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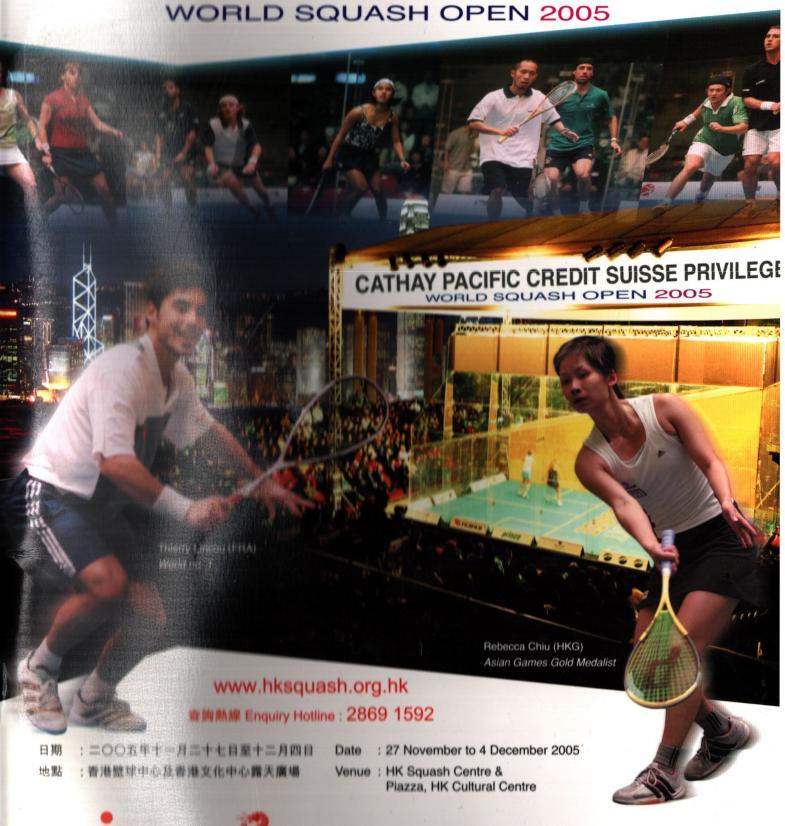








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Message from the

Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR

My warmest congratulations to Hong Kong Squash on hosting the Cathay Pacific Credit Suisse Privilege World Squash Open 2005.

As a capital of sports events in Asia, Hong Kong is proud to bring you the first-ever international squash tournament to comprise both the Men's and Women's World Open Championships. It offers an excellent opportunity for people in Hong Kong to witness the world's top squash players competing for the prestigious titles. The finals, to be staged at the Piazza outside the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, promise players and spectators alike an extraordinary experience – of being immersed in the marvelous view of Victoria Harbour as much as the exciting games.

I wish the event every success and all our overseas friends a memorable stay in Hong Kong.

Donald Tsang





WORLD SQUASH OPEN 2005



Message from the

Home Affairs Bureau

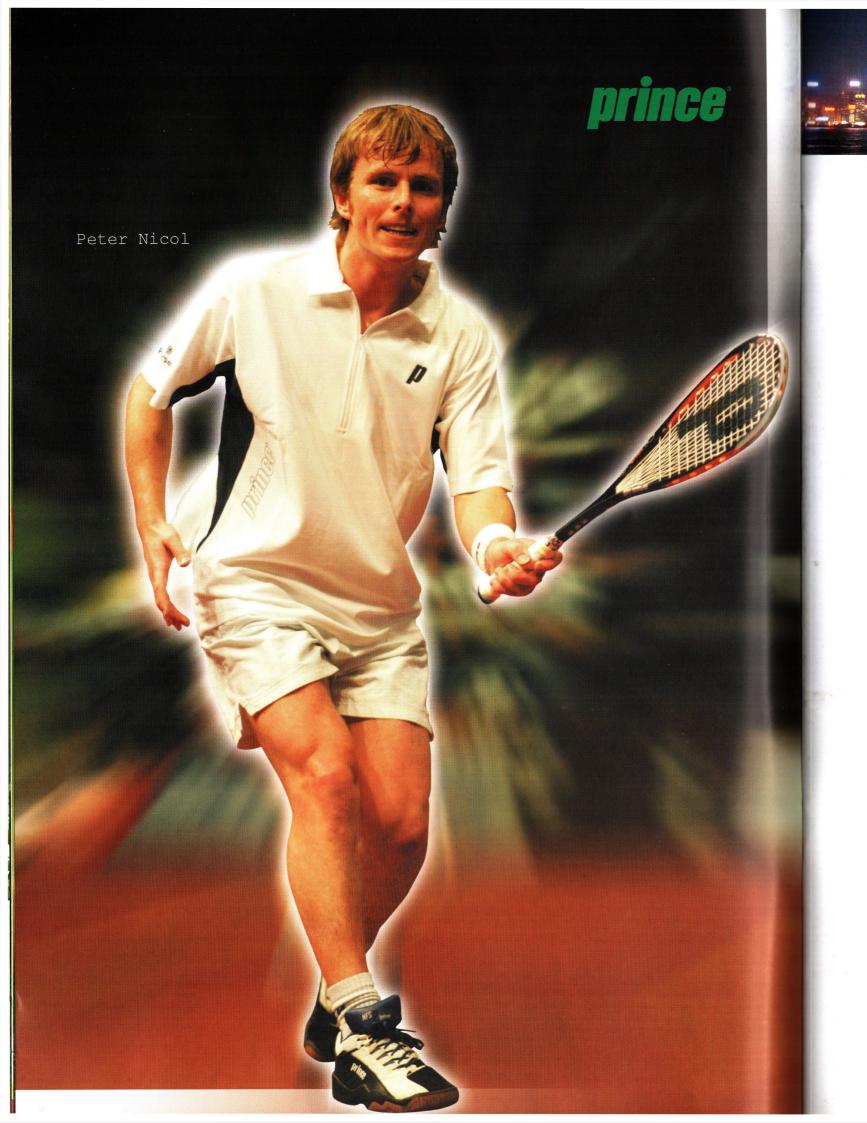
I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Hong Kong Squash for hosting the Cathay Pacific Credit Suisse Privilege World Squash Open 2005.

Thanks to the tireless efforts and dedication of Hong Kong Squash, Hong Kong has the honour of hosting the firstever international tournament comprising both the Women's and Men's World Open Championships. The tournament has been awarded the "M" mark status by the Major Sports Events Committee and I am sure that the event will attract the world's best squash players to compete in Hong Kong. My deep appreciation goes to Hong Kong Squash for bringing this prestigious event to us.

I wish the tournament every success and all our overseas participants an enjoyable stay in Hong Kong.



Patrick C P Ho, JP Secretary for Home Affairs







Hong Kong Squash



Squash is going through an exciting period with not one but several equally strong players competing to be World Number 1. It is our particular privilege and pleasure therefore to host the Cathay Pacific Credit Suisse Privilege World Squash Open 2005, the first time the top events of the PSA and WISPA circuits are presented at the same venue at the same time.

Both visitors and local enthusiasts are guaranteed a treat at the Open, where our very own Rebecca Chiu and Wong Wai Hang will be competing in the main draw. Our young girls, who came home as World Junior Team Champions, will also be there to test their mettle against the best players in the world.

As always, we are grateful to Cathay Pacific and Credit Suisse Privilege for their sponsorship and continued support of squash in Hong Kong. Our gratitude also goes to the co-sponsors: Perrier, Crocodile Garments, Fujifilm, Prince and Renaissance Harbour View Hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Heather Deayton, our Executive Director, for her contribution to squash in Hong Kong. Heather is retiring to spend more time with her family, after so many years of dedicated service. She is not just a mother and grandmother to her family; she's been a mother to us all in the squash family and we will all miss her very much.

Special thanks also go to Tony Choi, Championships Director; Bob Lloyd, Championships Referee; and the Organising Committee for all the hard work they've put into this event.

I wish everyone - players and spectators alike - an enjoyable week of top-class action. With the festive season upon us, I hope you all enjoy a spot of Christmas shopping afterwards too!

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David Y Y Mui, MH Chairman

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Message from

World Squash Federation

This event is squash history in the making. I am delighted that Hong Kong is hosting the first-ever joint Men's/Women's WSF World Open Squash Championship.

Combining the Men's World Open and the Women's World Open into a single squash extravaganza is a huge step forward for the sport because it provides increased visibility among the sports media and general public. And at this juncture, exposure is key in the sports business.

This event also includes the largest-ever prize fund of any single squash competition in the Open era - another step in the right direction. Our athletes, who are the best ambassadors of the sport, will be battling to become the 2005 World Champions and to significantly increase their purse.

2005 will be the third time Hong Kong host the Women's World Open, after successful events in 1995 and 2003 respectively. Only one other country has hosted this event on more occasions. This shows the commitment of Hong Kong to squash and World Championships.

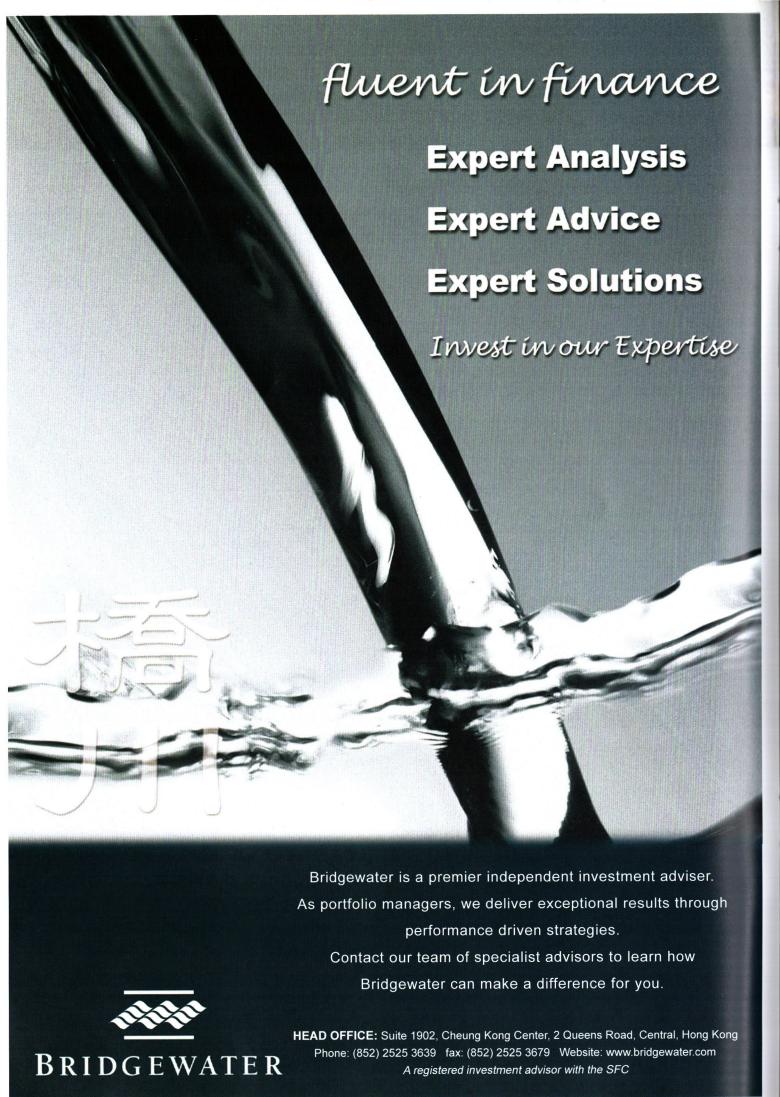
The significant effort invested in developing the sport via major events and grassroots programmes has paid off richly this year, as Hong Kong became World Champions at the 2005 Junior Women's Squash Championships in Herentals, Belgium. With some of the heroines from that team participating in the 2005 World Open, the future for Hong Kong squash could not be any brighter.

I would like to thank Hong Kong Squash for creating this landmark event. The world of squash is also indebted to Cathay Pacific and Credit Suisse Privilege, title sponsors of this event and long-standing supporters and friends of squash in Hong Kong.

This event marks the occasion of Heather Deayton's retirement as Executive Director of Hong Kong Squash. Heather has done so much for squash in Hong Kong and globally that it is difficult to put into words how grateful WSF is for her commitment, passion, energy and focus. Heather retires with Hong Kong as World Junior Women's Champions and hosting the biggest-ever squash competition. Perhaps that says it all.

I will see you in Hong Kong.

Jahangir Khan President





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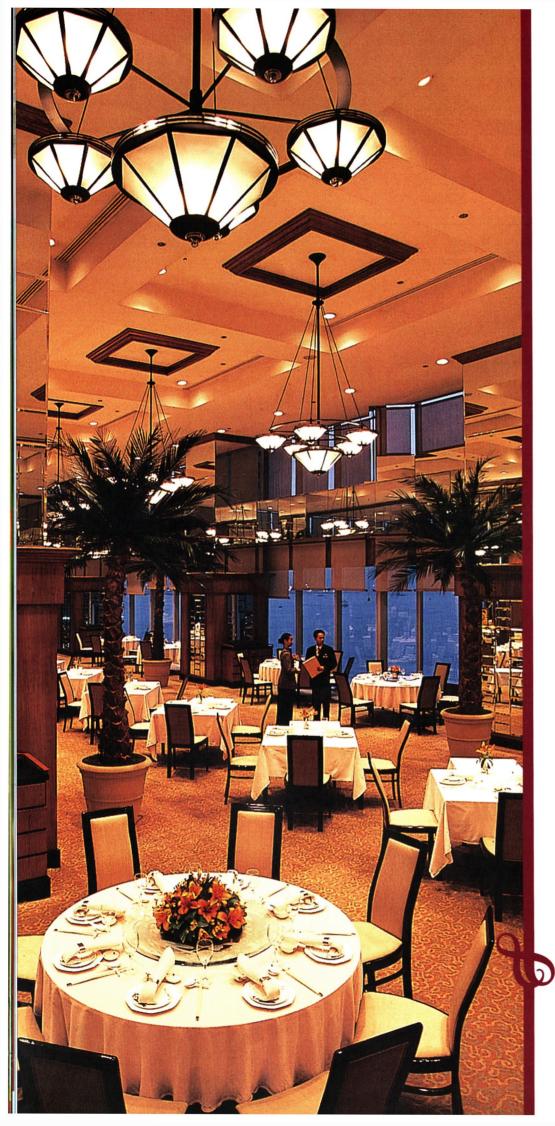
Sports Federation & Olympic Committee, Hong Kong, China

Many squash tournaments are regularly held around the world and Hong Kong has staged many internationally recognised squash events in the past. This year's event, however, has no precedent because the Cathay Pacific and Credit Suisse Privilege-sponsored competition will combine the World Women's Open and the World Men's Open for the first time. What's more, the matches will be played inside a glass court at night, at the Piazza of the Cultural Centre, with Hong Kong's nocturnal skyline and the harbour as the dramatic backdrop. Few top players have the opportunity to perform against such a setting. It reveals the many dimensions of squash to a wider public; it is an approach worth extending to every sport played in Hong Kong.

The Major Sports Events Committee has recognised this as an "M" mark event. I congratulate Hong Kong Squash on staging such a spectacular event and wish all participants every success.



Timothy Fok, JP, GBS President



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As the airline of Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific helps bring some of the world's best sporting events to the city, including the Rugby Sevens, Cricket Sixes and International Races.

This will be our 20th year as sponsor of the Hong Kong Squash Open. We are delighted to share this honour with Credit Suisse Privilege and, for the first time, support both the World Men's and World Women's Opens.

I would like to thank Hong Kong Squash for organising another tremendous tournament and wish all competitors every success.

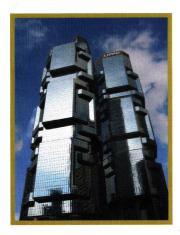
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Message from

Credit Suisse Privilege Limited

Credit Suisse Privilege is proud to be the co-sponsor, along with Cathay Pacific, of the 2005 World Squash Open, the first-ever to feature both the Men's and Women's events. Having supported women's squash events in Hong Kong for the past six years, including the 2003 World Women's Open, it is wonderful to see Hong Kong now hosting the world's most important squash tournament.

This year will be the first time that a squash competition enjoys the "M" mark status granted by the HKSAR Government in recognition of the World Open as one of the major events that will make Hong Kong a major centre for sports in Asia and the world.

It is also a good time for such a major event to be taking place in Hong Kong, given the excellent form of Hong Kong's own players, who have been climbing up the world rankings, and the especially impressive results of our junior players. Hopefully they will learn a few tricks and gain inspiration from seeing so many of the world's best players.

I would like to thank the various government departments, Hong Kong Squash, and Cathay Pacific for helping to make this event possible, and at such a spectacular location.

Dallas Reid Managing Director

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Message from

Professional Squash Association (PSA)

This year the Men's World Open Squash Championships is being celebrated in one of our sport's most respected and dedicated locations – Hong Kong.

PSA is delighted that Hong Kong Squash has so successfully taken on the commitment and opportunity to promote this, the most prestigious squash tournament of the world tour.

Cathay Pacific and Credit Suisse Privilege, joint title sponsors, receive our congratulations and gratitude for their headline support.

Our sincere thanks go to the Major Sports Events Committee of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR as well as the event's supporting sponsors Crocodile Garments Ltd, Prince, Perrier, Fujifilm and the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel.

Victory in the World Open is the pinnacle to which every professional squash player aspires; it is an event that commands the hardest and most serious examination of the players' fitness, skill, stamina and mental resolve.

The PSA circuit is now so strong in depth that several candidates are worthy of the title. This is squash at its most exhilarating – who can pick a winner? What we do know is that whoever comes out on top at the end of the week will truly have deserved the mantle of best player in the world.

Allow me to thank Heather Deayton again for her tireless conviction in supporting the professionals as she draws ever nearer to her threatened retirement. What will we do without her?

May I lastly extend also a warm welcome to all overseas visitors and enthusiasts who will make up the colour and excitement of the tournament, during their stay in Hong Kong.

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Gawain Briars Chief Executive



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Message from

Women's International Squash Players Association (WISPA)

Hello Hong Kong!

This year's World Open is going to be nothing short of spectacular. Hong Kong Squash proposed an ambitious plan to host the pinnacle events of the WISPA and PSA tours together. The combined staging of our World Opens has never been attempted before; both a new Men's and Women's World Champion will be crowned this year on the magnificent Hong Kong waterfront.

Two years ago the amazing waterfront location at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre was discovered for the 2003 Credit Suisse Privilege Women's World Open. The setting for the glass court is very dramatic and the WISPA girls are extremely excited to be once again returning to Hong Kong to compete for this coveted title.

On behalf of us all I would like to thank Hong Kong Squash for their vision and the huge support they have received from the title sponsors, Cathay Pacific and Credit Suisse Privilege, both long-standing sponsors of Women's and Men's squash events in Hong Kong. We would also like to thank the Hong Kong Government, specifically the Major Sports Events Committee for their continued support of this great project. We are always warmly welcomed by the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel, the official hotel for the tournament, as well as Hong Kong Squash Centre, where the qualification and early rounds are to be played. This tournament will maintain Hong Kong's place as a leader of squash events in Asia; they have created a squash bonanza!

We would also like to thank the many other sponsors associated with the event; your support and enthusiasm has made this ambitious and exciting project a reality.

A few months ago I accompanied the US Women's Junior Team to the World Junior Championships held in Belgium. It was a very exciting event, with plenty of future talent on display and I was enthralled by the final of the team event where Hong Kong, the second seed, beat favourite Egypt. Hong Kong Squash can be proud of their efforts and hard work with their squash programme. It seems fitting that the senior World Open Championships return to this fast-developing squash community.

Thank you to everyone involved in bringing WISPA back to Hong Kong,

See you courtside

Natalie Grainger



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Championship Information

1. Event Date

November 27 - November 28, 2005 Qualifying Rounds
November 29 - December 4, 2005 Main Draw

Venue

November 27 - December 2, 2005 Hong Kong Squash Centre, 23 Cotton Tree Drive, Hong Kong

December 3 - December 4, 2005
Piazza, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

3. Schedule

(Sun)	1.30pm - finish
(Mon)	1:00pm - finish
(Tue)	5:15pm - finish
(Wed)	5:15pm - finish
(Thu)	5:15pm - finish
(Fri)	2:00pm - finish
(Sat)	5:50pm - finish
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4. Contact Person

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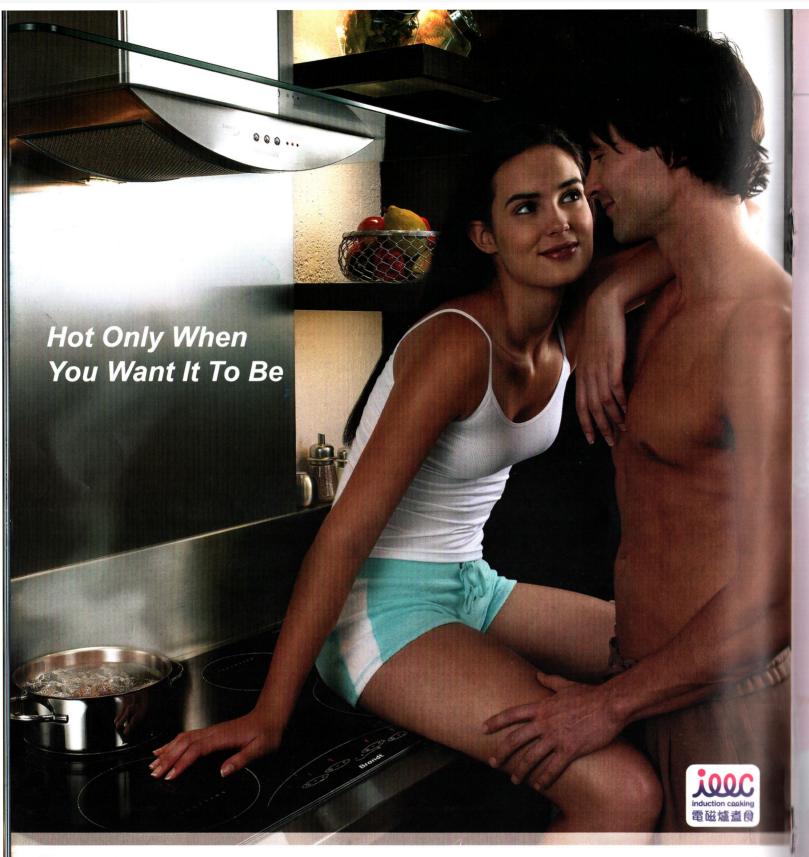
5. Notes for Spectators

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6. Official website www.hksquash.org.hk

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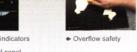














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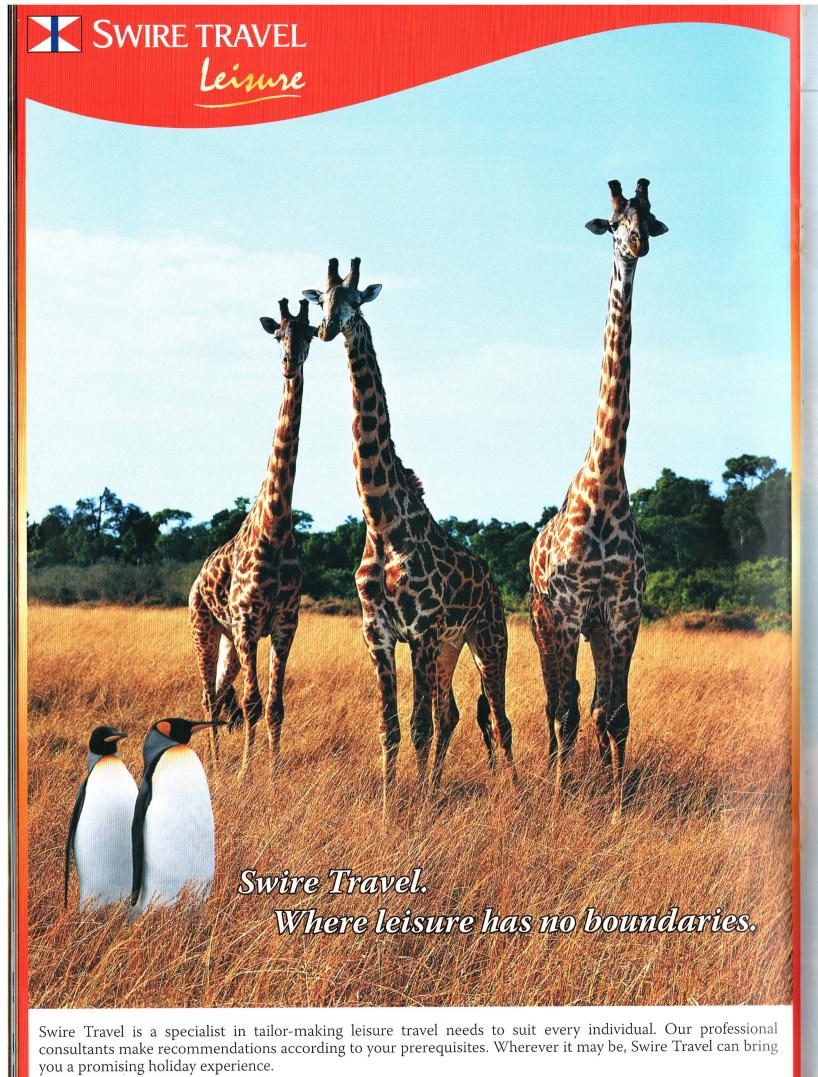
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MEN'S MAIN DRAW

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Profiles of the Top 8 Women's Seeds



Rachel Grinham (Australia)

Rachel is the older of the two Grinham sisters from Queensland, Australia. Rachael re-energised her career after moving her base to Cairo four years ago. The 2003 British Open was the turning point for the 28-year-old, who pulled off a stunning semi-final upset over the top seed Carol Owens, then the World No1, before beating Cassie Jackman in the final to claim the title for the first time. It was a title which she was to retain in 2004, the year she became World No 1. So far this year Rachel has won the Qatar Airways Challenge, the Hurghada International and September's Seattle Open, where she gained revenge over close rival Vanessa Atkinson, to whom she lost the Texas Open in April.



Vanessa Atkinson (Netherlands)

Atkinson began her rise through the rankings in 2000, the year she upset top seed and world champion Cassie Jackman to reach the quarter-finals of the British Open for the first time. She also won her first WISPA title in New York that year. The seven-times Dutch champion enjoyed an excellent run of form in 2004, winning the Kuala Lumpur Open, Qatar Airways Challenge, Irish Open, Malaysian Open, Brunei International and Mexican Open. Since then Vanessa has become a star in her homeland and a hot contender for the number one ranking. On a few occasions this year she has staked her claims with impressive performances, including winning the Tournament of Champions and Texas Open.



Nicol David (Malaysia)

Nicol David is the most successful Malaysian woman squash player of all time. In a glittering junior career, the Penang-born star won the Women's World Junior title in style in Belgium in June 1999, then became the first person ever to claim the title for a second time by beating her great rival Omneya Abdel Kawy in the final in her home town of Penang two years later in 2001. Nicol has quickly adapted to the rigours of the senior circuit. Three-times the Asian champion, Nicol has won six titles this year: the Country View, Kuwait Open, Dutch Open, her home crown the Malaysian Open, the British Open - becoming the first Asian woman to win the prestigious event - and the Carol Weymuller Open in New York.



Natalie Grinham (Australia)

Natalie is the younger sister of top seed Rachael. Definitely one of the fastest players on the circuit, she scampers around the court to great effect and is at present only one place below her career high world ranking of three, achieved at the start of this year. During 2004 Natalie reached the semi-finals in Brunei and Bahrain before being part of the Australian team which won the World Team title in her adopted base of Netherlands. She also reached the final of the World Open in Kuala Lumpur and, in partnership with her sister, took the Women's World Doubles title in India straight afterwards. Natalie has not got beyond the semis of any majors so far this year, something she will hope to put right during the closing months of the year.



Linda Elriani (England)

Linda Elriani is a long-time England international known, until her marriage to French international Laurent Elriani last year, as Linda Charman. The indefatigable 33 year-old is the winner of the 2003 Monte Carlo Classic, the 2004 Apawamis Open and the Washington Summit, also in 2004. During October that year she reached the final of the US Open, beating Vanessa Atkinson in the semis. So far in 2005 she has won two of four final appearances, taking the Greenwich and Dayton titles in the US. More recently a torn calf muscle in September has sidelined her for a spell.



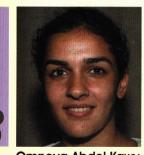
Vicky Botwright (England)

Vicky Botwright breached the top ten in January this year. Vicky played a pivotal role in the England team reaching the final of the 2004 World Team Championship in Amsterdam and started 2005 brightly by reaching the final of the March McLennan in the US. A semi-final slot at the Tournament of Champions helped elevate her to a career high ranking of seven, with her increasing competitiveness well illustrated by probably her best win so far: a quarter-final victory over Nicol David in the Texas Open in April, before falling to Vanessa Atkinson in the following round.



Jenny Duncalf (England)

Duncalf is a talented and athletic 22-year old who is beginning to make her mark in the upper reaches of the world rankings. An indication of the past European Junior Champion's development would be the win she scored over World No 5 Natalie Grainger in the first round of the Tournament of Champions in February. While she has failed to claim a top scalp since, with her compelling racketwork and movement it is only a matter of time before she does.



Omneya Abdel Kawy (Egypt)

Omneya Abdel Kawy crowned a sparkling junior career a year ago in her home city of Cairo when she lifted the World Junior title after having been runner-up to Nicol David in 1999 and 2001. She was already competing on the WISPA Tour in her mid-teens and reached a high of seven in the world rankings earlier in 2005. Perhaps the highlight of her year so far has been reaching match ball against Rachael Grinham in the final of the Hurghada International in her home country as well as the finals of the Greenwich and Dayton Opens in the US. In January this year she reached the final of the Marsh McLennan Open and won, beating Vicky Botwright.

Profiles of the Top 8 Men's Seeds



Thierry Lincou (France) Thierry Lincou made his breakthrough on the circuit thanks to an injury to his right hand in April 2001 that gave him time to review his game as well as fitness. Four months later the Frenchman stormed into his first Super Series final at the Hong Kong Open where, being half-Chinese, he was quickly embraced by the local crowd as one of their own. He lost the final to David Palmer but announced his assault on the top rankings, winning the South African Open a month later and the Pittsburgh Open in 2002. Lincou reached No 1 in 2004 but was unsettled by an ankle injury. By May of that year however he'd recovered his form to win the Super Series Final. That victory was followed by another appearance in the final of the Hong Kong Open, which he won this time by beating Nick Matthew. That year was capped by victory in the Canadian Classic in November and the World Open in December, performances that confirm his hold on the top ranking.



Jonathon Power (Canada) Jonathon Power joined the PSA Tour in 1992 and quickly announced his arrival with a series of title-winning performances. In the years that followed he was to set up one of squash's most enduring rivalries with Peter Nicol, with the two regularly contesting finals and trading the No 1 ranking between them, their meetings made more spectacular by their contrasting styles: Power attacking, deceptive and fond of verbal banter; Nicol patient, defensive and quiet. Despite a career frequently interrupted by injuries, the popular Canadian has managed to accumulate a cabinet full of titles. Due to injuries to a finger and an ankle, 2004 was a particularly frustrating year for Power. Nevertheless, he won the Hungarian Open and put in three semi-final appearances, all in October. In January this year he won the Apawamis Open and looks set to continue the winning momentum, having also won the Bermuda Masters in April and the Motor City Open in October.



David Palme

After winning the British Open and the Hong Kong Open in 2001, David Palmer deposed Peter Nicol to become World No 1, he continued his good form in 2002, winning two Commonwealth Games bronze medals and four events, including the World Open title in Antwerp, Belgium, where he fought back from 0-2 down to beat John White in the final. Palmer's momentum was disrupted by an appendix operation in February 2003, but by that October he'd recovered to win the British Open. After a period of indifferent form in early 2004, he regained consistency, reaching the final or semi-final of six tournaments and winning the British Open for the third time. He finished the year as Mixed World Doubles Champion, partnering women's World No 1 Rachel Grinham.



Lee Beach (England) Lee Beachill charged up the rankings in 2002, five years after his doctors predicted that he'd never play squash again after he broke his back in two places in a car accident. It took him only eight weeks to get back on court, but barely a year later he was back in hospital after a go-kart accidentally crushed his foot. Undeterred, Beachill made a second comeback, consistently progressing through tournaments and winning the South African Challenge in 2000 and the Pittsburgh Open in January 2001. Problems with his right ankle interrupted the lanky Yorkshireman's progress in 2003, but after a series of quarter-final appearances, Beachill ended the year as winner of the Qatar Classic. In 2004 he won the Bermuda Open, the English Open and the US Open. In February this year, he became British National Champion by beating close friend James Willstrop, the son of his mentor, Malcolm Willstrop.



Amr Shabana (Egypt) Amr Shabana joined the PSA tour in 1995 having emerged as a promising youngster. The left-handed Egyptian won back-to-back titles in 1999 and hovered in the 20s and 30s of the ranking table for three years, mesmerising opponents with his racket wizardry but failing to make significant progress due to a dislike for structured training. Resolving to realise his potential, he began to train seriously and was rewarded with victory in the Seville Open in Spain in June 2003 and, in December that year, the most prestigious title of all: the World Open. Unfortunately, he failed to carry the momentum into 2004, a year in which he reached only one final - the British Open, which he lost to David Palmer. He is on the upswing again, however: he has contested four finals so far this year and won two - the Heliopolis Open and the St Louis Open - both in September.



Peter Nicol England) Peter Nicol has the distinction of being the first Briton to claim the No 1 position, in 1998, by ending the formidable Jansher Khan's ten-year reign. His rivalry with Khan was soon replaced by an equally intense tug-of-war with Jonathon Power, his regular final opponent. Despite winning the Tournament of Champions, US Open and Canadian Open and reaching the final of the British Open in 2003, Nicol's two-year unbroken reign as World No1 came to an end in January 2004. He suffered several early exits that year, but also won three events: the Kuwait Open in January, the Tournament of Champions in February - ironically beating John White, the player who took over the No 1 ranking the following month - and the PSA Masters in April - after a two-week charity trek in the Himalayas. He won the Dayton Open earlier this year and, by beating Nick Matthew to secure victory in the English Open in August, claimed the 50th PSA Tour title of his career.



Anthony Ricketts (Australia)

The squash world first took notice of Anthony Ricketts at the Hong Kong Open in 2000, when the Australian came through the qualifiers to reach the semi-finals. He went on to win the CNS International in Pakistan and the Malaysian Open in 2001 and the Dayton Open in the US in 2003, beating Thierry Lincou in the final. With regular appearances in the later stages of events, he reached his current ranking of No 6 in October 2003, but a knee injury sustained in January 2004 led to a seven-month layoff. He was back in action at the English Open in August and by February 2005 had returned to the top ten, having won the Tournament of Champions in New York by beating Lincou in the final after sweeping aside James Willstrop, Peter Nicol and Amr Shabana. Ricketts is continuing his good form, having just been crowned British Open Champion in October.



James Willstrop (England) James Willstrop is continuing the form he showed as a boy who won the junior national title at all age groups before graduating to the senior circuit in 2002. He won the Swiss Open in March of that year, between his national and European junior triumphs, and collected another trophy at the end of 2002 by winning the Santa Barbara Open in the USA. The towering Englishman with the deceptive racketwork won another event the following year, the Dutch Open, but it was in 2004 that Willstrop made significant strides towards the top ten. He began that year by claiming the scalps of John White and Jonathon Power before losing the final to Peter Nicol in the Kuwait Open. He also chalked up victories against Amr Shabana, Nick Matthew and Anthony Ricketts to win the Pakistan Open in December 2004. Willstrop entered 2005 as World No 5 but has settled at the No 8 position after dropping off the pace, but he has stated his intention to win another major title this year.





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PSA / WISPA World Rankings (as of October 2005)

MEN'S			WOMEN'S						
Rank Playe		Player	Country		Rank		Player	Country	
1	Thierry Lincou	尼古	FRA	法國	1	Rachael Grinham	喬佩琛	AUS	澳洲
2	Jonathon Power	巴維爾	CAN	加拿大	2	Vanessa Atkinson	艾姬遜	NED	荷蘭
3	David Palmer	柏拿馬	AUS	澳洲	3	Nicol David	妮高	MAS	馬來西亞
4	Lee Beachill	比卓爾	ENG	英國	4	Natalie Grainger	姬莉查	USA	美國
5	Amr Shabana	沙巴拿	EGY	埃及	5	Natalie Grinham	喬蒂莉	AUS	澳洲
6	Peter Nicol	彼得力高	ENG	英國	6	Linda Elriani	伊雲妮	ENG	英國
7	Anthony Ricketts	域卡斯	AUS	澳洲	7	Vicky Botwright	貝維德	ENG	英國
8	James Willstrop	衛斯諾	ENG	英國	8	Jenny Duncalf	鄧嘉菲	ENG	英國
9	Karim Darwish	戴域治	EGY	埃及	9	Omneya Abdel Kawy	奧妮雅	EGY	埃及
10	Gregory Gaultier	基尼他亞	FRA	法國	10	Tania Bailey	比利	ENG	英國
11	John White	韋特	SCO	蘇格蘭	11	Jenny Tranfield	塞菲	ENG	英國
12	Nick Matthew	馬菲	ENG	英國	12	Madeline Perry	貝莉	IRL	愛爾蘭
13	Mohd Azlan Ishanda	r莫克亞倫	MAS	馬來西亞	13	Shelley Kitchen	潔翠兒	NZL	紐西蘭
14	Graham Ryding	華丁	CAN	加拿大	14	Annelize Naude	娜達	NED	荷蘭
15	Olli Tuominen	杜米蘭	FIN	芬蘭	15	Isabelle Stoehr	史東娜	FRA	法國
16	Shahid Zaman	施沙文	PAK	巴基斯坦	16	Alison Waters	華達絲	ENG	英國
17	Ong Beng Hee	王平喜	MAS	馬來西亞	17	Rebecca Chiu	趙詠賢	HKG	香港
18	Joseph Kneipp	基納	AUS	澳洲	18	Fiona Geaves	韋蘇珊	ENG	英國
19	Adrian Grant	基治	ENG	英國	19	Laura-Jane Lengthorn	娜芳	ENG	英國
20	Mohammad Abbas	亞比士	EGY	埃及	20	Pamela Nimmo	妮蒙	SCO	蘇格蘭

Past World Open Champions

100	Men's			Women's	
Year	Champion	Country	Year	Champion	Country
1993	Jansher Khan	PAK	1995	Michelle Martin	AUS
1994	Jansher Khan	PAK	1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS
1995	Jansher Khan	PAK	1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS
1996	Jansher Khan	PAK	1998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS
1997	Rodney Eyles	AUS	1999	Ca <mark>ssie Jackma</mark> n	ENG
1998	Jonathon Power	CAN	2000	Carol Owens	AUS
1999	Peter Nicol	SCO	2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS
2002	David Palmer	AUS	2002	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	AUS
2003	Amr Shabana	EGY	2003	Carol Owens	NZL
2004	Thierry Lincou	FRA	2004	Vanessa Atkinson	NED

Junior development yields triumphant young guns



Mr. David Mui (second right), Chairman of HK Squash, Dr. York Chow (third left), Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food, Dr. Eric Li (second left), Chairman of HK Sports Institute, presented prizes to our championship winning as well as our coaches, Mr. Tony Choi (third right), National Coach, Mr. Dick Leung (first left) and Mr. Faheem Khan (first right)

winning team showing off their gold medals & trophy

There were wild celebrations in Hong Kong earlier this summer. Against all expectations, a team comprising Annie Au, Leung Shin Nga, Joey Chan and Chiu Ka Kei beat their formidable Egyptian opponents to claim the World Junior Women's Team Championships in Herentals, Belgium.

They were not exactly unknown quantities. Despite the presence of teams from more established squash nations such as Australia and England, the Hong Kong girls were seeded second for the event. Nevertheless, few expected them to be able to

overhaul the Egyptians, who were all seeded above them in the individual competition.

The girls put in gutsy performances. Joey, the first one on court, recovered from 2-8 down in the first game against Sara Badr to win it 10-9, recovered from 0-6 to take the second and claimed the third 9-0. Annie lost to individual champion Raneem El Weleily in straight games and, with Ka Kei up against Lina El Tannir, who was seeded well above her in the individual event, the final match seemed a foregone conclusion. But like all good dramas, Ka Kei strung out an unlikely and exciting ending, winning the first game on a tiebreak, losing the next two, then recovering to take the last two games to give Hong Kong an historic victory.

> The girls' triumph is not only just reward for their determination and team spirit, but also a tribute to Hong Kong's junior squash development programme. Rather than rely on chance discoveries, the territory runs a systematic recruitment and training

scheme that aims to attract children to the sport and provide them with foundational training.

The junior squash development in Hong Kong has expanded considerably over the past few years. Squash is a sport ideal for compact Hong Kong and courts can be found everywhere, often tucked inside the most unlikely places. This has made it possible for the number of district training centres to be increased from two in 1997 to 16 today. The number of participants has also increased, from 60 in 1997 to more than 250 now.

All coaches know that children with the potential to do well in a racket sport tend to show their superior hand-eye coordination early, so the Fujifilm mini-squash programme was set up to encourage children as young as 6 to pick up squash and give the trainers an opportunity to spot the talented ones. To keep hyperactive youngsters interested, a colourful mini squash court was designed to bring the sport to primary schools, further exciting interest in squash. The success of these efforts is reflected in the record entries received for various local junior tournaments, such as the Hong Kong Junior Open, Prince Hong Kong Junior Closed Championships and inter-school

Joey, Ka Kei and Shin Nga were all recruited into the regional and, subsequently, national squads through these schemes, while Annie was discovered following her participation in a Fujifilm mini-squash programme.

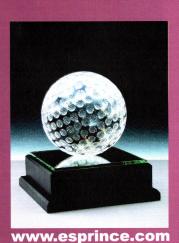
"We owe our achievement to the hard work of our sports administrators, including Heather (Deayton), Emily (Mak), Jane (Li) and the many development officers and regional and district coaches," national coach Tony Choi said.

Hong Kong's youngsters are ioining their senior role models. Rebecca Chiu and Wong Wai Hang, in preparing for the World Open. To gain the international exposure they need to develop into better players, they would normally have to fly across the continents with their coaches in tow. This year, with the World Open being held in Hong Kong, the youngsters will be able to gain that experience without the long flight. The top players are coming to town, and Annie, Joey, Ka Kei and Shin Nga, apart from the chance to test their mettle in the qualifying rounds of the squash world's most prestigious event, will no doubt seize the opportunity to extract tips from the professionals.











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