

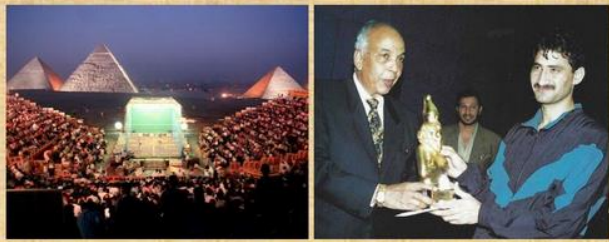
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Squash Library
21 March at 08:50 · 🌐

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 Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - بوابة الأهرام الرياضية](#)



Squash Library
2 March at 09:15 · 🌐

Squash may not have been played in prehistoric times, but in October 2007 it joined with them! A showcourt was erected in the Chicago Field Museum under the watchful eye of Sue, their resident T-Rex, and fighting elephants, for the two day event. It was presented by METROSquash, the city's urban squash & education programme to showcase squash to visitors and students, as well as fund-raise. Professionals including Amr Shabana, John White, Peter Nicol, Natalie Grainger & Jonathon Power played, coaching sessions held, and a dinner for 500 staged. Innovate use of the past to highlight future for youth.
[MetroSquash](#)





Squash Library
27 February at 09:24 · 🌐

The Calcutta Racket Club in India has a huge history, having been formed in 1793 and thus one of the oldest clubs in the world. The 'Racket' was not a reference to sport, but derived from the 'Racket Bird' that lived in the trees around its site! The club was initially known as the Fives Court or Gamekhana. The game of rackets gave way to squash in the 1930s. It started with two courts, and added two more in January 1951, the opening by H.E. Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor ... See more



Squash Library
22 February at 08:52 · 🌐

The historic Jeu de Paume Club in central Paris is located on the top floor of a building between the Arc de Triomphe and the Trocadéro. The club originated in 1908, and replaced one of its Paume (real tennis) courts with four squash courts in 1927, at a time when squash (or squash rackets as it was then called), was almost unknown in France. These courts became the starting point for squash in the country. One court had part of a sidewall replaced with glass and now opens into the club lounge. The club hosted some matches in the WSF Women's World Team Championship in 2016.
[Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash](#)




Squash Library
2 January at 09:10 · 🌐

A top venue, the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex was officially opened by HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani on 16 December 1992. Then it featured a showcourt and two glassbacks, but grew to a showcourt and 8 glassbacks courts to host the Asian Games 2006.

In addition to hosting the annual Qatar Classic International Championship, the Khalifa Centre has also been the venue for five Men's World titles, one Women's and a World Junior Championships too (dates on Library chart extract below & in full at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>).

Pictured at the Complex inauguration are, left, H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa al-Thani (centre) with Ali-Al-Fardan the President of Qatar Tennis and Squash Federation, right, showing the facilities.

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Qatar	
1998 Doha	Men's
2002 Doha	Women's
2004 Doha	Men's
2012 Doha	Men's
2012 Doha	Jnr Men's, Jnr Women's, Jnr Men's Team
2014 Doha	Men's
2019 Doha	Men's

Squash Library
17 May · 🌐

The Wembley Squash Centre in North West London opened in November 1974. It featured 15 courts, including the first purpose-built for broadcast centre court. Apart from hosting events such as the British Open, it provided a blueprint for other nations at the time. The full Wembley Squash Centre story is at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>



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Squash Library
18 September · 🌐

Even before the English National Squash Centre was built in 2002 for the Commonwealth Games, showcourt events took place in Manchester. Initially in a circus tent at Belle Vue, and from 1999 - 2002 the British Nationals were staged on a court placed inside the track at the Manchester Cycling Velodrome.




Cassie Jackman & Paul Johnson try the track.
Photos courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
18 March · 🌐

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.



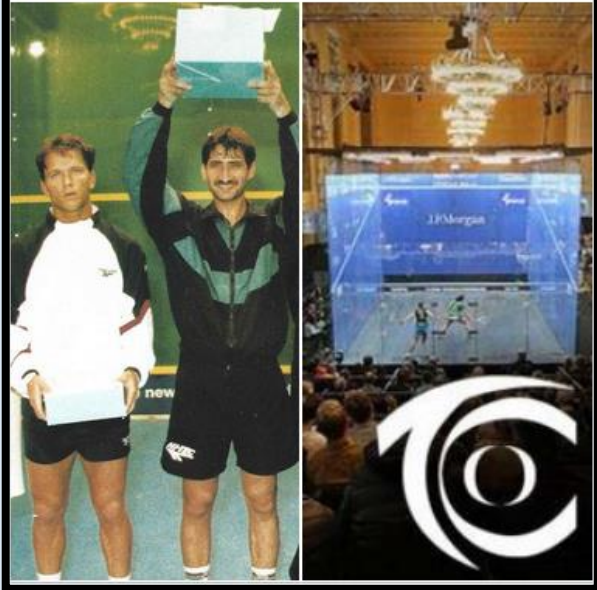
Squash Library
20 February · 🌐

You might have thought that the largest gallery for a court (above the solid back wall) in the 1950's would have been at the Lansdowne Club in London, home of the British Open, but that would have been incorrect. Until 1958 it was the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, South Africa which could hold 300 – 400. Then in 1958 along came the pictured court which could hold 500 spectators, the majority in a towering block as well as 100 in two side galleries. It was built in the grounds of Cairo University. Another top ranking for Egypt! (The Lansdowne Club court had 144 seats and standing for 60 more).



Squash Library
9 January · 🌐

The Tournament of Champions beginning today at Grand Central Terminal in New York will be the 23rd at the station, which has become an iconic squash venue, and is played in an area passed by tens of thousands of travellers each day. The first Terminal event was won by Jansher Khan in 1995, beating Rodney Eyles 15/5, 15/8, 15/10. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



Squash Library
11 February · 🌐

Iconic Grand Central Terminal in NYC isn't the first station-based event. The British Nationals starting in Nottingham today was played at a station from 1985 – 1988. Bristol's Temple Meads Station is the oldest station in England, and became operational in 1840. The court was placed on the track-bed of the historic building, with seating on the old platforms. [England Squash](#)

