan has also made history. She beat Mexico's Samantha Teran to win the El Salvador Women's Open on 9 Nov 2002 to become the first female Pakistani to win a Tour event.

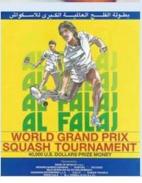




For five years in the 1980s the top men professionals went to the Al Falaj Hotel in Oman to compete. For the first three years (1984,5,6) Jahangir Khan (PAK) beat Ross Norman (NZL) in each final. Fellow Pakistani Jansher Khan took over in 1987, beating Chris Dittmar (AUS) in the final, before Jahangir roared back in the last staging in 1988, beating Jansher to win a fourth title. Squash - PSA World Tour





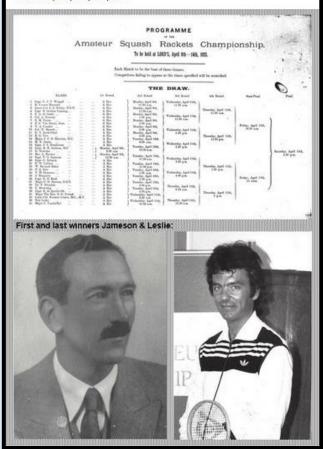




The British Amateur Championship began in 1923, and continued until the sport went 'open' in 1980. As can be seen from the first draw it was awash with armed forces entries. The first winner was Capt Tom Jameson, an Irishman who was also a top level cricketer. He beat Capt James Palmer-Tomkinson best-of-three 17-12, 12-15, 15-0 (Hand in/hand-out to nine only started in 1927, when the title was finally won by Palmer-Tomkinson after three final losses, at the age of 47!).

Other winners included Egyptians Amr Bey & Gamal Awad, Australians Ken Hiscoe & Geoff Hunt, Jonah Barrington, Pakistanis Aftab Jawaid, Gogi Alauddin & Mohibullah Khan.

The last final on 4 February 1980 saw Jonny Leslie (Eng) beat Ross Norman (NZL) 9-3, 9-4.



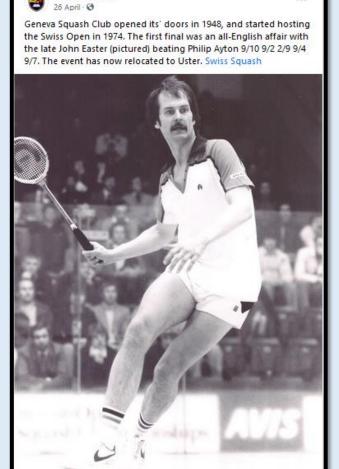








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There may not be comprehensive records of the longest doubles match, but here are a possible top two:

- 1. In January 1985 Jonathon Cornish & Darren Mabbs beat Christy Willstrop & Robert Forde 11-15, 15-11, 7-15, 18-14, 17-15 in the British Doubles final in a mere 2h 43m.
- In March 2006 Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight (NZL) beat Rodney Durbach & Adrian Hansen (RSA) 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 13-15, 9-6 in a Commonwealth Games quarter final in 2h 36m.

The 1985 match was played on a singles court, 2006 on a wider one; but since then the Doubles International Competition Width has expanded further, the tin lowered to 13"/33cm, and matches are reduced to best of three games now.





The first Mexican Opens were both played in Mexico City. The Women's started in 1999 with Cassie Jackman beating Linda Charman (Elriani) 9/4, 9/3, 9/0 in an all-English final. The first Men's took place in 2006, with an all-Mexican final; Eric Galvez beating Jose Angel Becerril 11/8, 11/4, 11/7. Squash Mexico Squash - PSA World Tour





The world's most northern and southern squash courts? Well, for the north it is at Longyearbyen is the Svalbard archipelago. Well inside the Arctic Circle it is the world's northernmost town, and has one court at the town sports hall (Svalbardhallen). Longyearbyen boasts a population of humans of 2,300 – and 3,000 polar bears! The most southern is at the very bottom of South American at Ushuaia on the island of Tierra Del Fuego, where the Las Hayas Hotel has a court – one where the ceiling follows the out of court line, so lobbing is out of the question!

Both were visited during the WISPA Promotional Tours of 2006 & 2007, and the height of the ceiling can be seen by the less-thangiant Rachael Grinham, Nicol David and Sarah Fitz-Gerald being able to touch it!

The bidding is now open for the world's highest court. (The lowest is very easy at 3,784 m below sea level – the squash court on the Titanic!).





The first ever international squash event held in Korea was the Jain International Women's Open held in the Southern city of Busan in September 1995. (It was won by Sarah Fitz-Gerald who beat Michelle Martin 10-8, 9-1, 10-8 in the all-Australian final. Local media interest was considerable as squash was due to begin taking part in the Asian Games for the first time in the same city in 2002. (Last four LtoR Liz Irving, Suzanne Horner, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Michelle Martin) 대한스쿼시연맹 Korea Squash Federation

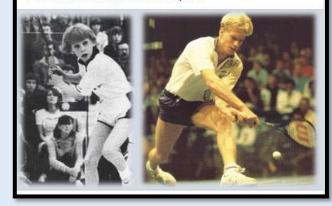








Playing double handed has only been seen at the very top level of squash once. Englishman Peter Marshall used it throughout his career, starting out winning Under 10 age events nicknamed 'Mighty Mouse'. He did not grow out of it, being double-handed English number one for five unbroken years (1990 – Sept 1995), and World number two from Nov 94 – Sept 95.





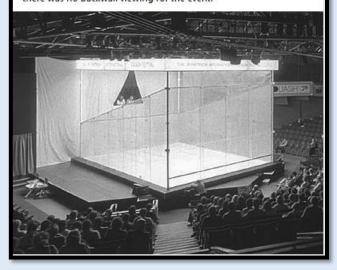
In 1938 former British Open Champion Donald Butcher (pictured, right with fellow champion Charles Read) made a squash coaching film at the St John's Wood Club in London. Apparently the camera work was done by a club member who wished to remain anonymous!

It covered everything from grip, shots, court-craft; and instructions such as 'Keep yourself in mid-court and the ball out of it'. Unarguable logic! A film that it would be great to find.





In March 1983 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England, Jahangir Khan beat Gamal Awad 3-1 in the then record-breaking 2h 46m Men's Chichester International Final, while Vicki Cardwell also won her 3rd title; both in the probably unique situation of the master camera filming being through the front wall. As can be seen, there was no backwall viewing for the event.





The now postponed Grasshopper Cup in Zurich, Switzerland which was due to begin today was first played in 1979. The Grasshopper Club itself dates back to 1886, with squash being added to its menu of sports in 1974 the most common explanation of the club name referring to its early footballers energetic post-goal celebrations and that their style of play was nimble and energetic! Grasshopper Cup - Squash PSA Gold & Bronze Tournament

Mo ElShorbagy (EGY) Ramy Ashour (EGY) Gregory Gaultier (FRA) Marwan ElShorbegy (EGY) Gregory Gautier (FRA) Amr Shabana (EGY) Alister Walker (BOT) Danyl Selby (ENG) Mark Cairns (ENG) ohn Williams (AUS) Oli Tuominen (FIN) Stephen Meads (ENG) Alex Gough (WAL) Glen Wilson (NZ Martin Heath (SCO) Jansher Khan (PAK) Chris Dittmar (AUS) Chris Dittmar (AUS) Chris Dittmar (AUS) Chris Robertson (AUS) Gooff Williams (ENG) Neil Horvey (ENG) Neil Harvey (ENG) Gamal El Amir (EGY) Gomal El Amir (EGY) Kevin Karam (ZAF) Mike Sherren (RSA)

RUNNER UP

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Andrew Marshall (ENG)

First winner: Norman Ingledew



Holder: Mohamed ElShorbagy





David Fear (AUS) Leit Leiner (SWE) Paul Hendry (ENG)

Twelve 'squash legends' have places in the WSF Hall of Fame. While the first four pre-date the introduction of World Open, between the 12 they have won no less than 45 World Open and 90 British Open titles, Australia lead the national table with four: Pakistan are one behind on three, other countries have one representative each.

Inducted at the WSF AGM 1993:

F.D. Amr Bey - Egypt (6 British Open titles: 1933-1938) Janet Shardlow (Morgan) - England (10 British Open titles: 1950-1959)

Hashim Khan - Pakistan (7 British Open titles: 1951-1958) Jonah P Barrington - Ireland (6 British Open titles: 1967-1973) Heather McKay (Blundell) - Australia (2 World & 16 British Open titles: 1962-1979)

Geoff Hunt - Australia (7 World Open/Individual & 8 British Open titles: 1967-1981)

Susan Devoy - New Zealand (4 World Open & 8 British Open titles: 1984-1992)

Jahangir Khan - Pakistan (8 World Open/Individual & 10 British

Open titles: 1979-1991)

Inducted at the WSF AGM 2001:

Michelle Martin - Australia (3 World Open & 6 British Open titles: 1993-2000)

Jansher Khan - Pakistan (8 World Open & 6 British Open titles: 1987-2000)

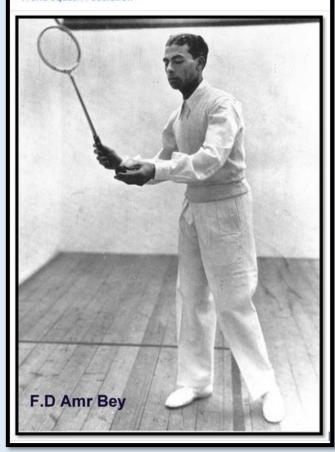
Inducted at the WSF AGM 2004:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald - Australia (5 World Open & 2 British Open titles: 1996-2002)

Inducted at the WSF AGM 2011:

Nicol David - Malaysia (8 World Open & 5 British Open titles: 2005 -2014)

World Squash Federation







In 2011 WSF took over the WISPA Promotional Tour initiative under the WSF Ambassador Programme banner, using a similar format and with the same travel donor, but with a male and female player, and a coach and referee added to provide workshops.

The first, to Riga, Latvia, was led by Nicol David & John White, along with coach Ronny Vlassaks and referee Ian Allanach. A further 13 nations have been visited.

Nicol DavidJohn White





The Women's Tour (then called WISPA) began an annual WISPA Promotional Tour initiative in 1999 to help 'younger' nations with their development and promotional efforts with two top players going to play, meet media, and generally enthuse the local squash community.

The first, in Prague, Czech Republic, saw Sarah Fitz-Gerald arrive on crutches, so Natalie Grainger joined in to support Cassie Jackman on court - all seen here with Jan Koukal, (who last weekend narrowly failed to add to his 18 Czech national titles). A further 24 annual national visits followed.

A donor funded the international costs each year, players gave their time without fee and the host federation covered local expenses. World SquashSquash - PSA World TourSarah Fitz-GeraldNatalie GraingerCassie-Matt ThomasJan Koukal





The Canary Wharf Classic, starting today, began in 2004 by Eventis with an 8 player challenge, won by James Willstrop, at the impressive East Wintergarden venue in Docklands, London it continues to use. Eventis, (pictured at their start: LtoR Tim Garner, Peter Nicol & Angus Kirkland), manage the only current London showcourt event.

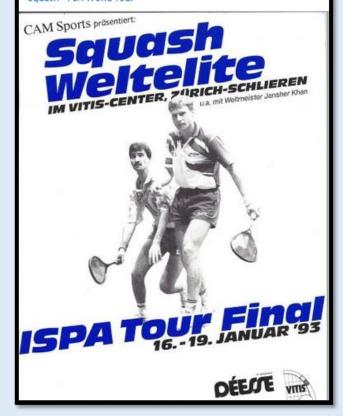




The World Tour Finals began in January 1993, then generally called the Super Series Finals. Vitis Club in Schlieren/Zurich, Switzerland, hosted the first two editions, with Jansher Khan winning both. After a gap year the event began to be promoted by Satinder Bajwa from 1996. The first three years saw it staged at the Galleria Mall in Hatfield near London, before he moved it to Broadgate Arena in the City of London from 1999 – 2006.

After that there was a move to Manchester in 2007, then back to Broadgate in 2008, shifting across London to Queens Club for 2009, a gap year then in 2011 at Queens with the Nick Matthew / Amr Shabana final unable to be played due to the roof of the temporary inflated arena becoming unstable in high winds.

The Finals continued at Queens for 2012 & 2013, before one year at Richmond, Virginia, USA, a gap year, and 2016 – 2018 in Dubai, as the PSA World Tour Finals. Last year 6th October City in Egypt hosted the event with Karim Abdel Gawad becoming the current holder of the title. Satinder Bajwa PSA Dubai World Series Finals Squash - PSA World Tour





When Luxembourg's Sandra Denis lost 3-2 in her National Championship this year she failed to add to her 21 titles. India's Joshna Chinappa has moved closer to women's 2nd spot (held by Finland's Tuula Myllyniemi with 20 up to 2009), winning her 18th this month.

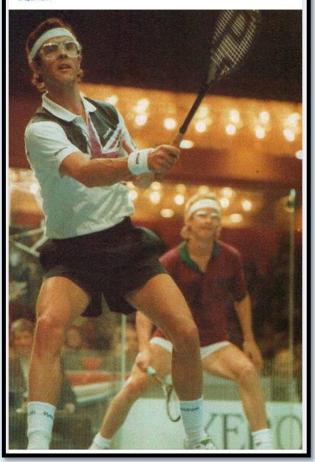
On the Men's side Belgian star Stefan Castelyn amassed 19 up to 2015, but is exceeded by current Isle of Man current champion Dave Norman with his 21 too.

Are there any other claimants to match or exceed the pictured 21 title national stars?





The Windy City Open begins today in Chicago, USA. The first event took place in 1983, and US star Mark Talbott (front) won the title every year consecutively until 1994 when he was dethroned by Canadian Gary Waite (back) - who beat Australian Byron Davis 15/9, 15/13, 15/8 in the final. Since then three players have won two Windy City titles: Nick Matthew (04 & 15), Gregory Gaultier (14 & 17) & Mohamed Elshorbagy (16 & 18) Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH







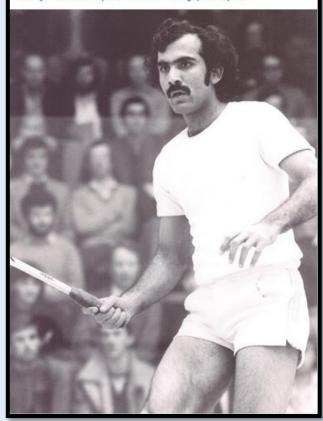
The 1st Spanish Open was held in 1979 at Hotel Los Monteros near Marbella. Racing driver James Hunt lost in the Men's quarters to eventual winner, Australian Frank Donnelly, pictured. Runner up was Kiwi Ross Norman in this non current event. REAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE SQUASH





The Malaysian Open dates back to 1975, with Gogi Allaudin (pictured) the first Men's winner, beating fellow Pakistani Mohibullah Khan 3-1 in the final, while the Women's trophy went across the Causeway to Singapore, won by Helen Chinchen, who beat Malaysian Glynne Wong 3-1.

Jahangir Khan is a past winner too – beating Australian Dean Williams 3-0 in 1983. Squash Racquets Association of MalaysiaPakistan Squash FederationSingapore Squash





The winner of the British Nationals later today won't have the bonus that 4 times winner Alison Waters did after she won in 2010. A named train! She was able to travel to Manchester from her London home on a train bearing her name in March 2011 as the very first athlete named as part of a Virgin Trains initiative in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games 2014 in Glasgow. England





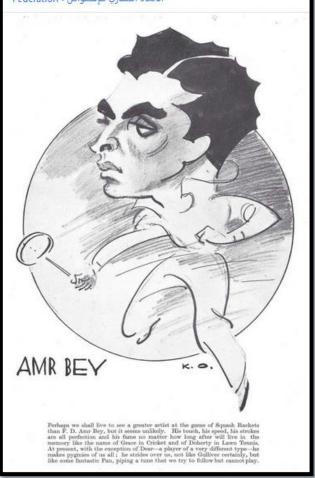


The postponement of the Macau Open scheduled for next month due to the Corona virus outbreak echoes the situation in 2003 when the SARS virus caused the postponement of a number of sporting events, including the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open which had been scheduled for 24 - 31 August 2003. It bounced back in 2004





Recently retired Ramy Ashour had the nickname 'The Artist'. And what an artist with the racket he has been! But he is not the first player, not even the first Egyptian, to be called that. Back in 1937 this illustration of Amr Bey, six times British Open Champion (1933 – 1938) described him as an artist too. Ramy AshourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





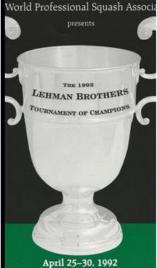
Squash evolves, the strength of nations alters. A look at the world rankings 20 years ago compared with the current one illustrates this. The millennium dominance of UK & Ireland with no less 18 players in the two top 16s has shrunk to just 5 in the January 2020 lists. Australia have dropped from 5 to zero in the period. Meanwhile Egypt have exploded from 1 to 16 and a raft of new nations have taken up the combined total of 8 countries 20 years ago to 14 now (even with the current absence of Australia, Canada, Netherlands & South Africa).

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1 Jonathon Power	CAN	1	Cassie Campion	ENG
2 Peter Nicol	SCO	2	Leilani Joyce	NZL
3 Ahmed Barada	EGY	3	Linda Charman	ENG
4 Simon Parke	ENG	4	Natalie Grainger	RSA
5 Martin Heath	SCO	5	Carol Owens	AUS
6 Paul Johnson	ENG	6	Suzanne Horner	ENG
7 Anthony Hill	AUS	7	Sabine Schone	GER
8 Paul Price	AUS	8	Fiona Geaves	ENG
9 Alex Gough	WAL	9	Stephanie Brind	ENG
10 Derek Ryan	IRE	10	Claire Nitch	RSA
11 Thierry Lincou	FRA	11	Vanessa Atkinson	NED
12 David Palmer	AUS	12	Rebecca Macree	ENG
13 Graham Ryding	CAN	13	Tania Bailey	ENG
14 David Evans	WAL	14	Rachael Grinham	AUS
15 Del Harris	ENG	15	Jenny Tranfield	ENG
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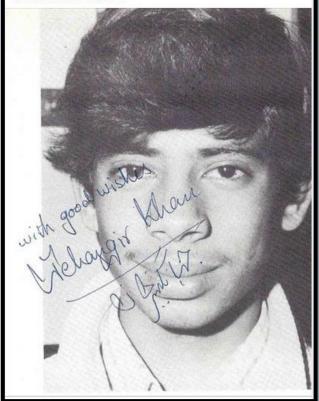
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B Martin bt G Waite 3-1
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R Eyles bt M Maclean 3-2
C Dittmar bt A Walstedt 3-0
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Khan bt Davies 3-0
B Martin bt Norman 3-1
Nancarrow bt R Martin 3-2
Dittmar bt Eyles 3-0
Semi Finals
Khan bt B Martin 3-0

Semi Finals
Khan bt B Martin 3-0
Dittmar bt Nancarrow 3-0
Final

Khan bt Dittmar 3-1



After Jahangir Khan had won the World Amateur title aged 15 he arrived in London for the (last) British Amateur having just turned 16 in January 1980 as a hot favourite. He damaged his back in practice and had to withdraw, but not before signing a programme.#jahangirkhan





Go back 15 years to 2005, and some familiar names were competing in the British Junior Open which begins today. But what is striking is that on the male side Pakistan were dominating, winning three of the four titles and Runner Up in the other. Last year no Pakistani players reached a final, with Egypt dominating. Malaysia did win three younger titles so perhaps a sign of an increasing challenge from them and elsewhere for the next few years. Here is how it went in 2005, England SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash Racquets Association of Malaysia Egyptian Squash Federation -

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15 years after tennis had its' 'Battle of the Sexes' matches between Bobby Riggs and Billy Jean King, squash had its' own one in 1987. Susan Devoy, who had already won 3 of her 8 British Open titles took on 14 year old Simon Parke. It was arranged as a winner-takesall match at the Oasis Club in Marlow, England (Devoy's base). Parke came into it having beaten British Women's champion Lisa Opie five times in a row, and amidst extensive publicity a sell-out crowd, themselves betting on the outcome, packed in to watch. The match lasted 70 minutes and saw Parke winning the 1st & 3rd games comfortably before Kiwi Devoy levelled up. Sensing her opportunity, she dropped and drove towards a final scoreline of 3-9, 9-6, 1-9, 9-6, 9-4.

Her post-match comment was telling, 'One for the women, but only just in time. I would not be able to beat him this time next year'. Parke gracefully said 'I thought she was great before we started. Now I know for sure'.

Devoy went back to completing her stellar career against women, while Parke went on to win the World Junior title in 1990 and reach a career-high world ranking at 3.

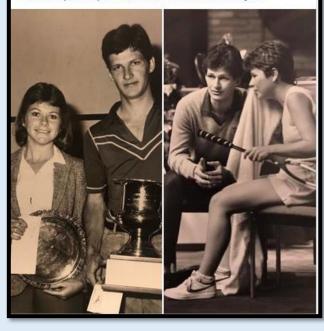


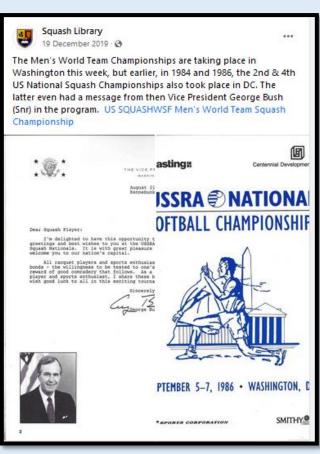


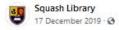
Two current pairs of married squash stars are Tarek Momen / Raneem El Welily & Ali Farag / Nour El Tayeb of course but these Egyptian couples are not the first to both win titles.

Women's World Open Champion in 1981 Rhonda Thorne and husband Ross Thorne were Australians doing the same. The have both held the Australian and South African Open crowns, amongst others, for example. Other married holders of international titles to add?

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The Jahangir Khan / Gamal Awad 163 minute match from 1983 was overtaken on 24 Jan 2015 when Leo Au (HKG) took 170 mins to beat Shawn Delierre (Can) 11/6 4/11 11/6 7/11 16/14 in the semis of the Holtrand Gas City Pro Am in Medicine Hat, Canada. (He then beat Malaysian Muhd Asyraf Azan 3/2 in the final in a mere 85 mins!). Hong Kong SquashSquash Canada

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In 1949 New Haven, USA, ran an event to coincide with the British Women's Team being Stateside for the Wolfe-Noel International

The report from the Boston Daily Globe shows how Janet Morgan (who later married and became Shardlow) struggled with the

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During 1975 and 1984 respectively when Men's and Women's World Rankings began, Pakistani players dominated the Men's, while Australia were strong in both. A greater spread of nations now, these two nations unrepresented, and Egypt pre-eminent.

✓ MEN'S (1975)			WOMEN'S (1984)	
1 Qamar Zaman	PAK	1	Vicki Cardwell	AUS
2 Geoff Hunt	AUS	2	Lisa Opie	GBR
3 Gogi Alauddin	PAK	3	Susan Devoy	NZL
4 Hiddy Jahan	PAK	4	Rhonda Thorne	AUS
5 Mohibullah Khan	PAK	5	Sue Cogswell	GBR
6 Ken Hiscoe	AUS	6	Martine Le Moignan	GBR
7 Jonah Barrington	GBR	7	Jan Miller	AUS
8 Cam Nancarrow	AUS	8	Robyn Blackwood	NZL
9 Ahmed Safwat	EGY	9	Angela Smith	GBR
10 Torsam Khan	PAK	10	Carin Clonda	AUS
11 Roland Watson	RSA	11	Heather Wallace	GBR
12 Sajjad Muneer	PAK	12	Rae Anderson	AUS
13 Rehmat Khan	PAK	13	Alison Cumings	GBR
14 Billy Reedman	AUS	14	Jayne Ashton	GBR
15 Mohammed Yasin	PAK	15	Barbara Diggens	GBR
16 John Easter	GBR	16	Lynne Ferry	AUS



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The entry deadline for the British Junior Open is tomorrow, while for the 1926 boys Championship entries closed nearly a century ago! The entry fee was 12.5p (\$0.15/€0.14)! This was the first time that the U19 trophy was named the Drysdale Cup - named after Dr Theodore Drysdale, an RAC Club member who led the initiation of the event but died from a mosquito bite going septic in late 1925. England

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Another great player group! At the Women's World Open in Seattle 1999 the four semi-finalists surrounded the great Heather McKay (who won 16 consecutive British Open titles and was unbeaten through the period) as she entered the WISPA Hall of Fame. L to R Cassie Jackman (winner), Leilani Joyce, Natalie Grainger, Michelle Martin (R/U) Squash - PSA World TourEngland SquashUS SQUASHSquash AustraliaSquash New Zealand

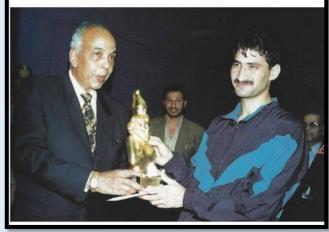


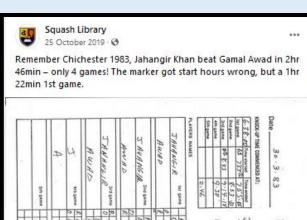






The first Giza 'Pyramids' event took place 23 years ago – photos of which were a worldwide sensation. The 1996 AI Ahram International saw home favourite Ahmed Barada beaten by Jansher Khan in the final. #SquashByThePyramids @SquashLibrary





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