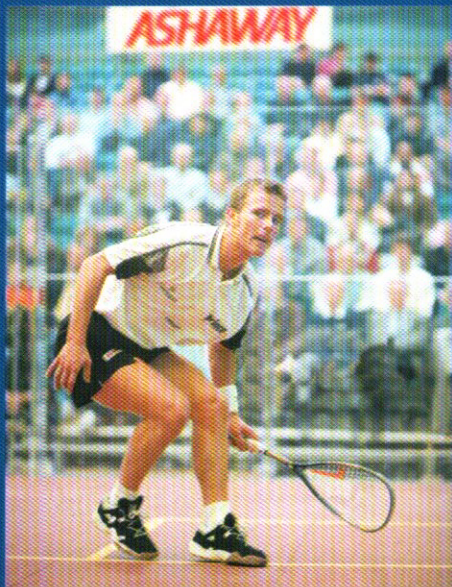
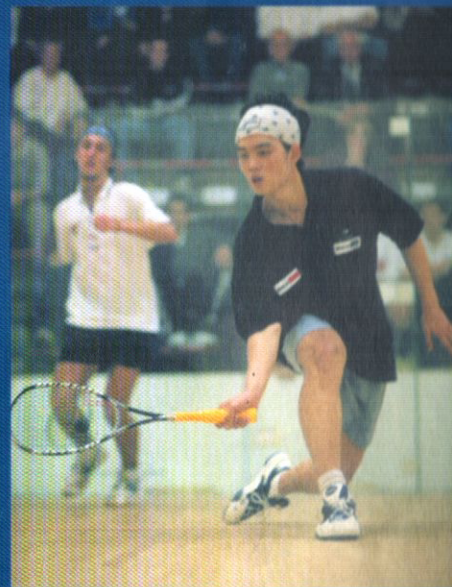


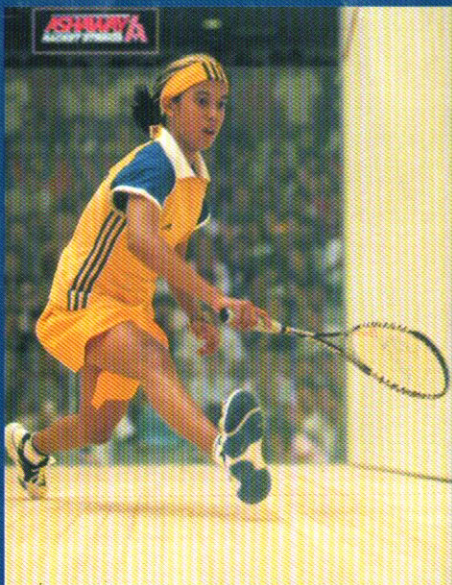
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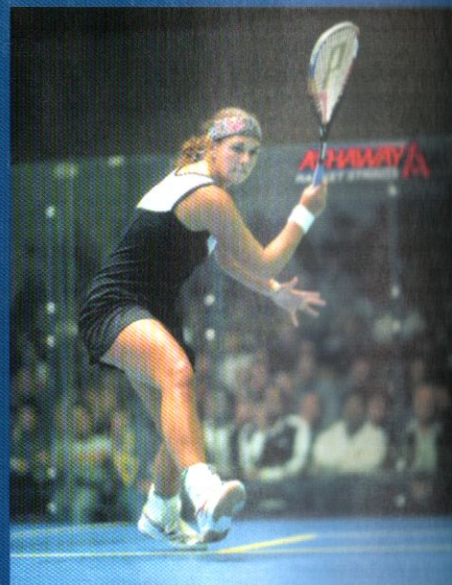
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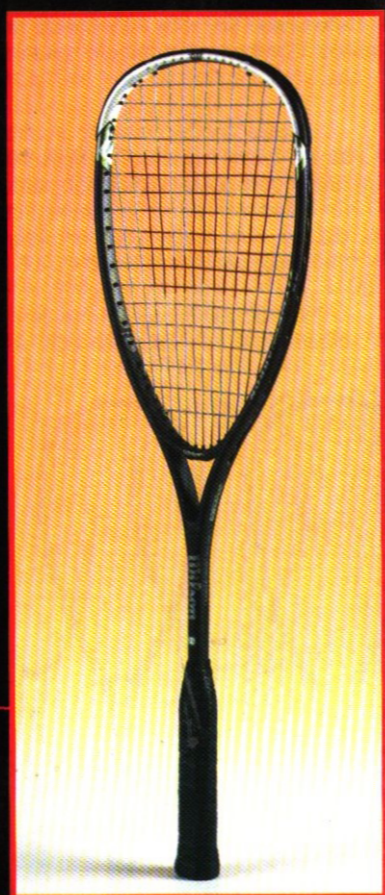


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Welcome

WISPA Message

The cream of women's squash will assemble in Edinburgh for the World Open, with many travelling to Sheffield for the World Teams which follows. I know they will be memorable championships.

The World Open would not have been possible without Scottish Squash taking on the hosting, so we are very grateful to Dr George Mieras, who has co-ordinated the arrangements, and to his team.

A champion will be crowned in Edinburgh, then on to the Team Championship at the Hallamshire Club. We sincerely thank Mike Allen and the SRA Events team, Hedley Matthew, his staff at Hallamshire and volunteers and supporters, who have made this event possible.

Finally, and importantly, we acknowledge the huge support and enthusiasm from Fablon. They have shown a wonderful willingness to help promote squash and we all owe a great debt to them and the Eye Group, their marketing partners.

So, we players look forward to joining you in Edinburgh and Sheffield, but meanwhile WISPA would like to record our Association's gratitude to the WSF, hosts, venues, organisers, sponsors, and referees for making these World Championships possible. We are sure that you will enjoy the squash.

Sarah Fitz-Gerald
WISPA President



From Scottish Squash



On behalf of Scottish Squash I am delighted to welcome all players, managers, coaches and – most importantly – spectators to the Women's World Open and WSF Challenge 2000. Having been part of the organising committee for the 1988 World Junior Men's and 1993 World Masters held in Edinburgh as well as organiser of the Scottish Junior Open for many years I am particularly pleased in my time as President to have Scotland host another prestigious event. It's a shot in the arm for squash in Scotland and we love hosting players from all over the world.

Though it is not the best time of year to be coming to Scotland, we hope that the warmth of the welcome you'll receive will make up for any chill winds and that you will have a most memorable week.

Archie McCue
President
Scottish Squash

An SRA Welcome



England are proud to have the opportunity to host the team event of the 2000 Women's World Championships and with our partners and promoters, the Eye Group, are determined that this event will be as successful as last month's British Open.

Whilst there has been a short lead time, the Eye Group are confident that the final will be shown on television and those of you who witnessed the live coverage of the British Open final on Sky TV cannot but have been impressed by the quality of their production. The SRA are again providing their new, state of the art glass court and are thankful to the Hallamshire Club, who are hosting the event for us and to Sheffield City Council for providing the transport.

Good luck to all the competitors.

Stuart Courtney
SRA Chief Executive

Welcome from the WSF

I welcome you all to the Women's World Open & Team Squash Championships 2000.

During 2000 many sports found that sponsorship support for major events was difficult to find, as so many commitments had been made in the build up to the Millennium. So we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fablon Limited for the professional and speedy way in which they worked with us to put together a nine-year agreement for the Women's World Championships and enabled us to confirm these two great events this year.

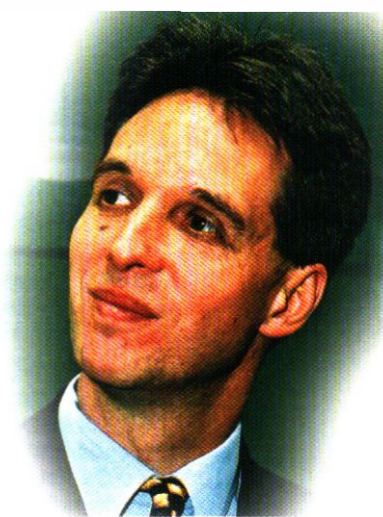
In the ten years I have been with the WSF I have seen squash grow to a point where it is now played in 134 nations, 116 of them members of the WSF. During that time the trend that has given me the most personal satisfaction is the growth of Women's Squash at all levels.

The WSF founded the Women's World Open in 1979 and originally it was played every two years, with the World Team Championship. In 1993, we decided that this showpiece of Women's Squash deserved an annual slot and since then have cooperated with WISPA to ensure that the World Open is held every year.

The biennial Women's World Team Championship continues as a really special event which has always brought out the best in our players. There is nothing in the sporting world to compare with the spirit and camaraderie which comes from working with your team-mates to win this coveted title. I know you will all be enthralled by the spectacle, athleticism and excitement of these wonderful events.

My sincere thanks to Scottish Squash, the SRA, Fablon, the Eye Group and to the players, referees, volunteers and other supporters who have allowed us to show you the best that Women's sport can offer.

Susie Simcock
President
WSF



From the Eye Group

On behalf of the Eye Group I would like to extend a warm welcome to the competitors and officials who have come to Britain for the WSF individual and team championships.

Our thanks also for the efforts of the respective Scottish and English squash associations in picking up the baton at short notice to stage the championships in Edinburgh and Sheffield.

If the events at the British Open last month, which was also promoted by the Eye Group, are anything to go by we are guaranteed two weeks of exciting, high class play, with a few shocks.

An outstanding feature of the Open in Birmingham was the SRA's new all-glass court that so impressed both players and spectators and enabled television viewers at home, who watched our live coverage on Sky Sports, to see the action from many new angles.

The good news is that the same court will be used for these championships, enabling us to continue our crusade to widen the appeal of squash to the armchair spectator at home while making the live experience all the more enjoyable.

As part of our long term commercial arrangement with the World Squash Federation, which starts with these championships, we will be looking to introduce many innovations to ensure that squash receives the exposure it so deserves.

Finally, commiserations to Cassie Campion, who is unable to defend the title she won in Seattle, USA last year because of an injury she picked up at the British Open. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to action.

Paul Gittings
Championship Promoter



World Championships Points

SCHEDULES

WORLD OPEN
Venues: National Squash Centre at Heriot-Watt University (NSC) & Meadowbank Stadium Edinburgh (M Bank)

Sat	11 Nov	Qualification	NSC
Sun	12 Nov	Qualification	NSC
Mon	13 Nov	Round 1	NSC
Tues	14 Nov	Last 16	M Bank
Wed	15 Nov	Quarter-finals	M Bank
Thurs	16 Nov	Semi-finals	M Bank
Fri	17 Nov	Final	M Bank

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Venue: Hallamshire LT&SC Sheffield

Sun	19 Nov	Pool Matches
Mon	20 Nov	Pool Matches
Tues	21 Nov	Pool Matches
Wed	22 Nov	Round One
Thurs	23 Nov	Quarter-finals & Play-offs
Fri	24 Nov	Semi-finals & Play-offs
Sat	25 Nov	Final & Play-offs

THE TEAM FORMAT

The World Team Championship competition is divided into two stages, the pools and the play-offs.

The allocation of teams to pools is decided by the WSF Seeding Panel, which produces an interim seeding based on the squads submitted by countries three weeks before the event. The final seedings and the draw is made after final squads have been submitted. This is after the World Open quarter-finals so it can take into consideration squad changes and current form.

The pool structure depends on the number of entries. This year 22 countries have entered, so there are six pools (four pools with four nations and two with only three). One of the top six seeded teams and one of the 7-12 seeds are in each pool.

In the pool draws on p19 the numbers in brackets indicate seedings.

The top two teams in each pool go through to the top 16 play-off group along with the top four of the third placed teams. (These four are selected by their performance against the top two in terms of matches, games and then points.) The other teams play off in the 17-22 play-off group.

In the match fixtures the number one players never play the last of the three matches in their tie. The match orders, which are drawn, can therefore be 1-3-2, 1-2-3, 2-1-3, or 3-1-2 only.

If a player is injured she can be replaced by a reserve of lower standard than the nominated number four. However, once a player drops out she may not rejoin the team.

PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

The prize money breakdown is as follows:

Winner	\$11,900
Runner-up	\$8,050
3/4	\$4,725
5/8	\$2,800
9/16	\$1,575
17/32	\$875
Last qualification round	\$350

TEAM ENTRIES

Interim Seeding Order

1. England	12. Denmark
2. Australia	13-18. Hong Kong
3. New Zealand	Ireland
4. Egypt	Italy
5. Netherlands	Spain
6. Scotland	Switzerland
7. South Africa	USA
8. Germany	19-22. Brazil
9. Canada	Japan
10. France	Nigeria
11. Malaysia	Wales

13-18 & 19-22 listed alphabetically (For an explanation of the Interim Seeding Order see opposite.)

ROLL OF HONOUR

WORLD WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A World Women's Invitation event was staged in Brisbane, Australia in 1976, won by Heather McKay. Following this the WISRF was evolved to run regular world competitions for individuals and teams. The first was run in England in 1979.

1976 (Australia)	Heather McKay (Aus) bt Marion Jackman (Aus) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0.
1979 (England)	Heather McKay (Aus) bt Sue Cogswell (Eng) 6-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-4.
1981 (Canada)	Rhonda Thorne (Aus) bt Vicki Hoffman (Aus) 8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7.
1983 (Australia)	Vicki Cardwell (nee Hoffman) (Aus) bt Rhonda Thorne (Aus) 9-1, 9-3, 9-4.
1985 (Ireland)	Susan Devoy (NZ) bt Lisa Opie (Eng) 9-4, 9-5, 10-8.
1987 (New Zealand)	Susan Devoy (NZ) bt Lisa Opie (Eng) 9-3, 10-8, 9-2.
1989 (Netherlands)	Martine le Moignan (Eng) bt Susan Devoy (NZ) 4-9, 9-4, 10-8, 10-8.
1990 (Australia)	Susan Devoy (NZ) bt Martine le Moignan (Eng) 9-4, 9-4, 9-4.
1992 (Canada)	Susan Devoy (NZ) bt Michelle Martin (Aus) 9-4, 9-6, 9-4.
1993 (South Africa)	Michelle Martin (Aus) bt Liz Irving (Aus) 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.
1994 (Guernsey)	Michelle Martin (Aus) bt Cassie Jackman (Eng) 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.
1995 (Hong Kong)	Michelle Martin (Aus) bt Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) 8-10, 9-2, 9-6, 9-3.
1996 (Malaysia)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt Cassie Jackman (Eng) 9-0, 9-3, 9-4.
1997 (Australia)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt Michelle Martin (Aus) 9-5, 5-9, 6-9, 9-2, 9-3.
1998 (Germany)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt Michelle Martin (Aus) 10-8, 9-7, 2-9, 3-9, 10-9.
1999 (USA)	Cassie Campion (Eng) bt Michelle Martin (Aus) 9-6, 9-7, 9-7.

WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

After a Women's World Invitation was staged in Australia in 1976, the Women's International Squash Rackets Federation was formed to run regular world competitions for individuals and teams. The first team event was staged in spring 1979 in Birmingham for a trophy donated by two of the great players of women's squash, Heather McKay and Janet Shardlow. Six countries entered the first event, which was won by Great Britain on the only occasion when the Home Countries didn't enter separately as they subsequently did.

1979 (England)	1. Gt Britain 2. Australia 3. Ireland 4. Canada 5. Sweden 6. USA
1981 (Canada)	1. Australia 2. England 3. NZ 4. Scotland 5. Ireland 6. Wales
1983 (Australia)	1. Australia 2. England 3. NZ 4. Ireland 5. Scotland 6. USA
1985 (Ireland)	1. England 2. NZ 3. Australia 4. Ireland 5. Canada 6. Scotland
1987 (NZ)	1. England 2. Australia 3. NZ 4. Ireland 5. Canada 6. Scotland
1989 (Netherlands)	1. England 2. Australia 3. NZ 4. Germany 5. Ireland 6. Scotland
1990 (Australia)	1. England 2. Australia 3. NZ 4. Germany 5. Ireland 6. Finland
1992 (Canada)	1. Australia 2. NZ 3. England 4. N'lands 5. S. Africa 6. Canada
1994 (Guernsey)	1. Australia 2. England 3. S. Africa 4. NZ 5. N'lands 6. Germany
1996 (Malaysia)	1. Australia 2. England 3. S. Africa 4. NZ 5. Germany 6. Netherlands
1998 (Germany)	1. Australia 2. England 3. NZ 4. S. Africa 5. Germany 6. Netherlands

QUALIFICATION EVENT

Players entered for the 32 draw qualification event:

1. Senga Macfie, Scotland; 2. Shabana Khan, USA; 3. Ellen Petersen, Denmark; 4. Omneya Abdel Kawy, Egypt; 5. Isabelle Stoehr, France; 6. Wendy Maitland, Scotland; 7. Annelize Naude, South Africa; 8. Elin Blikra, Norway; 9. Corinne Castets, France; 10. Eng, Kheirallah, Egypt; 11. Kate Allison, England; 12. Madeline Perry, Ireland; 13. Laura Keating, Australia; 14. Eman El Amir, Egypt; 15. Louise Crome, New Zealand; 16. Cheryl Beaumont, England; 17. Rebecca Chiu, Hong Kong; 18. Lisa McKenna, Scotland; 19. Gillian Nimmo, Scotland; 20. Lara Petera, New Zealand; 21. Ivy, Pochoda, USA; 22. Carla Khan, England; 23. Laura Hamilton, Scotland; 24. Daphne Jelgersma, Netherlands; 25. Kim Hannes, Belgium; 26. Noellie Boden, France; 27. Sally, Hunt, Australia; 28. Natalia Meneu, Spain; 29. Dominique Lloyd-Walter, England; 30. Kia Paasivirta, Finland; 31. Helen Easton, England; 32. Lindsey Parker, Reserve
1. Denise Sommers, Netherlands.

World Championship Preview

REJOYCE

Will the World Open be a replay of the British Open? Leilani Joyce was magnificent at the British Open. The opportunity opened up for her and she took it. She has moved into the favourite's position. She's the player to watch but anything can happen. Joyce, confidence high, had won five tournaments in a row going into the British Open, won the Open, and has now won the Carol Weymuller Open in New York. She must have that winning feeling. Can she still be fresh, confident and eager when it comes to the World Open? There will be a little more pressure

what a bonus.

Wright, runner-up to Joyce in the British Open, is also out, not wanting to risk the effects the long grind of the qualifying and main events could have on her health as she recovers from viral pneumonia. That puts Carol Owens and Sarah Fitz-Gerald in the frame as the main threats to Joyce.

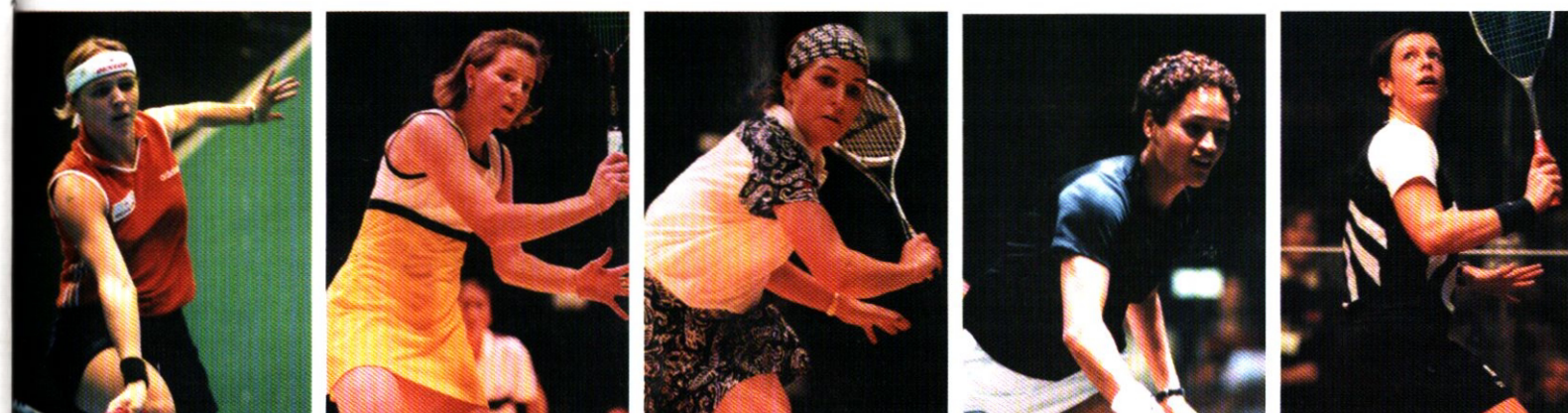
The revised draw has moved Charman from the 5 to 4 seeding position and into the top half of the draw where she should clash with Fitz-Gerald in the quarters. Owens will have up and coming Tania Bailey.

Sarah Fitz-Gerald had a disappointing Open. Still potentially the world's

player. In the Open she was depressed to become a victim of Wright's tactics but bounced back in New York to beat Campion and hold match ball on the world No.4 Linda Charman.

The top half of the draw is crowded with Owens, Bailey, Charman and Fitz-Gerald all there. Owens has been moved to the first slot and could now face sixth seed Bailey in the quarter-final. Fitz-Gerald should have Charman in the quarters.

In the bottom half Joyce has a clear run. (The draw was revised not redrawn following Campion's withdrawal. Joyce, effectively the top seed is in the bottom half.) She should have



Up and coming Bailey is drawn to clash with Owens

Owens moves to the top of the draw

Fitz-Gerald: outstanding in practice but has she had enough competition?

Joyce: Will she feel the pressure of being the favourite?

Charman: drawn to face Fitz-Gerald

from the expectations on her now and she will have peaked for the Open but she is basically winning, confident and problem free. None of her rivals can say this.

For the record she won the British Open without dropping a game. Someone will have to play exceptionally well to beat her. Joyce is fit, fast, tight, error free and focused. Her focus in the Open was impressive. The court and the referee suited Wright in the final but Joyce was nimble, kept well away from her opponent's embrace, crossed wide to keep out of her way, ran down her exceptional drops and boasts, and was tactically sensible.

Joyce's arch rival, and the defending champion, Campion has tragically been forced to quit the event. It is disappointing but that's sport. The rivalry between the two was building nicely with all its historical connections. New Zealand's Susan Devoy ungraciously enjoyed 'stuffing' the English and there is a strong sporting rivalry between the two countries. Leilani enjoyed winning and did it graciously -

outstanding woman player, her confident striking and rhythmic movement, speed and confidence were not really in evidence. She failed to pick up short against Carol Owens and this tournament is on the same court in Edinburgh.

She has a new trimness but one observer commented that she could have lost strength and speed. The talent is there and she could come on dramatically, but it is questionable whether she is confident in her movement and she could do with more competition.

Carol Owens took a game off Joyce in New York but has lost to her at the Al Ahram, Heliopolis and Australian Opens so Joyce has the upper hand at the moment. In the British Open Owens put out Fitz-Gerald and was seething for days over the refereeing in her match against Wright. In the middle of their semi-final she asked Wright, 'Is that your auntie up there?' She is capable with the right breaks.

Outside the top contenders Tania Bailey is a maturing and dangerous

Atkinson, Campion's conqueror from the Open, and although she dropped a game to the Dutch girl in New York she should go through to face Horner and then Grainger.

IT'S ALL ENGLAND

Carol Owens has decided the outcome of the Women's World Team Championships before a shot has been fired in anger. The great Aussie 'Awesome Foursome' - Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Carol Owens and Liz Irving - is no more. Martin has retired, Owens doesn't want to play for Australia, Rachael Grinham is strangely unavailable and the belated invitation to Liz Irving was rejected. England, even if Campion is doubtful, cannot it seems be beaten.

New Zealand, third last time, could threaten Australia's top two status and it will be interesting to see the Tasman cousins fight it out.

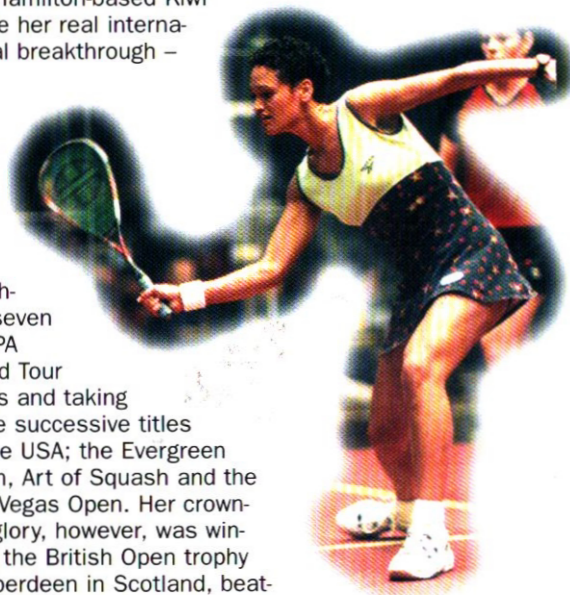
Amongst the rest the young Egyptian side will be keenly watched.

The Players

Name: **Leilani Joyce** (New Zealand)
 Born: 15 April 1974
 Lives: Hamilton, N. Z.
 World Ranking: **1** (November 2000) **Seeded 1**

New Zealand's 26-year-old Leilani Joyce has burst onto the world squash scene to take over the great Susan Devoy's crown as the country's leading woman squash player. A World Doubles gold medallist in 1997, Leilani won the Swiss Open and Interlink Windsor Open titles in 1998 and was selected to represent New Zealand in the Commonwealth Games later in the year in Malaysia.

But it was in 1999 that the Hamilton-based Kiwi made her real international breakthrough –



reaching seven WISPA World Tour finals and taking three successive titles in the USA; the Evergreen Open, Art of Squash and the Las Vegas Open. Her crowning glory, however, was winning the British Open trophy in Aberdeen in Scotland, beating English favourite and world champion Cassie Campion in a four-game final.

Leilani captured the No.2 position in the WISPA world rankings in January and has continued to close the gap behind world No.1 Campion with eight successive titles including the Al Ahram International and Heliopolis Open in Egypt, three trophies back home in New Zealand and now has a second British Open title.

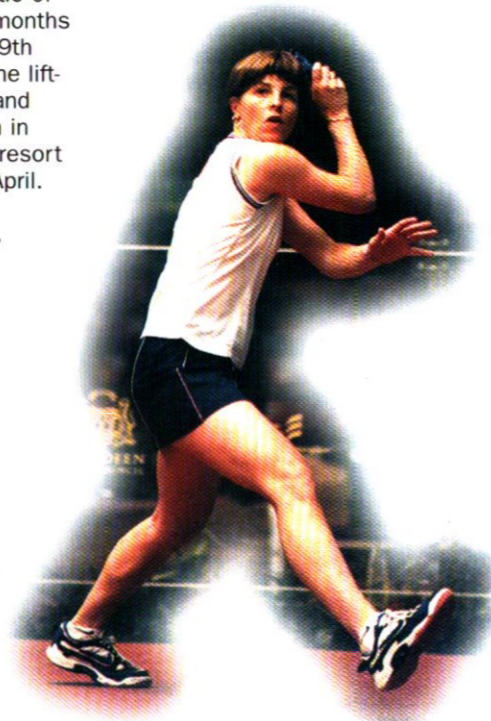
LEILANI JOYCE INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Cereal & toast.
 Favourite breakfast?
Porridge, brown sugar, cream.
 Favourite movie?
Babe. Because it's innocent and sweet.
 Last movie you saw?
Gone in 60 secs. I thought it rocked!
 Favourite music?
Toni Braxton, Creed, Madonna, Mariah Carey.
 Favourite TV programmes?
Friends.
 Favourite drink?
Hot chocolate
 Practice partners?
The lads.
 Favourite shot?
A winner!
 Best you've ever played?
At a local tournament here in N.Z. playing against the A grade guys. Played well because I had my pride on the line.

Name: **Carol Owen** (Australia)
 Born: 4 May 1971
 Lives: Auckland, N. Z.
 World Ranking: **2** (November 2000) **Seeded 2**

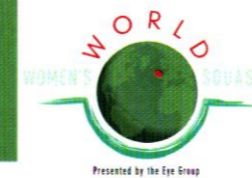
Following Michelle Martin's retirement and Sarah Fitz-Gerald's injury lay-off, Carol Owens took over the mantle of Australia's top woman player with great style – claiming the biggest WISPA title of her career only months away from her 29th birthday when she lifted the World Grand Prix Finals crown in Egypt's red sea resort of Hurghada in April. The Melbourne-born world No.3, now living in Auckland, New Zealand, went on to reach seven finals in the year.

In Seattle she was 2/1 up on Michelle Martin in the quarter-finals, losing in five and she went out, also in five, to Sue Wright in the British Open.



CAROL OWENS INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Vitabits with hot milk – it's like Weetabix – and toast and Marmite. And orange juice.
 Favourite breakfast?
Bacon and eggs with baked beans and hash browns.
 Favourite movie?
I don't have one. I don't watch TV, I don't watch movies.
 Last movie you saw?
In the hotel in Giza I saw When Butterflies Fly or something like that. It was bad, very bad. Boring, no story line.
 Favourite music?
Neil Diamond, John Denver and anything that's rock-and-rollish from the '70's and '80's.
 Favourite TV programmes?
Quiz programmes, Who Wants to be a Millionaire?
 Favourite drink?
Pineapple juice or Southern Comfort and lemonade.
 Practice partners?
Some top men and Shelley Kitchen in Auckland.
 Favourite shot?
Cross-court lob.
 Best you've ever played?
Hurghada early this year. I was relaxed. But anytime I beat Michelle or Sarah – they were the ultimate in our game.



Women's World Championship

WORLD OPEN 2000

Round 3 Mon 13 · Nov NSC	Last 16 Tues · 14 Nov Meadowbank (Round 3 Times)	Q - Finals Wed · 15 Nov Meadowbank (Last 16 Times)	S - Finals Thurs · 16 Nov Meadowbank (Q - Final Times)	Final Fri · 17 Nov Meadowbank (S - Final Times)	Champion (Time of Final)
Carol Owens (Australia) (2)	13:00	16:15	18:45	19:00	18:45
Janie Thacker (England)					
Claire Nitch (South Africa) (14)	13:00				
Vicky Botwright (England)					
Tania Bailey (England) (5)	13:45	15:30			
Round 2 Winner					
Sabine Schoene (Germany) (12)	13:45	14:45			
Round 2 Winner					
Linda Charman (England) (4)	14:30				
Round 2 Winner					
Pamela Nimmo (Scotland) (16)	14:30	14:00	19:45		
Shelley Kitchen (New Zealand)					
Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) (7)	15:15	18:00	18:00		
Liz Irving (Australia)					
Jenny Tranfield (England) (15)	15:15	17:00			
Round 2 Winner					
Natalie Grinham (Australia)	17:00	18:00	18:00		
Stephanie Brind (England) (10)					
Round 2 Winner	17:00	18:45			
Fiona Geaves (England) (8)					
Salma Shabana (Egypt)	17:45	18:30	20:30		
Rachael Grinham (Australia) (11)					
Round 2 Winner	17:45	19:30			
Natalie Grainger (England) (3)					
Round 2 Winner	18:30	20:15			
Rebecca Macree (England) (13)					
Maha Zein (Egypt)	18:30	19:15			
Suzanne Horner (England) (6)					
Latasha Khan (USA)	19:15	19:15			
Vanessa Atkinson (N'Lands) (9)					
Round 2 Winner	19:15				
Leilani Joyce (New Zealand) (1)					

The qualification event comprises rounds one and two. Thirty two players play for 8 round three places. Positions are drawn. The original No.1 seed Cassie Campion has withdrawn and in accordance with WISPA rules the draw has been revised not redrawn.

WOMEN'S WORLD STEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND 19-25 NOVEMBER 2000

Stage 1

POOL A	(1)	(12)		
(1)		14.00 Ct 7	13.00 Ct 5	14.00 Ct 5
(12)	MON 20		14.00 Ct 6	13.00 Ct 6
	SUN 19	TUE 21		14.00 Ct 8
	TUE 21	SUN 19	MON 20	

POOL B	(2)	(11)		
(2)		18.00 CT 6	18.00 CT 7	16.00 CT 5
(11)	TUE 21		16.00 CT 6	18.00 CT 8
	MON 20	SUN 19		18.00 CT 7
	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	

POOL C	(3)	(10)		
(3)		18.00 CT 5	16.00 CT 7	
(10)	MON 20		18.00 CT 2	
	SUN 19	TUE 21		

POOL D	(4)	(9)		
(4)		14.00 CT 7	14.00 CT 2	13.00 CT 8
(9)	TUE 21		13.00 CT 7	18.00 CT 2
	MON 20	SUN 19		14.00 CT 8
	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	

POOL E	(5)	(8)		
(5)		18.00 CT 6	16.00 CT 8	
(8)	MON 20		14.00 CT 2	
	SUN 19	TUE 21		

POOL F	(6)	(7)		
(6)		18.00 CT 5	14.00 CT 5	16.00 CT 2
(7)	TUE 21		13.00 CT 2	14.00 CT 6
	MON 20	SUN 19		18.00 CT 8
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() Team Seeding. Teams are placed in pools after the final seeding.

Stage 2 PLAY-OFFS FOR PLACES 1-16

PO's	PO's	PO's	ROUND 1	Q-FINALS	S-FINAL	FINAL
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		14.00	3 RD CT 5	18.00		
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	CT 8		WINNER C/D 12.00		GLASS	
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		CT 7	WINNER E/F 15.00	GLASS		
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CT 2			3 RD 12.00			GLASS
		18.00	WINNER E/F CT 7	18.00		
		CT 6	2 ND A/B 15.00	CT 5		
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	CT 8		2 ND C/D 15.00	GLASS		
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Stage 2 PLAY-OFFS FOR PLACES 17-22

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			BYE TH	CT 7	
			3 RD		19-20
					14.00
					CT 7

The Players

Nominated Squads for the Women's World Team Championships 2000.

Australia

Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Natalie Grinham
Robyn Cooper
Laura Keating

Brazil

Karen Redfern
Flavia Roberts
Alessandra Bello
Patricia Pamplona

Canada

Melanie Jans
Marnie Baizley
Carolyn Russell
Lauren Wagner

Denmark

Ellen Petersen
Julie Dorn-Jensen
Line Hansen
Mette Jorgensen

Egypt

Salma Shabana
Maha Zein
Omneya Abdel Kawy
Engy Kheirallah
Eman El Amir

England

Stephanie Brind
Linda Charman
Tania Bailey
Sue Wright

France

Isabelle Stoehr
Corinne Castets
Astrid Gamory
Nylère De Nuylder

Germany

Sabine Schone
Karin Beriere
Daniela Grzenia
Ina Meine

Hong Kong

Rebecca Chiu
Christina Mak
Elise Ng
Karen Lau

Ireland

Madeline Perry
Aisling Blake
Anna Mcgeever
Eleanor Laphthorne

Italy

Sonia Pasteris
Chiara Ferrari
Veronica Favero
Manuela Manetta

Japan

Eri Kamada (Née Tsuchida)
Naoko Nishio
Yuka Goto
Yoriko Hamada

Malaysia

Kuan Choy Lin
Sharon Wee
Tricia Chuah
Cheryl David

Netherlands

Vanessa Atkinson
Denise Sommers
Daphne Jelgersma
Miya Dorenbos

New Zealand

Leilani Joyce
Shelley Kitchen
Sarah Cook
Lara Petera

Nigeria

Patience Ogbeifun
Eno Akhigba
Duro Felicia
Okora Blessing

Scotland

Pamela Nimmo
Senga Macfie
Wendy Maitland
Susan Dalrymple

South Africa

Claire Nitch
Angelique Clifton-Parks
Sjeanne Cawdry
Carla Venter

Spain

Natalia Meneu
Elisabeth Sado
Laia Sans
Olga Puigdemont

Switzerland

Agnes Muller
Manuela Zehnder
Olivia Hauser
Anita Muller

USA

Ivy Pochoda
Shirin Kaufman
Louisa Hau
Margaret Elias

Wales

Karen Hargreaves
Katrina Hogan
Louise Griffiths
Hayley James

Name: **Natalie Grainger** (England)
Born: **8 Aug 1977**
Lives: **Nottingham**
World Ranking: **7** (Nov 2000)

Natalie Grainger celebrated her career-best world No.4 position in September 1999 by transferring her allegiance from South Africa, where she grew up, to England, the country of her birth. She began a successful 1999 campaign by winning the Greenwich Open title in the USA and achieving semi-final berths in the World, US and British Opens. She made the last four on four occasions this year – including a semi-final place in the Al Ahram International in Egypt. The 23-year-old now splits her time between Nottingham and St Louis in the USA, where she recently became engaged.

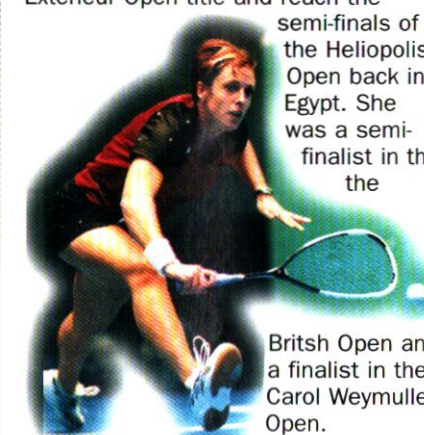


NATALIE GRAINGER INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Raisin wheat things with skimmed milk, sometimes a banana and a pint of water in the morning.
Favourite breakfast?
Pancakes or a fry-up if I've been out on the piss the night before.
Favourite movie?
The Matrix, I thoroughly enjoyed it – the whole concept was just fabulous: are we living in the real world or is there somebody there controlling us?
Last movie you saw?
Maybe Baby, English movie, great fun.
Favourite music?
Macie Gray, Dave Matthews Band.
Favourite TV programmes?
I love watching Eddie Izzard and the Discovery Channel.
Favourite drink?
Jack Daniel's and coke.
Practice partners?
Jenny Tranfield, Pam Nimmo and sometimes Peter Marshall in Nottingham.
Favourite shot?
Backhand volley drop.
Best you've ever played?
When I played Carol Owens in the British Open last year. I played the most outstanding squash I've ever played. I was calm and played my heart out because I wanted to win so badly.

Name: **Linda Charman** (England)
Born: **21 Nov 1971**
Lives: **Hailsham, Sussex**
World Ranking: **3** (Nov 2000)

England international Linda Charman reached five WISPA World Tour finals in 1999, winning the Extérieur Open in France and reaching her career-best No.3 world ranking in January 2000. This year's campaign began with title success in the Apawamis Open in New York and a semi-final berth in the World Grand Prix Finals in Egypt. The 28-year-old from Hailsham in Sussex was laid low by a virus picked up in Egypt but soon bounced back to retain her Extérieur Open title and reach the semi-finals of the Heliopolis Open back in Egypt. She was a semi-finalist in the British Open and a finalist in the Carol Weymuller Open.

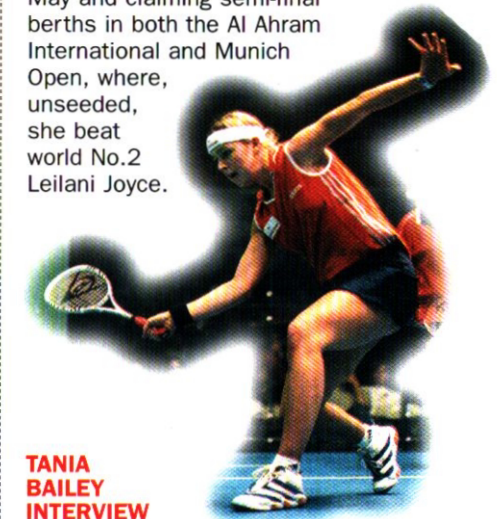


LINDA CHARMAN INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
At home it is cereal, but in Egypt it's pancakes because that is the only thing I don't dislike.
Favourite breakfast?
Cereal. My present favourite is Nestlé's Clusters.
Favourite movie?
The Shawshank Redemption.
Last movie you saw?
I saw Erin Brokovich on the plane to Al Ahram, very good. About a strong woman, really enjoyed it.
Favourite music?
Things like Chemical Brothers, Prodigy, and dance music.
Favourite TV programmes?
Hollyoaks; a bit sad I know but I like things like Changing Rooms, and I quite like Eastenders and wildlife programmes.
Favourite drink?
Apple juice or Jack Daniel's and Coke, depending whether I'm in the tournament or out of the tournament.
Practice partners?
When I'm away I always practise with Fiona Geaves but when I'm home I go to Chingford and practise with Tim Garner, Julian Wellings and Peter Genever. Or I go to Corals and practise with Mike Harris.
Favourite shot?
The volley drop.
Best you've ever played?
When I beat Sarah Fitz-Gerald at the British Open in Aberdeen. It wasn't necessarily my best squash, but I dug in and I was pleased with the way I dug in.

Name: **Tania Bailey** (England)
Born: **2 Oct 1979**
Lives: **Lincolnshire**
World Ranking: **6** (Nov 2000)

England's Tania Bailey, just 21, from Stamford in Lincolnshire, is the rising star of women's world squash. World Junior Champion in 1997, she wasted no time in establishing herself on the WISPA World Tour – winning two tour titles in England in 1999 and finishing the year by becoming the only unseeded player to reach the quarter-finals of the World Open in the USA. She arrives in Edinburgh crashing into the world rankings at No.8 – the result of winning the San Francisco International title in May and claiming semi-final berths in both the Al Ahram International and Munich Open, where, unseeded, she beat world No.2 Leilani Joyce.



TANIA BAILEY INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Bran flakes with semi-skimmed milk. Occasionally toast and jam and water.
Favourite breakfast?
I love pancakes but I also love chocolate pop tarts.
Favourite movie?
American Beauty. It was quite different from any other movie and it had a good meaning behind it.
Last movie you saw?
Snatch: really good, funny and I like Brad Pitt.
Favourite music?
My current favourite is Destiny's Child. And I like R&B stuff.
Favourite TV programmes?
The Royle Family, I can watch it over and over again, I think it's brilliant. Also Game On.
Favourite drink?
Freshly squeezed orange juice. And out on the town Budweiser.
Practice partners?
Cassie, Stephanie Brind and Vicki Botwright.
Favourite shot?
Forehand volley.
Best you've ever played?
Well my best wins were when I beat Leilani in Persdorf in March and then beating Linda Charman to get to the semis of the Al Ahram. I played well because I just didn't feel any pressure.

Name: **Seeded 6** **Suzanne Horner** (England)
 Born: 23 Feb 1963
 Lives: Wakefield
 World Ranking: **8** (Nov 2000)

Winner of the World Masters Over 35 title last year, England's Suzanne Horner – now a sprightly 37 – continues to shine on the WISPA World Tour and proudly maintains her position in the world top ten after reaching her career-best world



No.2 in September 1994. She won the Japan Open in 1999 to claim her 20th WISPA title and reached two further finals in the USA in January. She qualified for the World Grand

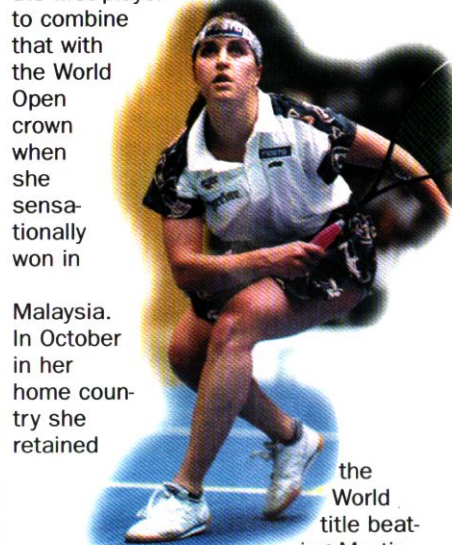
Prix Finals in April and reached the last eight of the Al Ahran International, also in Egypt, in August.

SUZANNE HORNER INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast? **Kellogg's Fruit & Fibre with skimmed milk and a cup of tea.**
 Favourite breakfast? **Same thing.**
 Favourite movie? **Pride and Prejudice because it was nice and romantic and a good story.**
 Last movie you saw? **The last James Bond ...it was all right.**
 Favourite music? **Don't really have any. Just nice music... M People or female vocalists.**
 Favourite TV programmes? **No real favourites. I watch Sky movies and detectives like Morse and Frost.**
 Favourite drink? **Tea. Tetley's tea with skim med milk. If I go out I might have a dry martini with lemonade.**
 Practice partners? **At Abbeydale with my coach Mark Hornby. And some of the men in the Yorkshire men's team like Murray Scott and Steve Large.**
 Favourite shot? **Forehand volley.**
 Best you've ever played? **1990 British Open was my best tournament – I played well right through it. I beat Sarah and Liz Irving and lost to Devoy in the final.**

Name: **Seeded 7** **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** (Australia)
 Born: 1 Dec 1968
 Lives: Melbourne, Australia
 World Ranking: **5** (Nov 2000)

Just weeks apart in 1996, Sarah Fitz-Gerald won the World Open title and took the World No.1 slot. The 31 year old Australian kick-started her career by becoming World Junior Champion in 1987, and in October 1996 became the first player to combine that with the World Open crown when she sensationally won in



Malaysia. In October in her home country she retained

the World title beating Martin 9-3 in the fifth.

In 1998 she stumbled slipping down to number two in the rankings but dramatically in the worlds she found the strength, both mental and physical, to save 8 match balls in the fifth and retain her World title. Much of 1999 was spent in rehabilitation after knee surgery and despite winning five events in a row in the early part of 2000 she is still fighting her way back to her competitive best.

SARAH FITZ-GERALD'S INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast? **Cereal, toast and tea.**
 Favourite breakfast? **Bagel or muffin and coffee.**
 Favourite movie? **French Kiss.**
 Last movie you saw? **Shaft – loved it.**
 Favourite music? **Everything - except heavy, techno, dance and rap.**
 Favourite TV programmes? **Friends and Ally McBeal.**
 Favourite drink? **Wine, Gatorade and Diet Coke.**
 Practice partners? **Men at the Reflex Club in Caversham, near Reading in the UK and at the MSAC in Melbourne, Australia.**
 Favourite shot? **Anything on the volley.**
 Best you've ever played? **The Worlds in Malaysia. I was the most focused I have ever been.**

Name: **Seeded 8** **Fiona Geaves** (England)
 Born: 6 Dec 1967
 Lives: Gloucester, England
 World Ranking: **10** (Nov 2000)

When she won the British Under 19 title in 1984, and reached the quarter finals of the World Juniors a year later Fiona served notice of her potential. She has now been playing on the World circuit for over ten years. She won the British title in 1995, and reinforced her status in the rankings.



She also had a semi final slot in the World Open in Hong Kong, beating second seed Suzanne Horner in the quarter finals, before losing to Sarah Fitz-Gerald in the semis.

Geaves started this year with two runner-up slots to Linda Charman in the Apawamis Club event and in the Marsh-McLennan Open. At the open air Exterieur Open in France she was runner up to Charman again, followed by a last 16 place in both the Al Ahran and Heliopolis events in Egypt. Another encounter with Charman in the quarters of the British Open was followed by a last 16 slot in the Weymuller Open in NY losing to Owens.

FIONA GEAVES'S INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast? **Rice Krispies.**
 Favourite breakfast? **Bagel or muffin and coffee.**
 Favourite movie? **French Kiss.**
 Last movie you saw? **Shaft – loved it.**
 Favourite music? **Everything - except heavy, techno, dance and rap.**
 Favourite TV programmes? **Friends and Ally McBeal.**
 Favourite drink? **Wine, Gatorade and Diet Coke.**
 Practice partners? **Men at the Reflex Club in Caversham, near Reading in the UK and at the MSAC in Melbourne, Australia.**
 Favourite shot? **Anything on the volley.**
 Best you've ever played? **The Worlds in Malaysia. I was the most focused I have ever been.**



The way it was

Revisiting the last Women's World Open in Seattle and the World Teams in Stuttgart.

ALL CHANGE IN SEATTLE

Seattle changed women's squash. Until then the game was an Australian double act. Michelle Martin was the supreme professional and dominant player locked in a close rivalry with her friend from junior days, the talented Sarah Fitz-Gerald. In the post Devoy era they won everything. If one of them was not up for it, the other would pick up the title – until the 1999 Women's World Open in Seattle that is.

Fitz-Gerald was absent from Seattle recovering from a knee operation. Martin had been in dominant form going into the World Open and there was no reason to suspect that it would not continue. In Seattle she wanted the title she had not held since 1995. "I want this one," she said and acknowledged the competition for it. "None of the girls here have won one. They want to win their first."

The surprise of the early rounds was England's young Tania Bailey, who beat both Sabine Schoene and Claire Nitch to reach the quarter-finals. Joining her there were Carol Owens, Natalie Grainger, Suzanne Horner, second seed Leilani Joyce and Martin. All matches were won 3/0 with Martin perhaps a little error-prone against Stephanie Brind in the second round.

In the quarters Joyce took out Bailey, who handled the pressure well but lost in three; Campion beat Horner in 22 minutes; Charman took a racket in the face from Grainger, "it was a tasty racket," she said later but, handicapped, managed just three points; and Martin struggled back from 1/2 to beat Carol Owens in five games in a 78 minute let-ridden match.

Martin won her semi-final against Grainger in three but admitted that she had "been on edge, a bit slow to start." Campion was on form against Joyce, winning 9-6, 9-3, 9-3. "Cassie's playing the best squash of her life. She's going into the final in good form," said coach David Pearson.

In the final Campion, combining tight length, mid-court deception and accurate front court touch, quietly beat the vociferous Martin 9-6, 9-7, 9-7 in 15 minutes to become world champion.

WOMEN'S WORLD OPEN SEATTLE 1999

ROUND ONE
 [1] Michelle Martin (AUS) bt Melanie Jans (CAN) 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; [11] Stephanie Brind (ENG) bt Pamela Nimmo (SCO) 9-4, 5-9, 9-1, 9-4; [9] Carol Owens (AUS) bt Maha Zein (EGY) 9-0, 9-4, 9-4; [14] Liz Irving (AUS) bt Shabana Khan (USA) 9-2, 9-2, 9-6; [3] Natalie Grainger (ENG) bt [Q] Kym Keevil (AUS) 10-9, 9-5, 9-3; [12] Rebecca Macree (ENG) bt Janie Thacker (ENG) 9-6, 6-9, 10-8, 1-9, 9-5; [6] Linda Charman (ENG) bt Tegwen Malik (WAL) 9-5, 10-8, 9-4; Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Marnie Baizley (CAN) 7-9, 9-6, 9-3, 8-10, 9-2; [10] Fiona Geaves (ENG) bt Salma Shabara (EGY) 9-1, 9-3, 9-2; [5] Suzanne Horner (ENG) bt [Q] Vicky Botwright (ENG) 9-7, 9-3, 7-9, 9-3; [16] Vanessa Atkinson (NED) bt [Q] Shelley Kitchen (NZL) 9-2, 9-0, 9-5; [4] Cassie Campion (ENG) bt [Q] Kate Major (AUS) 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; Tania Bailey (ENG) bt [13] Claire Nitch (RSA) 9-10, 9-7, 9-5, 9-1; [8] Sabine Schoene (GER) bt Latasha Khan (USA) 9-1, 5-9, 9-3, 4-9, 9-4; [15] Jenny Tranfield (ENG) bt [Q] Melissa Vacca (AUS) 9-0, 9-0, 9-3; [2] Leilani Joyce (NZL) bt [Q] Karen Hargreaves (ENG) 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.

ROUND TWO
 Michelle Martin bt Stephanie Brind 9-6, 9-5, 9-2; Carol Owens bt Liz Irving 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; Natalie Grainger bt Rebecca Macree 9-5, 9-1, 9-3; Linda Charman bt Rachael Grinham 9-5, 9-6, 9-2; Suzanne Horner bt Fiona Geaves 10-9, 9-6, 9-6; Cassie Campion bt Vanessa Atkinson 9-2, 9-1, 9-6; Tania Bailey bt Sabine Schoene 10-9, 9-1, 10-9; Leilani Joyce bt Jenny Tranfield 9-3, 9-1, 9-5.

QUARTER-FINALS
 Michelle Martin bt Carol Owens 6-9, 10-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-3; Natalie Grainger bt Linda Charman 9-1, 9-1, 9-1; Cassie Campion bt Suzanne Horner 9-4, 9-0, 9-1; Leilani Joyce bt Tania Bailey 9-2, 9-4, 9-4.

SEMI-FINALS
 Michelle Martin bt Natalie Grainger 9-7, 9-0, 9-6; Cassie Campion bt Leilani Joyce 9-6, 9-3, 9-3.

FINAL
 Cassie Campion (ENG) bt Michelle Martin (AUS) 9-6, 9-7, 9-7.

FOUR IN A ROW FOR AUSSIE'S IN STUTTGART

Australia remained a class apart in the 1998 Women's World Team Championships in Stuttgart; they defeated England 3-0 in the final and were untroubled elsewhere to take their fourth successive title.

England's hopes were raised briefly when Sue Wright, catching her opponent with unplayable boasts and long drops, established a 2/1 lead over Michelle Martin in the opening rubber, but they went unfulfilled. Martin recovered strongly from 1-7 down in the third before Wright, now struggling to find openings to attack, won it 10-9, but by then Martin was in control, winning 9-3, 3-9, 9-10, 9-2, 9-5 in 63 minutes.

At third string Jane Martin had been selected by England team manager Stuart Courtney ahead of Linda Charman as much for her impressive record against Owens as for her sparkling form against New Zealand. However, on the big occasion the Geordie's flashes of brilliance were too isolated to deny the disciplined and determined Owens, who won 9-4, 9-7, 9-1 in 22 minutes. The issue was settled then before world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald entered the fray against Suzanne Horner, winning 9-6, 9-4 in the dead rubber.

Australia's 3-0 win was their fourth in a row and their fifth in 10 finals between the two countries. New Zealand had kept England out of the final in 1992 and they threatened to impose another break in the sequence when the fast-improving Leilani Joyce beat Sue Wright in the semi-finals. However Linda Charman and Jane Martin, who came into the squad as a reserve to replace the injured Cassie Jackman, rose to the occasion.



WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

STUTTGART 1998 FINAL POSITIONS

1. (1) Australia; 2. (2) England; 3. (4) New Zealand; 4. (3) South Africa; 5. (5) Germany; 6. (6) Netherlands; 7. (10) France; 8. (11) Egypt; 9. (12) United States; 10. (9) Canada; 11. (-) Belgium; 12. (7) Scotland; 13. (-) Switzerland; 14. (16) Ireland; 15. (13) Spain; 16. (-) Sweden; 17. (15) Denmark.

RESULTS

FINAL:

Australia bt England 3-0

Michelle Martin bt Sue Wright 9-3, 3-9, 9-10, 9-2, 9-5; Carol Owens bt Jane Martin 9-4, 9-7, 9-1; Sarah Fitz-Gerald bt Suzanne Horner 9-6, 9-4.

3/4 PLACE PLAY-OFF:

New Zealand bt South Africa 2-1

Leilani Joyce bt Natalie Grainger 8-10, 9, 9-1, 9-1; Sarah Cook bt Angelique Clifton-Parks 9-6, 9-4, 10-9; Philippa Beams lost to Claire Nitch 2-9, 0-9.

5/6 Germany bt Netherlands 2-1

7/8 France bt Egypt 2-1

9/10 USA bt Canada 2-1

11/12 Belgium bt Scotland 2-1

13/14 Switzerland bt Ireland 2-1

15/16 Spain bt Sweden 3-0