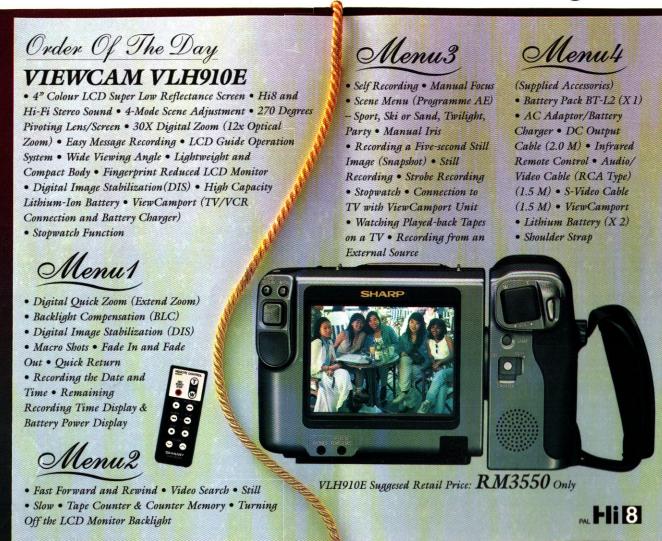
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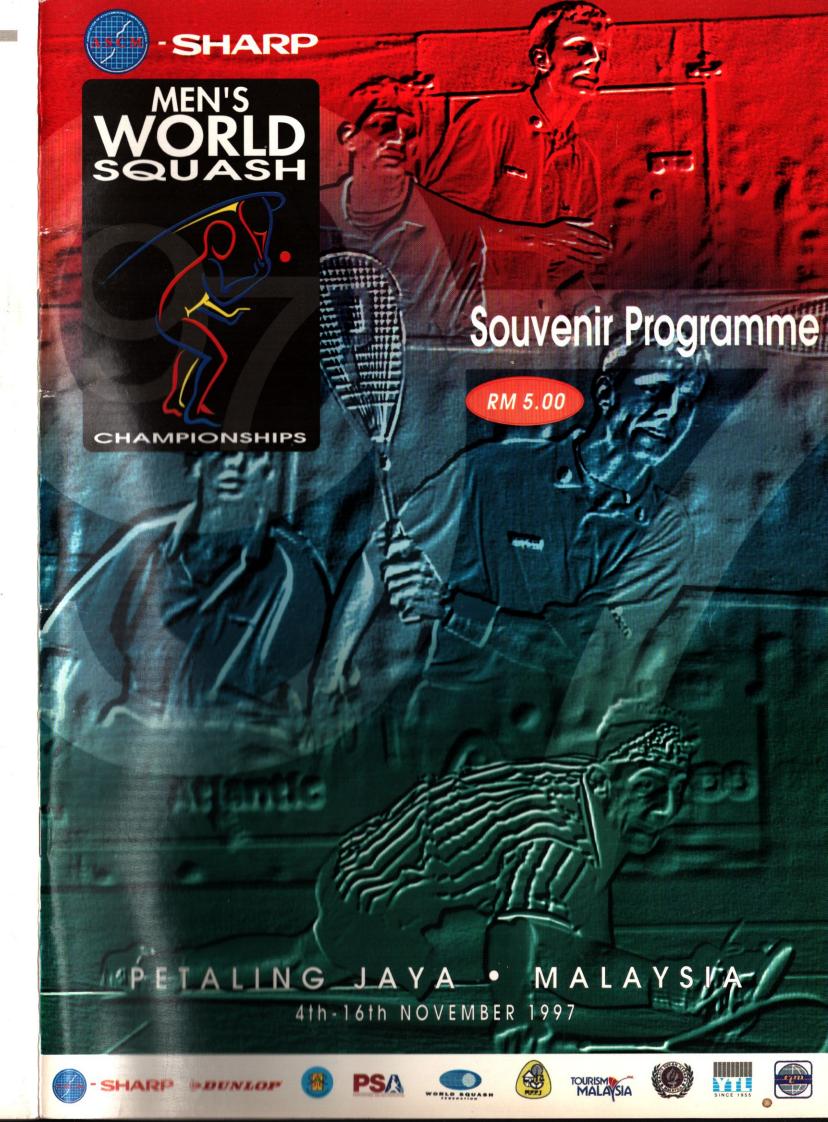


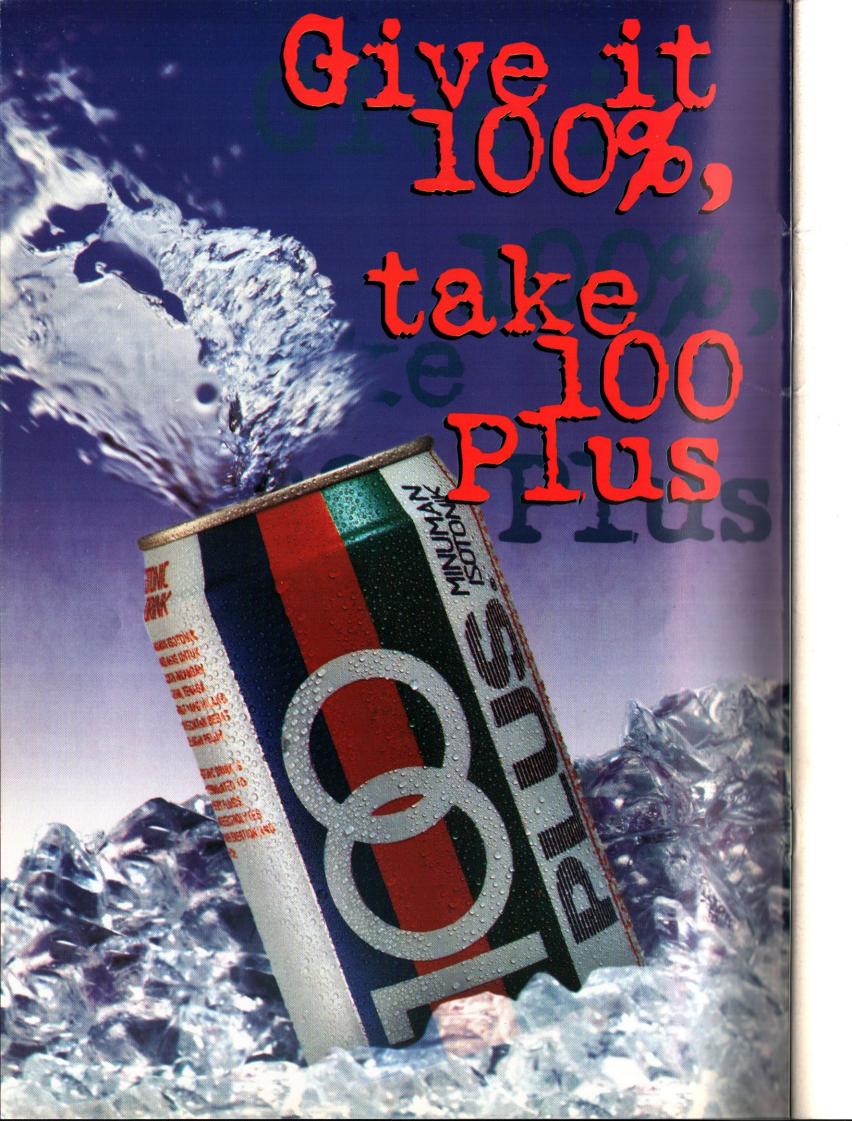
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am delighted Malaysia has once again been given the honour of hosting a world championship. Malaysia is the only country to have held all the world events on the calendar: The Women's Open and Teams, the Junior Women's Open and Teams, the Junior Men's Open and Teams, the WSF World Cup and now the Mens Open and Teams.

Squash is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Malaysia swept the boards at last month's SEA Games and our junior girls won the bronze at Rio de Janeiro in August.

During the next fortnight our top men will be competing against the best in the world. It is heartening to see such a wonderful entry, both in the individual and the team championships. I wish all the players, officials and organisers the very best.

With best wishes,

Dato' Alexander Lee Yu Lung *President*Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia



he PSA is delighted to return to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the World Open, the most important tournament in squash. In 1989, the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia staged what was then one of the most impressive professional tournaments in history; breaking new ground in the televising of the sport and attracting thousands to watch two famous Khans vie for supremacy against their peers.

It is with this championship spirit that SRAM and its dedicated group of officials and volunteers will present the 1997 World Open in Petaling Jaya. The tournament itself this year is guaranteed to be one of the most intriguing squash competitions held in recent times. For the first time in nearly two decades, there is no clear favorite. While there will still be two or three Khans in the draw, neither Jahangir nor Jansher is here to defend the title. Instead, the squash fans of Malaysia will witness the birth of a new world Champion. Will it be the veteran Rodney Eyles of Australia, two time 1997 Khan beater Peter Nicol of Scotland, red hot Jon Power of Canada of Little Pharaoh Ahmed Barada of Egypt? Don't forget the English duo of Simon Parke and dark horse Peter Marshall, both back from recent debilitating illnesses.

The \$130,000 1997 World Open caps a successful year for the PSA Tour. Prize money increased 12% over 1996 and eight different major tournaments were broadcast to 100+ million television viewers via the Hi-Tec PSA Super Series. It is fitting that this magnificent season will reach its peak in Malaysia, a nation which has embraced squash and whose key supporters are responsible for including the sport in the Commonwealth Games for the first time in 1998.

Thank you for hosting the 1997 World Open and for welcoming the PSA and its players to the marvelous city of Kuala Lumpur once again.

Sincerely,

John G Nimick
PSA Executive Director





n the nine years I have spent as Vice President and President of the World Squash Federation I have seen many positive trends for our sport, above all its growth at both grass roots and world championship levels. Squash is now played in 133 nations and 129 of them are active members of the World Squash Federation. But two of the trends that have given me the most personal satisfaction are the growth of Malaysia, to become one of the most important squash nations in the whole world, and the development of the world team squash championship.

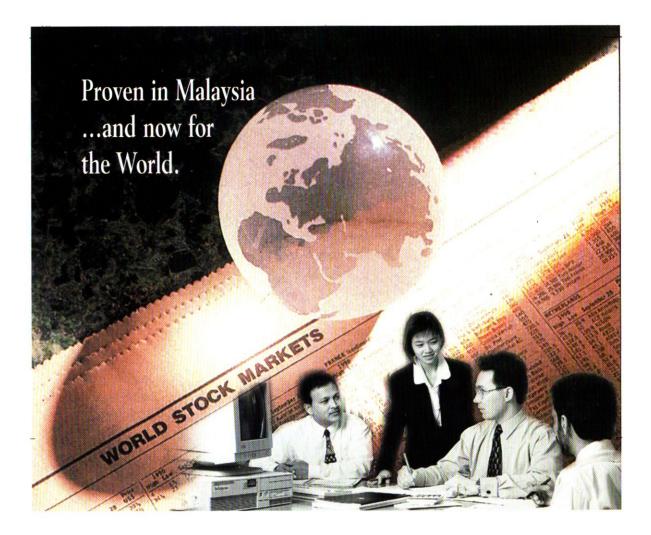
Malaysia has been at the centre of the world squash stage in recent years, hosting the first ever World Cup of squash and the Women's World championships 1996 and will reach the pinnacle of the sport when squash doubles and singles are played in the Commonwealth Games 1998.

Now the stage is set for the third major WSF event in our Malaysian programme - the Men's World Team Championships. The WSF has been committed to the growth of team squash for many years as there is no doubt the added ingredients of national support and inter-nation competition heighten interest in squash. The entry of a maximum 32 nations for the world Team championship endorses our commitment to this successful formula.

There can be only one team which gains the right to use the accolade "World Squash Champion" from this event, but every player will know that he has competed for his country at the highest level that squash has to offer and that is an achievement in which he can take pride for his whole life.

I send my sincere thanks and best wishes for a successful world championship to the Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia, its sponsors, the press, squash lovers and spectators and above all to the players.

Susie Simcock President World Squash Federation



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MENS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROLL OF HONOUR

WORLD AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL

YEAR	VENUE	CHAMPION		RUNNER-UP
1967	Melbourne	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	beat	Cam Nancarrow (Aus) 9-3, 9-2, 9-1
1969	London	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	beat	Jonah Barrington (Ire) 9-7, 2-9, 9-4, 9-0
1971	Hamilton	Geoff Hunt (Aus)	beat	Cam Nancarrow (Aus) 9-0, 9-7, 8-10, 9-5
1973	Durban	Cam Nancarrow (Aus)	beat	Bryan Patterson (Eng) 9-2, 9-5, 9-3
1976	London	Kevin Shawcross (Aus)	beat	Dave Scott (SA) 9-1, 0-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-2
1977	Toronto	Maqsood Ahmed (Pak)	beat	Mohammed Saleem (Pak) 9-4, 9-7, 9-3
1979	Melbourne	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	beat	Philip Kanyon (Eng) 2-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5
1981	Jonkoping	Steve Bowditch (Aus)	beat	Craig Blackwood (NZ) 3-9, 7-9. 9-4, 9-3, 9-3
1983	Auckland	Jahangir Khan (Pak)	beat	Qamar Zaman (Pak) 9-0. 9-4, 9-3

MENS WORLD OPEN

YEAR	VENUE	RESULT
1976	London	Geoff Hunt (Aus) beat Mohibullah Khan (Pak) 7-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2
1977	Adelaide	Geoff Hunt (Aus) beat Qamar Zaman (Pak) 9-5, 10-9, 0-9, 1-9, 9-4
1979	Toronto	Geoff Hunt (Aus) beat Qamar Zaman (Pak) 9-2, 9-3, 9-2
1980	Adelaide	Geoff Hunt (Aus) beatQamar Zaman (Pak) 9-0, 9-3, 9-3
1981	Toronto	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Geoff Hunt (Aus) 7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-2
1982	Birmingham	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Dean Williams (Aus) 9-2, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1
1983	Munich	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Chris Dittmar (Aus) 9-3, 9-6, 9-0
1984	Karachi	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Qamar Zaman (Pak) 9-0, 9-3, 9-4
1985	Cairo	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Ross Norman (NZ) 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1
1986	Toulouse	Ross Norman (NZ) beat Jahangir Khan (Pak) 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 9-1
1987	Birmingham	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Chris Dittmar (Aus) 9-5, 9-4, 4-9, 9-6
1988	Amsterdam	Jahangir Khan (Pak) beat Jansher Khan (Pak) 9-6, 9-2, 9-2
1989	Kuala Lumpur	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Chris Dittmar (Aus) 10-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10
1990	Toulouse	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Chris Dittmar (Aus) 15-8, 17-15, 13-15, 15-5
1991	Adelaide	Rodney Martin (Aus) beat Jahangir Khan (Pak) 14-17, 15-9, 15-4, 15-13
1992	Johannesburg	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Chris Dittmar (Aus) 15-11, 15-9, 10-15, 15-6
1993	Karachi	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Jahangir Khan (Pak) 14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5
1994	Barcelona	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Peter Marshall (Eng) 10-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-4
1995	Nicosia	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Del Harris (Eng) 15-10, 17-14, 16-17, 15-9
1996	Karachi	Jansher Khan (Pak) beat Rodney Eyles (Aus) 15-13, 17-15, 11-15, 15-3



WORLD MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	VENUE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1967	Melbourne	Australia	Great Britain
1969	Birmingham	Australia	Great Britain
1971	Palmerston North	Australia	Great Britain
1973	Johannesburg	Australia	Great Britain
1976	Birmingham	Great Britain	Pakistan
1977	Toronto	Pakistan	New Zeland
1979	Brisbane	Great Britain	Pakistan
1981	Stockholm	Pakistan	Australia
1983	Auckland	Pakistan	England
1985	Cairo	Pakistan	New Zeland
1987	London	Pakistan	New Zeland
1989	Singapore	Australia	Pakistan
1991	Helsinki	Australia	England
1993	Karachi	Pakistan	Australia
1995	Cairo	England	Pakistan



RESULT OF THE MAJOR PSA EVENTS THIS YEAR (updated to 27.10.97)

USD 30,000 Austrian Open (Linz, 12-15 March)Jansher Khan beat Dan Jenson 15-6, 11-15, 15-13, 15-10

USD 30,000 Hungarian Open (Budapest, 20-23 March)Jonathon Power beat Peter Nicol 15-11, 11-15, 15-3, 15-3

USD 75,000 Leekes British Open (Cardiff, 31 March-8 April)Jansher Khan beat Peter Nicol 17-15, 9-15, 15-12, 8-15, 15-8

USD 50,000 Final Mutualite (Bordeaux, 15-19 April)
Jansher Khan beat Rodney Eyles 12-15, 10-15, 15-14, 15-4, 15-4

USD 146,000 Al-Ahram International (Cairo, 11-17 June)Peter Nicol beat Jansher Khan 12-15, 15-14, 15-12, 15-11

USD 74,000 Cathay Pacific Open (Hong Kong, 24-31 August) Jansher Khan beat Jonathon Power 14-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-2

USD 50,000 Rush Creek U.S. Open (Minneapolis, 23-27 September) Jonathon Power beat Simon Parke 15-6, 15-10, 15-9

USD 25,000 HCI Squash Cup (Hamburg, 2-5 October) Jansher Khan beat Mark Cairns 9-3, 9-0, 9-4

USD 100,000 Egyptian Open (Alexandria, 12-17 October)Jansher Khan beat Jonathon Power 15-5, 15-11, 15-7

USD 27,000 Kuwait POWS Open (Kuwait, 20-23 October)Peter Nicol beat Rodney Eyles 15-6, 12-15, 16-17, 15-8, 15-4

Head to head encounters:

Rodney Eyles beat Jonathon Power 3-2 (British Open, q-f) Rodney Eyles beat Jonathon Power 3-2 (Egyptian Open, s-f)

Rodney Eyles beat Simon Parke 3-1 (Final Mutualite, s-f)

Dan Jenson beat Rodney Eyles 3-2 (Austrian Open, s-f)

Peter Nicol beat Rodney Eyles 3-1 (British Open, s-f) Peter Nicol beat Rodney Eyles 3-2 (Kuwait Open final)

Peter Nicol beat Brett Martin 3-1 (British Open, q-f)

Peter Nicol beat Del Harris 3-0 (Al-Ahram, q-f)

Peter Nicol beat Ahmed Barada 3-1 (Al-Ahram, s-f)

Peter Nicol beat Simon Parke 3-1 (Egyptian Open, q-f)

Jonathon Power beat Del Harris 3-0 (Cathay Pacific Open, q-f) Jonathon Power beat Del Harris 3-0 (Egyptian Open, s-f) Jonathon Power beat Del Harris 3-0 (U. S. Open q-f)

Jonathon Power beat Simon Parke 3-0 (U. S. Open final) Jonathon Power beat Simon Parke 3-0 (Kuwait Open, q-f)

Jonathon Power beat Peter Nicol 3-0 (Hungarian Open final) Jonathon Power beat Peter Nicol 3-0 (Cathay Pacific Open, s-f) Jonathon Power beat Peter Nicol 3-0 (U. S. Open, s-f) Ahmed Barada beat Dan Jenson 3-2 (British Open, q-f) Ahmed Barada beat Rodney Eyles 3-1 (Al-Ahram, q-f)

Alex Gough beat Brett Martin 3-0 (Al-Ahram, q-f)
Brett Martin beat Peter Marshall 3-0 (British Open, 1st R)
Brett Martin beat Peter Marshall 3-1 (Cathay Pacific Open, q-f)

Peter Marshall beat Rodney Eyles 3-0 (Cathay Pacific, 2nd R) Peter Marshall beat Rodney Eyles 3-0 (U. S. Open, q-f)

Peter Marshall beat Ahmed Barada 3-0 (U. S. Open, 1st R)

Simon Parke beat Peter Marshall 3-2 (U. S. Open, s-f)

Anthony Hill beat Brett Martin 3-2 (U. S. Open, 1st R)

TOP EIGHT SEEDS: 1997 TOURNAMENT RECORD

- Rodney Eyles: q-f (Austrian-Jenson), s-f (British-Nicol), final (Final Mutualite-Jansher), q-f (Al-Ahram-Barada), 2nd R (Cathay Pacific-Marshall), q-f (U. S. Open-Marshall), 1st R (Egyptian-Wapnick), final (Kuwait-Nicol)
- Peter Nicol: final (Hungarian-Power), final (British-Jansher), winner (Al-Ahram-Jansher), s-f (Cathay Pacific-Power), s-f (U. S. Open-Power), s-f (Egyptian-Jansher), winner (Kuwait-Eyles)
- Jonathon Power: winner (Hungaria-Nicol), q-f (British- Eyles),
 2nd R (Al-Ahram-Gough), final (Cathay Pacific-Jansher), winner
 (U. S. Open-Parke), final (Egyptian-Jansher), s-f (Kuwait-Eyles)
- 4. Simon Parke: 1st R (British-Jenson), s-f (Final Mutualite-Eyles), q-f (Al-ahram-Jansher), 1st R (Cathay Pacific-Health), final (U. S. Open-Power), q-f (Egyptian-Nicol), q-f (Kuwait-Power)
- Ahmed Barada: s-f (British-Jansher), s-f (Al-Ahram-Nicol),
 1st R (Cathay Pacific-Davis), 1st R (U. S. Open-marshall),
 q-f (Egyptian-Jansher), q-f (Kuwait-Jansher)
- Chris Walker: q-f (British-Jansher), 2nd R (Al-ahram-Martin), 1st R (Cathay Pacific-Johnson), 1st R (U. S. Open-Gough), 1st R (Egyptian-Taylor)
- 7. Del Harris: 2nd R (British-Jenson), q-f (Al-Ahram-Nicol), q-f (Cathay Pacific-Power), q-f (U. S. Open-Power), s-f (Egyptian-Power)
- 8. Brett Martin: 1st R (Austrian-Ryding), 1st R (Hungarian-Meads), q-f (British-Nicol), s-f (Final Mutualite-Jansher), q-f (Al-Ahram-Gough), s-f (Cathay Pacific-Jansher), 1st R (U. S. Open-Hill), 2nd R (Egyptian-Jansher)



LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FOWARD

By Raju Chainani

Remember 1989? The Singer World Mens Open was staged at the Putra World Trade Centre.

There was a nail - biting semi - final between Chris Dittmar and Jahangir.

At 13 - 13 in the fifth, Dittmar went for an adventurous crosscourt volley and found the nick. Out went the defending champion. On finals day, Dittnmar won the first and second games against Jansher. The Pakistani fought back to level but in the dicider he was 0 - 6 down before the recovery mission began.

Poor Dittmar. He had played superbly and looked like becoming the first player to beat both Khans in a tournament. That was not to be as Jansher raised his game and won his second World Open title. The event had seen some wonderful squash with the Martin brothers, Brett and Rodney providing splendid entertainment.

All that happened eight years ago. The World Open is back in Malaysia this year. In the period that has elapsed, Malaysian squash has taken a giant step forward. Kuala Lumpur has been the venue of the 1993 World Junior Womens, the 1994 Perrier Asian Seniors, the 1995 Perrier Asian under - 16, the 1996 YTL World Cup, the 1996 Perrier World Womens and a number of other international events.

There's been a well chalked out junior development programme. It's shown good results too. Ong Beng Hee reached the semi - finals of the 1996 World Junior Mens at Cairo and should be amongst the favourites for 1998. Leong Siu Lynn made the semis of this year's World Junior Womens at Rio de Janeiro and with Nicol David, Daphine Ting and Cheryl David, helped Malaysia win the bronze medal in the team event. Mohamed Azlan and Nicol David ruled supreme at the Asian under 16 championships this year. Kenneth Low has enjoyed a good run in the satelite events on home turf. In short, the Malaysian bandwagon is gathering momentum. 1997 has seen another change too as Mohzani Mahathir was elected as president of the Asian Squash Federation.

Come 1998 and Kuala Lumpur hosts the Commonwealth games. There are five gold medals at stake for squash, three of them being doubles. H.R.H Tunku Tan Sri Imran, President Emiritus, World Squash Federation, had led the way for squash to become part of the Commonwealth Games and for the Asian Games at Bangkok next December.

Lets get back to this year's World Open. Jansher Khan is missing from the line-up. The form book suggests the winner should come from Rodney Eyles (runner - up to Jansher last year), Peter Nicol, Jonathan Power and Ahmen Barada. Of late, Peter Marshall, a former world number two, has been making waves. He has defeated Rodney Eyles twice and both have been in straight games.

Rodney Martin was the last Australian winner of the World Open. That was in 1991 at Adelaide where he beat Jansher in the quarters, Dittmar in the semis and Jahangir in the final. No British player has won for thirty years. Canada's Jonathan Power will be looking to become the first North American player to join the select group who have inscribed their names on this famous trophy.

The results this season indicate Jonathan Power will be the one to watch. He lost to Jansher in the Cathay Pacific Open final, but was successful at the U. S. Open. Power has beaten Peter Nicol in all their last four meetings. Nicol defeated Jansher in the Al-Ahram, having lost a titanic 126 minute battle earlier at the British Open. Rodney Elyes is as tough as you can get them. He been world number two for a long time and victory here would be something he has longed for. 20 years - old Barada can be a serious challenger and if he does come good, it would end a 32 year drought for the Egyptians.

Only five players have won the World Open since it was initiated in 1976. Geoff Hunt, Jahangir Khan, Ross Norman, Rodney Martin and Jansher Khan are on the roll of honour. The stage is set for a new winner, one who can proudly suggest to everybody, 'I am the world champion".



1997 WORLD MEN'S TEAM SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS SEEDINGS

SEEDINGS

1. ENGLAND (1)

17. ARGENTINA (13)

2. AUSTRALIA (4)

18. SPAIN (18)

3. EGYPT (3)

19. IRELAND (15)

4. CANADA (6)

20. SWITZERLAND (26)

5. PAKISTAN (2)

21. DENMARK (24)

6. WALES (9)

22. AUSTRIA (23)

7. SOUTH AFRICA (5)

23. ITALY (20)

8. SCOTLAND (16)

24. USA (25)

9. FINLAND (8)

25. BRAZIL (22)

10. GERMANY (10)

26. SINGAPORE (19)

11. SWEDEN (12)

27. JAPAN (30)

12. FRANCE (11)

28. NIGERIA (27)

13. NEW ZEALAND (7)

29. MEXICO (-)

14. MALAYSIA (21)

30. KUWAIT (29)

15. NETHERLANDS (17)

31. NORWAY (-)

16. HONG KONG (14)

32. PORTUGAL (32)

(Finishing position in preceding championship, Cairo, Egypt 1995 in bracket)

CHAMPIONSHIPS



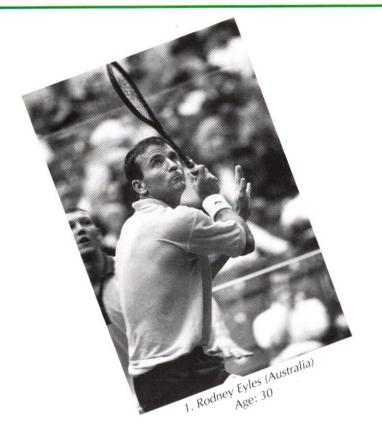
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SCHEDULE OF PLAY

DAY	DATE	WORLD OPEN	WSF CHALLENGE	TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY	2 NOV	QUAL RND1	-	-
MONDAY	3 NOV	QUAL RND 2	-	-
TUESDAY	4 NOV	OPEN RND1	RND 1 & 2	-
WEDNESDAY	5 NOV	OPEN RND 1	RND 3	-
THURSDAY	6 NOV	OPEN RND 2	Q-FINALS	-
FRIDAY	7 NOV	OPEN - Q-FINALS	S-FINALS	-
SATURDAY	8 NOV	OPEN - S-FINALS	FINALS	-
SUNDAY	9 NOV	OPEN - FINAL	-	-
MONDAY	10 NOV	-	=	STAGE 1
TUESDAY	11 NOV	-	i e	STAGE 1
WEDNESDAY	12 NOV	-	is <u>a</u>	STAGE 1
THURSDAY	13 NOV	-	.=	Q-FINALS
FRIDAY	14 NOV	-	-	S-FINALS
SATURDAY	15 NOV	-	-	FINALS









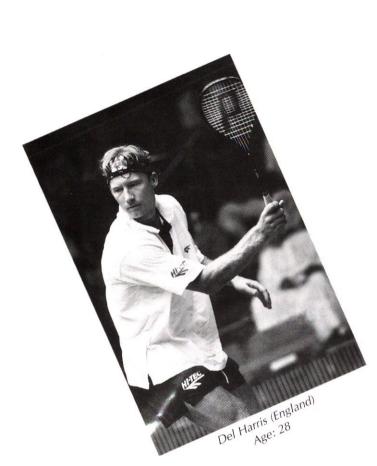


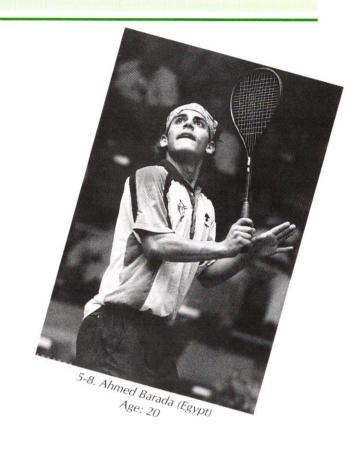


3-4. Simon Parke (England) Age: 25



THE TOP EIGHT SEEDS









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RODNEY EYLES (Australia)	1) WED				
AMIR WAGIH (Egypt)	21.00	21.00			
ZUBAIR JAHAN KHAN (Pakistan)	(9) WED				
Qualifier	20.00		20.45		
DEL HARRIS (England)	7) WED				
GRAHAM RYDING (Canada)	19.00	20.00			
ANTHONY HILL (Australia) (1	2) WED				
Qualifier	18.00			15.00	
JONATHON POWER (Canada) (B) WED				
JULIEN BONETAT (France)	16.00	19.00		,	
DEREK RYAN (Ireland) ((6) WED				
Qualifier	15.00		19.30		
BRETT MARTIN (Australia) (8	B) WED				
Qualifier	14.00	18.00			
DAN JENSON (Australia) (1	0) WED				
Qualifier	13.00				16.00
PAUL GREGORY (Greece)	TUE				-
ALEX GOUGH (Wales) (14	19.00	14.00			
PAUL JOHNSON (England)	TUE				
CHRIS WALKER (England) (6)	20.00		18.15		
Qualifier	TUE				
MARK CAIRNS (England) (11) 21.00	15.00			
Qualifier	TUE				
SIMON PARKE (England) (4)	18.00		1	16.30	
MARTIN HEATH (Scotland)	TUE				
MARK CHALONER (England) (13) 13.00	13.00			
TONY HANDS (England)	TUE				
AHMED BARADA (Egypt) (5)	14.00		17.00	-	
Qualifier	TUE				
CRAIG ROWLAND (Australia) (15) 15.00	16.00			
STEPHEN MEADS (England)	TUE				
PETER NICOL (Scotland) (2)	16.00				

MEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MALAYSIA - NOVEMBER 1997 SCHEDULE OF PLAY

STAGE 1

POOL A	ENGLAND (1)	CANADA (4)	PAKISTAN (5)	GERMANY (10)
ENGLAND (1)		15.00 (CT1)	11.00 (CT5)	19.00 (CIVIC)
CANADA (4)	TUE 11		15.00 (CIVIC)	11.00 (CT1)
PAKISTAN (5)	MON 10	WED 12		11.00 (CT6)
GERMANY (10)	WED 12	MON 10	TUE 11	

POOL B	AUSTRALIA (2)	EGYPT (3)	WALES (6)	FINLAND (9)
AUSTRALIA (1)		15.00 (CT1)	19.00 (CIVIC)	19.00 (CT5)
EGYPT (3)	WED 12		19.00 (CT1)	15.00 (CIVIC)
WALES (6)	TUE 11	MON 10		15.00 (CT5)
FINLAND (9)	MON 10	TUE 11	WED 12	

POOL C	(7)	FRANCE (12)	NEW ZEALAND (13)	SPAIN (18)
SOUTH AFRICA (7)		15.00 (CT6)	19.00 (CIVIC)	11.00 (CT1)
FRANCE (12)	TUE 11		11.00 (CT5)	15.00 (CT6)
NEW ZEALAND (13)	MON 10	WED 12		15.00 (CT4)
SPAIN (18)	WED 12	MON 10	TUE 11	

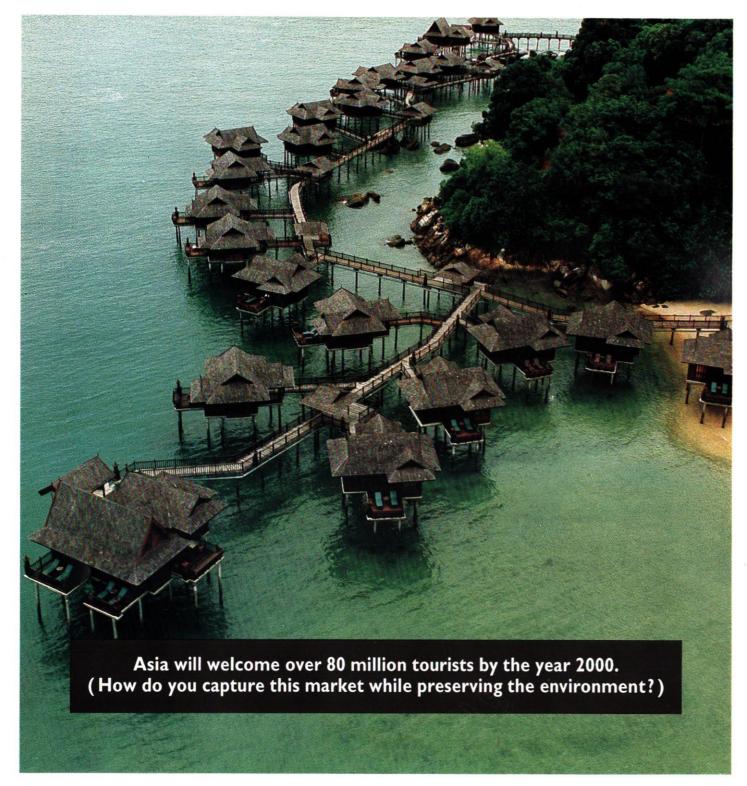
POOL D	SCOTLAND (8)	SWEDEN (11)	MALAYSIA (14)	ARGENTINA (17)
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THE WORLD COMES TO MALAYSIA

By Andrew Shelly

It is somehow appropriate that the silver jubilee of the Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia (SRAM) should be marked by the biggest gala occasion for world squash.

The World Open is the most important individual title, and the team championship which follows will be contested by the maximum permitted thirty two nations.

But the international story doesn't start here, after 25 years of SRAM. Even before becoming a full member of the World Junior Men's event in 1982, preceding players moving on to the Team Championships in Singapore.

It was this same breakdown of responsibilities in 1989 which led to Malaysia hosting the first Men's World Open in Asia. A glass court was placed in the magnificent Merdeka Hall of the Putra World Trade Centre; and what a memorable occasion it turned out to be. In this, the first Men's World Open to use point-a-rally scoring, Australian Chris Dittmer scored a sensational 15/9 12/15 15/9 9/15 15/13 semi-final win over Pakistani Jahangir Khan. He was thwarted however in his bid to produce the second win over a Khan by Jansher in a final which was no less sensational, as it went down to the wire 10/15 6/15 15/10 15/11 15/10.

Since 1989 there has been no slackening of enthusiasm to host major championships. In 1993 the World Junior Women's was staged in Kuala Lumpur, and more recently in 1996, Petaling Jaya has been the venue for the first WSF World Cup mixed team event and the Women's World Open and Team Championship. At the Petaling Jaya Civic Centre Australian, Sarah Fitz-Gerald won her first Open title (which she went on to retain recently in Sydney), and Australia took the Team gold. Bearing in mind that the country also won the World Cup, P. J. is early a happy hunting ground for the Aussies. Certainly Rodney Eyles will hope so as he contests the World Open next week, in the latest of the splended line of event hosting for SRAM - leading up to the Commonwealth Games next year, where squash is included for the first time

But what of the Malaysian teams? The junior women finished third this year in the Worlds and look like becoming favourites to take the title with the same team in 1999. In other categories the positions are not so high, but moving in the right direction. The last three finishes for the men's junior team have been 10, 9, 6, so a top 5 spot is surely the target for next year in Princeton, USA.

Meanwhile, both the men's and women's team have latterly been just outside the top 16, but such has been the effort behind preparation that onward and upward is definitely the prognosis.

Couple the Worlds with the annual Malaysian Men's and Women's Open and various satellite events, and you begin to have a picture of how unbridled enthusiasm can give one country such a reputation for being a regular and popular squash watering hole.

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SQUASH A MAJOR PLAYER IN 1998 KUALA LUMPUR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

he Commonwealth Games is second only to the Olympic Games in size, spectacle and athletic standards. Indeed the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games will in many ways exceed the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games in numbers, logistics and organisation.

Any mention of standards between the two "Games" often brings negative comparisons with



Games Village

regard to the Commonwealth competition. However, considering the sports competed for - not all of which are in the Olympics anyway - and the number of countries involved, such comments are in many cases way off the mark.

But this is not the place for such polemic - the fact is that sporting standards will be of the very highest and none indeed higher than Squash Racquets!

Almost all the world's top players hail from Commonwealth countries: Pakistan, Australia,

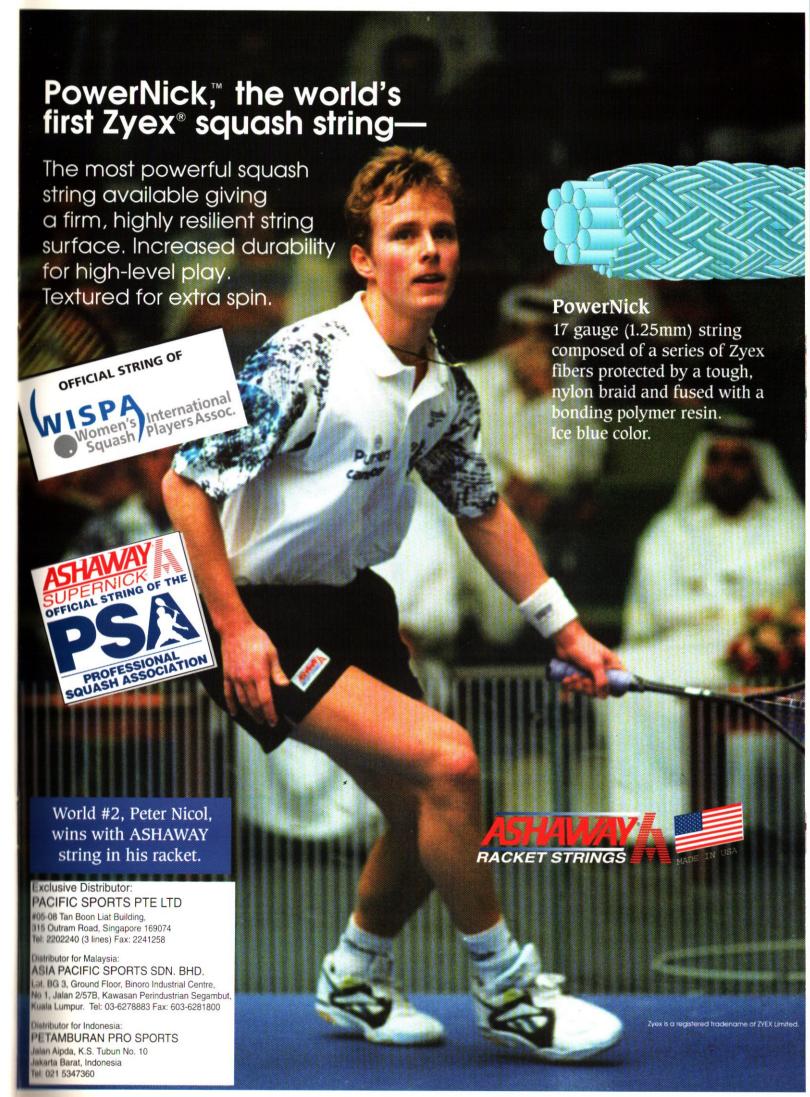
England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand and Canada supply or have supplied for decades the game's greatest exponents.

The '98 Games won't be an exception, and the battle for the men's and women's singles and doubles titles will, simply put, be another 'world championship'.

In recognition of this, and reflecting Malaysia's commitment to the highest standards of quality throughout the various Games' sporting facilities, a state-of-the-art squash centre is now nearing completion. Situated in the games' major sporting centre in Bukit Jalil - just outside of Kuala Lumpur city - the Squash venue comprises five superb courts. Each is readily converted from singles to doubles, and nothing has been left lacking from any aspect - players, the media, officials and of course spectators. Squash itself will be a winner at the '98 KL. Games, and perhaps you should plan now to be there - it could be your experience of a lifetime.

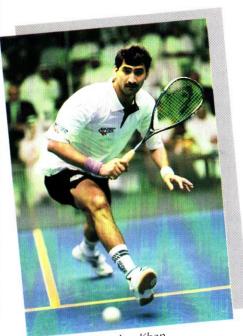


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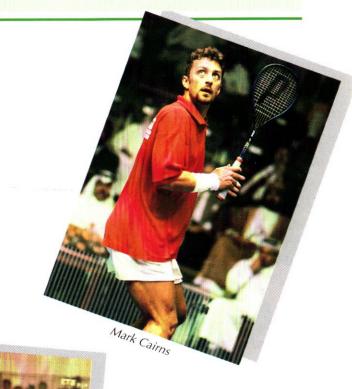




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Jansher Khan

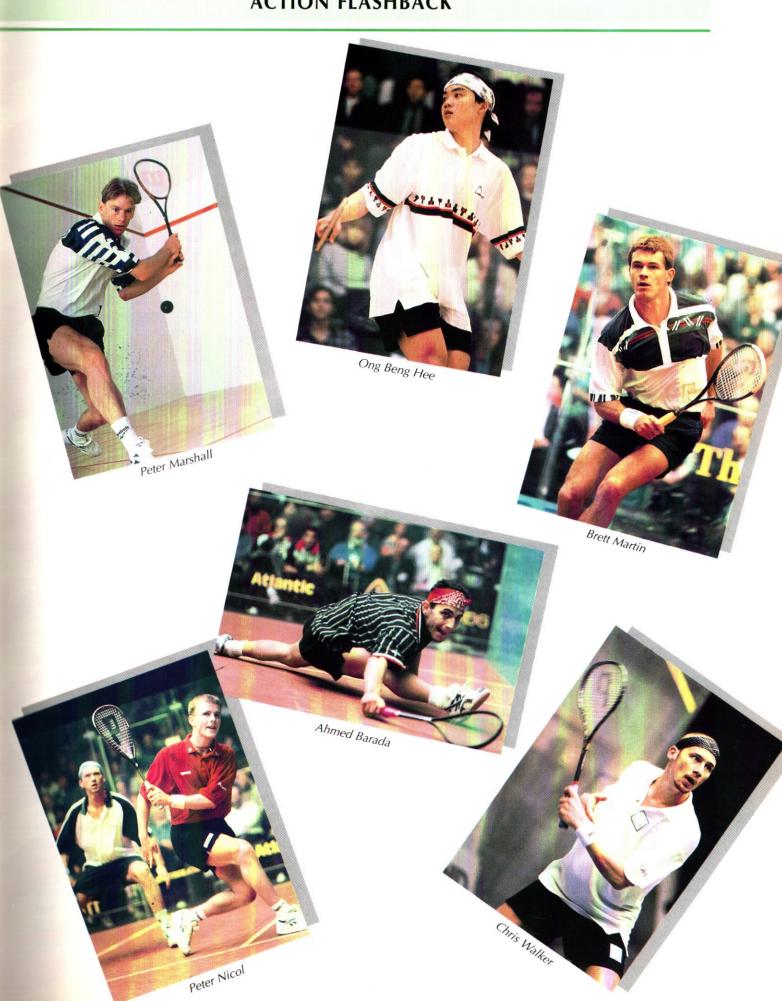


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ACTION FLASHBACK







'98 COMMONWEALTH GAMES WILL BE HIGHLIGHT OF MALAYSIA'S 'YEAR OF SPORT & RECREATION'

History will be created next year in the form of the 1998 Commonwealth Games - to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from September 11th to 21st - as it will be the first time ever the Games have been held in Asia.

So it is appropriate that the K.L. Games - as we're sure they'll come to be known - will form the centre-piece of a dazzling year of sporting and recreational happenings throughout the length and breadth of this beautiful country.



Malaysian Beaches

In recent years Malaysia has emerged onto the world scene as an ideal venue for major international sports and recreation events, championships and tournaments.

World championship youth soccer, hockey, squash, badminton, Grand Prix motorbike racing and indeed cricket contests have been successfully staged, and the list continues to grow.

So Malaysia has organised a year-long programme of world-class sporting classics and combined these with a wide range of recreational and related activities for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

In fact, there will be over 240 events and activities relating to sports, recreation, nature and adventure. And a special supplementary programme comprising festivals, cultural activities and celebrations will combine to offer visitors a magnificent, unique and often spectacular choice of vacation - no matter what time of the year.

Consider, for instance, the following 15 major, International class sporting events, championships and challenges.

LABUAN CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 6 - 8 February - Labuan

See the world's best yachts compete with one another to conquer the giant waves of the South China Sea.

LE TOUR DE LANGKAWI

18 February - 1 March - Nationwide

The world's best cyclists in this top class race around Malaysia modelled after the famous Le Tour de France.

22ND MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP '98

3 - 14 March - Pyramid Bowl Bandar Sunway, Selangor

International bowling stars from more than 20 countries in Malaysia's spectacular 48-lane Pyramid Bowl.

BALEH - KAPIT RAFT SAFARI '98

4 - 5 April - Kapit, Sarawak

This extremely rigorous and demanding event will see top rafters pit their skills to negotiate the numerous rapids down the 50 km stretch of the Baleh River.

MALAYSIA WORLD MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX

April - Shah Alam, Selangor

WORLD AMATEUR INTER - TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

April - August - Nationwide

9TH ASIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP 25 April - 2 May - Kuala Lumpur

ASIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP 20 - 22 May - Penang

To the rhythm of traditional drums, teams from far and near battle it out in magnificent dragon boats in Penang's scenic Mengkuang Dam.



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1998 SABAH INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON 24 May - Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Triathletes from around the globe come to prove their mettle in Asia's most challenging

INTERNATIONAL PENANG BRIDGE RUN 31 May - Penang

Thousands of local and foreign runners compete in this 21 km race which includes crossing the 13.5 km long Penang Bridge.

CAMERON DESCENT

7 - 8 June - Cameron Highlands and Kuala Lipis, Pahang Non-stop action in the Cameron Descent white-water kayaking adventure, through thick jungles, aboriginal settlements and some of the world's oldest rain forests.

KL '98 XVI COMMONWEALTH GAMES

11 - 21 September - Kuala Lumpur

The main event of Malaysia's Year of Sport & Recreation. It will feature 15 sports with over 6,000 competitors and officials.

INTERHASH '98

2 - 4 October - Kuala Lumpur

INTERHASH '98, a biannual gathering of hashers from around the world.

12TH MT KINABALU INTERNATIONAL CLIMBATHON

3 - 4 October - Mount Kinabalu, Sabah

A race up Mount Kinabalu, the summit of Borneo and Malaysia's highest mountain.

1ST COMMONWEALTH BODYBUILDING CHAMPIONSHIP

26 - 30 November - Malacca

Malaysia's historical city is host to the inaugural Commonwealth Bodybuilding Championships.

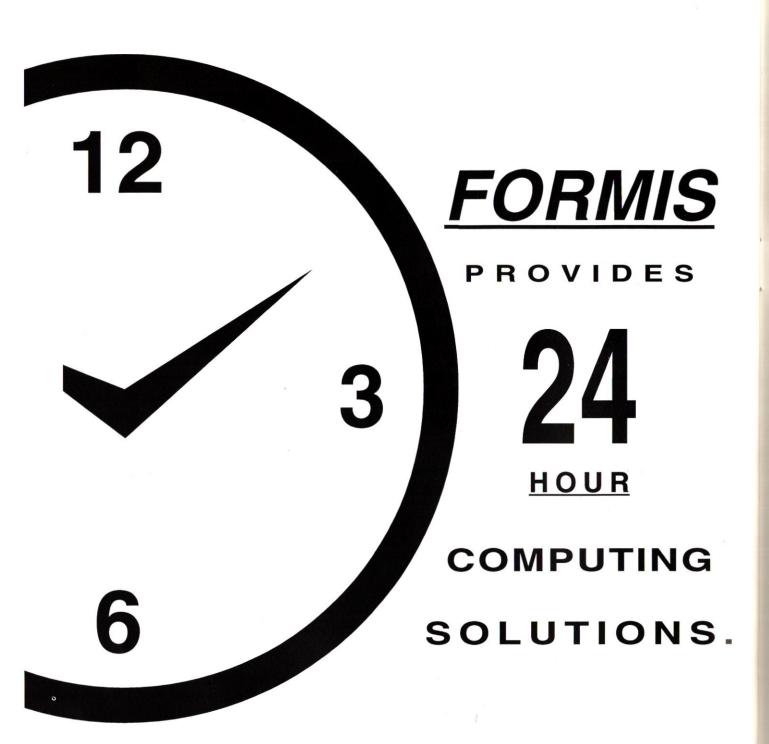
Those of course are championship class competitions, but for the average sports or outdoor minded, Malaysia is a natural paradise of miles of white sandy beaches, tropical rainforest and mountains where kayaking, mountain climbing, canoeing are 'on tap'.

Also Malaysia has over 250 golf courses throughout the country, many of international standard.

So it will be some year indeed, and it seems that regardless of whatever any individual requires in his or her vacation, the 'Year of Sport and Recreation' in Malaysia can offer the answer, and a unique and memorable experience to take home.



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THE WORLD OPEN - FROM HUNT TO JANSHER

By Dicky Rutnagur

With Jansher Khan putting himself out of contention, there will be a new World champion and whoever the winner, he will be only the sixth in the line of champions. This is a small number considering that the competition was instituted 22 years ago.

The first champion, Australian's Geoff Hunt, won the title four times, but his reign spanned six years as the tournament, to start with, was held bi-ennially. Hunt was supreme until he was on the verge of middle age and his body began to protest against all the training and match play it had been put through for two decades.

Even then. Hunt was not beaten until the final on his last appearance and it took a young genius in Jahangir Khan to push him off the throne. The stalwarts of Hunt's era were all growing long in the tooth now and for a year or two, Jahangir won almost unchallenged.

Jahangir held sway for five years before Ross Norman, of New Zealand, ambushed him on one of Jahangir's rare off days. Considering that the Pakistani then had not lost a match since being beaten by Hunt in the British Open final five and a half years earlier, Norman's historic triumph in Toulouse's Palais de Sport remains the most astounding result in the history of the game.

There has, since, been only one other one-off champion, Rodney Martin, of Australia, a truly electrifying player who, on his day, could beat anybody, and did. Martin's victory in Adelaide, in 1991, was particularly deserved and distinguished for, on his way to the title, he beat all the three seeded above him, Jansher Khan, Chris Dittmer and Jahangir.

It was timely too, for not many months later, he incurred the first of a series of injuries which hastened his retirement and deprived the game of one of its most exciting players ever.

The year of Martin's glory represents the second and last break in Jansher's run of championships, which stretches back to 1987. However, in Kuala Lumpur in 1989, when he regained the title from Jahangir, Jansher had to stage an almost miraculous recovery from 1 - 2 down in games and a 0 - 6 deficit in the decider to beat an inspired Chris Dittmer. That was one of the most dramatic and exciting finals in the history of the tournament, the other being the Adelaide thriller of 1977, between Hunt and Qamar Zaman.

The long years of supremacy enjoyed by the three great champions, Hunt, Jahangir and Jansher, might suggest that the opposition they had to beat was not of their class. But that is hardly true.

Without doubt, every one of them had an exceptional natural gift for the game. But none of them considered his talent enough to keep him ahead of the pack and winning was never taken for granted. Extreme professionalism and dedication went into bringing their skills to fulfilment.

They not only trained hard, but constantly added to their repertoire and adapted their game to counter the strengths of their most formidable challengers. It must not be overlooked that besides making such a major collective impact on the World Open, the three greats, between them, have cleared up 24 British Open titles. Jansher may be absent on this occasion, but he is far from finished and remains as hungry as ever.

Squash is physically so exciting that it is a wonder that its truly great players both men and women sustained their supremacy for such long periods. Going back to the pre-war era, the legendary Egyptian, Abdel Fattah Amr Bey won the British Amateur and the British Open as often as he played in them.

Directly after the war, his compatriot, Mahmood El Karim was unbeatable till a phenomenon called Hashim Khan appeared. The Pakistani maestro was in his late 30s when he came on the scene, otherwise he would be have set up a record which none could have surpassed.

Hashim's youngest brother, Azam Khan, also a late starter, retired form the game as unbeaten British Open champion. Hashim's son, Sharif, although weaned on the softball game, won 12 North American hardball championships.

Bridging the eras of the Khans and Hunt was Britain's Jonah Barrington. He was in his mid-20s when he began to play competitively an yet, won the British Open six times in seven years.

The pattern of long championship reigns is even more vivid in the women's game. Australia's Heather Mckay won the British Open16 times and first two world championship before she called it a day. Between 1962 and 1979, the great lady was never beaten in any competition. It was a sensation if she dropped a game and it is hard to recall more than three occasion when she was thus extended.

Following her to stardom was the redoubtable New Zealander, Susan Devoy. Although not quite as invincible as Heather, she left behind a record of six British Open titles and four World Opens. I like to see Michelle Martin, the current British Open champion and sister of Brett and Rodney, to eclipse that tally. She can have a bad day but, at her best, she is magnificent and has a presence on court to match her class.



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