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2025	June	25	Nick Matthew, World No1, June 2010
2025	July	01	Heather & Brian McKay, Toronto Racquet
2025	July	03	**Dutch Junior Open U19 finals**
2025	July	04	Squash players playing tennis 1964
2025	July	10	Oldest men's tour winners
2025	July	14	Commemorative medal, Monte Carlo 1985
2025	July	17	Victorian Open winner history
2025	July	18	Home International start dates
2025	July	29	GB women's team to Oceania 1965
2025	Aug	14	**Lookers Masters 1982 player profiles**
2025	Aug	18	Zambia Open 1975 (Marion Jackman)
2025	Aug	26	Longest top 50 ranking streaks
2025	Aug	28	Lisa Opie / Martine Le Moignan article
2025	Sept	01	Netsuite event poster
2025	Sept	13	Raneem El Welily becomes No1 2015
2025	Sept	29	**Qatar Classic history**
2025	Sept	30	England representative history
2025	Oct	02	Australia women in UK, 1967
2025	Oct	03	Premier League transfers 1986/7
2025	Oct	07	Amr Bey and other champion photo 1934
2025	Oct	14	Joshna Chinappa – 10 year title gap
2025	Oct	20	US Open goes softball (1985)
2025	Oct	22	1st Swiss Open (1974)
2025	Oct	25	**Canadian Open history**
2025	Oct	27	British Open 2000 player biographies 1
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2025	Oct	30	British Open 2000 player biographies 4
2025	Oct	31	British Open 2000 player biographies 5
2025	Nov	01	British Open 2000 player biographies 6
2025	Nov	04	1st Japan National Championships (1972)
2025	Nov	05	'Greatests' Library survey
2025	Nov	07	**Patrick GB v Egypt 1975 programme**
2025	Nov	08	**Monte Carlo Classic past champions**
2025	Nov	10	Sharif Khan 80th birthday
2025	Nov	11	Ross Norman profile 1986
2025	Nov	15	**London Open champions**
2025	Nov	20	Cathay Pacific Ovaltine event 1975
2025	Nov	21	GB tour to Southern Africa 1970
2025	Nov	24	Hiddy Jahan & Jahangir Khan 2025
2025	Dec	01	1st Hong Kong Open 1985
2025	Dec	05	1st overseas British Amateur winner 1931
2025	Dec	19	USA & England men's teams 1925
2025	Dec	23	Australian rankings 1985
2025	Dec	27	'Who won what' 1989/90
2025	Dec	29	Susan Devoy success 1985
2025	Dec	31	SquashInfo PSA Tour stats 2025
2026	Jan	02	British Junior Open Drysdale Cup
2026	Jan	12	1st Motor City Open 1999
2026	Jan	15	British Nationals – non-English winners
2026	Jan	19	Home Internationals 1976 – England

2026	Jan	20	Home Internationals 1976 - Wales
2026	Jan	21	Home internationals 1976 – Ireland
2026	Jan	22	Home Internationals 1976 - England
2026	Jan	23	Tournament of Champions background
2026	Jan	24	British U23 Open 1979 – 1988
2026	Jan	26	**International Match listing**
2026	Jan	27	Jonathon Power retires 2006
2026	Jan	29	World Invitation Doubles 1972

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Squash Library
29 January at 07:38

In March 1972 the 'Invitation World Squash Doubles Championship Spectacular' was played in England. It was a round robin between Australia, Egypt, Pakistan and Great Britain, featuring the pairs on this front cover. The full programme with profiles of the eight players is here, https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, on the Library website.
Three pairs played back and front, except Egypt who used sides, and the finishing order was 1. Australia, 2. Egypt, 3. Pakistan, 4. GB. (Protective eyewear had not been mandated for doubles play back then).
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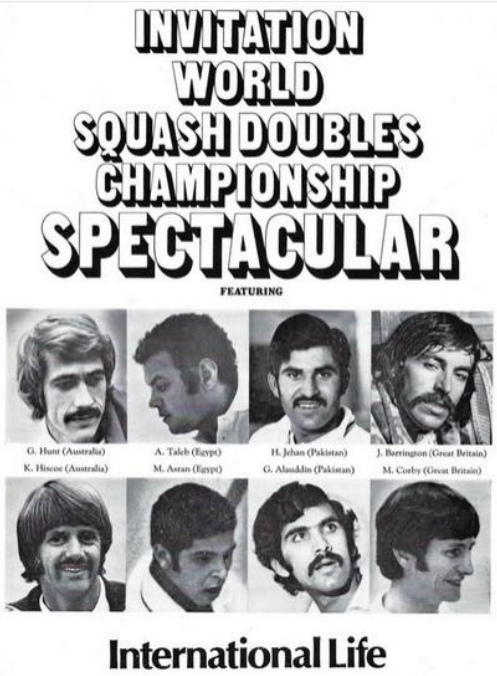

Squash Library
27 January at 07:46

Going out at the top. Jonathon Power announced his Tour retirement 20 years ago this month at the 2006 Tournament of Champions, just after regaining World Number 1 spot. The records section of www.squashinfo.com indicates that he spent a total of 14 months at number one between May 1999 and February 2006. Squash CanadaPSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
26 January at 07:55

Decades before world, regional and sub-regional championships brought together national teams for events, international ties (test matches) started being played between squash nations in the 1920s.
To see the worldwide list up of early ones (pre-1973/4), go to EARLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES on the CHAMPIONSHIPS drop-down menu on the Library website, www.squashlibrary.info.
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Squash Library
24 January at 07:50

The British Under 23 Open began in 1979 for women and 1981 for men – the first male winner being Jahangir Khan. It was last held in 1988, with a full list of past winners on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners. Today 40 years ago (24 JAN 1986) Rodney Martin and Susan Devoy won the event (pic), beating Zarak Jahan Khan and Lucy Soutter respectively in their finals.

Squash Library
23 January at 07:56

The Tournament of Champions, currently underway in New York, began for men in 1930. It has had a few titles before moving onto this event name, and settling into its current iconic home, Grand Central Terminal (pic) in 1995.
A full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed results at www.squashinfo.com
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Squash Library
22 January at 07:44 ·

Finally England. Here are their players from the 1976 Home Internationals the first jointly staged, both of their squads taking the titles that weekend. England SquashScottish SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen CymruSquash Ireland

◄ PHILIP AYTON

MICHAEL CORBY ►

PHILIP AYTON

Played for Cambridge University for 3 years, captaining the team in 1967. Also gained a blue for tennis. Began playing for Sussex in 1968 and recognition at senior level arrived in 1969 when he was made first reserve for Britain in the world championships. In 1970 he won the South African title. Since then honours have come thick and fast. For England he has been capped 21 times in home internationals and 14 times in European championships. In addition he has played 18 times for Great Britain. His performances in the British Amateur have always been of a consistently high standard. Reached the semi-finals in 1974 and was seeded No. 1 this season. Philip now 28 lives with his wife and family in North London and works in the City as an investment analyst.

STUART COURTNEY

Pressures of business has meant Stuart's commitments to squash can never be total and staying match sharp is difficult but it should be said that a 95% fit Courtney is good enough to see off most opposition as he did in 1973/74 season when he was ranked No. 1. He won the Junior Evans Cup in 1963 and 1964 and the Drysdale in 1966 and 1967. He has been capped 7 times for Great Britain and 7 times for England. At the age of 28 he can look forward to further international recognition. The name of Courtney will be further emphasised this season since his marriage to Jane Barham the English No. 3. Squash records do not reveal if a husband and wife have ever played for their country in the same year but it seems a likely occurrence in Stirling this season.

MICHAEL CORBY

Mike is one of Britains finest amateur sportsmen, a member of that rare breed who excel at anything they try. As a youngster was a highly promising hurdler and played tennis at Wimbledon, winning the U18 doubles. Since then he has emerged as a double international, representing Britain at both hockey and squash. He won the Drysdale Cup in 1958, twice runner-up in the British Amateur on each occasion to Jonah Barrington. Mike has 94 England and G.B. hockey caps and 21 England and G.B. squash caps. A former Lloyd's Insurance broker he gave that up in 1972 to devote his energies to his London Bridge Sports Centre.

JONATHAN LESLIE

Jonny Leslie is another talented sportsman winning no fewer than 5 blues at Oxford for Lawn Tennis, rackets, rugby fives, real tennis and, of course, squash. He has always been an exciting player to watch using shots for all racket games. Because of this very talent, he has lost matches he should have won, however by 1973/74 season he was beginning to creep up the rankings to No. 13. In season 1974/75 his biggest success was defeating Stuart Courtney in the final of the Rolex British Amateur and won him his first English cap and is now ranked No. 4 in Britain.

IAN ROBINSON

Only 24 but by his willingness to travel has already packed in a tremendous amount of experience including tours to New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland. Lost in the final of the Junior Evans Cup in 1969 to Barry O'Connor and in 1971 at a similar stage in the Drysdale to his English colleague Peter Verow. Was selected last season for the first time for England in the European Championships. Ian is now ranked No. 5 and if his studies permit must be a serious contender for a place in the world event next May. Ian is studying Physical Education and English at Loughborough College and is also very interested in music particularly the piano and guitar.

PAUL MILLMAN

Aged 28. First played for England in 1969 but had already played in the British Team in the International Championship before then and reached the semi-final of the Amateur that year, again in 1971 and in 1973. In 1971 Paul gained his Great Britain cap playing in the International Championship held in New Zealand. He has been involved in the Administration of the game first through Gloucestershire, then as S.W. Area representative and as a member of the Management Committee and other S.R.A. Committees.

SUE COGSWELL · ANGELA SMITH · TERESA LAWES · JANE COURTNAY · FRAN MARSHALL · KAREN GARDNER

SUE COGSWELL

Sue rose to No. 1 ranking in 1974, and in that year reached the final of the Women's Championship. So far this season, Sue has been in Canada, and has spent time training with Heather McKay. She comes from Birmingham, and learnt her squash at Edgbaston Priory Club; she plays for Warwickshire at both squash and tennis.

ANGELA SMITH

Current Staffordshire No. 1 and County champion, Angela plays for Biddulph S.R.C. Last season, she won the Midland Open 25, and Challenger's Cup events. So far this season her form has shown a rapid improvement. She has retained the Midland 25 trophy, won the Mercia and the Midlands Championships, and also the Falcon Invitation Open Tournament, held in Coventry. Angela is noted for her hard-hitting game, and was selected to play for Great Britain for the first time in December, 1975.

TERESA LAWES

Teresa was born in Great Britain, but grew up and learnt her squash in New Zealand, returning to England in 1971. She lives in London and leads the Kent County team, both as captain and No. 1 player. So far this season, Teresa has retained the Welsh title. She is a clerical officer and enjoys concerts and opera.

JANE COURTNEY

Jane plays No. 1 for Surrey, and learnt her squash at the Dulwich Club. In September 1974 she married Stuart Courtney, one of Britain's top amateur players, and they live in Cardiff. Jane first played for Great Britain in 1972, and last year played in the team which met the visiting Australians. Jane is a physiotherapist, and her hobby is making her own clothes.

FRAN MARSHALL

For many years Fran was Britain's No. 1 player, although born and bred in Kenya until 1953 when she came to England. Since then she has represented Great Britain many times, and was the last player to beat Heather McKay in the 1962 final of the Scottish Championship. For the last four years Fran has won the Veterans Cup and is still ranked No. 5 in the country. Her speed and skill belie her years, but she puts her form down to sheer enjoyment of the game. Fran lives in Sheffield and plays No. 1 for Yorkshire, and is currently North East champion.

KAREN GARDNER

Karen was British Junior Champion in 1970, and currently plays No. 1 for Hampshire. She is a member of the British Squad and her form owes much to experience gained in South Africa in 1973/74.

Squash Library
21 January at 07:54 ·

Following on from the Scottish and Welsh squads for the 1976 Home Internationals, the 40th anniversary of the men's and women's events being played together for the first time, here are the Irish players who participated in Stirling. Squash Wales - Sboncen CymruEngland SquashScottish SquashSquash Ireland

DAVID GOTTO · ROBERT WEIR · JOHN MAGRATH · BERNARD O'GORMAN · GERRY DOHERTY · DONAL BYRNE · BEN CRANWELL

JOHN MAGRATH

Age 26, Architect and married with one son. Took up squash 4 years ago after a serious injury while playing rugby. Winner of 4 major tournaments including the Irish Close Championship this year. Davis Cup and Tennis international. Plays for Ulster League champions Windsor and is development officer for the Ulster S.R.A. Team captain.

ROBERT WEIR

Age 27. Gained 3 'blues' at Cambridge, was team captain in 1971, and won the British Universities tournament in the same year. In the last Championship he won 6 out of his 8 matches.

BERNARD O'GORMAN

Age 30. Works at a squash club. Winner of many tournaments in Irish Squash over the past few years.

GERRY DOHERTY

Returned to Ireland in 1974 after 3 years in Zambia. Regained his place in the Irish Team for the last home international championships.

BEN CRANWELL

Age 27. Town Planner. Born in New Zealand and first capped for Ireland in 1974. Winner of many major tournaments including Ulster Open 1974 and Old Belvedere Open 1975. Leinster Open winner in Tennis in 1974. 17 caps.

DONAL BYRNE

Age 34, an accountant with Guinness brewery. Started playing squash in 1962 with Trifles Club while at the same time he played rugby with Old Belvedere where he now plays his squash. In the last championships he only lost once out of 11 matches. 16 caps.

DAVID GOTTO

Age 26, Ph.D. student in Zoology at Queen's University. Took up squash in 1972 and played No. 2 for Ulster league winners Winsor in 1973.

GERALDINE BARNAVILLE

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Mrs Barnaville is a Medical Doctor living in County Down. Has had 10 caps for Ireland and is in fact ranked No. 8 in Britain. Irish Open Champion 1973/74. She is also an Irish Tennis International and plays for Leinster Cricket Club Dublin.

IRENE HEWITT

Has 3 caps for Ireland is ranked No. 6 in Great Britain. Was No. 4 in South African Transvaal Championship 1974. Irish Close Champion 1974/75. Reached the ¼ final of British Championships February 1975. At present in South Africa but due back in Northern Ireland soon.

BARBARA SANDERSON

Married. Has played 24 times for Ireland. Irish Close Champion 1974. Now lives in Romford and plays for Essex.

STEPHANIE LYNAS

Mrs Lynas is married and lives in County Antrim. She has 10 caps for Ireland. Irish Open Champion 1972 and winner of Ulster Close Championship 1974/75.

DOROTHY ARMSTRONG

Miss Armstrong has 9 caps and was Irish Open Champion in 1973. She plays for Windsor and was the only Irish winner in the international match against England last year.

JULIE MORRISON

Mrs Morrison was Irish Open Champion in 1970 and 1971 and has played 15 times for Ireland.

LIZ McGLOUGHLIN

Winner of Waterford Glass Invitation Tournament 1975. Reserve for Irish Team in season 1974/75.

Squash Library
20 January at 07:49 ·

Next, after Scotland, here today are the Welsh men's and women's teams from the 1976 Home Internationals in Stirling. Squash Wales - Sboncen CymruEngland SquashScottish SquashSquash Ireland

◄ PETER STOKES

CHRIS MORGAN ►

DEANNA MURRAY · KATHY HALL · HELEN CAMPBELL

ROBERT DOLMAN

Educated: Felsted and St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford. A London Solicitor who is married with one child. Has played for Wales since 1966 being Captain from 1972 onwards with 28 caps. Has also played for Surrey since 1966 in which year he was Captain of Oxford University having gained a blue in the two previous years. He is also Treasurer of the European Squash Rackets Federation, Secretary of the Jesters Club and Chairman of the S.R.A. hospitality and dance committee.

PETER STOKES

Educated: Rossall and St. John's College, Cambridge. An engineer officer (Wing Commander) in the R.A.F. who is married with two children. Has played for Wales since 1960 with 44 caps to date. He was a blue at Cambridge from 1960 to 1962 and was R.A.F. champion from 1964 to 1972. He represented Great Britain in South Africa in 1966 and in Australia in 1967. He has missed the last two squash seasons owing to an overseas posting but returns to the fray at the same weight as when he left it.

PETER WILSON

Educated: St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford and he is now a School Master in Oxford. Unmarried. First played squash for Wales last season when he gained 4 caps. He is also the current Oxfordshire No. 1. Has developed at squash reasonably late but already has 58 Hockey caps for Wales having been Captain for the last four years and having led Wales to their first ever triple crown victory recently. He also has 26 caps for Great Britain at Hockey.

JAMES BEATTIE

A Dentist in the Army (Major). Notwithstanding his Scottish accent, he has played for Wales for some years and now has 20 caps. He has also been a regular member of the Army team for some years. He was Herefordshire champion in 1970 and was runner up in the West of Scotland tournament last year.

IAN CARLISLE

Has recently completed his degree at Bristol University where he established himself as the best young Welsh prospect at squash. He was Bristol University's champion and was in the 1972 U.K. junior rankings. He now has 12 caps for Wales and is currently the team manager of the Welsh junior squad. Won the Welsh closed championships in 1974.

CHRIS MORGAN

Was at Newcastle University and is now a qualified Chartered Accountant. Married with one child. He played golf for his University and did not start playing squash until 1969 whereupon he made rapid enough progress to play for Kenya from 1971 to 1973 whilst he was working there. He now lives in Warwickshire for whom he plays his county squash and he has 4 caps for Wales. He won the Falcon Invitation tournament earlier this season.

TED CARTER

A lecturer who lives in and plays squash for Somerset. He is a fast improving player who, although he has not yet played for Wales, is likely to do so shortly. Semi-finalist in this years Welsh Closed Championships.

DEANNA MURRAY

No. 1 for Wales - has played in six Internationals. Member of the East Gloucester Club, Cheltenham and plays for Gloucestershire. Herefordshire County Champion 1969-1974 and Gloucestershire County Champion 1975. Has a year old son.

KATHY HALL

Has played for Wales four times. Is a member of the West Cheshire S.R.C., Chester and has recently won the Cheshire Championship for the second year running. Is an Accountant and a qualified teacher. Studied for a time at Cardiff University when she represented South Wales at County level.

EUNICE DAVIES

Has represented Wales three times. Is a Warrant Officer in the W.R.A.F. and is at present stationed at High Wycombe in Bucks. W.R.A.F. Champion for many years, she has represented the Combined Services on numerous occasions.

PAT CONNIES LAING

Has represented Wales on no less than forty six occasions. Is a member of the Cardiff S.R.C. and plays for South Wales at County level. She has six children. Managing Director of a group of local companies. Has until recently been lecturing at Cardiff University.

JUDY GANZ

Member of the Swansea Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club. Plays for South Wales at County level. Current holder of the Welsh Closed Championship.

HELEN CAMPBELL

Has represented Wales fourteen times. Cheshire champion four times and runner up six times, she now plays at the West Cheshire S.R.C., Chester. Has three children.

Squash Library
19 January at 07:42 ·

While the first matches between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales had begun decades before, it was only in the 1970s that the Home Internationals were played on a group basis in one weekend. The men had started doing so two years earlier, and had the event continued beyond 1991, this week would have been the 50th anniversary of the 1976 edition which first brought men and women together at the University of Stirling in Scotland. Here, from the 1976 programme are the team biogs, starting today with hosts Scotland.@Scottish SquashSquash IrelandSquash Wales - Sboncen CymruEngland Squash

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ALAN MINTY

DOROTHY McNEILL

BRENDA CARMICHAEL

ELIZABETH J ELGOOD

JEAN REYNOLDS

PAT GREEN

IRENE ROWE

ELIZABETH SEVERIN

Squash Library
15 January at 07:46 ·

Today 30 years ago (15 Jan 1996) Scot Peter Nicol became the second non-English player, after Jonah Barrington (IRL) in 1980, to win the British Nationals (although in 2001 he changed allegiance to England). Later John White (Scotland, 2004) and Joel Makin (Wales, 2021/24/25) took the title outside England. The women's title has only gone outside England to Wales, taken by Tesni Evans (now Murphy) in 2018/19/25.
A full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed results at www.squashinfo.com. Scottish SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen CymruEngland SquashSquash Ireland

Squash Library
31 December 2025 at 13:22 ·

www.squashinfo.com has produced some key PSA Tour stats from 2025 from its incomparable data cache. A great year for Mostafa Asal in particular. Here they are: PSA Squash Tour Mostafa AsalEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Most PSA Tour Platinum titles won in 2025:
Men: Mostafa Asal – 5
Women: Hania El Hammamy - 4

Most PSA Tour titles overall won in 2025:
Men: Mostafa Asal – 5
Women: Nouran Gohar - 6

Most PSA Tour finals reached in 2025:
Men: Mostafa Asal – 11
Women: Amina Orfi: 8

Most PSA Tour events played in 2025:
Men: Christopher Gordon (USA) – 20
Women: Satomi Watanabe (JPN) & Hana Moataz - 18

Most PSA Tour matches won in 2025:
Men: Mostafa Asal – 53
Women: Amina Orfi: 47

Most PSA Tour matches played in 2025:
Men: Mostafa Asal – 59
Women: Amina Orfi: 58

Players from Egypt except where stated.

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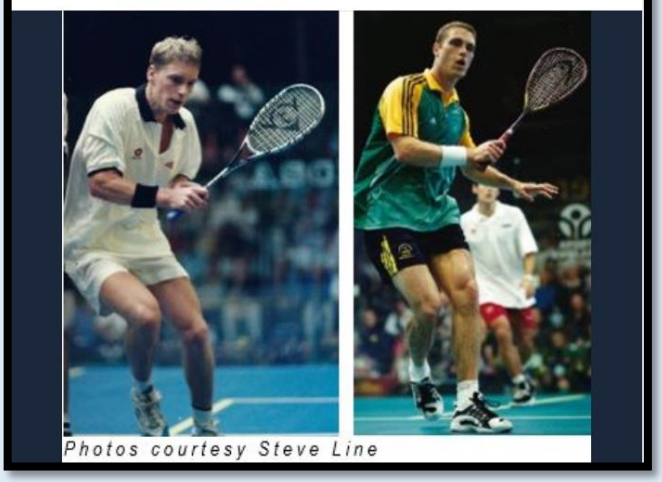
Squash Library
12 January at 07:58 ·

This week's Motor City Open in Detroit began in 1999, seeing Peter Marshall (left, with double handed backhand) beating David Palmer (right) to win the inaugural title. Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners on the Library website to see the full list of past winners and www.squashinfo.com for detailed results. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASH



Squash Library
29 December 2025 at 07:45 ·

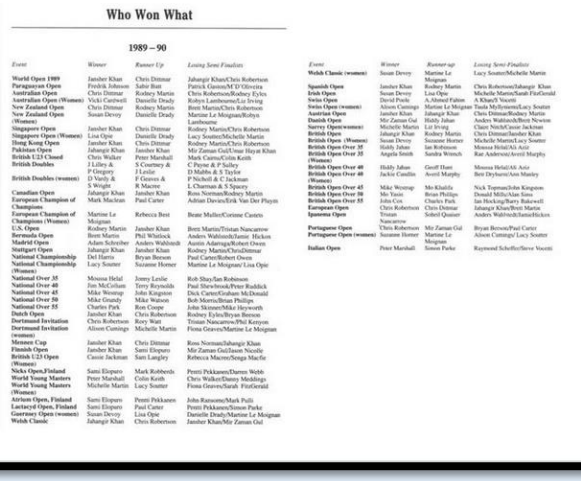
40 years ago in 1985 New Zealander Susan Devoy added her first World Open title (of four) to her second (of eight) British Open titles, and that year was awarded the extra title of New Zealand Sportsperson of the Year (pic). Susan DevoySquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaWorld Squash FederationPSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
2 January at 08:21 ·

This week's British Junior Open categories includes the men's Under 19s who play for the Drysdale Cup. This oldest band celebrates it centenary this year, having first been contested in April 1926. (The event moved to early January in 1982).
The trophy was named in memory of Dr Theodore Drysdale, an RAC member who was the driving force behind it starting but died as a result of a mosquito sting shortly before the first edition.
The RAC hosted the event until 1978.
The full list of past male and female U19 winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners and results for all age bands are at www.squashinfo.com.
England Squash

Squash Library
27 December 2025 at 07:44 ·

Here is an opportunity to look back to the 1989 - 1990 season to see the names listed in the semis and finals of many worldwide events. PSA Squash Tour



Who Won What

1989 – 90

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Losing Semi Finalists
World Open 1989	Jansher Khan	Chris Dittmar	Jahangir Khan/Chris Robertson
Paraguayan Open	Fredrik Johnson	Sabir Butt	Patrick Gassin/M D'Oliveira
Australian Open	Chris Dittmar	Rodney Martin	Chris Robertson/Rodney Eyles
Australian Open (Women)	Vicki Cardwell	Danielle Drady	Robyn Lambourne/Lu Irving
New Zealand Open	Chris Dittmar	Rodney Martin	Brett Martin/Chris Robertson
New Zealand Open (Women)	Susan Devoy	Danielle Drady	Martine Le Moignan/Robyn Lambourne
Singapore Open	Jansher Khan	Chris Dittmar	Rodney Martin/Chris Robertson
Singapore Open (Women)	Lisa Opie	Danielle Drady	Lucy Soutter/Michelle Martin
Hong Kong Open	Jansher Khan	Chris Dittmar	Rodney Martin/Chris Robertson
Pakistan Open	Jahangir Khan	Jansher Khan	Mir Zaman Gul/Umar Hayat Khan
British U23 Closed	Chris Walker	Peter Marshall	Mark Cairns/Colin Keith
British Doubles	J Lilley & P Gregory	S Courtney & J Leslie	C Payne & P Salley / D Mabbs & S Taylor
British Doubles (women)	D Vardy & S Wright	F Geaves & R Macree	P Nicholl & C Jackman / L Charman & S Spacey
Canadian Open	Jahangir Khan	Jansher Khan	Ross Norman/Rodney Martin
European Champion of Champions	Mark Maclean	Paul Carter	Adrian Davies/Erik Van Der Pluym
European Champion of Champions (Women)	Martine Le Moignan	Rebecca Beer	Beate Muller/Corinne Caseiro
U.S. Open	Rodney Martin	Jansher Khan	Brett Martin/Tristan Nancarrow
Bermuda Open	Brett Martin	Phil Whitlock	Anders Wahlstedt/Jamie Hickox
Madrid Open	Adam Schreiber	Anders Wahlstedt	Austin Adarraga/Robert Owen
Stuttgart Open	Jahangir Khan	Jansher Khan	Rodney Martin/Chris Dittmar
National Championship	Del Harris	Bryan Beeson	Paul Carter/Robert Owen
National Championship (Women)	Lucy Soutter	Suzanne Horner	Martine Le Moignan/ Lisa Opie
National Over 35	Mossea Helal	Jonny Leslie	Rob Shaw/Ian Robinson
National Over 40	Jim McCollum	Terry Reynolds	Paul Shewbrook/Peter Ruddick
National Over 45	Mike Westrop	John Kingston	Dick Carter/Graham McDonald
National Over 50	Mike Grundy	Mike Watson	Bob Morris/Brian Phillips
National Over 55	Charles Park	Ron Coupe	John Skinner/Mike Heyworth
Dutch Open	Jansher Khan	Chris Robertson	Rodney Eyles/Bryan Beeson
Dortmund Invitation	Chris Robertson	Rory Watt	Tristan Nancarrow/Phil Kenyon
Dortmund Invitation (women)	Alison Cummings	Michelle Martin	Fiona Geaves/Martine Le Moignan
Menoux Cup	Jansher Khan	Chris Dittmar	Ross Norman/Jahangir Khan
Finnish Open	Jansher Khan	Sami Eloparo	Mir Zaman Gul/Jason Nicolle
British U23 Open (Women)	Cassie Jackman	Sam Langley	Rebecca Macree/Sonya Macfie
Nicks Open,Finland	Sami Eloparo	Mark Robbeds	Pentti Pekkanen/Darren Webb
World Young Masters	Peter Marshall	Colin Keith	Chris Walker/Danny Meddings
World Young Masters (Women)	Michelle Martin	Lucy Soutter	Fiona Geaves/Sarah FitzGerald
Atrium Open, Finland	Sami Eloparo	Pentti Pekkanen	John Ransome/Mark Pulli
Lactacyd Open, Finland	Sami Eloparo	Paul Carter	Pentti Pekkanen/Simon Parke
Guernsey Open (women)	Susan Devoy	Lisa Opie	Danielle Drady/Martine Le Moignan
Welsh Classic	Jahangir Khan	Chris Robertson	Jansher Khan/Mir Zaman Gul

Event	Winner	Runner-up	Losing Semi-Finalists
Welsh Classic (women)	Susan Devoy	Martine Le Moignan	Lucy Soutter/Michelle Martin
Spanish Open	Jansher Khan	Rodney Martin	Chris Robertson/Jahangir Khan
Irish Open	Susan Devoy	Lisa Opie	Michelle Martin/Sarah FitzGerald
Swiss Open	David Poole	A. Ahmed Fahim	A Khan/S Vocetti
Swiss Open (women)	Alison Cummings	Martine Le Moignan	Tanda McIlyenny/Lucy Soutter
Austrian Open	Jansher Khan	Jahangir Khan	Chris Dittmar/Rodney Martin
Danish Open	Mir Zaman Gul	Hiddy Jahan	Anders Wahlstedt/Brett Newton
Danish Open(women)	Michelle Martin	Liz Irving	Claire Nitch/Cassie Jackman
British Open	Jahangir Khan	Rodney Martin	Chris Dittmar/Jansher Khan
British Open (Women)	Susan Devoy	Suzanne Horner	Martine Le Moignan/Lucy Soutter
British Open Over 35	Hiddy Jahan	Ian Robinson	Monosa Helal/Ali Aziz
British Open Over 35 (Women)	Angela Smith	Sandra Wrench	Rae Anderson/Averil Murphy
British Open Over 40	Hiddy Jahan	Geoff Hunt	Monosa Helal/Ali Aziz
British Open Over 40 (Women)	Jackie Cassilis	Averil Murphy	Bett Dryburn/Ann Manley
British Open Over 45	Mike Westrop	Mo Khalifa	Nick Topman/John Kingston
British Open Over 50	Mo Yassi	Brian Phillips	Donald Mills/Alan Sims
British Open Over 55	John Cox	Charles Park	Ian Hocking/Barry Bakewell
European Open	Chris Robertson	Chris Dittmar	Jahangir Khan/Brett Martin
Ipanema Open	Tristan Nancarrow	Sohail Quaiser	Anders Wahlstedt/Jamie Hickox
Portuguese Open	Chris Robertson	Mir Zaman Gul	Bryan Beeson/Paul Carter
Portuguese Open (women)	Suzanne Horner	Martine Le Moignan	Alison Cummings/ Lucy Soutter
Italian Open	Peter Marshall	Simon Parke	Raymond Scheffer/Steve Vocetti

2025

Squash Library
23 December 2025 at 07:49 ·

Here are the Australian rankings from 1985. Forty years ago there were established world players in the senior listings, with juniors who would soon make their mark in the following years. Squash Australia

National Rankings at 31 December 1985

Men

1. Greg Pollard N.S.W.
2. Ross Thorne Qld.
3. Dean Williams W.A.
4. Glen Brumby S.A.
5. Kelvin Smith Qld.
6. Chris Robertson Qld.
7. Rodney Martin Qld.
8. Ricki Hill Vic.
9. Steve Bowditch N.T.
10. Rod George W.A.
11. Tristan Nancarrow Qld.
12. Stephen Vocetti Vic.
13. Rodney Eyles Qld.
14. Philip Larmer Vic.
15. Ian Yeates N.S.W.
16. Peter Nance Qld.
17. Des Murphy Vic.
18. Patrick Coll N.S.W.
19. Philip Truman N.S.W.
20. Mark Robberds N.S.W.

Junior Men

1. Rodney Eyles Qld.
2. Philip Larmer Vic.
3. Austin Adarraga Qld.
4. Brett Newton N.S.W.
5. Steve Durbridge W.A.
5. Stephen Jones Vic.
7. Anthony Hill Vic.
8. Adam Schreiber N.S.W.
9. Mark Carlyon Qld.
10. Ricky Curtis Qld.

Women

1. Jan Miller S.A.
2. Di Davis W.A.
3. Tracey Smith Vic.
4. Cath Bellemore W.A.
5. Robyn Friday W.A.
6. Carin Clonda N.S.W.
7. Debbie Mateles W.A.
8. Mary Jo Reid Vic.
9. Lynne Ferry Vic.
10. Robyn Belford N.S.W.
11. Michelle Toon Qld.
12. Carol Kennewell S.A.
13. Hillary Tudor N.S.W.
14. Julie Pattenden Qld.
15. Danielle Drady Qld.
16. Sarah Fitzgerald Vic.
17. Sharon Bradey S.A.
18. Fiona Pike Vic.
19. Robyn Prentice Qld.
20. Michelle Marin Qld.

Not included because of insufficient performances were Elizabeth Irving and Rhonda Thorne.

Junior Women

1. Danielle Drady Qld.
2. Sarah Fitzgerald Vic.
3. Michelle Martin Qld.
4. Sally Ann Robbie Qld.
5. Jodie Girando W.A.
6. Michelle Walton N.S.W.
7. Leanne Ellis N.S.W.
8. Angela Johnson Vic.
9. Kellie McBride W.A.
10. Amanda Hopps W.A.

Under 17

1. Anthony Hill Vic.
2. Adam Schreiber N.S.W.
3. Mark Carlyon Qld.
4. Roger Bruton Qld.
5. Paul Clarridge N.S.W.
6. Scott Noell S.A.
7. Shaun Moxham Qld.
8. Stephen Ellul W.A.
9. Danny Gill Qld
10. Grant Amer N.S.W.

Under 15

1. Stephen Ellul W.A.
2. Joseph Girando W.A.
3. Mark Fissenden N.S.W.
4. Scott Butcher N.S.W.
5. Graham Morzone Qld.
5. Greg Laurence N.S.W.
7. Michael Joint Vic.
8. Shayne Potts Qld.
9. Brendan Bopf Qld.
10. Simon Jarvic Vic.

Under 13

1. Simon Baker Vic.
2. Bill Haddrell Vic.
3. Joseph Kneipp Qld.
4. Chris Ward Qld.
5. Mark Woods Qld.
6. Grant Hixon Qld.
7. Darren Seneker A.C.T.
8. David Lowden S.A.
9. Phillip Boyd Tas.
10. Robert Coad S.A.

Under 17

1. Sarah Fitzgerald Vic.
2. Sally Ann Robbie Qld.
3. Angela Johnson Vic.
4. Amanda Hopps W.A.
5. Kellie Cuschieri A.C.T.
6. Joanne Monaghan S.A.
7. Donna Coe N.S.W.
8. Sue Ellen Rayner N.S.W.
9. Christine While Qld.
10. Carol Redman Tas.

Under 15

1. Robyn Cooper Qld.
2. Sharron McNamara N.S.W.
3. Jemma Italiano W.A.
4. Carol Owens Vic.
5. Leigh Morley N.S.W.
6. Kerri Cocks N.S.W.
7. Danielle Hurley Vic.
8 Debbie Haddrell Vic.
9. Linda Tews Qld.
10. Jacqueline Cooper W.A.

Under 13

1. Camille Rowland Qld.
2. Lynda Atkinson W.A.
3. Leanne Wheeler W.A.
4. Melanie Moore Qld.
5. Rachel Fisher Vic.
6. Meaghan Pratt N.S.W.
7. Meaghan Bell Vic.
8. Ann-Marie Elappolito N.S.W.
9. Leanne O'Reilly S.A.
10. Samantha Patterson S.A.

Squash Library
19 December 2025 at 07:42 ·

100 years ago this month, USA sent a men's team to England, reciprocating for an English group that had travelled Stateside to participate in the Lapham Cup the year before in 1924.
This photo was taken at the office of the Daily Mail newspaper in Lindon where the teams were hosted by Mrs Esmond Harmswoth, daughter of the newspaper owner Lord Rothermere. England SquashUS SQUASH

Squash Library
5 December at 07:46 ·

This month 94 years ago, Abdelfattah Amr Bey from Egypt became the first overseas winner of the British Amateur Championship 1931, as was pointed out in this report. It was a title he would win six times in the 1930s, as well as five British Open titles.
(Amr Bey is profiled on pages 68-70 of https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration)
England SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

December 19, 1931 THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS 69

AN EGYPTIAN WINNER: THE AMATEUR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

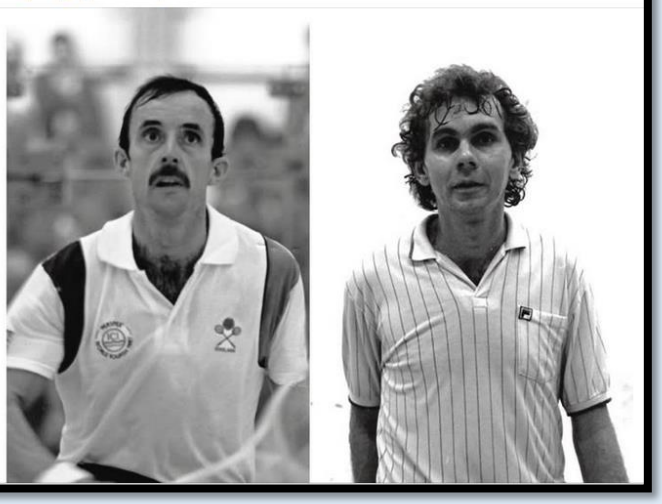
THE ALL-ROUNDER WHO LOST TO W. D. MACPHERSON: R. C. GANDAR DOWER. FOURTH-ROUND RIVALS: F. D. AMR BEY (L) AND F. G. REDS. THE FORMER PLAYER WON BY 3 GAMES TO 1. THE ARMY CHAMPION, G. O. JAMESON, WHO LOST THE SEMI-FINAL TO F. D. AMR BEY.

CAPTAIN CADALET, THE FORMER HOLDER. CAPTAIN CADALET (IN SHORTS) AND W. D. MACPHERSON IN THEIR SEMI-FINAL FIGHT OF 89 MINUTES.

For the first time in history the title of Amateur Squash Rackets champion has gone to a player not of British birth. In the final at the Ruth Club this week F. D. Amr Bey, an Egyptian, beat W. D. Macpherson by three games to two in a match lasting 89 minutes, after the loser had won the first two games. Macpherson had the ill-luck to strain a thigh muscle in the second game played, but the winner played brilliantly and showed no sign of being exhausted after the long battle. R. C. Gandar Dower, who is as well known at lawn tennis, tennis, squash, golf and Rugby fives, rackets and football, had been earlier on beaten by W. D. Macpherson by three games to two. The struggle in the semi-final between Macpherson and the holder, Captain Cadalet, lasted over an hour and a half before the former prevailed.

Squash Library
1 December at 08:17 ·

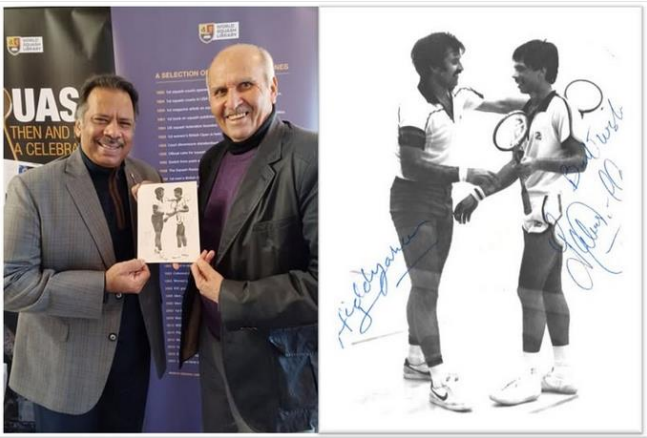
This week's Hong Kong Open began forty years ago, with Philip Kenyon (ENG), left, beating Steve Bowditch (AUS), right in the 1985 final. (The women's event was first played five years later in 1990). The full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed results on www.squashinfo.com.
Hong Kong SquashPSA Squash Tour



Squash Library
24 November at 07:55 ·

Amongst other encounters, 43 years ago Jahangir Khan played Hiddy Jahan when he won the first of ten consecutive British Open finals in 1982.

Yesterday they met off court at the finals of the London Open where they conducted a Q&A with the audience. They also signed a Library on-court photo.

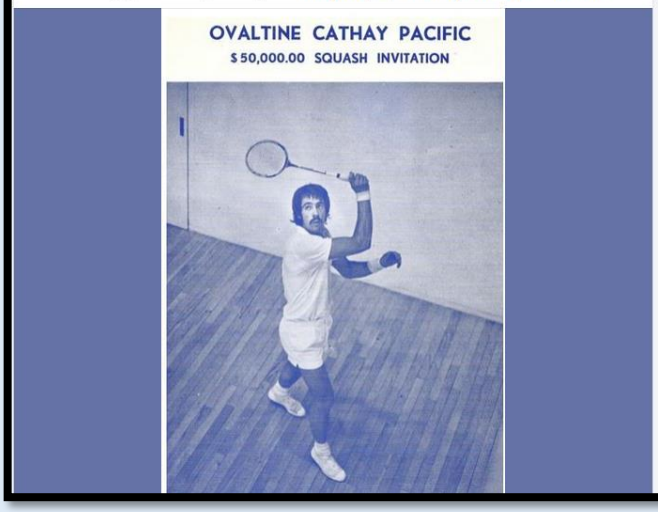


Squash Library
21 November at 07:51 ·

55 years ago in 1970, a GB men's team toured Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), South Africa and Kenya. The pictured squad (LtoR) were Richard Boddington (manager), Philip Ayton, John Ward, Mike Thurgur, Pat Kirton, Paul Millman. The visit included playing in the South African Open where home top seeds Dave Barrow and Dawie Botha were eliminated and the title taken by sixth seed Ayton who beat another home player Graham MacDonald in the final. Squash South AfricaEngland SquashKenya Squash Rackets Association

Squash Library
20 November at 07:48

Their sponsorship of the Hong Kong Open which began in 1985 was not the first squash involvement of Cathay Pacific. 50 years ago this week in 1975 the Ovaltine Cathay Pacific Invitation event took place in Hong Kong. Here on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, is the programme; featuring Australian stars Geoff Hunt, Billy Reedman, and Ken Hiscoe, with Jonah Barrington too. Their autographs are alongside the profiles. Hong Kong SquashCathay Pacific Squash Australia



Squash Library
10 November at 07:56

Sharif Khan celebrates his 80th birthday today. Pakistan born on 10 Nov 1945, the eldest son of Hashim Khan moved to Canada and became one of the all-time hardball squash greats. Fast and aggressive, he won twelve North American Opens and nine US Professional titles. Squash CanadaUS SQUASHPakistan Squash Federation

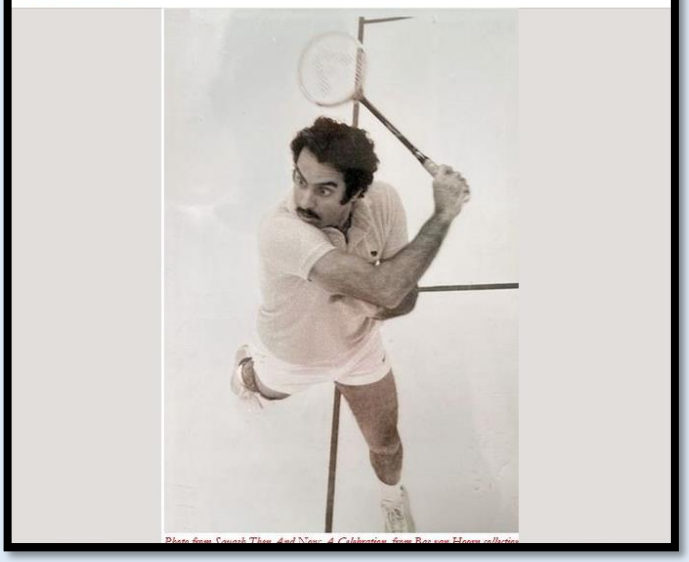


Photo from Squash Then And Now: A Celebration, from Ron van Heerden collection

Squash Library
15 November at 07:45

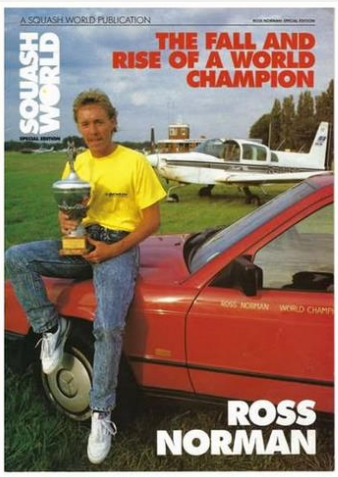
Next week's London Open began in 2007. The first edition was won by Dominique Lloyd-Walter and Majid Khan (pic). The full list of past men's and women's winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed results on www.squashinfo.com). PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
8 November at 07:47

The Monte Carlo Women's Classic, taking place next week in Monaco, was first played in 1996.
A full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed past results at www.squashinfo.com. Currently the title is held by Welsh player Tesni Murphy (pic with R/up Sarah-Jane Perry, left). PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
11 November at 07:49

After New Zealander Ross Norman won the World Open 39 years ago today (11 Nov 1986) in Toulouse, France – and so ending Jahangir ending Jahangir Khan's 5y 7m unbeaten run, Squash World magazine produced a publication profiling him. It included this chart covering the period after his return to play following his parachute accident in June 1983 which seriously damaged his knee. World Squash FederationPSA Squash TourSquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa



THE CLIMB TO THE CONQUEST

Date	Event	Round Reached	Outcome	Opponent	Score
NOV 86	**WORLD OPEN**	**FINAL**	**WON**	**JAHANGIR KHAN**	**3-1**
Oct 86	Canadian Open	quarter-final	lost	Hiddy Jahan	0-3
Oct 86	US Open	final	lost	Stuart Davenport	2-3
Oct 86	New Zealand Open	final	won	Chris Robertson	3-2
Sept 86	Winsport Classic	final	won	Tristan Nancarrow	3-1
Apr 86	**British Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Mar 86	Monte Carlo Open	final	won	Steve Bowditch	3-0
Mar 86	French Open	final	won	Stuart Davenport	3-0
Mar 86	European Open	final	won	Kelvin Smith	3-0
Feb 86	**Spanish Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Feb 86	**ICI Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Feb 86	Irish Open	final	won	Stuart Davenport	3-2
Jan 86	Belgian Trophy	final	won	Gawain Briars	3-1
Dec 85	**Al Falaj Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Dec 85	**World Team C'ship**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Dec 85	**World Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**1-3**
Nov 85	**Swiss Masters**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Oct 85	German Open	final	won	Ross Thorne	3-0
Oct 85	**Canadian Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Oct 85	**US Open**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Oct 85	New Zealand Open	final	won	Stuart Davenport	3-0
Jul 85	South African Open	final	lost	Chris Dittmar	0-3
Apr 85	British Open	quarter-final	lost	Stuart Davenport	1-3
Apr 85	ICI Open	final	lost	Gawain Briars	1-3
Feb 85	Irish Open	final	lost	Gawain Briars	0-3
Dec 84	**Al Falaj**	**final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Dec 84	**World Open**	**semi-final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Nov 84	German Open	final	won	Glen Brumby	3-0
Sept 84	New Zealand Open	final	won	Chris Dittmar	3-0
Apr 84	**British Open**	**quarter final**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Mar 84	**French Open**	**semi-finals**	**lost**	**Jahangir Khan**	**0-3**
Dec 83	Brazilian Open	final	won	Martin Bodimeade	3-0

The Brazilian Open was Ross Norman's first success after his parachuting accident. Just under three years later he won the World Open title in Toulouse and ended the five-and-a-half-year undefeated run of Jahangir Khan.
NB. Entries in bold type indicate a meeting with Jahangir Khan.

Squash Library
7 November at 07:42

This month 50 years ago John Easter, Abbas Kaoud, Bryan Patterson and Ahmed Safwat played each other in the 1975 Patrick GB v Egypt circuit. A number of clubs hosted, with their histories being included in the programme, reproduced here: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources , along with the four player biographies. (Featured clubs: Durham, Garforth, Stockton, Carlisle, Wolverhampton, Crawfordsburn, Newcastle, Chatham, Hull). England SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
5 November at 07:41

World Squash Library needs your help. The Library is looking for squash's 'greatests'. Greatest players, matches, comebacks and upsets. So, what is your opinion?

The categories are:
Greatest player (male)
Greatest player (female)
Greatest match
Greatest match comeback
Greatest match upset
Don't worry, you don't need to nominate in all the categories, just any you wish.
Add your nomination/s at https://www.squashlibrary.info/survey
The deadline for responses is 30 November. Thank you.
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Squash Library
1 November at 07:39

The 5 – 8 seeds of the women's British Open 2000 were Natalie Grainger, Suzanne Horner, Sabine Schoene and Tania Bailey. Only Horner would reach the last eight, having been runner-up ten and seven years previously. Bailey would be losing finalist in 2002, and Grainger in 2004. PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
4 November at 07:42

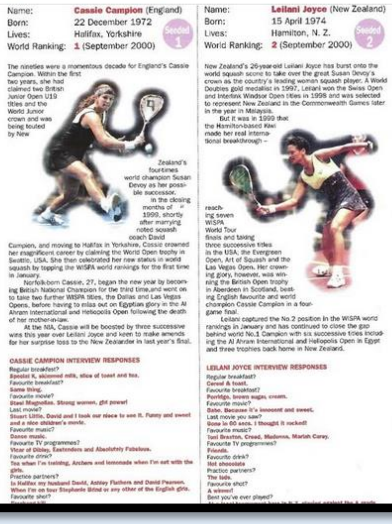
The 1st Japan National Championship was held at Royal Squash, Fukuoka, in 1972. Winners that year were Seiji Sakamoto (men) & Yuriko Tanaka (women).
This year's edition to be held in Yokohama City this month will be 54th, 2024 holders being Satomi Watanabe and Tomotaka Endo.
公益社団法人 日本スカッシュ協会

Squash Library
31 October at 07:49

The third and fourth seeds of the women's British Open 2000 were Carol Owens and Linda Charman (Elriani). Owens would become losing finalist the following year, but couldn't add a British Open title to her career two World Open crowns. PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
30 October at 07:43

Following on from the men's seeds 25 years ago this month at the 2000 British Open in Birmingham here are the first set of women's player profiles from the programme, with the rest of the top eight women in the next two days. (Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open for the British Open factsheet and champions posters, and www.squashinfo.com for full results). Top seed Cassie Campion (Jackman) had gone out early and holder Leilani Joyce went on to win her second title – ending the amazing run of Englishwoman Sue Wright who reached the final after having got through the qualification. PSA Squash TourEngland SquashSquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa



Name: **Cassie Campion** (England)
Born: 22 December 1972
Lives: Halifax, Yorkshire
World Ranking: **1** (September 2000)
Seeded 1

The nineties were a momentous decade for England's Cassie Campion. Within the first two years, she had claimed two British Junior Open U19 titles and the World Junior crown and was being touted by New Zealand's four-times world champion Susan Devoy as her possible successor. In the closing months of 1999, shortly after marrying noted squash coach David Campion, and moving to Halifax in Yorkshire, Cassie crowned her magnificent career by claiming the World Open trophy in Seattle, USA. She then celebrated her new status in world squash by topping the WISPA world rankings for the first time in January.

Norfolk-born Cassie, 27, began the new year by becoming British National Champion for the third time,and went on to take two further WISPA titles, the Dallas and Las Vegas Opens, before having to miss out on Egyptian glory in the Al Ahram International and Heliopolis Open following the death of her mother-in-law.

At the NIA, Cassie will be boosted by three successive wins this year over Leilani Joyce and keen to make amends for her surprise loss to the New Zealander in last year's final.

CASSIE CAMPION INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Special K, skimmed milk, slice of toast and tea.
Favourite breakfast?
Same thing.
Favourite movie?
Steel Magnolias. Strong women, girl power!
Last movie?
Stuart Little. David and I took our niece to see it. Funny and sweet and a nice children's movie.
Favourite music?
Dance music.
Favourite TV programmes?
Vicar of Dibley, Eastenders and Absolutely Fabulous.
Favourite drink?
Tea when I'm training, Archers and lemonade when I'm out with the girls.
Practice partners?
In Halifax my husband David, Ashley Flathers and David Pearson. When I'm on tour Stephanie Brind or any other of the English girls.
Favourite shot?

Name: **Leilani Joyce** (New Zealand)
Born: 15 April 1974
Lives: Hamilton, N. Z.
World Ranking: **2** (September 2000)
Seeded 2

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 six successive titles including the Al Ahram International and Heliopolis Open in Egypt and three trophies back home in New Zealand.

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?

Squash Library
29 October at 07:57

The five to eight seeds for the men's British Open 2000 were Martin Heath, Paul Johnson, Del Harris and David Palmer – but even though none of the top four seeds made the semis, these players couldn't take advantage. The un-profiled surprise finalists were winner Welshman David Evans (10th seed), and runner-up was Australian 14th seed Paul Price.
(Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open for the British Open factsheet and champions posters, and www.squashinfo.com for full results). PSA Squash Tour

Name: **Martin Heath** (Scotland)
Born: 31 January 1973
Lives: Edinburgh
World Ranking: **5** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 5

Edinburgh-based Scot Martin Heath has spent much of his career in the shadows of compatriot Peter Nicol but has recently had the upper hand, beating his adversary in February's Tournament of Champions semi-finals in New York in what was Nicol's last defeat this year. A quarter-finalist in last year's British Open, the 27-year-old world No.5 qualified for this year's Super Series Finals but collapsed with a recurrence of a foot injury when ahead in his opening match against Egypt's Ahmed Barada.

MARTIN HEATH INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Name: **Paul Johnson** (England)
Born: 18 July 1972
Lives: Bromley, Kent
World Ranking: **6** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 6

English left-hander Paul Johnson made his major breakthrough in 1998 when he won two PSA Tour titles and was a double medallist in the Commonwealth Games, claiming bronze in the singles and gold in the men's doubles. The London-born 28-year-old, now based in Bromley, Kent, showed great consistency in '99, winning the British National title and reaching the last eight in all PSA Super Series events. Three times a British Open quarter-finalist, Johnson has made at least the last eight in the major PSA events again this year and will be looking to exceed his seeded position in the British Open.

PAUL JOHNSON INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Name: **Del Harris** (England)
Born: 13 July 1969
Lives: Colchester
World Ranking: **7** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 7

Del Harris, the golden boy of English squash in the '80s, has made a remarkable comeback this year and is now only two places below his world best No.5 ranking in May '96 having slipped down to 27 just a year ago. In August last year, the dashing 31-year-old from Colchester won the Regattas Open in Peru, his first PSA Tour title success since upsetting the form books to lift the Super Series Finals crown in March '96. Squash's 'Del boy' was a finalist in both the Apawamis and Greenwich Opens in the USA early in the year and in April returned to England's European Championships squad for the first time for over two years.

DEL HARRIS INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Name: **David Palmer** (Australia)
Born: 28 June 1976
Lives: Ekeren, Belgium
World Ranking: **8** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 8

A graduate of the Australian Institute of Sport, David Palmer is one of the country's brightest young prospects. The 24-year-old from New South Wales began his breakthrough in 1997 when he won four successive PSA Tour titles. He won two titles from six final appearances in 1999, then fought through to the semi-finals of the Irish Open in March. He reached his career high No.8 in September, just days after making his first quarter-final appearance in a Super Series event, in the Al Ahram International in Egypt.

DAVID PALMER INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Squash Library
28 October at 08:00

The third and fourth seeds of the men's British Open 2000 were Ahmed Barada and Simon Parke. Neither would make a British Open final during their successful careers. Indeed, none of the top four seeds made the semi-finals that year. PSA Squash Tour

Name: **Ahmed Barada** (Egypt)
Born: 25 April 1977
Lives: Cairo
World Ranking: **3** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 3

Ahmed Barada is a superstar in his home country, Egypt, where squash is one of the nation's most popular sports. After reaching a career-high world No.2 in December 1998, the 23-year-old from Cairo reached four PSA Tour finals the following year and beat Peter Nicol to claim the Heliopolis Open title in his home town in November. Tragedy struck this year when he was stabbed in the back by a mystery assailant outside his home in March.

Miraculously, he was back on court ten weeks later and reached the last four of the Super Series Finals, then in August made it through to the final of the Al Ahram International in Egypt.

AHMED BARADA INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Cereal, milk, honey, brown bread and fruits.
Favourite breakfast?
Eggs and cheese.
Favourite movie?
Rocky, Face Off.
Last movie you saw?
Perfect Storm. I thought it was bad acting with no story.
Favourite music?
Latest hits and Egyptian music (Amr Diab).
Favourite TV programmes?
Football and sports.

Name: **Simon Parke** (England)
Born: 10 August 1972
Lives: Nottingham
World Ranking: **4** (Sept 2000)
Seeded 4

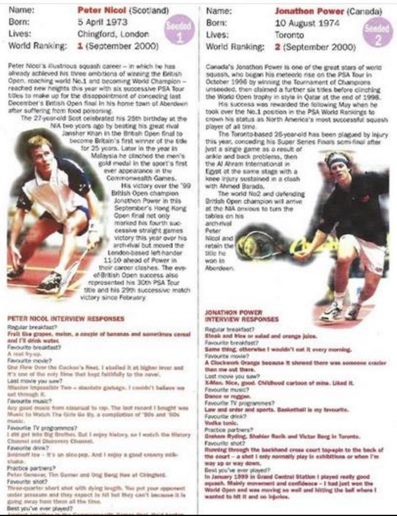
One of the world's most exciting players, Simon Parke has experienced the highs and lows of life – from overcoming testicular cancer to reaching No.4 in the world and lifting the US Open trophy last December after beating the world's top two players Peter Nicol and Jonathon Power. The 28-year-old from Nottingham led England to World Team Championships success in 1995 and 1997 and played in one of the most exciting matches in recent times when he extended Nicol to five games in June's climax of the Super Series Finals – an exhilarating display of top quality squash witnessed by Britain's Minister for Sport Kate Hoey.

SIMON PARKE INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Raisin wheat with half-fat milk, nothing to drink with it.
Favourite breakfast?
Raisin wheat... I love raisins.
Favourite movie?
The Godfather because there was so much detail, so true to life, great acting and I'm a great fan of Marlon Brando.
Last movie you saw?
Ten Things I Hate About You, which I saw on my portable DVD player yesterday. I enjoyed it – light-hearted American teen movie.
Favourite music?
Alternative music, rock or dance.
Favourite TV programmes?
I am sorry to say that I am addicted to Big

Squash Library
27 October at 07:53

25 years ago this month the 2000 British Open was played in Birmingham. This week the Library will feature the player profiles from the programme. (Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open for the British Open factsheet and champions posters, and www.squashinfo.com for full results). Here are the top two men's seeds, two times winner Peter Nicol and Jonathon Power, holder, but neither would be 2000 finalists, ... with the rest of the men and the top women to come in the next few days. PSA Squash Tour



Name: **Peter Nicol** (Scotland)
Born: 5 April 1973
Lives: Chingford, London
World Ranking: **1** (September 2000)
Seeded 1

Peter Nicol's illustrious squash career – in which he has already achieved his three ambitions of winning the British Open, reaching world No.1 and becoming World Champion – reached new heights this year with six successive PSA Tour titles to make up for the disappointment of conceding last December's British Open final in his home town of Aberdeen after suffering from food poisoning.

The 27-year-old Scot celebrated his 25th birthday at the NIA two years ago by beating his great rival Jansher Khan in the British Open final to become Britain's first winner of the title for 25 years. Later in the year in Malaysia he clinched the men's gold medal in the sport's first ever appearance in the Commonwealth Games.

His victory over the '99 British Open champion Jonathon Power in this September's Hong Kong Open final not only marked his fourth successive straight games victory this year over his arch-rival but moved the London-based left-hander 11-10 ahead of Power in their career clashes. The eve of British Open success also represented his 30th PSA Tour title and his 29th successive match victory since February.

PETER NICOL INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Name: **Jonathon Power** (Canada)
Born: 10 August 1974
Lives: Toronto
World Ranking: **2** (September 2000)
Seeded 2

Canada's Jonathon Power is one of the great stars of world squash, who began his meteoric rise on the PSA Tour in October 1996 by winning the Tournament of Champions unseeded, then claimed a further six titles before clinching the World Open trophy in style in Qatar at the end of 1998.

His success was rewarded the following May when he took over the No.1 position in the PSA World Rankings to crown his status as North America's most successful squash player of all time.

The Toronto-based 26-year-old has been plagued by injury this year, conceding his Super Series Finals semi-final after just a single game as a result of ankle and back problems, then the Al Ahram International in Egypt at the same stage with a knee injury sustained in a clash with Ahmed Barada.

The world No2 and defending British Open champion will arrive at the NIA anxious to turn the tables on his arch-rival Peter Nicol and retain the title he won in Aberdeen.

JONATHON POWER INTERVIEW RESPONSES

Regular breakfast?
Steak and fries or salad and orange juice.
Favourite breakfast?
Same thing, otherwise I wouldn't eat it every morning.
Favourite movie?
A Clockwork Orange because it showed there was someone crazier than me out there.
Last movie you saw?
X-Men. Nice, good. Childhood cartoon of mine. Liked it.
Favourite music?
Dance or reggae.
Favourite TV programmes?
Law and order and sports. Basketball is my favourite.
Favourite drink?
Vodka tonic.
Practice partners?
Graham Ryding, Shahier Razik and Victor Berg in Toronto.
Favourite shot?
Running through the backhand cross court top-spin to the back of the court – a shot I only normally play in exhibitions or when I'm way up or way down.
Best you've ever played?
In January 1999 in Grand Central Station I played really good squash. Mainly movement and confidence – I had just won the World Open and was moving so well and hitting the ball where I wanted to hit it and no injuries.

Squash Library
25 October at 07:58

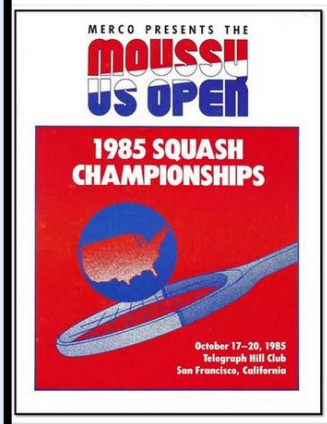
The Canadian Women's Open which begins today in Toronto, was first played in 1985. A full list of past winners, including the men's event, is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners. Currently the title is held by Belgian player Tinne Gilis (pic). PSA Squash TourSquash Canada

Squash Library
22 October at 08:01 ·

This week's Swiss Open began in 1974 for men and 1982 for women – the first winners being John Easter and Martine Le Moignan (pic). The full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners. (Detailed results at www.squashinfo.com). PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
20 October at 07:47 ·

This week's US Open began in 1954. It was played as a hardball event before the first softball edition was played at Telegraph Hill, San Francisco in 1985. Here are the programme notes by Greg Pollard who chaired ISPA. The full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners, with detailed results on www.squashinfo.com. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASH



INTERNATIONAL SQUASH PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Squash Enthusiasts,
On behalf of the ISPA, I would like to Say how delighted we are to be playing in the 1985 Moussy U.S. Open. As an Association we recognise the enormous potential for international softball squash in North America particularly now it has been adopted as the official summer game by the U.S.S.R.A.
This event, therefore, is of crucial importance and we count ourselves fortunate that this first major professional softball championship will be in the capable hands of Tom Jones, one of America's leading squash promoters.
As individuals we are all looking forward enormously to playing in San Francisco and to demonstrating to everyone the high entertainment value that we believe softball squash has to offer.
Many people have asked whether we mind playing on a court that is a little different in size to that normally used, and to using a scoring system other than that operating in the international game. She quick answer is no. As an Association we are very flexible in our attitudes and would like to feel that we can be progressive in our response to events such as the U.S. Open. It may be that the American system of scoring has much to offer and it is only by testing these things under tournament conditions that proper evaluations can be made.
Our hope of course, is that the U.S. Open will be the first of many major events in the United States and that U.S. tournaments will eventually form a significant part of a World Grand Prix.
Our sincere thanks to Tom Jones and all who have made this event possible.
Greg Pollard,
Chairman of the International Squash Players Association

Squash Library
14 October at 07:41 ·

According to the www.squashinfo.com data trove, when India's Joshna Chinappa (pic) won the Japan Open last weekend she claimed her first PSA Tour title for over 10 years - after the NSCI Open in September 2015. Quite a PSA Tour title gap, a contender for longest ever surely, though the 39-year-old did win Asian and Doubles titles in the interim. PSA Squash TourSquash Rackets Federation of IndiaJapan Squash Association

Squash Library
7 October at 07:52 ·

In his book, The Art of Squash Rackets, an early coaching book published in 1934, F.D. Amr Bey was pictured with British Open winners Donald Butcher, Charles Read and Jim Dear; along with British Amateur Champions Kenneth Gander-Dower and Victor Cazalet. Amr Bey himself won five Opens and six Amateurs in the 1930s.
(An illustrated Amr Bey profile can be found on pages 68-70 of https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration).

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Left to right: (standing) "Oke" Johnson, K. C. Gandar Dower, P. Q. Reiss, J. Dear *(seated)* C. Read, Capt. V. A. Cazalet, F. D. Amr Bey, D. Butcher, C. Arnold

Squash Library
3 October at 07:20 ·

The men's British Premier League, sponsored by American Express, was started in 1983/4 season, and as it progressed, featured player transfers between seasons. Here are the movements going into 1986/7 season list featuring home players along with overseas stars Chris Dittmar, Peter Hill and Ross Thorne. England Squash

PLAYER	FROM	TO
Steve Bateman	Leicester	Visco
Martin Bodimeade	Ardleigh Hall	Oadby
Bryan Beeson	Armley	Chapel Allerton
Jonathan Cornish	Redwood Lodge	West country
Chris Dittmar	Dunnings Mill	Visco
Cerryg Jones	Edgbaston Priory	West Country
Tony Hall	Redwood Lodge	Dunnings Mill
Moussa Helal	Edgbaston Priory	Village
Peter Hill	Cannons	Village
John Le Lievre	Armley	Village
Darran Mabbs	Redwood Lodge	West Country
Mark Maclean	Leicester	Visco
Chris McManus	Armley	Manchester Northern
Ashley Naylor	Leicester	Manchester Northern
Matthew Oxley	Ardleigh Hall	Nottingham
Robert Owen	Machester Northern	West Country
David Poole	Chapel Allerton	West Country
Ian Robinson	Armley	Cannons
Teifion Salisbury	Redwood Lodge	Visco
Ross Thorne	Edgbaston Priory	Village
Philip Whitlock	Redwood Lodge	Dunnings Mill
Philip Wickenden	Redwoood Lodge	Village

Squash Library
2 October at 07:45 ·

In February 1967 an Australian women's squad led by Heather McKay travelled to UK to play a test match and compete in the British Open at the Lansdowne and Royal Aero Club in London. Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources on the Library website to see the combined event programme with signed photos of both teams, kindly donated to the Library by Australian team member Robyn Kennedy. Squash AustraliaEngland Squash

Squash Library
30 September at 07:28 ·

Representative matches for England / Great Britain began in 1923 for men and 1933 for women. There is now a full list of past and present internationals on the England Squash website, compiled for them by Squash Library. See all the names from the start at https://www.englandsquash.com/hof

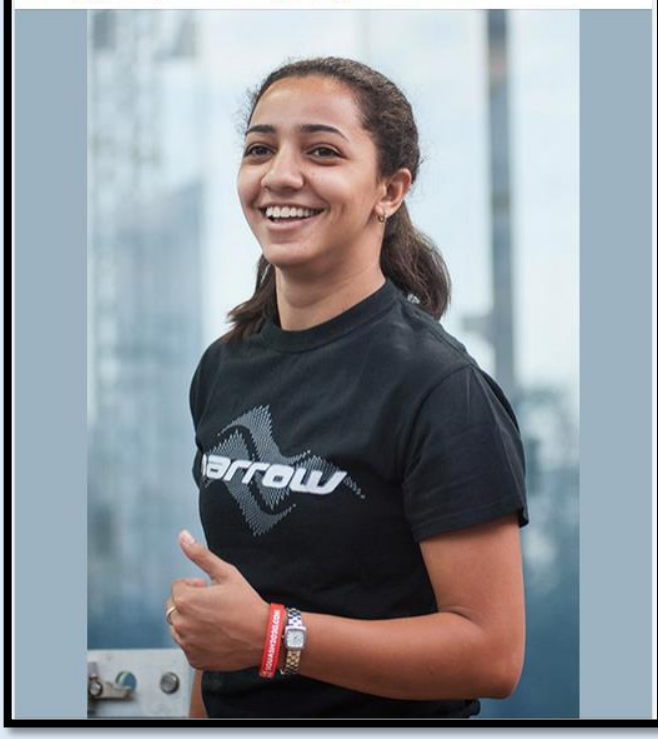
One of the first women inductees in 1933 was Cicely Fenwick, who had won the British Open in 1925, 26 and 31, and was runner up in 1928 & 30. On the men's side, Victor Cazalet was capped in 1923. He won the British Amateur in 1925, 27, 29 & 30, as well as being runner up in 1926 & 28. Both pictured. England Squash

Squash Library
29 September at 07:52 ·

The Qatar Classic taking place this week began in 1992 when the Khalifa Tennis & Squash Centre was completed. The full list of past winners is on the Library website in the Worldwide Winners directory at https://www.squashlibrary.info/worldwide-winners. Detailed result can be found on www.squashinfo.com. Currently the titles are held by Nour ElSherbini and Diego Elias (pic). PSA Squash TourQatar Squash Federation

Squash Library
13 September at 07:52 ·

This month ten years ago Egyptian Raneem El Welily ended Nicol David's unprecedented nine-year run as the uninterrupted World No.1 by topping the September 2015 PSA Women's World Rankings – becoming the first Egyptian female star in any sport to be crowned No.1.
El Welily became the 13th person ever to hold the No.1 ranking after bringing Malaysian David's 109-month reign as World No.1, which began in August 2006, to an end. PSA Squash TourRaneem El WelilyEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشNicol David



Squash Library
28 August at 07:51 ·

Following on from the Channel Islands producing players such as Gavin Dupre and John LeLievre, two top girls from Guernsey emerged. This profile from the Daily Mail event programme in 1988 came a year before Martine Le Moignan won the World Open and Lisa Opie took the British Open title in 1991. World Squash FederationPSA Squash TourEngland Squash

PLAYERS FROM THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

CONSIDERING the small area, and small population of the Channel Islands the number of good squash players to emerge has been immense. One Guernsey man Reg Harbour, was responsible for the development of most of the players. Reg had never played squash before, but as a maths teacher at Elizabeth College he had an interest in working out how to best use the angles on a court. He took one of his young pupils, John le Lievre, who was originally from Jersey, to King's Club and trained him into a fine young player. Reg realised that he had a top player, but it wasn't until they went over to England and John defeated every junior except Philip Kenyon, that he knew just how successful his mathmatical approach had been. John went on to be number twenty five in the world and for many years a regular in the England team.

Reg started to work with other players, once more with successful results and King's Club, became famous as first John's brother Richard le Lievre hit the squash headlines (winning the British U.19 in 1977), followed by Lisa Opie and Martine le Moignan. Richard won the British junior title at both under sixteen and under nineteen. He has recently returned to Jersey to work in the family business. Both Lisa and Martine have remained in the game making the transition from juniors to seniors with ease. Lisa Opie is currently ranked number two in the world. She has reached two World open and three British Open finals, and she is still only twenty three. On the domestic front Lisa has triumphed in three national championships in 1981, 1983 and 1986. Martine, who despite being ranked number three in the world, has always been slightly in Lisa's shadow, possibly because she is less controversial. She has come very close to taking the British Open title, losing to Susan Devoy in the 1986 final. In 1984 she won the British Closed, a competition which she has made the final five times.

It was a Jerseyman, Gavin Dupré who has had most influence on Lisa Opie's senior career, as Lisa spends her summers at Dupré's' Hamburg club sharpening up her skills and fitness. Jason Nicholls, who features in the Daily Mail Squash International, also makes the annual pilgrimage to train with Dupré, and his recent results show that the trips are very worthwhile.

Lisa Opie

Gavin Dupré, himself is a very fine player. He went to Victoria College and then to Cambridge University where he won a blue four years running. He turned professional and at his best was ranked twenty three in the world and five in Britain. If he hadn't been so injury prone he may have reached even greater heights. Gavin has been Germany based for many years and he is just about to take up a new job away from squash, working in computers in Paderborn. Another of Dupré's protegés Ian Furness, is now at Millfield under the watchful eye of Jonah Barrington and the Jersey squash community awaits his progress with interest.

Other well known names in the squash world, from the Channel Islands are, Mark Roberts (British junior finalist in 1983), Paul Matthews (England junior international) and Simon Gaudion (British Under 14 champion 1978), all from Guernsey. Jersey's Jon Hobbs has produced some good performances lately including a win over Richard le Lievre.

The Daily Mail Squash International in Jersey will hopefully introduce many new people to the thrills of squash and kindle a little ambition in the hearts of those already playing the game. It will certainly help to keep the good name of the Channel Islands in world squash.

Martine le Moignan

Squash Library
1 September at 07:22 ·

The Netsuite Open in San Francisco began in 2011. Played on an outside showcourt, the 2017 poster referenced this and showed the site at Justin Herman Plaza. (This copy, signed by some players, was donated to the Library archive by referee Mike Riley).

Squash Library
26 August at 07:49 ·

Here are the longest top 50 player times in the world rankings – where current leader James Willstrop has two active players getting closer, but Rachael Grinham way out... **See more**

LONGEST TOP 50 STREAK – MEN

1.	**James Willstrop** (ENG) *(pic)*	20 years, 5 months (Nov 2002 - Mar 2023)
2.	**Omar Mosaad** (EGY)	18 years, 9 months (Dec 2006 - Aug 2025)*
3.	**Amr Shabana** (EGY)	18 years, 4 months (May 1997 - Sep 2015)
4.	**Miguel Rodriguez** (COL)	17 years, 12 months (Sep 2007 - Aug 2025)*
5.	**Gregory Gaultier** (FRA)	17 years, 7 months (Mar 2002 - Oct 2019)
6.	**Tarek Momen** (EGY)	17 years, 5 months (Feb 2008 - Jun 2025)
7.	**Nick Matthew** (ENG)	17 years, 1 month (Jun 2001 - Jul 2018)
8.	**Mohamed ElShorbagy** (EGY/ENG)	16 years, 10 months (Nov 2008 - Aug 2025)*
9.	**Olli Tuominen** (FIN)	16 years, 8 months (Sep 1999 - May 2016)
10.	**Cameron Pilley** (AUS)	15 years, 11 months (Feb 2004 - Jan 2020)

LONGEST TOP 50 STREAK – WOMEN

1.	**Rachael Grinham** (AUS) *(pic)*	27 years, 2 months (Sep 1994 - Nov 2021)
2.	**Fiona Geaves** (ENG)	19 years, 8 months (Feb 1987 - Oct 2006)
3.	**Alison Waters** (ENG)	18 years, 11 months (Feb 2003 - Jan 2022)
4.	**Omneya Abdel Kawy** (EGY)	17 years, 7 months (May 2000 - Dec 2017)
5.	**Jenny Duncalf** (ENG)	17 years, 3 months (Nov 2001 - Feb 2019)
6.	**Latasha Khan** (USA)	17 years, 1 month (Jan 1998 - Feb 2015)
7.	**Vanessa Atkinson** (NED)	16 years, 6 months (Jul 1995 - Jan 2012)
8.	**Laura Massaro** (ENG)	16 years, 6 months (Dec 2002 - Jun 2019)
9.	**Raneem El Welily** (EGY)	16 years, 5 months (Feb 2004 - Jul 2020)
10.	**Nicol David** (MAS)	16 years, 0 months (Jul 2003 - Jul 2019)

**Currently competing*

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Squash Library
18 August at 07:49 ·

50 years ago today (18 Aug), the 1975 finals of the Zambia Open took place on the newly opened glass back court at the Nkana Squash Club. The women's final saw Australian top seed Marion Jackman (pic) beat locally based metallurgist Joyce Maycock 3-1, while her husband David Jackman beat local player Steve Hunter 3-2 to take the men's crown. Marion had reached the British Open final earlier in the year, losing to Heather McKay. Squash Federation of Africa SFA

Squash Library
29 July at 07:38 ·

60 years ago today (29 July 1965), the British women's team were photographed leaving London for Perth to play test matches against Australia and New Zealand. L to R: Fran Marshall, Pauline White, Anna Craven-Smith, Sylvia McClure, Ann Price. England SquashSquash AustraliaSquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa

Squash Library
14 August at 08:01 ·

There was a period before the men's tour broadened when England would feature major events such as Stockton and Chichester leading up to the British Open. Another was the Lookers Masters in the North West of England. Here, on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, are the photos and profiles of the 16 main draw players from the 1982 programme:, Jahangir, Maqsood, Jahan, Norman, Williams, Watson, Briars, Aziz, Kenyon, Brumby, Safwat, Robinson, Asran, Easter, Kaoud, Yasin . PSA Squash TourPakistan Squash FederationEngland SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash SASquash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa

Squash Library
18 July at 07:37 ·

The first matches between British nations began in 1937, with Wales men joining England, Ireland and Scotland in 1947. In 1974 the Men's & Women's Home Internationals came together for the first time at England's Warrington Sports Club, before their last edition in 1991. (Junior & Masters Home Internationals are still played). England SquashScottish SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymru

FIRST 'HOME INTERNATIONAL' MATCHES

	MEN	WOMEN
ENGLAND v SCOTLAND	1937	1949
SCOTLAND v IRELAND	1937	1958
SCOTLAND v WALES	1947	1951
IRELAND v WALES	1947	1949
ENGLAND v IRELAND	1948	1955
ENGLAND v WALES	1951	1950

Squash Library
17 July at 07:46 ·

The Victorian Open currently taking place in Australia, dates back to 1931. As this Library list of past winners shows, the greats of Australian squash have dominated it, with occasional overseas winners sprinkled in. Squash AustraliaPSA Squash Tour

	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER		MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
1931	Fred Strickland		1980	Chris Dittmar	Lynne Ferry
1932	Robert Henderson		1981	Geoff Hunt	Vicki Cardwell
1933	Harry Hopman		1982	Dean williams	Vicki Cardwell
1934	Harry Hopman		1983	Dean williams	Vicki Cardwell
1935	Harry Hopman		1984	Ricki Hill	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1936	Merv Weston		1985	Rodney Martin	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1937	Merv Weston		1986	Glen Brumby	Vicki Cardwell
1938	Maurice Nathan		1987	Chris Dittmar	Vicki Cardwell
1939	Merv Weston		1988	Philip Larmer	Vicki Cardwell
1940	Merv Weston		1989	Anthony Hill	Vicki Cardwell
1941	Charlie Griffiths		1990	Anthony Hill	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
			1991	Chris Dittmar	Sharon Bradey
1946	Charlie Griffiths	Betty Meagher	1992	Rodney Martin	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1947	Ian Carson	Betty Meagher	1993	Rodney Martin	Michelle Martin
1948	Ian Carson	Betty Meagher	1994	Brett Martin	Michelle Martin
1949	Eric Metcalfe	Betty Meagher	1995	Dan Jenson	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
1950	Ian Carson	Val Watts	1996	Dan Jenson	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
1951	Frank Harris	Val Watts	1997	David Palmer	Carol Owens
1952	Frank Harris	Joan Watson	1998	Paul price	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
1953	Frank Harris	Joan Watson	1999	Michael Fileni	Carol Owens
1954	Brian Boys	Janet Morgan (ENG)	2000	Raj Nanda	Karen Morrissey
1955	Ted Anstee	Joan Watson	2001	Cameron White	Dianne Desira
1956	Brian Boys	Judith Tisset	2002	Cameron White	Dianne Desira
1957	Brian Boys	Judith Tisset	2003	Cameron Pilley	Tamsyn Leevey (NZL)
1958	Brian Stuart	Judith Tisset	2004	Cameron White	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
1959	Brian Stuart	Marea Maher	2005	Cameron White	Amelia Pittock
1960	Brian Stuart	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2006	Dan Jenson	Dianne Desira
1961	Brian Stuart	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2007	Cameron White	Lisa Camilleri
1962	Doug Stephenson	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2008	S Robinson	Lisa Camilleri
1963	Geoff Hunt	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2009	Mike Corren	Joelle King (NZL)
1964	Geoff Hunt	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2010	Zac Alexander	Lisa Camilleri
1965	Geoff Hunt	Heather Blundell (McKay)	2011	Leo Au (HKG)	Melody Francis
1966	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2012	Campbell Grayson (NZL)	Song Sun Mi (KOR)
1967	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2013	Campbell Grayson (NZL)	Rachael Grinham
1968	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2014	Max Lee (HKG)	*Not played*
1969	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2015	Ryan Cuskelly	Joshna Chinappa (IND)
1970	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2016	Joe Lee (ENG)	Millie Tomlinson (ENG)
1971	Geoff Hunt	Heather McKay	2017	Harinder Pal Sindhu (IND)	Liu Tsz Ling (HKG)
1972	Leo Keppel	Heather McKay	2018	*Not played*	*Not played*
1973	Leo Keppel	Heather McKay	2019	Victor Crouin (FRA)	Sarah Cardwell
1974	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Margaret Zachariah	2020	*Not played*	*Not played*
1975	Leo Keppel	Margaret Zachariah	2021	*Not played*	*Not played*
1976	Leo Keppel	Margaret Zachariah	2022	Rex Hendrick	Akari Midorikawa (JPN)
1977	Steve Bowditch	Anne Smith	2023	Rex Hendrick	Akari Midorikawa (JPN)
1978	Ian Steward	Anne Smith	2024	Melvil Scianimanico (FRA)	Madeleine Hyland (NOR)
1979	Roger Flynnn	Margaret Zachariah			

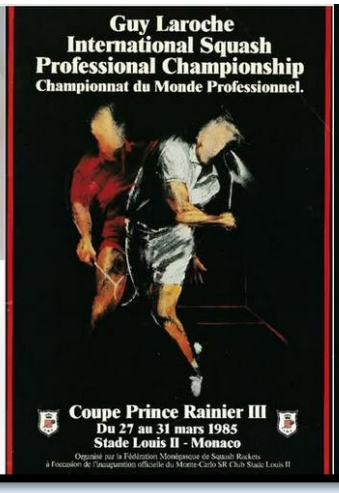
Australian, unless stipulated

Squash Library
10 July at 05:47 ·

Austrian Aqeel Rehman (left) became the oldest Tour title winner this year so far when he took the Shepparton International title in Australia this month aged 39. But he has a long way to go to reach Australian Mike Corren's record as the oldest Tour winner ever. Corren (right) won seven in his forties, the last being the Golden Open in 2022 when he was 48y 3m.
The complete list of oldest (and youngest) Tour winners is at https://www.squashinfo.com/records. PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
14 July at 05:54 ·

40 years ago the men's Coupe Prince Rainier III 1985 took place at the newly opened Stade Louis II in Monaco. Each player was given this commemorative medal, while Gawain Briars (ENG) also took home the trophy, beating Australian Greg Pollard in the final. Magdi Saad (EGY) and Ross Norman (NZL) were respective semi-final losers. PSA Squash Tour



Squash Library
4 July at 07:57 ·

There have regularly been cross-overs between successful players competing in both squash and tennis, but in 1964 there was a twist of this when Slazenger held a tennis event for pros. A number of Pakistani squash players competed in their Slazenger Professional Championship at Eastbourne, England. Featured in this unfortunately poor photo are, back L to R: Jamal Din, Gul Rehman, Khan Din, Murad Khan; front, left, Joe Pearce & Hashim Khan. SlazengerPakistan Squash Federation

Squash Library
3 July at 07:47 ·

The Dutch Junior Open, beginning today, has had these winners of the under 19 age band since it began in 2000. Fuller results at www.squashinfo.com. Squash Bond NederlandEuropean Squash Federation

	U19 MEN'S WINNER	U19 WOMEN'S WINNER
2000	Peter Barker (ENG)	Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY)
2001	Hansi Seestaller (GER)	Manuela Zehnder (SUI)
2002	*Not played*	*Not played*
2003	Dylan Bennett (NED)	Charlie de Rycke (BEL)
2004	Chris Simpson (ENG)	Charlie de Rycke (BEL)
2005	Sebastiaan Weenink (NED)	Charlie de Rycke (BEL)
2006	Mohd Sayed Aly (EGY)	Camille Serme (FRA)
2007	Nicolas Mueller (SUI)	Low Wee Wern (MAS)
2008	Nicolas Mueller (SUI)	Salma Nassar (EGY)
2009	Henrik Mustonen (FIN)	Low Wee Nee (MAS)
2010	Moustafa Bayoumy (EGY)	Emily Whitlock (ENG)
2011	Osama Khalifa (EGY)	Tesni Evans (WAL)
2012	Abdulla Al-Tamimi (QAT)	Mélissa Alves (FRA)
2013	Abdulla Al-Tamimi (QAT)	Sue Ann Yong (MAS)
2014	Yuen Tsun Hei (HKG)	Marie Stéphan (FRA)
2015	Patrick Rooney (ENG)	Georgina Kennedy (ENG)
2016	Mohammad Alsarraj (JOR)	Tinne Gilis (BEL)
2017	Curtis Malik (ENG)	Karina Tyma (POL)
2018	Lewis Anderson (ENG)	Nadiia Usenko (UKR)
2019	Sam Todd (ENG)	Fleur Maas (NED)
2020	*Not played*	*Not played*
2021	*Not played*	*Not played*
2022	Denis Gilevskiy (IRL)	Nadien Elhammamy (EGY)
2023	Melvil Scianimanico (FRA)	Lauren Baltayan (FRA)
2024	Alex Broadbridge (ENG)	Alex Jaffe (USA)

Squash Library
1 July at 07:25

50 years ago today (1 July 75), husband and wife Brian & Heather McKay started as resident professionals at the 17 court Toronto Squash Club, claimed to be the largest commercial centre in North America at that time.

Squash Library
26 June at 07:45

15 years ago this month, in June 2010, Englishman Nick Matthew became world number one for the first time - one month short of his 30th birthday. He spent a total of 19 months in top spot overall. (2010 [pic] also saw the first of three World Championships won by Matthew). PSA Squash TourEngland SquashNick Matthew

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
24 June at 07:53

Abdulla Al-Tamimi (pic) failed in his bid to become the first Qatari player to win the Asian Championship when he lost to Alex Lau in the final in Kuching, Sarawak. (Hong Kong completed the double with Tomato Ho taking the women's title). The Library list of past Asian Championship winners is at https://www.squashlibrary.info/asian-panam-events, with full results at www.squashinfo.com.

Squash Library
23 June at 07:56

As the PSA Tour Finals begin at the Revival Film Studios in Toronto, Canada, you can see the Library history of the event at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/world-tour-finals , detailing the name changes of the event, dates, locations and finalists from the start in 1993 (men) and 1998 (women). (www.squashinfo.com for full match results). PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
17 June at 07:51

After a gap of 37 years a Hamburg team from the same squash centre has won the German Squash Bundesliga this season. In 1987/8 the pictured squad (top) was:
Back row: Michael Ehlers, Thomas Möller, Jonas Görnerup (SWE), Rene Schuch, Jörg Becke, sport psychologist Dr. Brauner, Coach Lennart Larson (SWE). Front row: Christopher Karow, Jan-Ulf Söderberg (SWE), Ralf Schuldt, physio Brockhausen. Not pictured but in the team: Fredrik Johnson (SWE).
This season, left to right: Valentin Rapp, Tarek Momen (EGY), Ivan Perrez (ESP), Samuel Gerrits (NED), Marek Panacek (CZE) Coach/Manager Bart Wijnhoven (NED)

Squash Library
11 June at 07:45

The first Indian National Championships were held by the newly formed Indian National Federation on 14 – 22 November 1953 at the Cricket Club of India in Bombay.
The professional event was won by Jamal Din who would reach the quarter finals of the British Open four times. Later he would win the Over 45 event on five occasions, the Over 55s twice and a World Over 55 title too (pic from 1975).
The results: Squash Rackets Federation of India

Men's Amateur Championship

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

Final: Rajkumar Narpat Singh b Bhagat 9-2, 9-4, 9-4.

Women's Championship

Semi-Finals: Miss Tehmi Vakeel b Miss Kumud Apte 9-4, 10-9, 2-9, 5-9, 10-8. Mrs. L. Riggall (England) b Mrs. Leela Uttamsingh 9-0, 9-2, 9-1.

Final: Mrs. Riggall b Miss Vakeel 9-3, 9-1, 9-0.

Junior Championship

Final: M. H. Chinoy b Pratap Lulla 9-6, 5-9, 10-9, 9-7.

Professional Championship

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

Squash Library
10 June at 08:22

For a five-year period in the 1980s, the Al Falaj Hotel in Muscat, the capital of Oman, hosted a major pro-tour event. Jahangir Khan took four of the five titles. Here are the finals, fuller details at www.squashinfo.com. PSA Squash Tour

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1984	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Ross Norman (NZL)
1985	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Ross Norman (NZL)
1986	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Ross Norman (NZL)
1987	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)
1988	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Jansher Khan (PAK)

Squash Library
30 May at 08:01

Two players have made history this month according to www.squashinfo.com data by becoming the first female player from their nation to reach a PSA Tour final. Franka Vidovic from Croatia did it at the Basque Country Challenger (where she was beaten by Swiss Ambre Allinckx), while Malta's Colette Sultana scored the Malta first at the NT Open. Hers was a winning debut, beating Chaewon Song (KOR). World Squash FederationEuropean Squash Federation

L to R: Vidovic, Allinckx, Sultana, Song

Squash Library
29 May at 07:55

When England's Sarah-Jane Perry played Belgium's Chloé Crabbé in the final of the European Team Championship this month it marked her 100th match for England. The data from www.squashinfo.com shows that her first senior match for her country came at the same event in 2013, and was also against a Belgian player, Loreline Pira. Both were wins for the now centenarian.
England SquashEuropean Squash FederationWorld Squash FederationSarah-Jane Perry

Squash Library
26 May at 07:49

Tennis had a Billy Jean King v Bobby Riggs 'battle of the sexes,' (and indeed a very young Simon Parke played Susan Devoy), but fifty years ago at the Markham Fitness & Racquets Club in Ontario, Canada, squash staged its own version.
Hashim Khan, then aged over 60, took on Heather McKay, around 30 years younger.
It was played level, best of three games. Hashim took it 2 - 0.

They also played to open the WPSA Championships (pic) where Hashim won 15-5 15-10 10-15 15-12.

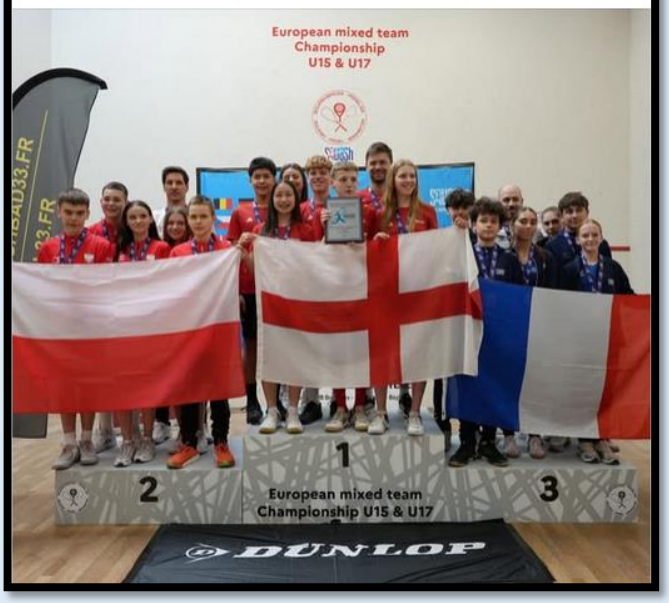
Squash Library
22 May at 05:54 ·

The Irish Open being played this week dates back until 1932, and more recently has featured a number of world champions. Here is the Library list of past winners. PSA Squash Tour

	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER		MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
1932	A Hamilton		1975	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)	Fran Marshall (ENG)
1933	R W Beadle		1976	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Sue Newman (AUS)
1934	R W S Greene		1977	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Margaret Zachariah (AUS)
1935	T G McVeagh		1978	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Barbara Wall (AUS)
1936	T G McVeagh		1979	Philip Kenyon (ENG)	Jayne Ashton (ENG)
1937	T G McVeagh		1980	Jonah Barrington	Sue Cogswell (ENG)
1938	R A McNeile		1981	Hiddy Jahan (PAK)	Rae Anderson (AUS)
1939	S G S Pawle		1982	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Sue Cogswell (ENG)
1940	Sir B Goulding		1983	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1941	P D MacWeeney		1984	Willie Hosey	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1942	P D MacWeeney		1985	Gawain Briars (ENG)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1943	T J O'Driscoll		1986	Ross Norman (NZL)	*Not Played*
1944	C A Kemp		1987	Gawain Briars (ENG)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1945	J O'Keefe		1988	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Lisa Opie (ENG)
1946	J O'Keefe		1989	*Not played*	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1947	W S Jameson		1990	*Not played*	Susan Devoy (NZL)
1948	W S Jameson		1991	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Liz Irving (AUS)
1949	D N Sell	Alice Mann			
1950	A G Aitchison	Alice Mann	2000	Peter Nicol (SCO)	*Not Played*
1951	J P MacHale	Heather Cole	2001	Peter Nicol (SCO)	*Not Played*
1952	J P MacHale	L. Hackett	2002	*Not Played*	*Not Played*
1953	W R Howson	Heather Cole	2003	*Not Played*	Vanessa Atkinson (NED)
1954	H N O'Donoghue	D. Kilbride	2004	*Not Played*	Vanessa Atkinson (NED)
1955	H N O'Donoghue	Margaret Gowthorpe (ENG)	2005	Ong Beng Hee (MAS)	Madeline Perry
1956	P Knox-Peebles	Heather Flinn (née Cole)	2006	Borja Golan (ESP)	Madeline Perry
1957	H N O'Donoghue	Gilda Horsley	2007	Alex Gough (WAL)	Madeline Perry
1958	Donald Pratt	Gilda Horsley	2008	John White (SCO)	Laura Massaro (ENG)
1959	Donald Pratt	Joyce N. Lavan	2009	Thierry Lincou (FRA)	Alison Waters (ENG)
1960	Donald Pratt	No record	2010	M Azlan Iskandar (MAS)	Madeline Perry
1961	B Kilcoyne	No record	2011	Tarek Momen (EGY)	Nour El-Tayeb (EGY)
1962	Donald Pratt	No record	2012	Alister Walker (BOT)	Alison Waters (ENG)
1963	Donald Pratt	No record	2013	M Nafizwan Adnan (MAS)	Madeline Perry
1964	Donald Pratt	Dorothy Boyd	2014	Adrian Waller (ENG)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
1965	Donald Pratt	Thelma Hopkins	2015	Ali Farag (EGY)	Madeline Perry
1966	Donald Pratt	Dorothy Boyd	2016	Lucas Serme (FRA)	Millie Tomlinson (ENG)
1967	Jonah Barrington	Joan Wallace	2017	Declan James (ENG)	Nele Gilis (BEL)
1968	Jonah Barrington	Dorothy Boyd	2018	Tom Richards (ENG)	Rowan Elaraby (EGY)
1969	Donald Pratt	Barbara Sanderson	2019	Campbell Grayson (NZL)	Nele Gilis (BEL)
1970	Jonah Barrington	Julie Menzies	2020	*Not Played*	*Not Played*
1971	William Barr	Julie Menzies	2021	*Not played*	*Not played*
1972	Donald Pratt	Stephanie Lynas	2022	Greg Lobban (SCO)	Tinne Gilis (BEL)
1973	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Dorothy Armstrong	2023	Eain Yow Ng (MAS)	Jasmine Hutton (ENG)
1974	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	Geraldine Barniville	2024	Jonah Bryant (ENG)	Nada Abbas (EGY)

Squash Library
19 May at 08:10 ·

Thirty years ago in 1995 the Polish Federation was formed, and this month one of their teams beat France to reach the final of the European Under 15 team championship in Bordeaux, France. It was the first top-tier European final for the nation (medalists pictured), coming a week after their men's team reached the Division 2 European Team Championship final. European Squash Federation



Squash Library
21 May at 07:55 ·

Here are the players who were getting to the final stages of international events 45 years ago. The 1980/1 season featured Geoff Hunt holding off Jahangir Khan in the British Open to win his last of eight, while Jahangir was already taking a stranglehold of other titles. Meanwhile Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell) was winning her second of four British Open titles. PSA Squash Tour

1980/1 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN

Event	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists
East Transvaal Open	Gawain Briars	Ian Holding	Phil Kenyon/Kevin Shawcross
South African Open	Geoff Hunt	Bruce Brownlee	Gawain Briars/Phil Kenyon
World Open	Geoff Hunt	Qamar Zaman	Hiddy Jahan/Mohibullah Khan
New South Wales Open	Geoff Hunt	Hiddy Jahan	Dean Williams/Roland Watson
New Zealand Open	Jahangir Khan	Bruce Brownlee	Gamal Awad/Glen Brumby
German Masters	Geoff Hunt	Qamar Zaman	Maqsood Ahmed/Steve Bowditch
Northampton Masters	Mohibullah Khan	Gamal Awad	Qamar Zaman/Lars Kvant
Pakistan Open	Jahangir Khan	Qamar Zaman	Mohibullah Khan/Maqsood Ahmed
Pakistan Masters	Qamar Zaman	Hiddy Jahan	Mohibullah Khan/Bruce Brownlee
British Closed	Jonah Barrington	Gawain Briars	Phil Kenyon/Ian Robinson
Belgian Open	Jahangir Khan	Bruce Brownlee	Gawain Briars/Dean Williams
Prodorite Tournament	Jahangir Khan	Gamal Awad	Gawain Briars/Steve Bowditch
ISPA Championships	Geoff Hunt	Jahangir Khan	Maqsood Ahmed/Gamal Awad
Durham/Cleveland Open	Jahangir Khan	Qamar Zaman	Bruce Brownlee/Daulat Khan
Patrick Festival, Chichester	Jahangir Khan	Geoff Hunt	Qamar Zaman/Hiddy Jahan
British Open	Geoff Hunt	Jahangir Khan	Qamar Zaman/Gamal Awad
Lifting Gear, Leigh	Ross Norman	Ali Aziz	Gamal Awad/Bruce Brownlee
Winder Grand Prix	Gamal Awad	Gawain Briars	Ian Robinson/John Le Lievre
Knolls Invitation	Steve Bateman	Paul Chaplin	Geoff Williams/Mike Taylor
Famous Grouse	Gawain Briars	Jonny Leslie	Ian Robinson/John Le Lievre
South of England	Mo Yasin	David Pearson	Moussa Helal/Andy Dwyer
Midland Open	John Le Lievre	Peter Verow	Moussa Helal/Brian Barnett
North of England	Ian Robinson	John Le Lievre	Steve Bateman/David Pearson
Jersey Open	Peter Verow	Paul Chaplin	Bryan Beeson/Mark Roberts
Mercia Tournament	Ian Robinson	Moussa Helal	John Le Lievre/Simon Rolington
British Under-23 Closed	Gawain Briars	Steve Bateman	Ashley Naylor/Dave Thomas
Ulster Open	Abbas Kaoud	Mohamed Ali	Ian Robinson/Steve Bateman
Moben International	Hiddy Jahan	Jonny Leslie	Steve Bowditch/Gawain Briars
Welsh Open	Peter Verow	Dave Thomas	Geoff Williams/Bryan Patterson
British Under-23 Open	Jahangir Khan	Ross Norman	Gawain Briars/Zahir Husain Khan
Irish Open	Hiddy Jahan	Bruce Brownlee	Phil Kenyon/Ross Norman
East of England	Craig Blackwood	Steve Bateman	Reggie Holmes/Fahim Gul
West of England	Reggie Holmes	Jamshed Gul	Sohail Qualser/Trevor Wilkinson
Horsham Open	Gamal Awad	Fahim Gul	Kevin Karam/Trevor Wilkinson
Swiss Open	Magdi Saad	Peter Verow	Frank Donnelly/Andy Dwyer
Porsche Invitation	Bruce Brownlee	Gamal Awad	Ross Norman/Gawain Briars

WOMEN

Event	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalists
Midland Open	Lisa Opie	Martine Le Moignan	Jayne Ashton/Alex Cowie
Ulster Open	Lisa Opie	Martine Le Moignan	Barbara Diggens/Dorothy Armstrong
Mercia Open	Deanna Murray	Paula Anderson	Alex Cowie/Liz Brown
British Under-23	Martine Le Moignan	Ruth Strauss	Alison Cumings/Suzanne Burgess
British Closed	Sue Cogswell	Martine Le Moignan	Alison Cumings/Jayne Ashton
British Under-19	Ruth Strauss	Alison Cumings	Paula Anderson/Lisa Opie
Welsh Open	Angela Smith	Lesley Moore	Jackie Parsons/Robyn Blackwood
Brenfield Open	Sue Cogswell	Lisa Opie	Felicity Hargreaves/Ruth Strauss
East of England	Vicki Hoffmann	Martine Le Moignan	Rae Anderson/Jayne Ashton
South of England	Lisa Opie	Margaret Zachariah	Barbara Diggens/Sue King
Prodorite Tournament	Vicki Hoffmann	Liz Brown	Rae Anderson/Jayne Ashton
British Open	Vicki Hoffmann	Margaret Zachariah	Lisa Opie/Rae Anderson
Patrick Festival, Chichester	Vicki Hoffmann	Sue Cogswell	Angela Smith/Jayne Ashton

Squash Library
10 May at 08:08 ·

Rachael Grinham has extended her lead in the number of events played this weekend in the NT Open in Darwin Australia. Now aged 48, this is the 321st event for the 2007 World Champion (pic) as listed by www.squashinfo.com, way ahead of the second placed woman, USA's Latasha Khan, on 248.
She is also ahead of leading male, another American Chris Gordon, who has a tally of 308. www.squashinfo.com also reveals that the oldest men's tour finalist is Mike Corren (AUS) who reached the final of the Golden Open in June 2022 aged 48y 3m; with the women's oldest finalist top spot being held by Kozue Onizawa (JPN), a finalist in the Greetings Championship in Feb 2022 at the age of 45y 11m. So had Grinham not lost in the semis today she would have beaten Onizawa's record. PSA Squash TourSquash AustraliaRachael Grinham

Squash Library
6 May at 07:59 ·

In 1950 an early club team tour took place when the Hague Club in Netherlands played matches in England. The club had been established in 1939. They are pictured here before playing the Surrey Acorns. (LtoR: E Hagen, M E van Oort, J G van Oort, A G Maris, J W Bartelds, O van Neijenhoff). Squash Bond Nederland

Squash Library
1 May at 07:45 ·

The Bermuda Open being played this week began in 1972. Here is the Library list of past winners. (Go to www.squashinfo.com for detailed scores of events worldwide, along with past rankings and player information). Bermuda Squash Racquets Association.PSA Squash Tour

	MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER		MEN'S WINNER	WOMEN'S WINNER
1972	Eddie Kyme		1991	Gary Waite (CAN)	
1973	Eddie Kyme				
1974	Eddie Kyme		1993	Brett Martin (AUS)	
1975	Eddie Kyme		1994	Paul Gregory (ENG)	
1976	Eddie Kyme		1995	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	
1977	Eddie Kyme		1996	Simon Parke (ENG)	
1978	Eddie Kyme	Bridget Marshall			
1979	Eddie Kyme	Bridget Marshall	2003	Ong Beng Hee (MAS)	
1980	Rob Thompson	Jan Peake	2004	Lee Beachill (ENG)	
1981	Trevor Boyce	Jan Peake	2005	Jonathon Power (CAN)	
1982	Rob Thompson	Jan Peake	2006	Amr Shabana (EGY)	
1983	Rob Thompson	Evolyn Driscoll	2007	Amr Shabana (EGY)	
1984	Wayne Burrowes	Jan Peake			
1985	Trevor Boyce	Denise Kyme	2018	Angus Gillams (ENG)	Alexandra Fuller (RSA)
1986	John Macrury (CAY)	Denise Kyme	2019	Nick Sachvie (CAN)	Marina Stefanoni (USA)
1987	Dominic Hughes (USA)	Bridget Marshall			
1988	Gene Turk (CAN)	Sarah Birtwistle	2022	Juan Vargas (COL)	Kenzy Ayman (EGY)
1989	Brett Martin (AUS)				
1990	Brett Martin (AUS)		2024	Sanjay Jeeva (MAS)	Margot Prow (BAR)

Bermuda, unless stated

Squash Library
28 April at 07:51 ·

The South African Championship debuted in 1910 at the Johannesburg Country Club – the first court in the country - (pic from https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration). Here are the initial results, with later ones, including the SA Open at https://www.squashsa.co.za/history/sa-championships/ . Squash South Africa

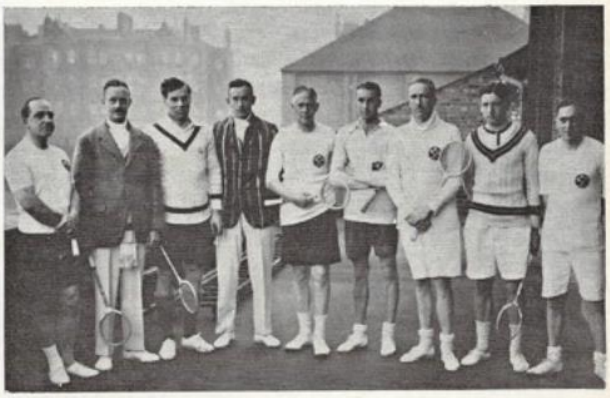
1910	H. R. Keed	1937	H. W. P. Whiteley
1911	H. R. Keed	1938	H. W. P. Whiteley
1912	B. MacNaghten	1946	B. H. Callaghan
1913	C. Reunert	1947	D. O. Beckingham
1925	C. Reunert	1948	H. W. P. Whiteley
1926	M. McMaster	1949	G. Hildick-Smith
1927	M. McMaster	1950	B. H. Callaghan
1928	H. D. Clinch	1951	B. H. Callaghan
1929	H. D. Clinch	1952	B. H. Callaghan
1930	H. W. P. Whiteley	1953	D. L. Hodgson
1931	H. W. P. Whiteley	1954	B. H. Callaghan
1932	H. W. P. Whiteley	1955	D. J. Callaghan
1933	D. O. Beckingham	1956	R. K. Jarvis
1934	T. W. T. Baines	1957	C. Kaplan
1935	H. W. P. Whiteley	1958	N. H. R. A. Broomfield
1936	H. W. P. Whiteley	1959	M. L. Melvill

Squash Library
26 April at 07:47 ·

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

Squash Library
24 April at 05:56 ·

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

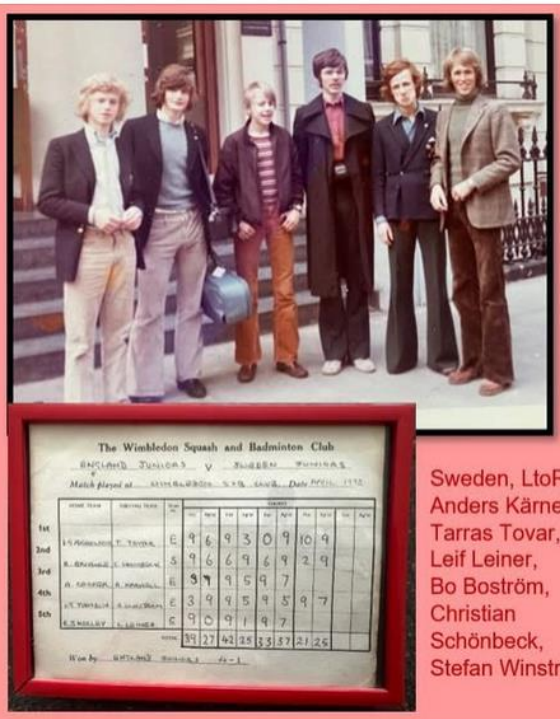


Kent and Yorkshire Teams—Inter-County Championship Final 1930-31 at Queens Club—Kent won 5-0.

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

Squash Library
23 April at 08:02 ·

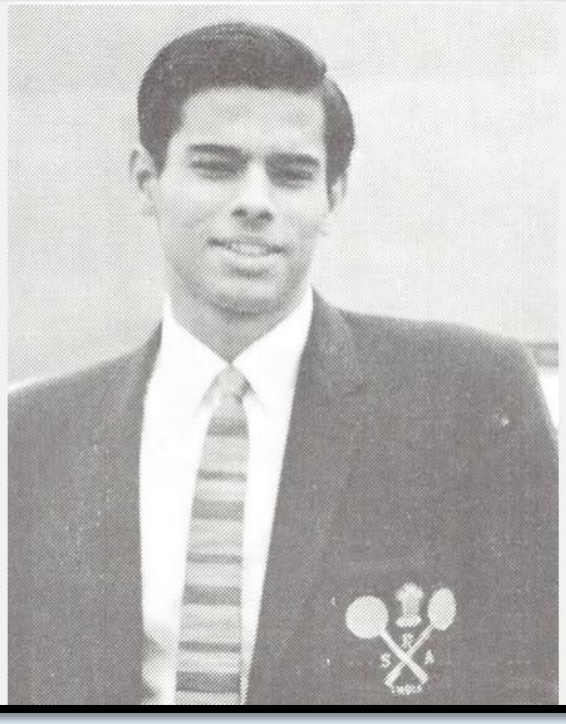
In April 1972, six young Swedish players came to England to play the British Junior open, and a match was arranged to coincide with the event at the Wimbledon Squash & Badminton Club. The English SRA stated the initiative as 'The first of its kind. This, we hope, will be the first of many junior representative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



Sweden, LtoR: Anders Kärnell, Tarras Tovar, Leif Leiner, Bo Boström, Christian Schönbeck, Stefan Winstrom

Squash Library
14 April at 07:55 ·

On this day (14 April) in 1965 Anil Nayar (pic) became the first Indian winner of the men's British Under 19 Open (The 'Drysdale') when he beat English player Warwick Sabey 9-4 9-4 9-2 in the final. His was the third overseas win after Peter Gerlow (DEN) twice in 1961/62, and Sharif Khan (PAK) in 1963. Squash Rackets Federation of IndiaDansk Squash ForbundEngland SquashAnil Nayar



Squash Library
16 April at 08:09 ·

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

England & Sweden: (LtoR) Peter Verow, Bo Bostrom, Philip Ayton, Mikael Hellstrom, Stefan Winstrom, Andy Dwyer, Ian Nuttall.

Squash Library
12 April at 07:42 ·

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

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

Squash Library
11 April at 08:09

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

LtoR: David Gotto, Robert Weir, John Magrath, Bernard O'Gorman, Gerry Doherty, Donal Byrne, Ben Cranwell.

Squash Library
8 April at 08:01

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

Squash Library
7 April at 07:52

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

Also on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../british-under-23-open..., are the player profiles for the 1983 event, including Dittmar, Davenport, Qaiser, Wilkinson, Hill, Zahir Khan, Pollard, Johnson, Gul, Zahran and a number of English players.
World Squash FederationEngland SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaSquash Australia

BRITISH UNDER 23 OPEN FINALS

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

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4 April at 07:53

Tommy Jameson won the first British Amateur championship when it was played at Lords Cricket Ground in London. He retained the title the next year.
Here he is featured in a 1936 article (which says he won the first in 1922, though for that season the event took place in April 1923).
England Squash

Captain T. O. JAMESON
First Winner of the
Amateur Squash Championship.

The first winner of any championship must always remain a figure of interest, but Captain T. O. Jameson did a great deal more than win the Amateur Squash Championships of 1922 and 1923. It is, perhaps, as a cricketer for Hampshire and M.C.C. that he is best remembered although there is additional interest for us in the fact that he twice won the Army Rackets Championship, both singles and doubles. On another page Mr. A. R. Hamilton tells of Jameson's Squash victories, how in the first championship at Lord's he beat Captain J. E. Tomkinson in the final after two terrific games and an easy third, and how he retained his title the following year against C. Browning. Captain Jameson now lives in Ireland.

Squash Library
27 March at 07:56

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

WHO WON WHAT IN 1984/85

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS
SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN	CHRIS DITTMAR	GREG POLLARD	STUART DAVENPORT/GEOFF WILLIAMS
ROCHLIN OPEN	GEOFF WILLIAMS	ROSS NORMAN	DEAN WILLIAMS/RICKI HILL
NATAL OPEN	ROSS NORMAN	RICKI HILL	DEAN WILLIAMS/STUART DAVENPORT
EDWORKS CLASSIC (PT. ELIZ.)	GEOFF WILLIAMS	DEAN WILLIAMS	STUART DAVENPORT/ROSS NORMAN
WESTERN PROVINCE	GEOFF WILLIAMS	ROSS THORNE	RICKI HILL/DEAN WILLIAMS
SOUTH CHESHIRE OPEN	ASHLEY NAYLOR	TEIFION SALISBURY	JON EVANS/MARK HILDRED
WARRINGTON INVITATION	DAVID PEARSON	ASHLEY NAYLOR	MOUSSA HELAL/JOHN LE LIEVRE
DONNAY FESTIVAL	JAMIE HICKOX	NIGEL STILES	ROBERT OWEN/GARRY ROBINSON
DISS INVITATION	SIMON TAYLOR	DAVID TAYLOR	JOHN CORDEAUX/RICHARD MILLMAN
STAVANGER INVITATION	HIDDY JAHAN	CHRISTY WILLSTROP	STEVE BATEMAN/ALADIN ALLOUBA
KINGS HEAD INVITATION	SIMON TAYLOR	RICHARD MILLMAN	DAVID TAYLOR/MARK WYATT
LEAMINGTON OPEN	ROBERT OWEN	SIMON ROLINGTON	CERRYG JONES/ANDREW DANZEY
ANDY GILL MEMORIAL	DAVID PEARSON	BRYAN PEARSON	BARRY WATKINS/ADRIAN DAVIES
MALAYSIAN OPEN	GREG POLLARD	MAQSOOD AHMED	QAMAR ZAMAN/MAGDI SAAD
WEST MIDLANDS U23 OPEN	SIMON TAYLOR	ROBERT GRAHAM	DANNY MEDDINGS/MIKE LAPPAGE
BOVIS HOMES INVITATION	GAWAIN BRIARS	PHIL KENYON	DAVID PEARSON/JAMIE HICKOX
BRADFORD OPEN	CHRISTY WILLSTROP	BARRY WATKINS	ROBERT FORDE/ASHLEY NAYLOR
SINGAPORE OPEN	QAMAR ZAMAN	MAQSOOD AHMED	GREG POLLARD/MAGDI SAAD
WESSEX OPEN	JAMIE HICKOX	ALADIN ALLOUBA	HESHAM EL ATTAR/DAULAT KHAN
SOUTH ENGLAND OPEN	ALADIN ALLOUBA	GAMAL AWAD	NASSER ZAHRAN/MARTIN BODIMEADE
WORLD MASTERS	JAHANGIR KHAN	STUART DAVENPORT	CHRIS DITTMAR/GAWAIN BRIARS
MERCIA OPEN	ASHLEY NAYLOR	DAULAT KHAN	ROBERT FORDE/CHRISTY WILLSTROP
NORTH ENGLAND OPEN	SOHAIL QAISER	DAVID LLOYD	DAVID PEARSON/CHRIS DITTMAR
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	TRISTAN NANCARROW	DEAN WILLIAMS	ROSS THORNE/ROSS NORMAN
NEW ZEALAND OPEN	ROSS NORMAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	DEAN WILLIAMS/STUART DAVENPORT
ENFIELD OPEN	ROD GEORGE	LARS KVANT	MOHAMMED ALI SOMJEE/RICKI HILL
NORWEGIAN OPEN	ROBERT OWEN	CLAES ERICSON	LUKE GOJNIC/KALLE LESKINEN
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS	PHIL KENYON	JAN ULF SODERBERG	MARKKU SAINIO/WILLY HOSEY
STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN	CERRYG JONES	ROBERT OWEN	TEIFION SALISBURY/PHILIP WHITLOCK
HERIOT WATT OPEN	ROBERT FORDE	ALADIN ALLOUBA	MARTIN SHAW/MARK MACLEAN
DUTCH OPEN	ROSS THORNE	GEOFF WILLIAMS	GREG POLLARD/CHRIS DITTMAR
SPANISH OPEN	ROSS NORMAN	KELVIN SMITH	JAN ULF SODERBERG/MARTIN BODIMEADE
KIRMINGTON OPEN	STEVE BATEMAN	CHRISTY WILLSTROP	MARK HILDRED/ZAIN SALEH
COUPE ILE DE FRANCE	ROD GEORGE	GLEN BRUMBY	MOHAMMED ALI SOMJEE/ASHLEY NAYLOR
GERMAN OPEN	ROSS NORMAN	GLEN BRUMBY	CHRIS DITTMAR/GEOFF WILLIAMS
BRITISH U23 CLOSED	JAMIE HICKOX	DANNY LEE	ROBERT OWEN/ANDREW DANZEY
BRITISH VETS CLOSED	MIKE GRUNDY	PAT KIRTON	MIKE WATSON/BARRY MASON
BRITISH VINTAGE CLOSED	BOB GRIFFIN	JOHN CARR	STANLEY JACOBSON/BERNARD FINNERAN
SWISS MASTERS	JAHANGIR KHAN	ROSS THORNE	STUART DAVENPORT/DEAN WILLIAMS
OPEN DES CARNAUX (FRA)	DAVID LLOYD	KELVIN SMITH	BJORN ALMSTROM/MARTIN BODIMEADE
WELSH OPEN	BRYAN BEESON	ALADIN ALLOUBA	PAUL SYMONDS/ASHLEY NAYLOR
PAKISTAN OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	GAMAL AWAD/QAMAR ZAMAN
WORLD OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	QAMAR ZAMAN	ROSS NORMAN/MAQSOOD AHMED
BRITISH CLOSED	GEOFF WILLIAMS	BRYAN BEESON	PHIL KENYON/ASHLEY NAYLOR
PIA MASTERS	JAHANGIR KHAN	GREG POLLARD	ROSS NORMAN/SOHAIL QAISER
MIDDLESEX OPEN	JAMIE HICKOX	CERRYG JONES	MOUSSA HELAL/HESHAM EL ATTAR
HUMBERSIDE OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	RICHARD O'CONNOR	MARK HILDRED/CHRIS MCMANUS
AL FALAJ INV. (MUSCAT)	JAHANGIR KHAN	ROSS NORMAN	QAMAR ZAMAN/CHRIS DITTMAR
SCOTTISH U23 OPEN	CHRIS ROBERTSON	NIGEL HOUGH	ANDREW CUTHBERTSON/COSTAS YARROW
BRITISH U23 OPEN	DAVID LLOYD	FREDRIK JOHNSON	CHRIS ROBERTSON/SOHAIL QAISER
EAST OF SCOTLAND OPEN	BRYAN BEESON	ALADIN ALLOUBA	CHRIS MCMANUS/MARK MACLEAN
HARVEYS OPEN (MAIDSTONE)	ROBERT FORDE	DAULAT KHAN	RICHARD O'CONNOR/SIMON TAYLOR
BELGIAN OPEN	KELVIN SMITH	BRYAN BEESON	GAMAL EL AMIR/MOUSSA HELAL
OSTEND OPEN	STUART HAILSTONE	GAMAL EL AMIR	TONY GRIFFIN/SIMON ROLLINGTON
WEST SUSSEX OPEN	PAUL SYMONDS	CHRIS ROBERTSON	RICHARD O'CONNOR/GAMAL EL AMIR
MANSFIELD OPEN	GREG POLLARD	ASHLEY NAYLOR	ROBERT FORDE/ALADIN ALLOUBA
GENVAL OPEN	STUART DAVENPORT	TRISTAN NANCARROW	GREG POLLARD/GAMAL AWAD
MAIDSTONE OPEN	CHRIS ROBERTSON	STUART HAILSTONE	DALE STYNER/IAN HOLDING
JESTERS TROPHY	ROBBIE ROBINSON	ALAN THOMPSON	HUSAIN ABAZA/STUART COURTNEY
IRISH OPEN	GAWAIN BRIARS	ROSS NORMAN	STUART DAVENPORT/GAMAL AWAD
EAST SUSSEX OPEN	DALE STYNER	ADRIAN JASKI	SIMON TAYLOR/RIC ZANVLIET
SWEDISH OPEN	JAN ULF SODERBERG	DAVID LLOYD	CHRIS ROBERTSON/JONAS GORNERUP
GRANTHAM OPEN	DALE STYNER	JONATHAN CLARK	STEVE BATEMAN/IAN HOLDING
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM OPEN	GREG POLLARD	TRISTAN NANCARROW	BRYAN BEESON/SOHAIL QAISER
NORTH EAST OPEN	BRYAN BEESON	STUART HAILSTONE	ALADIN ALLOUBA/IAN HOLDING
FINNISH OPEN	DAVID LLOYD	FREDRIK JOHNSON	TRISTAN NANCARROW/CHRIS ROBERTSON
NORTH SCOTLAND OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	ASHLEY NAYLOR	DANNY LEE/MARK HORNBY
GREATER LONDON OPEN	GAWAIN BRIARS	ROSS NORMAN	GLEN BRUMBY/RICKI HILL
ISRAEL OPEN	MOUSSA HELAL	RICKI HILL	CERRYG JONES/MARTIN SHAW
SCOTTISH OPEN	CHRIS ROBERTSON	MARTIN BODIMEADE	STUART HAILSTONE/PAUL SYMONDS
SWISS OPEN	DALE STYNER	DAVID PEARSON	RICKI HILL/KEVIN KARAM
BRITISH OVER 35 CLOSED	MOUSSA HELAL	STUART COURTNEY	HOWARD CHERLIN/MOHAMED KHALIFA
FRENCH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	STUART DAVENPORT	CHRIS DITTMAR/JAN ULF SODERBERG
KENT OPEN	DALE STYNER	JONATHAN CORNISH	ROBERT FORDE/GARY WAITE
WIMBLEDON CUP	JONNY LESLIE	JONATHAN CORNISH	TONY HALL/MALCOLM NORTH
BRIDGE OF ALLAN OPEN	ASHLEY NAYLOR	BARRY WATKINS	PETER FAIRLIE/ALASTAIR TAYLOR
PRINCE RAINIER CUP (MONACO)	GAWAIN BRIARS	GREG POLLARD	MAGDI SAAD/ROSS NORMAN
OXFORDSHIRE OPEN	GARY WAITE	STEVE LAWTON	LUKE GOJNIC/JONATHAN CORNISH
SCUNTHORPE OPEN	DALE STYNER	STUART HAILSTONE	IAN ROBINSON/ASHLEY NAYLOR
OPEN DE BLOYE (FRANCE)	DAVID LLOYD	ROSS THORNE	GLEN BRUMBY/JAN ULF SODERBERG
ALBANY OPEN	DAULAT KHAN	ROBERT OWEN	DARREN MABBS/ROBERT FORDE
STOCKTON OPEN	GAWAIN BRIARS	ROSS NORMAN	ROSS THORNE/MAGDI SAAD
BRITISH OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	CHRIS DITTMAR	STUART DAVENPORT/PHIL KENYON
BRITISH OPEN O/35	HIDDY JAHAN	ABBAS KAOUD	AHMED SAFWAT/MOUSSA HELAL
BRITISH OPEN VETS	MOHAMED YASIN	KEN HISCOE	FRED HOWELL/MIKE GRUNDY
BRITISH OPEN VINTAGE	BOB GRIFFIN	HASHIM KHAN	JOE SHAW/SONNY CUMMINS
WREXHAM OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	ROBERT FORDE	CERRYG JONES/ADRIAN DAVIES
EASTWAY OPEN	DAULAT KHAN	PETER HILL	CERRYG JONES/RICHARD O'CONNOR
LANCASTRIAN OPEN	JOHN LE LIEVRE	BARRY WATKINS	STEVE BATEMAN/MARK HORNBY
EDINBURGH OPEN	DAVID PEARSON	ASHLEY NAYLOR	BRYAN PEARSON/BRYAN BEESON
CANADIAN OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	MARK TALBOTT	MARIO SANCHEZ/NED EDWARDS
NORTH AMERICAN OPEN	JAHANGIR KHAN	STEVE BOWDITCH	NED EDWARDS/MARK TALBOTT
SRA INDIVIDUAL KNOCKOUT	RUSTOM BATIVALA	COLIN PAYNE	STEPHEN JOHNSON/PETER HARDMAN
GIMSON INVITATION (LEICESTER)	DANNY LEE	ROBERT FORDE	ASHLEY NAYLOR/MARTIN BODIMEADE

Squash Library
19 March at 21:32 ·

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

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

Squash Library
15 March at 07:49 ·

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

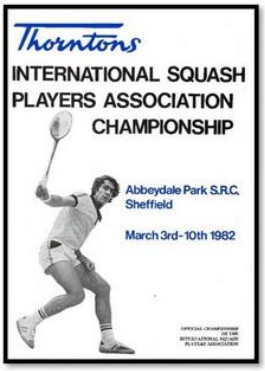
Squash Library
12 March at 07:49 ·

The Australian Open being played in Brisbane this week, a PSA Gold event, has a long history. It began in 1939, and was even preceded by earlier Australian Championships. https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources for the Library list of past winners. PSA Squash TourSquash Australia

1999	*No competition*	Michelle Martin
2000	Anthony Ricketts	Leilani Joyce (NZL)
2001	Tommy Berden (NED)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
2002	Stewart Boswell	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
2003	Dan Jenson	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
2004	Dan Jenson	Natalie Grinham
2005	Anthony Ricketts^	Rachael Grinham^
2006	Stewart Boswell	Kasey Brown
2007	Stewart Boswell	Shelley Kitchen (NZL)
2008	David Palmer	Annie Au (HKG)
2009	Stewart Boswell	Joelle King (NZL)
2010	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Madeline Perry (IRL)
2011	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Nicol David (MAS)
2012	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Nicol David (MAS)
2013	*No competition*	*No competition*
2014	*No competition*	*No competition*
2015	Paul Coll (NZL)	Joelle King (NZL)

Squash Library
7 March at 07:42 ·

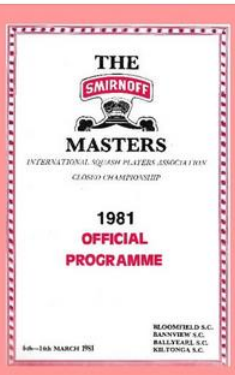
The 1980 ISPA Championships was held at the Gaumont Cinema in Southampton as reported in a Library post. Yesterday the 1981 event was covered, and today the 1982 event saw ISPA (now PSA), holding their championship at the Abbeydale Club in Sheffield. Here are the final round results, including the late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



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

Squash Library
6 March at 07:50

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



Quarter-finals:
Geoff Hunt (AUS) bt Steve Bowditch (AUS) 9-3 9-3 9-6;
Maqsood Ahmed (PAK) bt Qamar Zaman (PAK) 10-9 9-0 9-1;
Jahangir Khan (PAK) bt Dean Williams (AUS) 9-4 9-5 9-3;
Gamal Awad (EGY) bt Roland Watson (RSA) 9-4 9-7 9-4.
Semi-finals:
Hunt bt Awad 9-2 9-6 9-6;
Khan bt Ahmed 9-3 9-1 9-3.
Final:
Hunt bt Khan 9-5 9-2 9-5.

Squash Library
4 March at 07:56

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

NEW ZEALAND OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

** Additional title wrapped into the World Open title held there

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Squash Library
1 March at 13:49

Mohamed ElShorbagy beat Leonel Cardenas (right) in yesterday's final of the Canadian Men's Open; and according to the www.squashinfo.com data trove it marked his 750th PSA Tour match. This moved him into 2nd place in the men's most matches list, overtaking James Willstrop's 748, and getting closer still to Frenchman Greg Gaultier's top total of 760 matches. PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
1 March at 07:43

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

Picture: Todhunter Family Archive

Squash Library
24 February at 07:54

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

Squash Library
22 February at 07:55

South Africa boasts extensive national doubles activity. Following on from the National titles last weekend (pic), this weekend a Junior Doubles Camp is being held to educate youngsters about doubles.
Double is played across the country; an Inter-provincial Masters Team event is held featuring around 500 players
The SA National Doubles are played on four doubles courts at Country Club Johannesburg, built in 2007, using the lower 33cm (13") tin height, although other events use standard courts and tins. (Scoring is best of 3 games to 11, sudden death at 10 all).
Squash South AfricaWorld Squash FederationSquash Federation of Africa SFA

From left, Luhann Groenewald and Dewald van Niekerk (men's title), Damian Groenewald and Hayley Ward (mixed title) and Alexa Pienaar (women's title, partnering Ward).

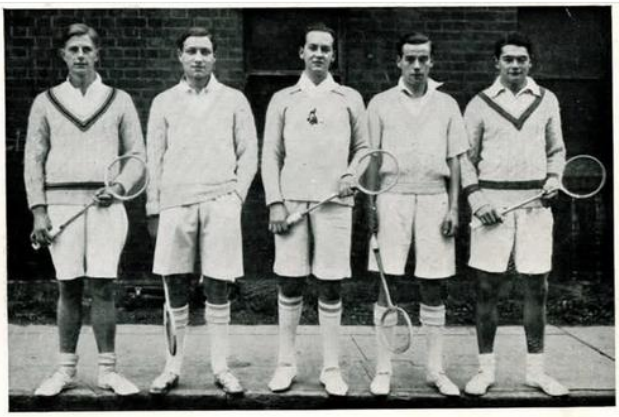
Squash Library
21 February at 07:47

The first Women's International match played in England was the second Wolfe-Noel Challenge Cup match played between Great Britain & USA teams at Queens Club, London, in February 1934. The full Wolfe-Noel Cup history is on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup.
In 1934 GB won 5/0. Lord Aberdare is pictured presenting the Cup to Eliza Wolfe (GB non-playing captain. (L to R) American team, Miss Pafe, Marguerite Anderson, Mrs Green, Margaret Howe, Agnes Lamme, Eleanora Sears, Lord Aberdare, Susan Noel, Mrs Pittman, Eliza Wolfe, Margot Lumb, Sheila Mckechnie (GB). England SquashUS SQUASH

(Photo from: Squash Rackets, by Susan Noel 1937)

Squash Library
15 February at 07:51

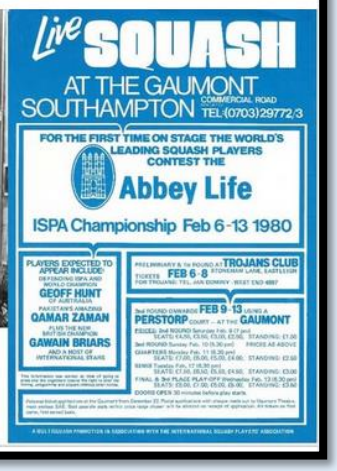
Today marks the centenary of the annual Oxford v Cambridge university match, which is being played at the RAC in London. While the first in 1925 was unofficial, the ensuing ones were formal ties. So far, Cambridge are ahead with 50 wins (Oxford have 42) over the years.
The selection of pictured teams collated by Chris Orriss, has English top-liners including Johnny Leslie, Philip Ayton, John Easter, Nigel Broomfield and Norman Borrett sprinkled in the British and overseas players. It is here: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources on the Library website.



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

Squash Library
13 February at 07:50

The final of the ISPA (now PSA) 1980 Championship took place at the Gaumont Cinema in Southampton, England, 45 years ago today – the first time an event had been mounted on a theatre stage. A demountable glass-backwall was used so that approximately half of the 2,000 capacity was usable.
Another milestone was that this was the first professional event for Jahangir Khan, who was within two points of winning at 7/7 in the 4th game before losing in five to Hiddy Jahan in the last 16. Qamar Zaman was the eventual winner in a 1h 45m final. (Results below). PSA Squash TourPakistan Squash FederationEngland Squash



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

Squash Library
10 February at 08:10

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

Wales beat Denmark 5-0
Denis Hughes (pic) bt O. Rasmussen 9-2 9-5 9-10 9-5.
Lawrence Verney bt B. O. Smitt 9-3 9-10 9-4 9-7.
G. E. Needham b J. Andersen 6-9 10-8 9-2 6-9 9-3.
J. T. Evans b H. Hovgaard 9-1 9-6, 9-6.
David Wynne-Morgan bt P. Brunn 9-5 9-6 9-7.
Wales beat Sweden 5-0
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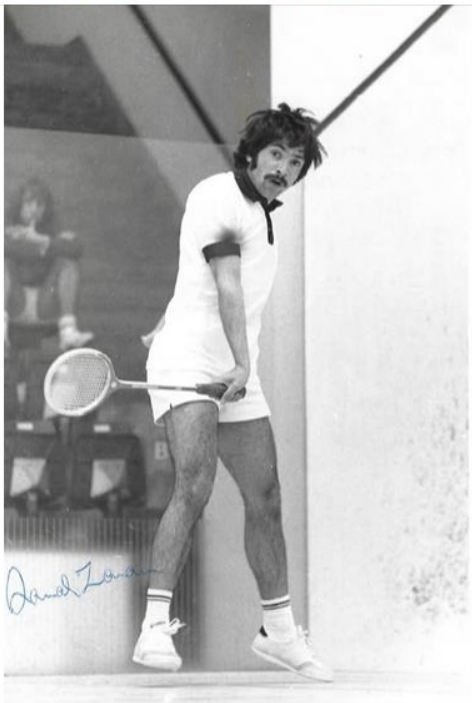
G. E. Needham bt B. Salen 9-5 6-9 9-4 7-9 9-0.
J. T. Evans bt T. Sundin 9-7 9-0 9-6.
David Wynne- Morgan bt T. Johncre 9-4 9-7 10-8.

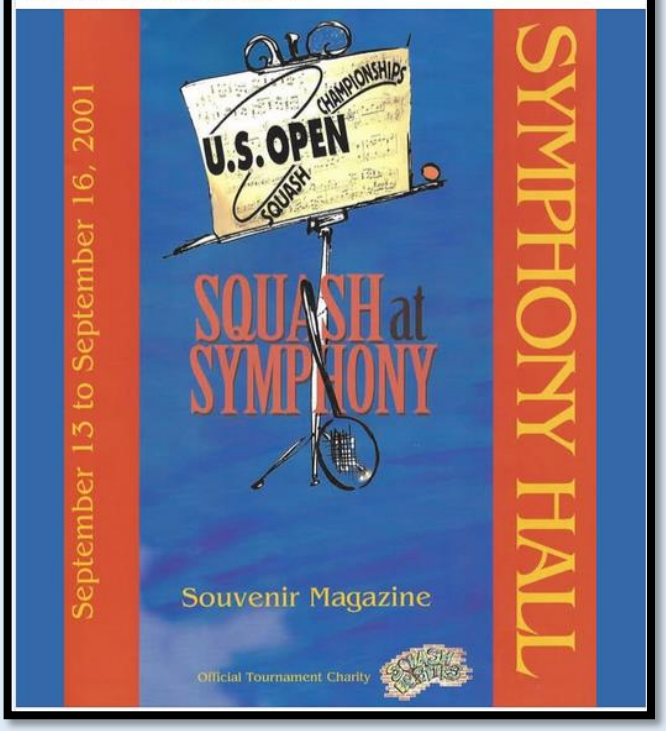
Squash Library
7 February at 08:06

Shortly after winning the British Open 50 years ago today (7 Feb 1975) - beating Gogi Alauddin in the final - Qamar Zaman (pictured) announced that he was turning professional, alongside British Amateur holder fellow Pakistani Mohibullah Khan. (Amateur status was abolished in 1980 – details on page 154 of https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration. British Open Squash - from SquashSitePSA Squash TourPakistan Squash Pakistan Squash Federation



Squash Library
25 January at 08:11

The 2001 Tournament Champions was scheduled to begin on 13 September in Boston, but two days before it the 9/11 atrocity took place in New York, causing its postponement. The programme for the event was already printed. For a full history of champions go to : https://tocsquash.com/toc-history/. PSA Squash Tour



Squash Library
31 January at 07:56

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

CAROL WEYMULLER WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONS

1975	Barbara Maltby	2000	Leilani Joyce (NZL)
1986	Barbara Maltby	2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
1987	Barbara Maltby	2002	Carol Owens (NZL)
1978	Barbara Maltby	2003	Cassie Jackman (ENG)
1979	Virginia Akabane	2004	Natalie Grainger
1980	Alicia McConnell	2005	Nicol David (MAS)
1981	Alicia McConnell	2006	Rachael Grinham (AUS)
1982	Alicia McConnell	2007	Natalie Grainger
1983	Alicia McConnell	2008	Natalie Grainger
1984	Alicia McConnell	2009	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)
1985	Alicia McConnell	2010	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)
1986	Alicia McConnell	2011	Raneem El Welily (EGY)
1987	Karen Kelso	2012	Laura Massaro (ENG)
1988	*Not played*	2013	Nicol David (MAS)
1989	Karen Kelso	2014	Alison Waters (ENG)
1990	Ellie Pierce	2015	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
1991	Demer Holleran	2016	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
1992	Demer Holleran	2017	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
1993	Fiona Geaves (ENG)	2018	Nour El Tayeb (EGY)
1994	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	2019	*Not played*
1995	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2020	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
1996	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	2021	*Not played*
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	2022	Rowan Elaraby (EGY)
1998	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2023	Georgina Kennedy (ENG)
1999	Michelle Martin (AUS)	2024	Farida Mohamed (EGY)

USA unless stated
Carol Weymuller (above)

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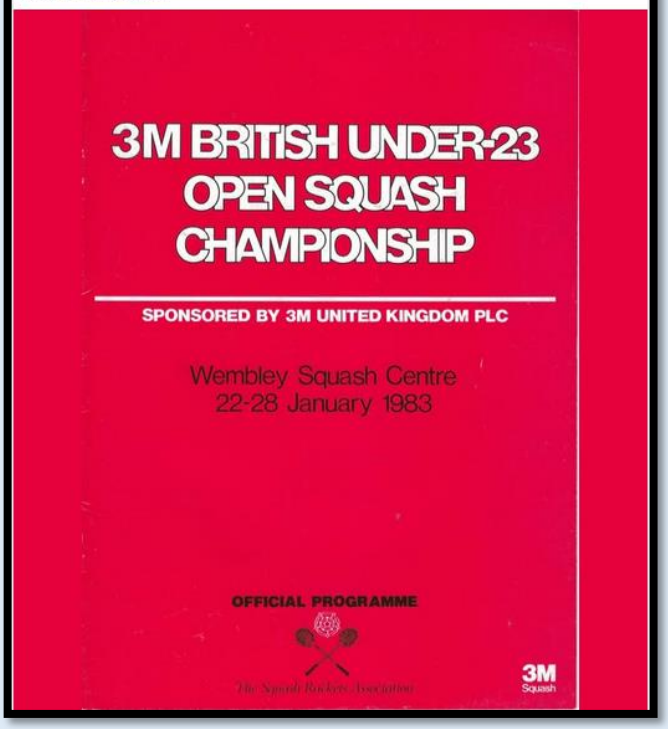
Squash Library
23 January at 07:57

The player profiles for the players competing in the 3M British Under 23 Open event in January 1983 included Dittmar, Davenport, Qaiser, Wilkinson, Hill, Zahir Khan, Pollard, Johnson, Gul, Zahran and a number of English players.
See them all at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, along with the results of the event. England Squash



Squash Library
21 January at 08:03

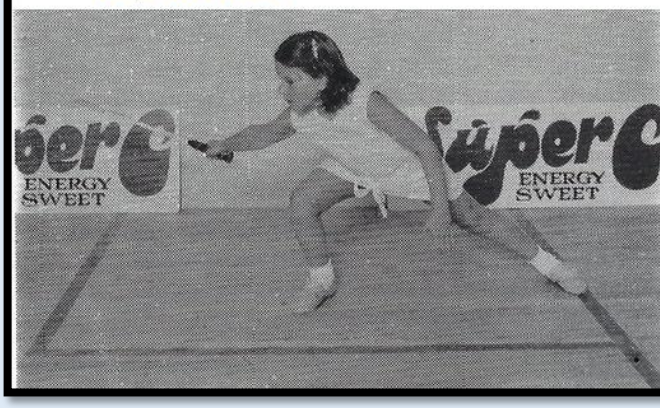
Due to a letter that his granddaughter Sabine Van Oppens has found, we now know the role her grandfather Albert Van Oppens, a Sabena (Belgian) airline played in the start of the South African Knights tours with his support of founder Kendal Jarvis. See it on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../the-south-african-knights, along with the details of past Knights players. Squash South Africa

Squash Library
22 January at 07:56

Well before the Chichester Squash Festival took to the theatre stage, including the memorably long Jahangir Khan v Gamal Awad match in 1983 (2h 46m, four games), the event took place at the Chichester Tennis and Squash Club. This month in 1976, for example, saw Qamar Zaman (right) beat fellow Pakistani Mohibullah Khan (left) 0-9 10-8 9-3 0-9 9-0 in an unusual scoreline final. PSA Squash TourPakistan Squash Federation

Squash Library
20 January at 08:21

Not every player who has become a top star picked up a racket at an early age, but Natalie Grainger, daughter of English international Jean Wilson was one who did. Here she is on court aged seven, some years before becoming world number one for one month aged 25y 10m in June 2003. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASH



Squash Library
17 January at 08:02 ·

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

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

Squash Library
16 January at 08:22 ·

The Drysdale Cup, the informal title of the British Under 19 Men's Open, was named after RAC member Dr Theodore Drysdale. He spearheaded the initiation of the event in 1926 but died suddenly shortly afterwards, so his fellow RAC members provided the Drysdale Cup trophy for the event which reaches its centenary next year.
Here on the Library website is the full list of finalists: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources
Some great player names were winners, with only Del Harris winning four times. Scoring three titles were Nigel Broomfield and Mohamed ElShorbagy. Jahangir Khan and Amr Shabana failed in finals, and Jansher Khan doesn't feature at all. Past sets of results for the British Junior Open are at www.squashinfo.com. England Squash

Glen Brumby	(AUS)	Jahangir Khan
Stuart Davenport	(NZL)	Jamshed Gul
Sohail Qai		ittmar
Chris Ditt		Willstrop
Jamie Hick		ayat Khan
David Lloy		Owen
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Juha Raun		Stiff
Justin Ren		oes
Ahmed Barada	(EGY)	Adam Toes
Iain Higgins		Chris Tomlinson
Ahmed Faizy	(EGY)	MarcusCowie

Squash Library
13 January at 07:53 ·

54 years ago in 1971 Great Britain women hosted Australia for a three match test match series; the visitors including Heather McKay amongst their players. See the full results here https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources on the Library website, along with the player details from the reproduced programme for the third test. England SquashSquash Australia

Squash Library
10 January at 07:53

Muscles, tendons and other similar injuries can happen in a squash court, but bones much more rarely get broken. However Canadian Jonathon Power fell playing Nick Matthew in the first round of the Qatar Classic 2003 fracturing bones in his hand, requiring five screws to be inserted to stabilise it. PSA Squash TourSquash Canada

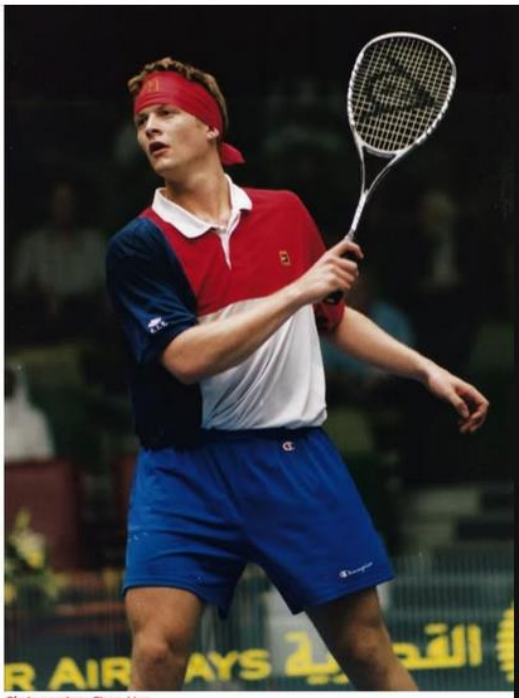


Photo courtesy Steve Line

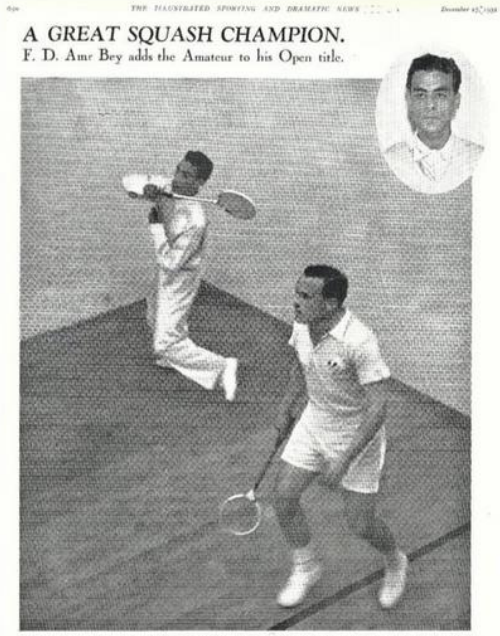
Squash Library
8 January at 07:55

15 years ago in January 2010, Egyptian Ramy Ashour, a three time world champion (2008/12/14), became world number one for the first time at the age of 22y 4m. He spent a total of 21 months in the top spot overall. PSA Squash TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشRamy Ashour

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
9 January at 08:12

The Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News in December 1932 reported on F D Amr Bey winning the British Amateur Championship. While the photo did not do justice to his elegant style – his record, this was the second of six titles – along with five British Open wins, ensured the Egyptian would be regarded as a great champion. England SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



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A GREAT SQUASH CHAMPION.

F. D. Amr Bey adds the Amateur to his Open title.

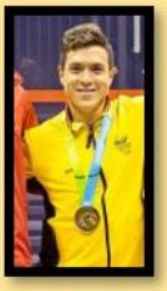
EGYPT RETAINS THE AMATEUR SQUASH TITLE: AMR BEY (L.) AND E. SNELL IN FINAL.

The most one-sided final ever seen in the event enabled that remarkable Egyptian player F. D. Amr Bey to retain his title of Amateur Squash Rackets champion at the Bath Club. He already held the Open title. Amr Bey is the best champion there has ever been and has immensely improved since last year. His opponent in the final, E. Snell, though losing 1-9, 0-9, 4-9, made an excellent first appearance in the event and only failed where others must also have been vanquished.

Article from the Bas van Hoorn collection

Squash Library
7 January at 07:56

Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez, the 2018 British Open winner, holds a squash record with his gold medals in five different editions of the PanAm Games. Medal histories are here, https://www.squashlibrary.info/asian-panam-events on the library website (he won a further five silver/bronze too), with full results at www.squashinfo.com. These are his golds: Federacion Panamericana de SquashPanam SportsFederación Colombiana de SquashMiguel Ángel RodríguezWorld Squash Federation



PanAm Golds

2007 Men's Team
2011 Men's
2015 Men's
2019 Mixed Doubles
2023 Men's Team

Squash Library
2 January at 07:51

The male Under 19 British Junior Open began in 1925/26 season played for a trophy donated by the squash players of the RAC (left pic), in memory of RAC member Dr Theodore Drysdale who had spearheaded the initiative to support junior squash, then died suddenly. The women's event started in 1948/49 season, initially as an Under 21 championship before moving to Under 19 in 1967/68. Later it was played for a trophy donated by Chris Orriss & Stuart Courtney.
The Drysdale Cup does have a few dents - on more than one occasion it took a dive when being held aloft by the winner whilst only holding the plinth! England Squash

Squash Library
16 December at 07:54

The Howe Cup is the United States' largest squash event for women - an annual team championship tournament. (Website: https://ussquash.org/womenandgirls/howe-cup/). The annual women's five-person team tournament began in 1928 as an inter-city competition between New York, Philadelphia and Boston and celebrated its 90th anniversary last year. US SQUASH

Squash Library
30 November at 08:04

Germany started sending a men's team at the 2nd European Team Championship 50 years ago, in 1974. Here is an early team from 1976 (from left): Ronny Rothenberger, Ludwig Paul, Joachim Weber, Peter Marquardt, Michael Kurtz. Deutscher Squash Verband e.V.European Squash Federation

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Squash Library
18 December at 07:49

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

EGYPT'S GREAT SPORTSMAN

AMR BEY'S EXAMPLE AND PRECEPT

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

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

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

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

WIRE AND WHIPCORD

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

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

Apart from his squash rackets wizardry, the game owes a great debt to Amr Bey, for no one has done more for it by example and precept. Always courteous, always supremely modest, his sense of real sportsmanship has set up a standard to which all young players should aspire. Of Amr Bey Egypt, to which country he is proud to belong, can justifiably boast.

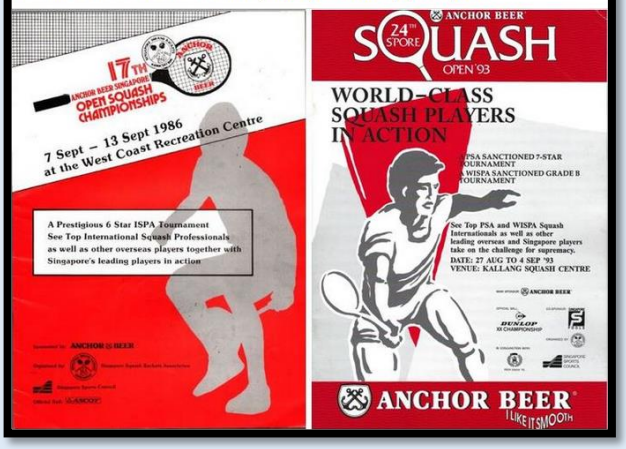
H. F. W.

Squash Library
29 November at 08:06 ·

This week in 1979 the final leg of the PIA World Series of Squash took place at Wembley Squash Centre. The players, with the final rounds results from all the PIA events 1977 – 1979 at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../pia-world-series-1977..., are here. Pia AirlinePSA Squash TourPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشEngland SquashSquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaSquash AustraliaWilkinson Sword

Squash Library
21 November at 08:04 ·

The Singapore Open began in 1970 (men) and 1972 (women). All the finalists from the start are listed here on the Library: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources. 2024 champions will be crowned at the OCBC arena on Sunday. PSA Squash TourSingapore Squash



Squash Library
20 November at 08:06 ·

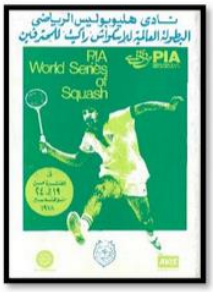
The first match to be played between Netherlands and Belgium was held at The Hague, 70 years ago today (20 Nov 1954), and was convincingly won by Belgium 5-0.
For the record, Belgian names first: H. A. de Coninck bt A. G. Maris 9-5 9-2 2-9, 4-9 9-5. M. van den Bemden bt A. Blom 9-1 9-1 9-0. J. van den Eynde bt J. G. van Oort 9-0 9-0 9-1. J. P. Hye de Crom bt A. J. Staal 9-5 9-1 9-1. G. Mercier bt J. W. Bartelds 9-1 9-6 9-5.

Squash Library
25 November at 08:06 ·

The first time a women's event was added to the Swedish Open was the 1976 edition played in Gothenburg. The all-English was final was abbreviated when Barbara Diggens tore her achilles tendon in the first game against Theo Johnson (pic) who became the first champion. The Men's event had begun in 1968, with the first two titles being won by Englishman John Ward (pic). While the event has not been held every year since and has varied in level, past winners do include Jahangir Khan (1987) and Susan Devoy (1985 & 87). @Svensk squash PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
16 November at 08:16 ·

Starting today in 1978, Egypt was added to five other countries which had hosted legs of the PIA World Series of Squash that year. Full results from all venues are at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../pia-world-series-1977..., with the Cairo ones here: PSA Squash TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشPakistan Squash Federation



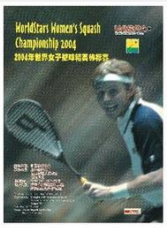
16 – 20 November 1978 , Cairo, Egypt

Quarter Finals: Qamar Zaman (PAK) bt Jonah Barrington(IRL) 9-6 9-4, 9-2, Hiddy Jahan (PAK) bt Bruce Brownlee (NZL) 3/0, Gogi Aladdin (PAK) bt Ahmed Safwat (EGY) 3/0, Mohibullah Khan (PAK) bt Maqsood Ahmed (PAK) 3/0.
Semi Finals: Qamar Zaman bt Gogi Alauddin, Mohibullah Khan bt Hiddy Jahan.
Final: Zaman bt Mohibullah Khan 10-8,10-8,10-8.

(Scores included where known)

Squash Library
23 November at 07:58 ·

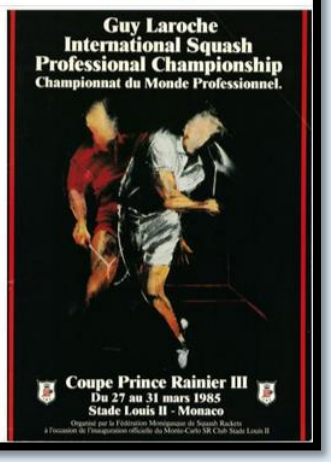
The first men's or women's major international event in China was the Women's WorldStars held at the Megafit Club in Shanghai this week 20 years ago in 2004. It somewhat inexplicably featured definitely male Peter Nicol on the materials! The results: PSA Squash Tour



Final:
[2] Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt [7] Nicol David (MAS) 3/0
Semi-finals:
[7] Nicol David (MAS) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 3/1
[2] Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt [3] Natalie Grinham (AUS) 3/0
Quarter-finals:
[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Tania Bailey (ENG) 3/2
[7] Nicol David (MAS) bt [4] Natalie Grainger (USA) 3/1
[3] Natalie Grinham (AUS) bt Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 3/0
[2] Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt [Q] Vicky Botwright (ENG) 3/0

Squash Library
15 November at 08:14

The final of the Monte Carlo Classic takes place today - the first edition of the women's event taking place in 1996 (full results at www.squashinfo.com). However, before this the Coupe Prince Rainier III took place for men for several years beginning in 1985. PSA Squash Tour



Squash Library
12 November at 08:02

There was a period in the 1970s and into the 1980s where there was a pro-circuit in UK leading into the British Open. Events included Lookers, Chichester, Prodorite and the Stockton Open. Here are event details for Stockton (North East England) in April 1978. England SquashPSA Squash Tour

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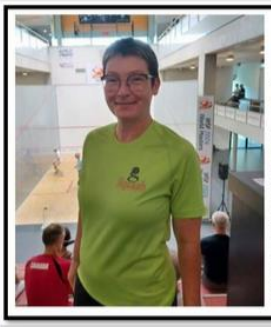
Semi-finals
Hunt bt. Brownlee 9-0, 9-1, 9-6; Khan bt. Jahan 9-4, 9-6, 9-0.
Final
Hunt bt. M. Khan 9-6, 9-7, 9-1.

Squash Library
9 November at 08:15

She did it! Following on from this recent Library post Sandra Denis has now won her 23rd Luxembourg national women's title. The record question still stands.



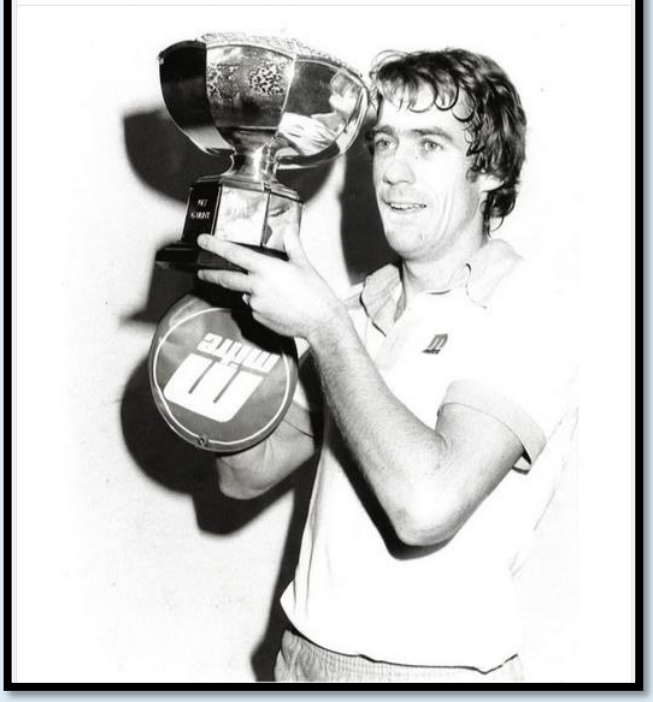
Squash Library
17 September

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

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

Squash Library
7 November at 22:32

Geoff Hunt, eight times British Open champion (1969/74/6/7/8/9/80/1), is a new inductee as a Sport Australia Hall of Fame legend. He is added to the 49 members who include such stars such as Don Bradman, Margaret Court, Herb Elliot, Greg Norman and Rod Laver. He joins Heather McKay who was elevated in 2000. Late maybe, but much deserved! World Squash FederationPSA Squash TourSquash Australia



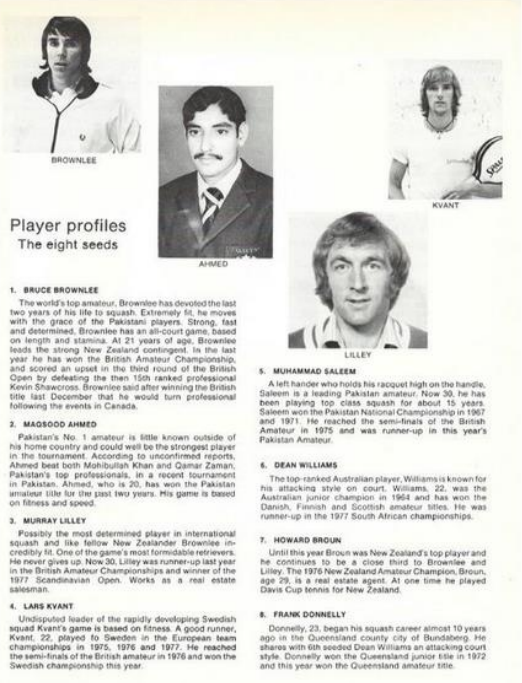
Squash Library
6 November at 08:03

A great milestone reported by www.squashinfo.com:

Former US champion Christopher Gordon will become the first man in history to compete in 300 Tour events when play gets underway today at the @PSAChallenger CDMX Open in Mexico https://squashinfo.com/events/10717

Squash Library
2 November ·

A Library look back to the first international Canadian Championships which took place in Ottawa in 1977. Here, on the Library website, https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../canadian-championships..., is the programme which included notes about adapting to the international game, profiles of players Brownlee, Maqsood, Lilley, Kvant, Muhammad Saleem, Williams, Broun and Donnelly; along with an article about the first six decades of squash in Ottawa. Squash CanadaPSA Squash Tour



BROWNLEE

AHMED

KVANT

LILLEY

Player profiles
The eight seeds

1. BRUCE BROWNLEE

The world's top amateur, Brownlee has devoted the last two years of his life to squash. Extremely fit, he moves with the grace of the Pakistani players. Strong, fast and determined, Brownlee has an all-court game, based on length and stamina. At 21 years of age, Brownlee leads the strong New Zealand contingent. In the last year he has won the British Amateur Championship, and scored an upset in the third round of the British Open by defeating the then 15th ranked professional Kevin Shawcross. Brownlee said after winning the British title last December that he would turn professional following the events in Canada.

2. MAQSOOD AHMED

Pakistan's No. 1 amateur is little known outside of his home country and could well be the strongest player in the tournament. According to unconfirmed reports, Ahmed beat both Mohibullah Khan and Qamar Zaman, Pakistan's top professionals, in a recent tournament in Pakistan. Ahmed, who is 20, has won the Pakistan amateur title for the past two years. His game is based on fitness and speed.

3. MURRAY LILLEY

Possibly the most determined player in international squash and like fellow New Zealander Brownlee incredibly fit. One of the game's most formidable retrievers. He never gives up. Now 30, Lilley was runner-up last year in the British Amateur Championships and winner of the 1977 Scandinavian Open. Works as a real estate salesman.

4. LARS KVANT

Undisputed leader of the rapidly developing Swedish squad Kvant's game is based on fitness. A good runner, Kvant, 22, played for Sweden in the European team championships in 1975, 1976 and 1977. He reached the semi-finals of the British amateur in 1976 and won the Swedish championship this year.

5. MUHAMMAD SALEEM

A left hander who holds his racquet high on the handle, Saleem is a leading Pakistan amateur. Now 30, he has been playing top class squash for about 15 years. Saleem won the Pakistan National Championship in 1967 and 1971. He reached the semi-finals of the British Amateur in 1975 and was runner-up in this year's Pakistan Amateur.

6. DEAN WILLIAMS

The top-ranked Australian player, Williams is known for his attacking style on court. Williams, 22, was the Australian junior champion in 1964 and has won the Danish, Finnish and Scottish amateur titles. He was runner-up in the 1977 South African championships.

7. HOWARD BROUN

Until this year Broun was New Zealand's top player and he continues to be a close third to Brownlee and Lilley. The 1976 New Zealand Amateur Champion, Broun, age 29, is a real estate agent. At one time he played Davis Cup tennis for New Zealand.

8. FRANK DONNELLY

Donnelly, 23, began his squash career almost 10 years ago in the Queensland county city of Bundaberg. He shares with 6th seeded Dean Williams an attacking court style. Donnelly won the Queensland junior title in 1972 and this year won the Queensland amateur title.

Squash Library
29 October at 08:17 ·

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

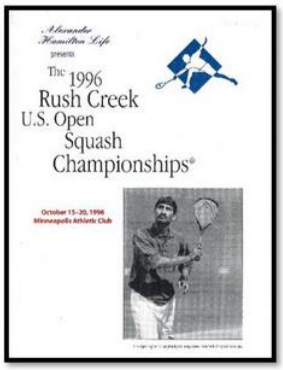
Squash Library
30 October at 08:35 ·

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

Squash Library
26 October at 08:10 ·

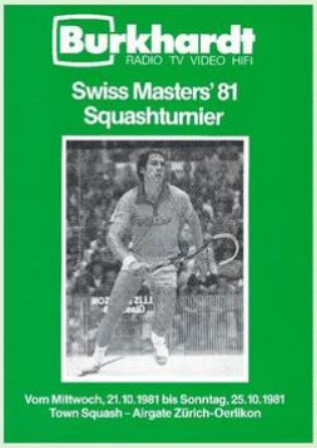
The 1996 US Open went to Minneapolis under the directorship of Minneapolis Athletic Club's John Flanagan – the current Worlds manager in Chicago. It was played at a point when the state of Minnesota was shifting to international courts – later round results below. In 1992 Chicago had none, only 32 'narrow'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

Final:
[1] Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt [3] Peter Nicol (SCO)
9-15, 17-15, 15-12, 15-17, 15-12
Semi-finals:
Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt Del Harris (ENG)
15-7, 5-15, 14-15, 15-13, 15-9
Peter Nicol (SCO) bt Ahmed Barada (EGY)
15-10, 10-15, 15-11, 12-7 ret.
Quarter-finals:
Rodney Eyles (AUS) bt Craig Rowland (AUS)
15-8, 3-15, 15-10, 15-13
Del Harris (ENG) bt Simon Parke (ENG)
15-10, 15-8, 13-15, 17-14
Peter Nicol (SCO) bt Mark Chaloner (ENG)
15-13, 15-7, 15-6
Ahmed Barada (EGY) bt Jonathon Power (CAN)
9-15, 15-9, 15-5, 14-15, 15-13



Squash Library
25 October at 08:14

The first Swiss Masters final took place today (25 October) in 1981 at Town Squash, Airgate. Maqsood Ahmed (pic) scored a final win over Geoff Hunt in the final; here are the full results. PSA Squash TourPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaEngland SquashSquash South AfricaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

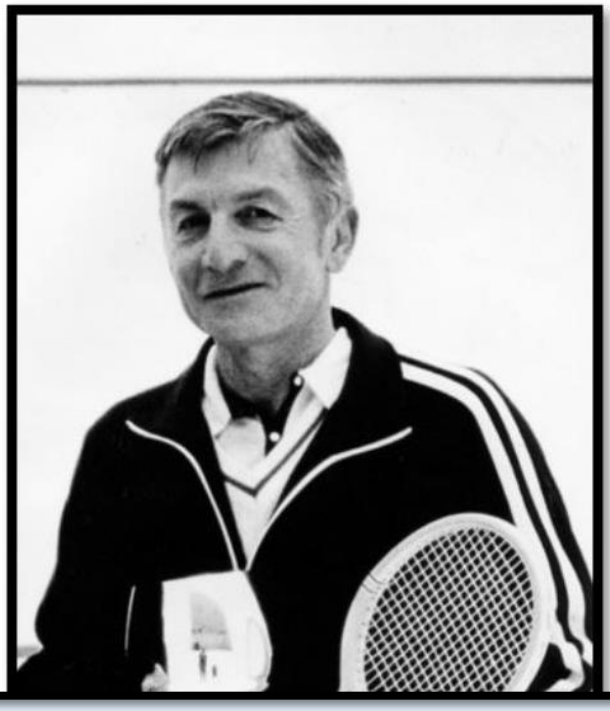


ROUND 1
Geoff Hunt (Aus) bt Ian Robinson (Eng) 3-1
Gawain Briars (Eng) bt Roland Watson (RSA) 3-0
Ahmed Safwat (Egy) bt Mo Asran (Egy) 3-2
Hiddy Jahan (Pak) bt Phil Kenyon (Eng) 3-1
Ross Norman (NZL) bt Gamal Awad (Egy) 3-1
Ali Aziz (Egy) bt Steve Bowditch (Aus) 3-0
Maqsood Ahmed (Pak) bt Lars Kvant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

QUARTER FINALS
Hunt bt Briars 3-2
Jahan bt Safwat 3-1
Norman bt Aziz 3-0
Maqsood bt Bumby 3-1
SEMI FINALS
Hunt bt Jahan 3-1
Maqsood bt Norman 3-0
FINAL
Maqsood bt Hunt 3-0

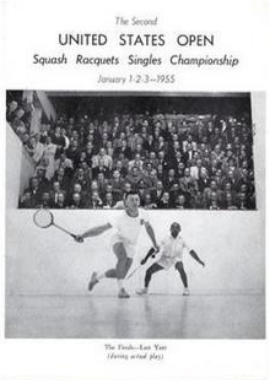
Squash Library
23 October at 08:02

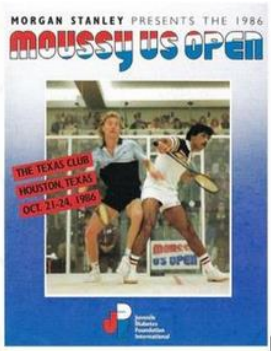
70 years ago January 1954 saw the first US Open. It was open to all nationalities, amateur or professional, but the draw was limited to 20 players.
British Open champions Mahmoud Karim and Hashim Khan travelled to the University Club in New York to play. Despite hardball being predominant in USA and unfamiliar to them they reached the semis before Egyptian Karim was beaten 3-0 by French American US Amateur champion Henri Salaun. However Hashim beat Diehl Mateer 15-12 in the decider before Salaun (pic) took the final 15-7 15-12 15-14. Hashim did master the game though, and later took three US Open titles. PSA Squash TourUS SQUASHPakistan Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library
24 October at 08:14

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





Squash Library
14 October at 08:19

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

A LATE EVENING IN CHICHESTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squash Library
1 October

The Qatar Classic begins today in Doha having first been played in 1992. On the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, is a list of past Qatar winners and runners up, taken from the www.squashinfo.com data cache. (2023 champions Hania El Hammamy and Ali Farag pictured). PSA Squash Tour

Squash Library
25 September at 08:16

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

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

As at: September 2024
* Currently competing
^ month approximation
** Career began prior to 1st ranking

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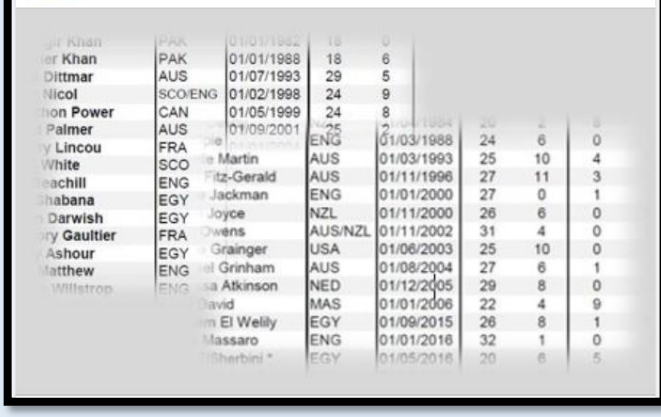
Squash Library
26 September at 14:03

The full sets of squash's world number ones from the www.squashinfo.com cache uploaded this week are on the Library website. There have been 39 players from 12 nations. Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources to see them all in one place. PSA Squash TourWorld Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشEngland SquashFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashSquash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaUS SQUASHPakistan Squash FederationScottish SquashSquash Australia1Malaysia SquashSquash Canada@Squash Bond Nederland@federacion peruana de squash



Squash Library
24 September at 08:12

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

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

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Squash Library
26 September at 08:20

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

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

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^ month approximation
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Squash Library
23 September at 08:09

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

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

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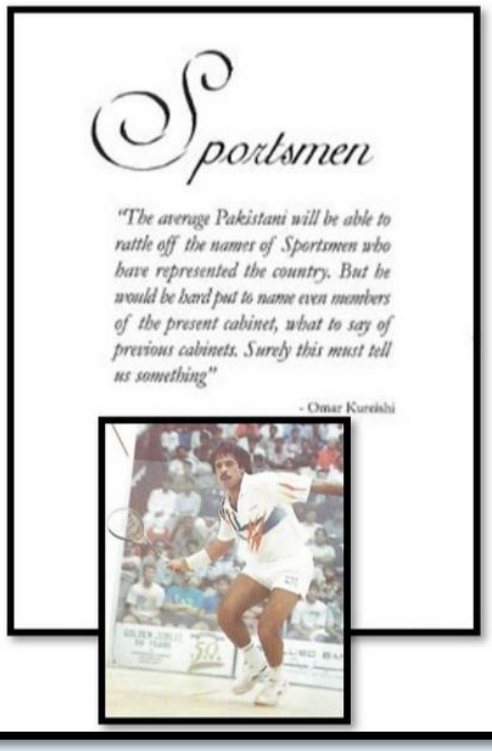
Squash Library
19 September at 08:29 ·

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

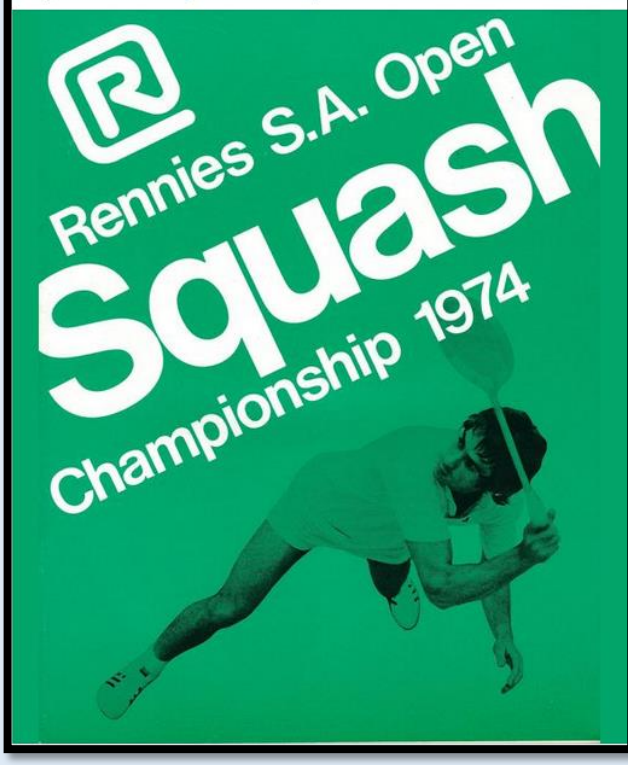


Squash Library
16 September at 08:22 ·

The winner of the first two men's British Opens in 1930 & 31 was Donald Butcher (pic). Find out more about him and all the top champions, past and present, complete with stunning photos, in 'Squash Then And Now.' Go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration to order your book. British Open Squash - from SquashSite

Squash Library
30 August at 05:50 ·

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

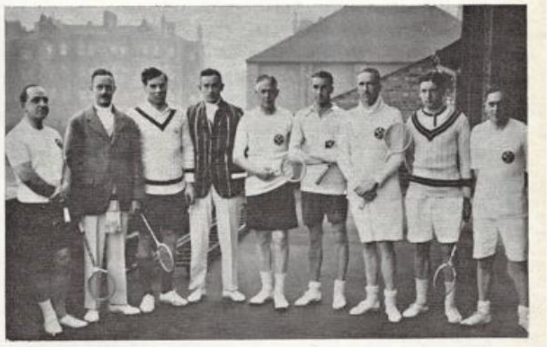


Squash Library
17 September at 08:26 ·

Time to re-open the debate. The one about most senior national titles won.
When Sandra Denis plays in the Luxembourg Nationals at CK Sportcenter Kockelscheuer at the beginning of next month the tax adviser will be going for her 23rd win. Surprisingly, Denis was already aged 26 when she won her first, missed two years with an anterior cruciate ligament, as well as losing in 2020 and 2022 before winning it again in 2021 and 2023.
Anybody with more male or female titles than her current 22? World Squash FederationEuropean Squash FederationFederacion Panamericana de SquashSquash Federation of Africa SFA

Squash Library
27 August at 07:55

Yorkshire had won the first English Inter-County Championship in 1929-30 (beating Sussex 3-2),with Kent dethroning them a year later, as pictured (featuring some strong players of the era). England Squash

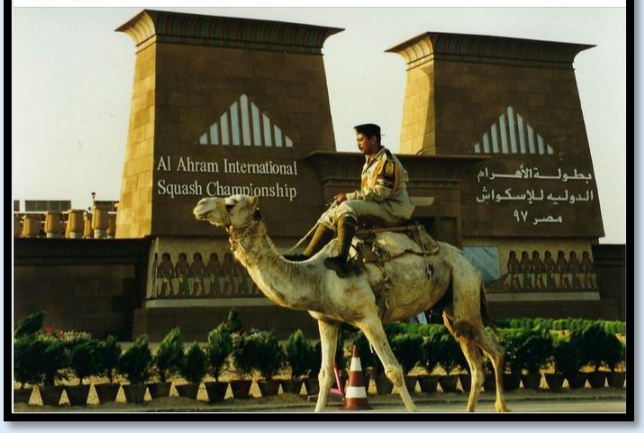


Kent and Yorkshire Teams—Inter-County Championship Final 1930-31 at Queens Club—Kent won 5-0.

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

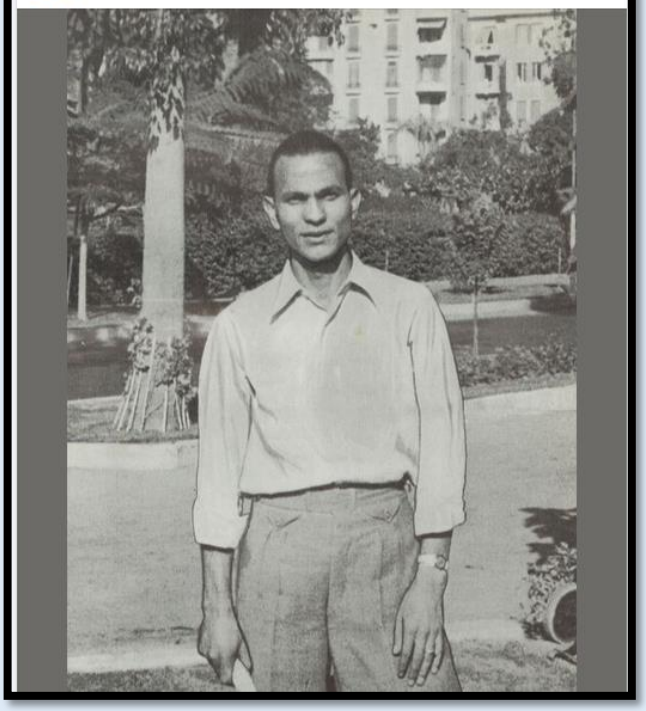
Squash Library
26 August at 08:15

A feature of the Al Ahram Championship when it started in 1996 at the Giza Pyramids was the ring of army guys securing the perimeter of the site on camels. Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش Al-Ahram Weekly



Squash Library
20 August at 08:11

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



Squash Library
17 August at 07:23

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

Squash Library
9 August at 08:14 ·

Windhoek, the Namibian capital, has been more recently associated with hosting the Men's World Juniors ten years ago, but back in 1982 they brought in overseas players Gamal Awad, Gawain Briars, Glen Brumby and Ahmed Safwat. https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources for the details. Namibian Squash Association

AHMED SAFWAT - Egypt.

Squash Library
5 August at 08:17 ·

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

Squash Library
8 August at 06:53 ·

Jonathon Power won the World Open in 1998, and www.squashinfo.com records that he became world No 1 for the first of four periods totalling 14 months in May 1999 (just after winning his one British Open title), ending with a month in March 2006. The Canadian star, inventive and volatile, a crowd-pleaser, celebrates his 50th birthday today (born 9 August 1974). Squash CanadaSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

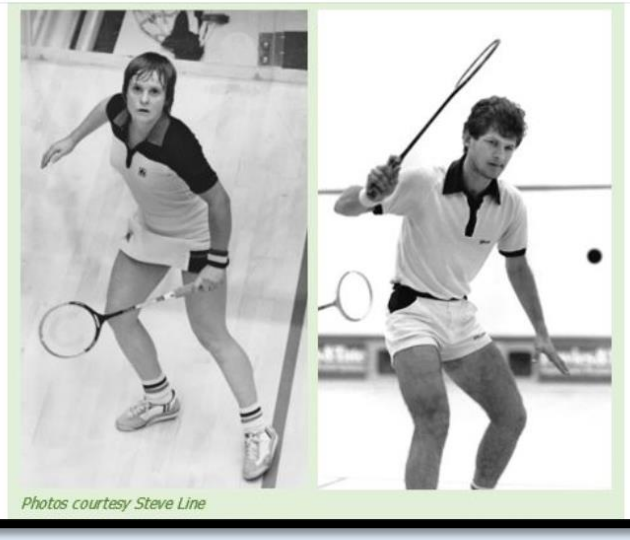
Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
18 July at 08:23 ·

Nour El Tayeb has announced her retirement during this year's World Juniors, the title the Egyptian won in 2011. During a sparkling career she also won the 2017 US Open and in 2019 was runner-up to Nour ElSherbini in the World Championships. www.squashinfo.com for her full career results and rankings. Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
12 July at 07:38 ·

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



Squash Library
10 July at 05:52 ·

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

Squash Library
9 July at 08:18 ·

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

VISITATION FROM EGYPT

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

Squash Library
5 July ·

The Windy City Open in Chicago celebrated its 40th anniversary this year – the last 25 being directed by John Flanagan. The programme featured a timeline for the event, including detailing the prize money records. Here it is. Squash - PSA World TourUniversity Club of ChicagoUS SQUASH

How did it all begin? A WCO timeline

In 1982, Club Pro Jim Maguire and a Tournament Committee got it all started with the first Windy City Open. What started out as a tournament for Club players with a concurrent pro tournament would become one of the largest prize money events on the pro tour featuring prize money parity for men and women.

1982–1993	Mark Talbott wins 12 consecutive Windy City Opens!
1995	The event switches to the international "soft ball" version of the sport
2004–2007	The glass court is staged in Cathedral Hall for the first time in '04 and was staged there for 4 years with SSA Global as the title sponsor
2005	MetroSquash, Chicago's Urban Squash Program, starts and becomes the official charity partner of the WCO
2008	First women's pro draw in the WCO
2009	SQUASH TV is launched and WCO matches are streamed live across the globe.
2010	Liz Kutyla-Miner Scholarship recognizing a MetroSquash female student's achievements
2013	Guggenheim Partners' first sponsorship of the WCO
2014	The Men's and Women's Pro Squash Associations merge; The glass court returns and the WCO offers prize money parity and a record-breaking $170K prize purse with EquiTrust and Guggenheim Partners as co-title sponsors
2015	The pro event grew so big the amateur event had to move to a separate weekend.
2015	Prize money goes to $300K, setting another record-high
2016	The first WCO Women's Leadership Award
2018	Prize money set at $500,000 setting yet another record
2019	Historic $1M prize purse offered for World Championships in Chicago and the WCO begins alternating with the World Championships
2024	40th Anniversary of the WCO and the 50th Anniversary of the Pro Squash Association!

Squash Library
4 July ·

In 1983 WPSA, the North American hardball squash player association, published this ranking list of top performers on their circuit. It was headed by two stars of the game, Americans Mark Talbott (left) and Ned Edwards. Squash CanadaUS SQUASH

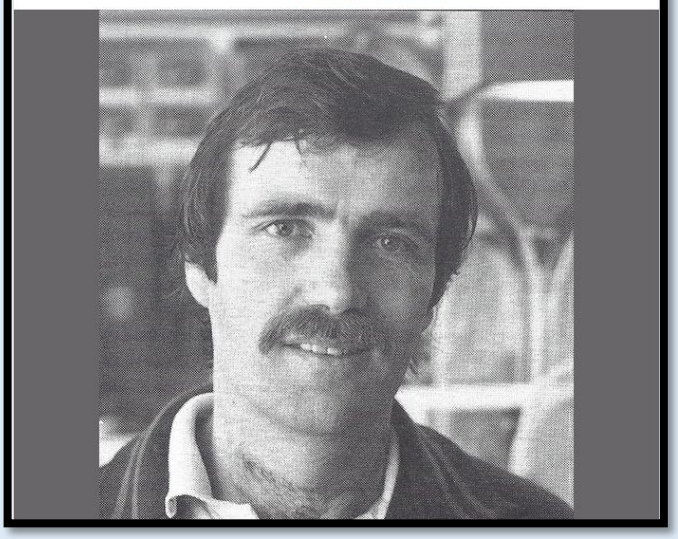
WPSA TOUR RANKINGS

(as of Wednesday, April 27th, 1983)

1	**Mark Talbott**	**208.22**	45	Hugh Baker		31.18
2	**Ned Edwards**	**134.08**	46	Steve Bowditch		30.59
3	**Michael Desaulniers**	**133.45**	47	John Lennard		29.41
4	**Mario Sanchez**	**132.86**	48	Peder Neuander		29.22
5	**Clive Caldwell**	**129.84**	49	Larry Davis		28.53
6	**Sharif Khan**	**120.00**	50	Steve Hisey		25.88
7	**Aziz Khan**	**113.33**	51	Satinder Bajwa		24.71
8	**Tom Page**	**105.86**	52	Ian Shaw		23.53
9	**Gord Anderson**	**100.29**	53	Anil Nayar		22.94
10	**Larry Hilbert**	**96.56**	54	Frank Broens		19.80
11	Jon Foster	96.28	55	Charles McKnight		17.55
12	John Nimick	93.59	56	Saki Khan		17.06
13	Charlie Khan	91.64	57	Jim Austin		16.57
14	Todd Binns	90.11	58	Gulmaat Khan		16.27
15	Bill Andruss	87.53	59	Alberto Nunez		15.88
16	Ted Green	86.00	60	Arif Sarfraz		12.75
17	Gul Khan	84.08	61	Bill Austin		12.06
18	David Talbott	83.37		Pat Canavan		12.06
19	Pat Richardson	83.02	63	Rich Cammack		11.76
20	Stuart Grodman	82.82		Hussein Mepsid		11.76
21	Bill Kaplan	82.39	65	David Boyum		10.59
22	Mark Alger	81.88	66	Joe Swain		8.92
23	Rob Doerman	81.20	67	Jose Martinez		8.82
24	Ron Beck	80.68		David Page		8.82
25	David Johnson	79.75		Kevan Pickens		8.82
26	Tom Rumpler	79.48		Bill Simpson		8.82
27	Frank Satterthwaite	76.29		H. Stevens		8.82
28	Diderik Finne	73.49	72	Ken Binns		8.24
29	Peter Talbert	73.38		Tom Epps		8.24
30	Dan Paris	69.62		Chris Sinclair		8.24
31	Spike Gonzales	69.41	75	Heartland Andrews		7.65
32	Mo Hussin	67.06		Mike Downer		7.65
33	Dan Rooney	66.48		Bert Keene		7.65
34	Mo Khan	58.15		Steve Moysey		7.65
35	Sam Khan	56.37	79	John Springer		5.49
36	Mark Johnson	55.89	80	Rob Hill		5.29
37	Alex Doucas	50.39		Larry Terrell		5.29
38	Roy Oller	45.49	82	David Linden		5.10
39	Ray Rodgriguez	41.18	83	Al Mitha		4.12
40	Brad Desaulniers	40.20	84	Dave Bailey		3.82
41	Kenton Jernigan	39.22		Ian McLaggan		3.82
42	John Macrury	37.35		Greg Reiss		3.82
43	Lee Keating	35.49		Dan Roblin		3.82
44	Jim Maguire	34.51		David Schenkein		3.82
				Andrew Slater		3.82

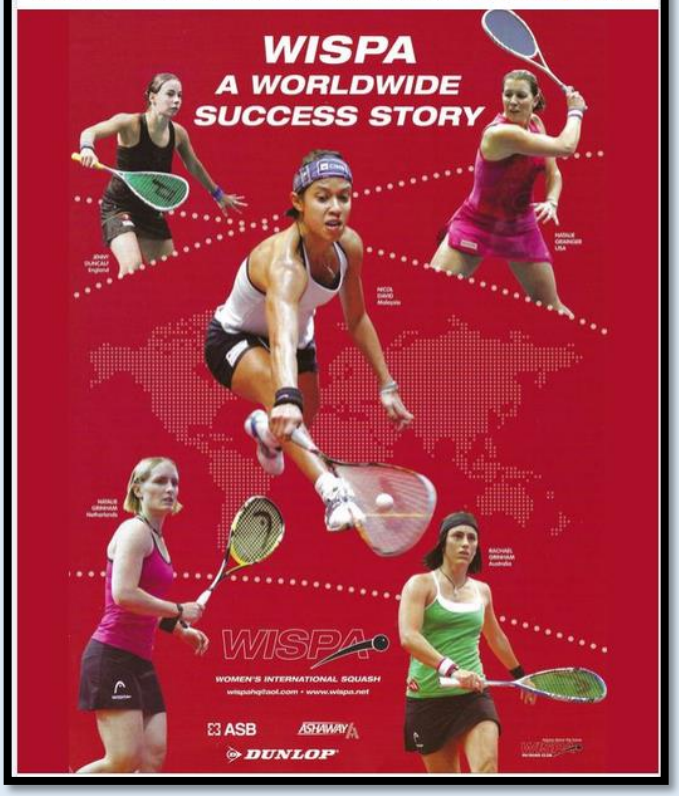
Squash Library
29 June at 08:35 ·

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



Squash Library
22 June at 08:12

20 years ago in 2004 the women's pro tour (WISPA), then separate from the men's, reached an annual $1 million prize fund, with a $1.1 million total. The increase was due to new events in 2004 in Kuwait, Brunei, Bahrain, Shanghai and a Qatar Airways series. Squash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
17 June at 08:39

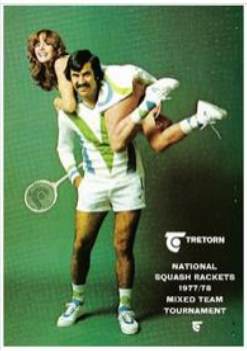
The just completed PSA Club Campestri event in Cali, Colombia marks a return to the city for tour events, the last seemingly being in 1997 when David Palmer (AUS) was beaten by Tim Garner (ENG) in the final. Full results for this year and previous editions at www.squashinfo.com (including pre-final defeats for rising stars Thierry Lincou (FRA), Paul Price and Anthony Ricketts (AUS) in 1997, and the title for Graham Ryding in 1996, beating fellow-Canadian Sabir Butt in the final). Federación Colombiana de SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
18 June at 08:13

The PSA World Tour Finals which start today in Bellevue, Washington, USA, began in 1993 for men and 1998 for women. The Library's history of the dates, venues, sponsors and finalists is at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/world-tour-finals. Full results at www.squashinfo.com. Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
12 June at 08:13

In the late 1970s Tretorn sponsored a club mixed team event in UK – here are the 1977/8 season final results, played at Wimbledon Stadium in SW London, featuring some top players (with poster-boy Hiddy Jahan handicapping himself by carrying more than a racket!). England Squash



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

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

Quarter-finals:
Manchester Northern beat Durham 4-1
Nottingham beat Hull 5-0
Squash Plymouth beat Aylesbury 4-1
Richmond Town beat Woodford Wells 4-1

Squash Library
31 May at 07:52

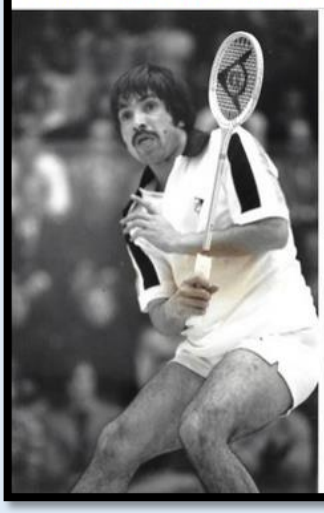
North London's Cumberland Club, home of the London Open, added squash to Lawn Tennis in 1933, when they built two courts. A year later the club applied to join the Bath Club Cup, the London league that had begun in 1922 – an application that was turned down on the basis that it was not a 'social club'.
This rejection led to the club initiating the Cumberland Cup, which became the premier London league and is still contested.

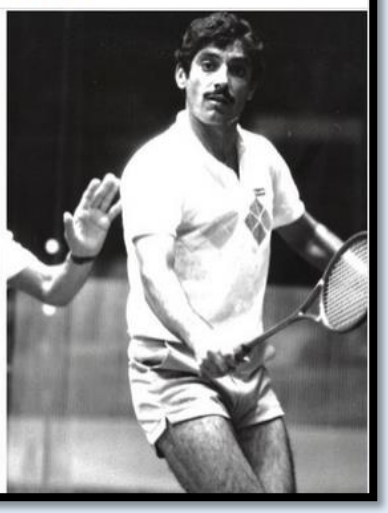
Squash Library
15 May at 08:16

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

Squash Library
14 May at 08:15

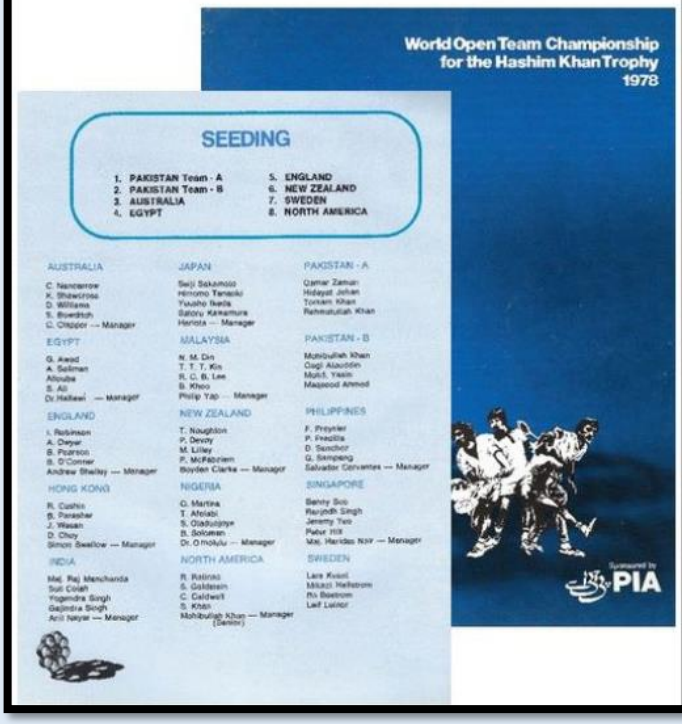
This month 40 years ago a three-nation event was started in Asia with the Yeo's-Pepsi Far East Squash Circuit 1984.The first leg was held in Hong Kong, followed by Singapore and Malaysia. Each event had the same final, world number two Qamar Zaman (left) playing brother-in-law Maqsood Ahmed – with Zaman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





Squash Library
13 May at 08:07

In May 1978 Pakistan hosted the World Open Team Championship in Karachi – which was neither the World Open nor Team Championship! In the unofficial event Pakistan B beat Pakistan A in the final. Here are the squads. Pakistan Squash Federation



World Open Team Championship for the Hashim Khan Trophy 1978

SEEDING

1. PAKISTAN Team - A
2. PAKISTAN Team - B
3. AUSTRALIA
4. EGYPT
5. ENGLAND
6. NEW ZEALAND
7. SWEDEN
8. NORTH AMERICA

AUSTRALIA
C. Nancarrow
K. Shewcross
D. Williams
S. Bowditch
G. Chipper — Manager

EGYPT
G. Awad
A. Soliman
Abouba
S. Ali
Dr. Helleel — Manager

ENGLAND
I. Robinson
A. Dwyer
B. Pearson
B. O'Connor
Andrew Shelley — Manager

HONG KONG
R. Cushin
B. Parasher
J. Wasan
D. Chay
Simon Swallow — Manager

INDIA
Maj. Raj Manchanda
Suli Colah
Yogendra Singh
Gajindra Singh
Anil Nayar — Manager

JAPAN
Seiji Sakamoto
Hirromo Tanaoki
Yusuke Ikeda
Satoru Kawamura
Herlota — Manager

MALAYSIA
N. M. Din
T. T. T. Kin
R. C. B. Lee
B. Khoo
Philip Yap — Manager

NEW ZEALAND
T. Naughton
P. Devoy
M. Lilley
P. McFabriem
Boyden Clarke — Manager

NIGERIA
O. Martins
T. Afolabi
S. Oladunjoye
B. Solomon
Dr. O'Molylu — Manager

NORTH AMERICA
R. Robins
S. Goldstein
C. Caldwell
S. Khan
Mohibullah Khan — Manager (Senior)

PAKISTAN - A
Qamar Zaman
Hidayat Jehan
Torsam Khan
Rahmatullah Khan

PAKISTAN - B
Mohibullah Khan
Gogi Alauddin
Mohd. Yasin
Maqsood Ahmed

PHILIPPINES
F. Preyler
P. Precilla
D. Sanchez
G. Sampang
Salvador Cervantes — Manager

SINGAPORE
Benny Soo
Ranjindh Singh
Jeremy Teo
Peter Hill
Maj. Haridas NAIR — Manager

SWEDEN
Lars Kvant
Mikael Hellstrom
Ro Bastrom
Leif Lainor

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Squash Library
11 May at 08:20

Greece had begun holding its open championship in 1945, and in 1971 it is hardly surprising that a group of players were smiling at being flown out from UK to the sun and accommodated by Renta-Villa company to play in it. LtoR: Ray Twine, David Morgan, Bob Johnson, Tony Swift, Jonah Barrington.

Squash Library
3 May at 08:28

To celebrate the formation of PSA (then ISPA for male players) fifty years ago – Library details at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../psa-forming-the... - PSA have produced a great montage of stars. Squash - PSA World Tour

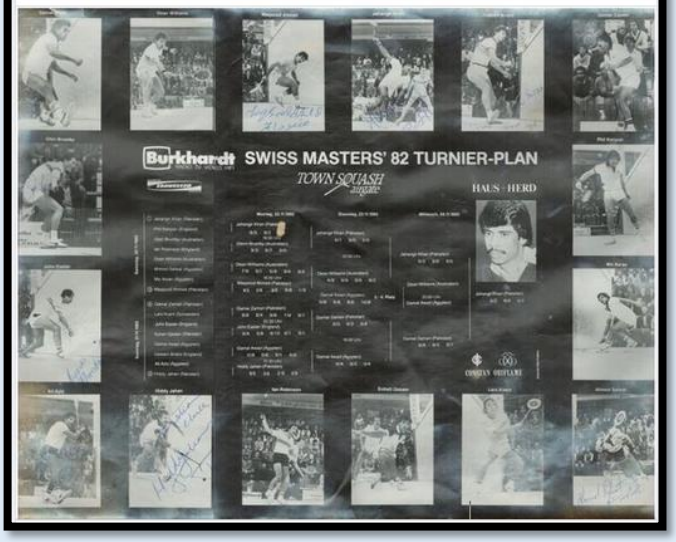
Squash Library
27 April at 08:25

Anne Page from Philadelphia, was an early American women's star. She won four national titles beginning in 1936, the fourth after WW2. She also managed to adapt to the international softball game by reaching the British Open semi-finals in 1939. US SQUASH

Photo: US Squash

Squash Library
23 April at 08:27

When the Swiss Masters took place in 1982 a poster featuring the results and player pics was signed by many of the stars – and generously given to the Library by Ann Safwat. Swiss Squash



Squash Library
19 April at 08:19

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

EL GOUNA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
	Winner	Runner Up	Winner	Runner Up
2023	Ali Farag (EGY)	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Neli Gilis (BEL)
2022	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
2021	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Paul Coll (NZL)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
2020	Not played			
2019	Ali Farag (EGY)	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)
2018	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2017	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Raneem El Welily (EGY)
2016	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)		
2015	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)		
2014	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY)		
2013	Not played			
2012	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	James Willstrop (ENG)		
2011	Not played			
2010	Karim Darwish (EGY)	Ramy Ashour (EGY)		

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THE SQUASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUBS

Squash Library
17 April at 08:23

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

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

Squash Library
13 April at 08:25

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

The 1924 results:

USA beat Gt Britain 3 – 2

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

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

Squash Library
12 April at 08:07

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

BLACK BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
	Winner	Runner Up	Winner	Runner Up
2023	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Tarek Momen (EGY)	Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)
2022			Nouran Gohar (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2021*	Paul Coll (NZL)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)
2021*	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)	Amanda Sobhy (USA)
2020*	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)	Sarah-Jane Perry (EGY)	Hania El Hammamy (EGY)
2020*			Hania El Hammamy (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2019			Raneem El Welily (EGY)	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)
2018	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)		

* played twice in the year.

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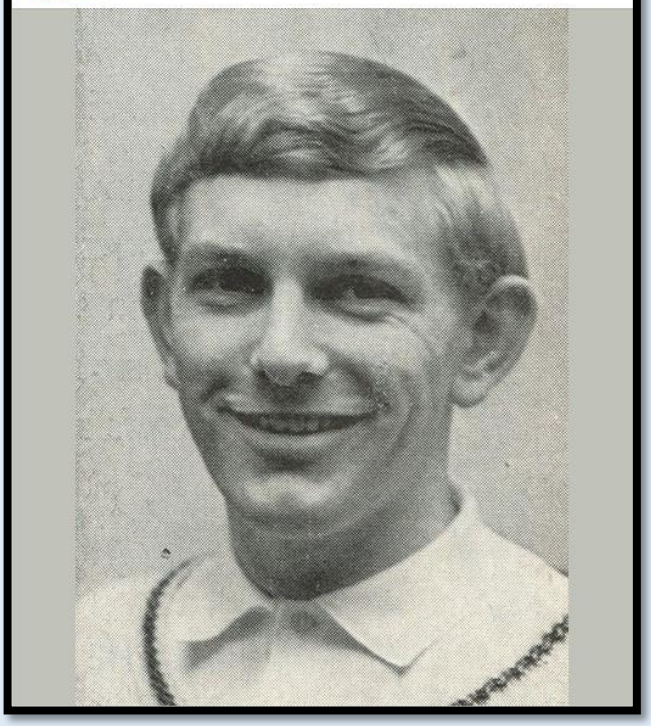
THE SQUASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUBS

Squash Library
11 April at 08:25

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

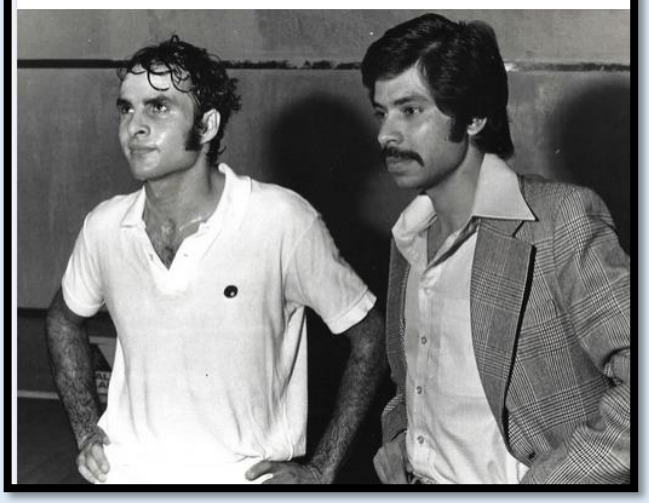
Squash Library
9 April at 08:22

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



Squash Library
6 April at 08:33

This photo of Ahmed Safwat (left) and Torsam Khan taken in 1978 was included in a collection of magazines, programmes and other items very gratefully received by the Library from Ann Safwat. More publications etc preserved for the future, thanks Ann!



Squash Library
3 April

The German Open makes a welcome return to the calendar this week after a long gap. Here is the Library list of former German international champions: Deutscher Squash Verband e.V.Squash - PSA World Tour

GERMAN INTERNATION CHAMPIONS

1976	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)
1977	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)
1978	Mikael Hellstrom (SWE)
1979	Lars Kvant (SWE)
1980	Lars Kvant (SWE)
1981	Lars Kvant (SWE)
1982	Gamal Awad (EGY)
1983	Hiddy Jahan (ENG)
1984	Ross Norman (NZL)
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1987	Chris Dittmar (AUS)
1988	Not held
1989	Not held
1990	Not held
1991	Jahangir Khan (PAK)
1992	Jansher Khan (PAK)

Squash Library
4 April at 08:31

Squash Library would like to complete a full list of past Pakistan Open winners, but there are still gaps. Can anybody help plug them? Details would be gratefully received via comments or Email (info@squashlibrary.info) please. Thanks, Andrew Pakistan Squash Federation

PAKISTAN OPEN WINNERS

1953	A.J. Quraishi	1990	Jansher Khan
1954	A.J. Quraishi	1991	Jahangir Khan
1955	A. Hamid	1992	Jansher Khan
1956		1993	*Not played, World Open hosted*
1957	A.J. Quraishi	1994	Jansher Khan
1958	A.J. Quraishi	1995	Jansher Khan
1959	A.J. Quraishi	1996	*Not played, World Open hosted*
1960		1997	Jansher Khan
1961		1998	Amjad Khan
1962		1999	Peter Marshall (ENG)
1963	Aftab Jawaid	2000	*Not played*
1964		2001	*Not played*
1965		2002	Jonathon Power (CAN)
1966		2003	*Not played, World Open hosted*
1967	Mohammed Saleem	2004	James Willstrop (ENG)
1968	Aftab Jawaid	2005	Thierry Lincou (FRA)
1969	Jonah Barrington (IRL)	2006	Thierry Lincou (FRA)
1970	Mohammed Saleem	2007	Aamir Atlas Khan
1971		2008	Aamir Atlas Khan
1972	Mohamed Yasin	2009	
1973	Mohibullah Khan	2010	
1974		2011	
1975	Mohibullah Khan	2012	
1976	Maqsood Ahmed	2013	
1977	Maqsood Ahmed	2014	
1978	Daulat Khan	2015	
1979	Jahangir Khan	2016	
1980	Jahangir Khan	2017	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)
1981	Jahangir Khan	2018	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)
1982	Jahangir Khan	2019	
1983	Jahangir Khan	2020	
1984	Jahangir Khan	2021	
1985	Jahangir Khan	2022	
1986	Jahangir Khan	2020	
1987	Jansher Khan	2021	
1988	Jahangir Khan	2022	
1989	Jahangir Khan	2023	

Players from Pakistan unless stated.

Squash Library
30 March at 08:20

In 1981/2 a 'family' event was initiated in UK. The Debenhams Family Championships featured four categories: father & son, father & daughter, mother & daughter, brother & sister, husband and wife. Sons and daughters needed to be aged U19, brothers and sisters U23, with no age stipulation for husband and wife.
It ran for 3 years, but without expanding pairings e.g. father & mistress, wife and lover, to increase entries.
Jane & Stuart Courtney (left), won the first husband and ... See more

FIRST IN
GREAT BRITISH FAMILY SQUASH
Debenhams
Family Squash Championships

Squash Library
27 March at 08:20

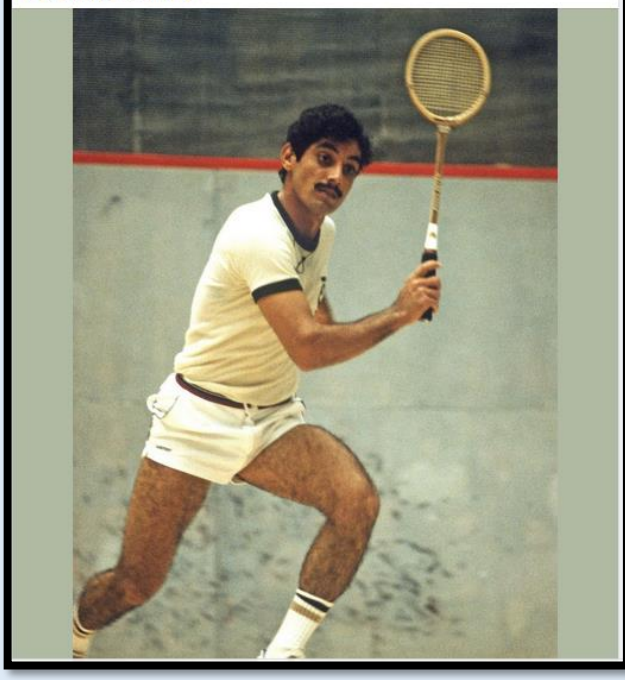
The Canary Wharf Classic in London has a new name (London Classic) and venue (Alexandra Palace) this week, and also adds a women's draw for the first time. Here are the past finalists; www.squashinfo.com for full results. Squash - PSA World Tour

CANARY WHARF SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
2004	James Willstrop (ENG)	Thierry Lincou (FRA)
2005	John White (SCO)	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)
2006	Thierry Lincou (FRA)	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)
2007	James Willstrop (ENG)	John White (SCO)
2008	James Willstrop (ENG)	Cameron Pilley (AUS)
2009	David Palmer (AUS)	James Willstrop (ENG)
2010	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)
2011	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Peter Barker (ENG)
2012	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)
2013	James Willstrop (ENG)	Peter Barker (ENG)
2014	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)
2015	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Simon Rosner (GER)
2016	Mathieu Castagnet (FRA)	Omar Mossad (EGY)
2017	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Fares Dessouky (EGY)
2018	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2019	Paul Coll (NZL)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2020	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Ali Farag (EGY)
2021	Paul Coll (NZL)	Ali Farag (EGY)
2022	Fares Dessouky (EGY)	Mostafa Asal (EGY)
2023	Paul Coll (NZL)	Joel Makin (WAL)

Squash Library
26 March at 08:33

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



Squash Library
25 March at 08:32

In the 1930s when Egyptian diplomat Fattah David Amr Bey was posted to London, he won five British Open and six British Amateur titles. From 1931 he was undefeated until his retirement in 1938. Here are the championship details.(British Open history: https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open; the challenge: https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../men-s-british-open-the...). British Open Squash - from SquashSiteEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

F. D. AMR BEY—BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

1928 Lost to G. D' O. Sheppard in the second round, 9—7 7—9 9—10 2—9.
1929 Lost to Victor Cazalet in the fifth round, 5—9 3—9 7—9.
1930 Lost to Victor Cazalet in the semi-final, 9—6 7—9 9—7 1—9 0—9
1931 Beat Dugald Macpherson in the final, 9—7 9—6 4—9 5—9 9—0.
1932 Beat Edward Snell in the final, 9—1 9—0 9—4.
1933 Beat G. 0. M. Jameson in the final, 9—0 9—2 9—4.
1934 Did not compete.
1935 Beat Edward Snell in the final, 9—1 9—0 9—1.
1936 Beat Edward Snell in the final, 9—4 9—0 9—2.
1937 Beat John Stokes in the final, 9—3 9—4 9—2.

F. D. AMR BEY—BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

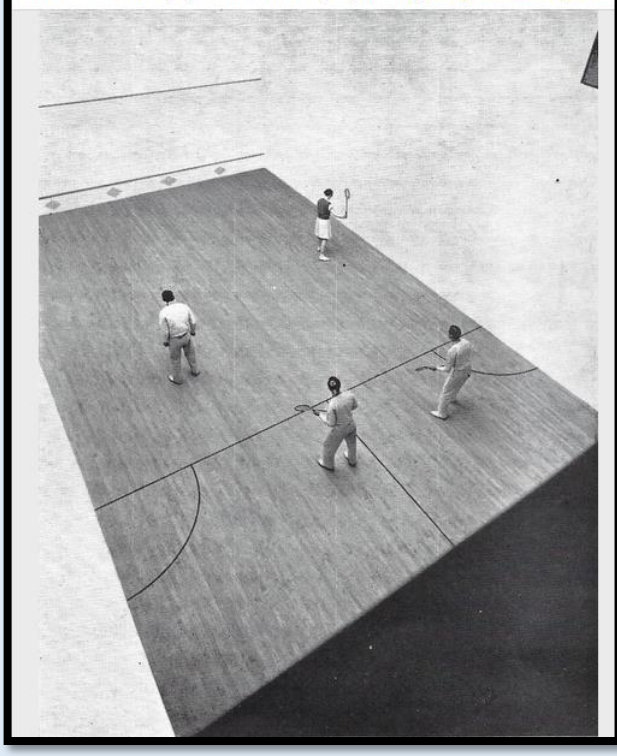
1932 Beat Don Butcher (holder) 9—0 9—7 9—1, and 5—9 5—9 9—2 9—1 9—0.
1933 No event
1934 Beat Don Butcher 9—4 8—10 10—8 9—0, and 9—6 6—9 9—2 6—9 9—5.
1935 Beat Jim Dear 9—3 6—9 8—10 9—2 9—4 and 9—4 9—7 3—9,
1936 Beat Jim Dear 9—7 7—9 9—7 5—9 9—6, and 9—6 8—10 9—1 9- 6.
1937 Beat Jim Dear 10—8 10—8 4—9 1—9 9—4 and 9—7 8—10 9—6 9—5.

Squash Library
21 March at 08:16

Now that this year's Australian Open is underway, if you want to look back at past winners, here: https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/australian-open-winners, is the list that Squash Library published recently. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Australia

Squash Library
18 March at 08:24

Today (18 March) in 1937, the first match between England and Scotland was held at the St John's Wood Squash Club in North London. It featured both singles and doubles (the club had a doubles court – pic), and was won 6 – 1 by England. England SquashScottish Squash



Squash Library
15 March at 08:24

The first Dutch Open was held this month sixty years ago in 1964 at The Hague. The semis saw Mike Corby (right) beating Heron, an Englishman living in Netherlands, while Skinner (left) beat 16-year old Dutch player Bakker, before Corby won the all-English final to win the inaugural trophy.
Quarters: Skinner bt Leary 3-0, Bakker bt van Dyk 3-0, A Heron bt R Jonasson 3-1, Corby bt E Prosser 3-0. Semis: Skinner bt Bakker 3-1, Corby bt Heron 3-1. Final: Corby bt Skinner 5-9 9-5... See more

Squash Library
7 March at 08:13

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

SWISS OPEN CHAMPIONS

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	MEN'S		WOMEN'S			MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
1974	John Easter	ENG			2001	Hadrian Stiff	ENG	Cheryl Beaumont	ENG
1975	John Easter	ENG			2002	James Willstrop	ENG	Wendy Maitland	SCO
1976	Philip Kenyon	ENG			2003	Stefan Leifels	GER	Suzanne Horner	ENG
1977	Jonny Leslie	ENG			2004	Davide Bianchetti	ITA	Annelize Naude	NED
1978	Jonny Leslie	ENG			2005	Shahier Razik	CAN	Dom Lloyd-Walter	ENG
1979	Frank Donnelly	AUS			2006	Omar Abdel Aziz	EGY	Lauren Briggs	ENG
1980	Dean Williams	AUS			2007	Stephen Coppinger	RSA	Margriet Huisman	NED
1981	Magdi Saad	EGY			2008	Shaun Le Roux	RSA	Sarah Kippax	ENG
1982	Peter Verow	ENG	Martine Le Moignan	ENG	2009	Nicolas Muller	SUI	Camille Serme	FRA
1983	Dean Williams	AUS	Vicki Cardwell	AUS	2010	Dylan Bennett	NED	Gaby Schmohl	SUI
1984	Kelvin Smith	AUS	Heather Wallace	SCO	2011	Kashif Shuja	NZL	Yathreb Adel	EGY
1985	Dale Styner	CAN	Susan Devoy	NZL	2012	Karim Ali Fathi	EGY	Emily Whitlock	ENG
1986	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Alison Cumings	ENG	2013	Lucas Serme	FRA	Miriam Metwally	EGY
1987	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Lisa Opie	ENG	2014	Not played		Not played	
1988	Jason Nicolle	ENG	Lucy Soutter	ENG	2015	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played	
1989	Anthony Hill	AUS	Not played		2016	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played	
1990	David Poole	ENG	Alison Cumings	ENG	2017	Not played		Not played	
1991	Tony Hands	ENG	Cassie Jackman	ENG	2018	Youssef Ibrahim	EGY	Not played	
1992	Paul Lord	ENG	Hugoline Van Hoorn	NED	2019	Dimitri Steinmann	SUI	Not played	
1993	David Campion	ENG	Linda Charman	ENG	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played	
1994	Nick Taylor	ENG	Carol Owens	AUS	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Merlo	SUI
1995	Stefan Leifels	GER	Linda Charman	ENG	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Malliff	ENG
1996	Marcus Berrett	ENG	Sarah Cook	NZL	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played	
1997	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Kate Major	AUS	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Merlo	SUI
1998	Paul Gregory	ENG	Leilani Joyce	NZL	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Malliff	ENG
1999	Scott Handley	ENG	Rachael Grinham	AUS	2023	Yannick Wilhelmi	SUI	Amina El Rihany	EGY
2000	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Jenny Tranfield	ENG					

Squash Library
5 March

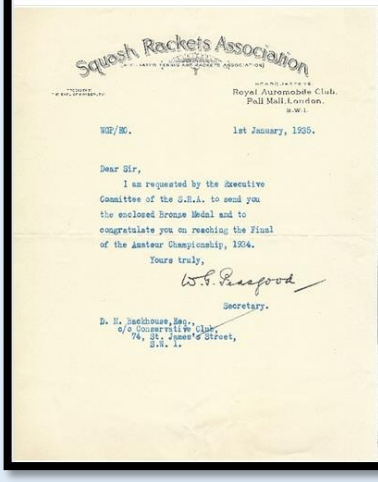
The men's Canadian Open being played this week began as a hardball event when the 'Khan dynasty' dominated. After amalgamating with the NAO in 1965 it was revived in 1985, and a year later in 1986 included a women's event for the first time. Squash CanadaSquash - PSA World Tour

CANADIAN OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONS

	MEN'S HARDBALL	MEN'S SOFTBALL	WOMEN'S
1956	Roshan Khan (PAK)		
1957	Hashim Khan (PAK)		
1958	Azam Khan (PAK)		
1959	Henri Salaun (USA)		
1960	Azam Khan (PAK)		
1961	Hashim Khan (PAK)		
1962	Roshan Khan (PAK)		
1963	Hashim Khan (PAK)		
1964	Hashim Khan (PAK)		
1965	Mohibullah Khan (Snr) (PAK)		
From 1996 to 1995 the Men's Canadian Open was amalgated with the North American Open (NAO)			
1996	Mohibullah Khan (Snr) (PAK)		
1967	Ralph Howe (USA)		
1968	Mohibullah Khan (Snr) (PAK)		
1969	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		
1970	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		
1971	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		
1972	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		
1973	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		
1974	Sharif Khan (PAK/CAN)		

Squash Library
2 March

Desmond Backhouse, unusually for the time a left hander, was beaten 9-7 9-0 9-4 in a 38 minute final of the British Amateur championship 1934 by Cyril Hamilton. Later, Backhouse (pic), received this letter from the SRA with his medal. England Squash



Squash Rackets Association

Royal Automobile Club.
Pall Mall.London.
S.W.1.

WHF/BC. 1st January, 1935.

Dear Sir,
I am requested by the Executive Committee of the S.R.A. to send you the enclosed Bronze Medal and to congratulate you on reaching the Final of the Amateur Championship, 1934.
Yours truly,
W.F. Pearsford
Secretary.

D. H. Backhouse, Esq.,
c/o Commercial Club,
74, St. James's Street,
S.W. 1.

Squash Library
29 February at 08:45

In Feb 1959 the Merion Cricket Club in Philadelphia hosted the 26th Women's Open and the USA v GB Wolfe-Noel Cup. See the programme with written results and player profiles on the Library website at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources and the Wolfe-Noel history at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup. US SQUASHEngland Squash

THE 27th ANNUAL U.S. WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

February 18-21, 1959
AT THE MERION CRICKET CLUB
Haverford, Pennsylvania

WOLFE-NOEL CUP
United States vs. Great Britain
February 23, 1959

Squash Library
27 February at 08:20

This week 70 years ago in 1954 the British SRA sent a team to Paris for the first time, playing both 3 string squash and 2 string real tennis (jeu de paume) matches against the club there, Societe Sportive Jeu de Paume et de Racquets. Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume & de Racquets FFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashEngland Squash

The results:
SRA bt Jeu de Paume
3 – 0
Norman Borrett (pic) bt Robin Lees
9-10 10-8 9- 2 9-1.
Tony Mallett bt Wing-Cdr. E. Holden
9-5 9-2 9-4.
D. Dugdale bt H. North 9-6, 9-0, 9-8.

SOCIÉTÉ SPORTIVE DU JEU DE PAUME ET DE RACQUETS
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- PARIS -

Squash Library
24 February at 08:13

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

The results:
Quarter finals:
Brigadier J. A. Faruqi b D. M. Dastur 9-0 9-0 9-0.
Sir G. B. Constantine b Nasim Ahmad 9-6 10-8 3-9 1-9 9-2.
A. J. Quraishi b H. D. Habib 9-2 9-1 9-0.
Moneer Ahmad b P/O T. Mohsin 9-4 9-5 9-10 9-5.
Semi-Finals:
Faruqi b Constantine 9-7 9-6 9-5.
Quraishi b Moneer Ahmad 9-5 9-0 9-2.
Final:
Quraishi b Faruqi 9-2 10-8 9-5.

Squash Library
22 February at 08:17

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

WINDY CITY OPEN WINNERS

	Winner		Winner
2023	*Not played*	1999	Stephen Meads (ENG)
2022	Paul Coll (NZL)	1998	Marcus Berrett (ENG)
2021	*Not played*	1997	Martin Heath (SCO)
2020	Ali Farag (EGY)	1996	Paul Johnson (ENG)
2019	*Not played*	1995	Mark Chaloner (ENG)
2018	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	1994	Gary Waite (CAN)
2017	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	1993	Mark Talbott (USA)
2016	Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	1992	Mark Talbott (USA)
2015	Nick Matthew (ENG)	1991	Mark Talbott (USA)
2014	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	1990	Mark Talbott (USA)
2013	Borja Golan (ESP)	1989	Mark Talbott (USA)
2012	Saurav Ghosal (IND)	1988	Mark Talbott (USA)
2011	Oliver Pett (ENG)	1987	Mark Talbott (USA)
2010	*Not played*	1986	Mark Talbott (USA)
2009	*Not played*	1985	Mark Talbott (USA)
2008	*Not played*	1984	Mark Talbott (USA)
2007	Amr Shabana (EGY)	1983	Mark Talbott (USA)
2006	David Palmer (AUS)	1982	Mark Talbott (USA)
2005	John White (SCO)		
2004	Nick Matthew (ENG)		
2003	Paul Price (AUS)		
2002	Nick Taylor (ENG)		
2001	Thierry Lincou (FRA)		
2000	Clive Leach (ENG)		

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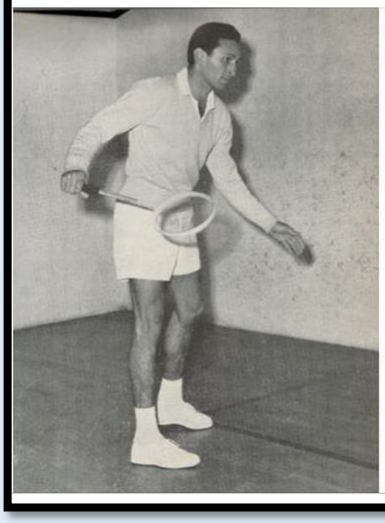
Squash Library
20 February at 08:15

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

Photo courtesy Joseph Romanos

Squash Library
16 February at 08:34

Sixty five years ago in 1959 Scottish Men beat Egypt 3-2 in Edinburgh. While Ibrahim Amin beat Mike Oddy in the next British Amateur winners match, Oliver Balfour (right) caused a major upset beating Tewfik Shafik (left). A result unlikely to be replicated currently.
Mike Oddy lt Ibrahim Amin 9-1 9-7 5-9 5-9 3-9; Oliver Balfour bt Tewfik Shafik 9-1 9-7 9-4; George Chisholm bt S. Hamid 9-5 9-7 9-7; D. Shaw lt A. Halfawy 9-3 9-5 3-9 2-9 6-9. W. H. Matheson bt G. El Dib 9-5 9-1, 6-9 6-9 9-6.
Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشScottish Squash



Squash Library
14 February at 08:18

40 years ago in 1984 in the largest single sponsorship deal in the history of British squash, American Express put up £100,000 to back a pyramid framework linking the existing SRA league network with a new national Premier League.
The structure consisted of three distinct but interconnected tiers. At the base 39 county leagues which attracted some 50,000 players throughout the country. The leading club from the top division of each was eligible to enter the American Express National Challenge.
At the top was the creation of the Premier League in which the country's top ten teams competed during the season, featuring all the top national men along with overseas stars.
England Squash

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

Squash Library
12 February at 08:17

60 years ago today (12 Feb 1964) an Australian women's group who had come to UK to play the British Open played an sanctioned unofficial test against a British Team, winning 3/2 at the Lansdowne Club in London. (All five matches were played on the famous Bruce Court). This was the first women's match between the two nations.
The visiting number one was Heather Blundell (McKay) who had already won the British Open title twice, pitted against Fran Marshall who had won in 1961 before McKay started her extraordinary run of 16. Marshall had been her opponent in the two finals and had amassed a number of points in her 3/0 defeats, but here could only muster one in 15 minutes of play.

Australia beat Great Britain 3-2
Heather Blundell beat Fran Marshall 9-1 9-0 9-0
Jenny Irving lost Sheila Macintosh 2-9 9-7 3-9 9-2 2-9.
Pat McClenaughan beat Anna Craven-Smith 10-9 7-9 5-9 10-8 10-8
Barbara Baxter lost Mary Muncaster 5-9 9-6 9-2 2-9 6-9.
Helen Plaisted beat Pauline White 10-8 4-9 4-9 9-5 9-5.
England SquashSquash Australia

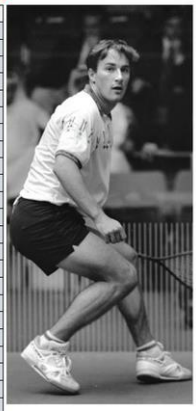
Back row (LtoR): Pauline White, Sheila Macintosh, Janet Bisley (Morgan), Mary Muncaster, Fran Marshall, Anna Craven-Smith. Front row (LtoR)t: Jenny Irving, Helen Plaisted, Pat McClenaughan, Barbara Baxter, Heather Blundell (McKay)

Squash Library
7 February at 08:09

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

PITTSBURGH OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEN'S

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



Squash Library
6 February at 08:21

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

Squash Library
5 February at 08:29

After Jonah Barrington turned pro in February 1969 his stellar amateur career was recognised by the award of an MBE in the British Queen's Birthday Honours List in July of that year.
British world champions Martine Le Moignan, Peter Nicol, Cassie Jackman, Nick Matthew (OBE) and Laura Massaro have been honoured too.
Earlier, 1938 British Open champion Jim Dear had received an MBE too, for combined services to tennis, rackets and squash, as did ten times British Open champion Janet Morgan (Shardlow) and overseas stars such as Heather McKay.

Squash Library
3 February at 08:09

Cassie Jackman (ENG) regained the women's World number 1 ranking 20 years ago in Feb 2004, 17 months after undergoing a second back surgery. The 1999 World Open winner held it for a further six months. Squash - PSA World Tour

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
31 January at 08:17

Nouran Gohar will not be going for a hat-trick of wins of the Gaynor Cup in Cincinnati this week. Here is a Library list of the past finalists including her; with Kanzy El Defrawy a 14-12 in the 5th first winner in 2017. Full past results at www.squashinfo.com. Squash - PSA World Tour

GAYNOR CUP WOMEN'S EVENT, CINCINNATI

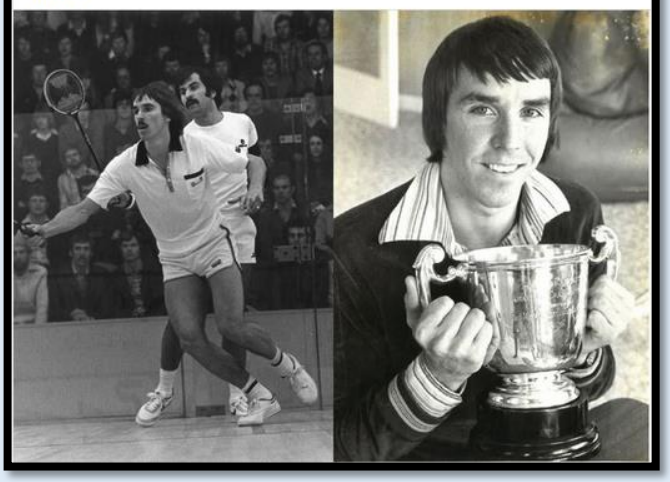
DATE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
2023	**Nouran Gohar (EGY)**	Olivia Clyne (USA)
2022	**Nouran Gohar (EGY)**	Olivia Fiechter (USA)
2021	*Not played*	
2020	**Amanda Sohby (USA)**	Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG)
2019	**Hania El Hammamy (EGY)**	Victoria Lust (ENG)
2018	**Donna Urquhart (AUS)**	Victoria Lust (ENG)
2017	**Kanzy El Defrawy (EGY)**	Zeina Mickawy (EGY)

Squash Library
1 February at 08:23

In a battle between two British Open winners Hashim Khan beat Mahmoud Karim 9-3 9-3 9-7 in the final of the Dunlop Championship in London in 1952, but even the loser seemed content with the result! Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشPakistan Squash Federation

Squash Library
30 January at 08:33

The first New Zealander to reach the top ten of the men's World Rankings was Bruce Brownlee. Coming from a squash playing family, he had swept the board in NZ Junior Champs before he beat Jonny Leslie 3-1 to win the British Amateur in December 1976 (pic). A year later he had turned pro, and a few months later and with a number of wins, including beating Mohibullah Khan, he reached a high of number six in the world .
However, he was battling with a severe hip injury termed bilateral osteoarthritis – essentially a round ball in an egg-shaped socket. His arduous training regime had exaggerated the issue, so, in a short career that did also include representing his country in three World Team Championships, he was forced to retire at the age of 26. Squash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa



Squash Library
27 January at 08:29

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

Squash Library
23 January at 11:34

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

Squash Library
26 January at 08:14

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

CAROL WEYMULLER OPEN WINNERS

	Winner			Winner
			Hardball years	
2023	Gina Kennedy (ENG)		1992	Demer Holleran
2022	Rowan Elaraby (EGY)		1991	Demer Holleran
2020	Nouran Gohar (EGY)		1990	Ellie Pierce
2018	Nour El Tayeb (EGY)		1989	Karen Kelso
2017	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1988	*Not played*
2016	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1987	Karen Kelso
2015	Nour ElSherbini (EGY)		1986	Alicia McConnell
2014	Alison Waters (ENG)		1985	Alicia McConnell
2013	Nicol David (MAS)		1984	Alicia McConnell
2012	Laura Massaro (ENG)		1983	Alicia McConnell
2011	Raneem El Welily (EGY)		1982	Alicia McConnell
2010	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)		1981	Alicia McConnell
2009	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)		1980	Alicia McConnell
2008	Natalie Grainger		1979	Virginia Akabane
2007	Natalie Grainger		1978	Barbara Maltby
2006	Rachael Grinham (AUS)		1977	Barbara Maltby
2005	Nicol David (MAS)		1976	Barbara Maltby
2004	Natalie Grainger		1975	Barbara Maltby
2003	Cassie Jackman (ENG)	*Winners USA unless stated*		
2002	Carol Owens (NZL)	** delayed until January 2002*		
2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)*			
2000	Leilani Joyce (NZL)			
1999	Michelle Martin (AUS)			
1998	Michelle Martin (AUS)			
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)			
1996	Cassie Jackman (ENG)			
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1994	Cassie Jackman (ENG)			
1993	Fiona Geaves (ENG)			

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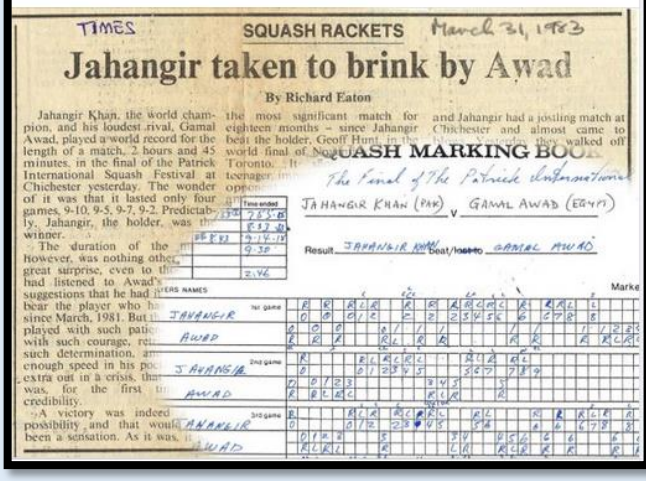
Squash Library
20 January at 07:42

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
18 January at 09:05

On 30 March 1983 Jahangir Khan beat Gamal Awad in a then world record 165 minutes – for only four games! The event was the final of the Chichester Festival in England, and saw Egyptian Awad trying to outlast his opponent, at that point unbeaten for two years.
Here, at https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources is the following morning's Times Newspaper report by top squash journalist Richard Eaton, together with the marker's score-sheet (which muddled up the hours!). Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشPakistan Squash Federation



TIMES — SQUASH RACKETS — March 31, 1983

Jahangir taken to brink by Awad

By Richard Eaton

Jahangir Khan, the world champion, and his loudest rival, Gamal Awad, played a world record for the length of a match, 2 hours and 45 minutes, in the final of the Patrick International Squash Festival at Chichester yesterday. The wonder of it was that it lasted only four games, 9-10, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2. Predictably, Jahangir, the holder, was the winner.

The duration of the match, however, was nothing other than great surprise, even to those who had listened to Awad's suggestions that he had improved. bear the player who has since March, 1981. But played with such patience with such courage, such determination, and enough speed in his possession extra out in a crisis, that was, for the first time, credibility.

A victory was indeed possibility, and that would been a sensation. As it was, it

the most significant match for eighteen months – since Jahangir beat the holder, Geoff Hunt, in the world final of Toronto. It teenager, opponent

and Jahangir had a jostling match at Chichester and almost came to blows. Both walked off

SQUASH MARKING BOOK

The Final of The Patrick International

JAHANGIR KHAN (PAK) v GAMAL AWAD (EGYPT)

Result JAHANGIR KHAN beat/~~lost to~~ GAMAL AWAD

Time ended: 7.55-8.0 / 8.57-9.0 / 9.17-19 / 9.38 / 2.46

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PLAYERS NAMES — JAHANGIR / AWAD — 1st game / 2nd game / 3rd game

Squash Library
16 January at 08:21

On this day (16 January) in 1956 Egyptian Ibrahim Amin won the first of his two British Amateur titles at the Lansdowne Club, London. Runner up was Roy Wilson (ENG, left), the holder, who squandered two match balls at 8-4 in the deciding game in the 4-9 9-7 2-9 9-7 10-8 match.
England SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
12 January at 08:25

Australian international squash championships began in 1931 with the Men's Amateur, followed one year later by the Women's. Both ran until the sport went open in 1980.
Here is the Library listing of past winners: https://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources
Generally they were an arena for national players although England's Janet Morgan won the women's, and Qamar Zaman and Jonah Barrington were amongst the few overseas men's champions.
Meanwhile, also in 1931 a men's Professional Championship started too; played until 1958, with Hashim Khan being the winner of the last event in 1958.
The Australian Opens took over from the Amateurs when amateur status ceased.
Squash - PSA World TourSquash Australia

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1957	Hashim Khan (PAK)
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1970	Jonah Barrington (IRL)
1971	Geoff Hunt
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1973	Geoff Hunt
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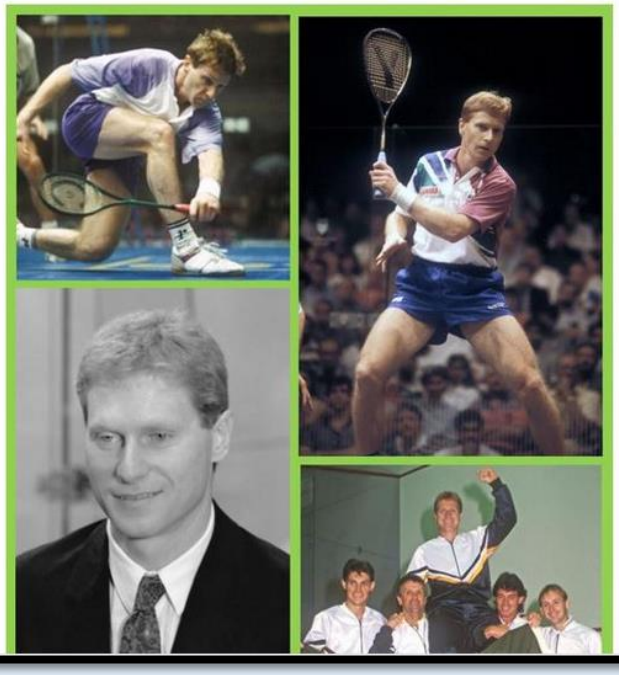
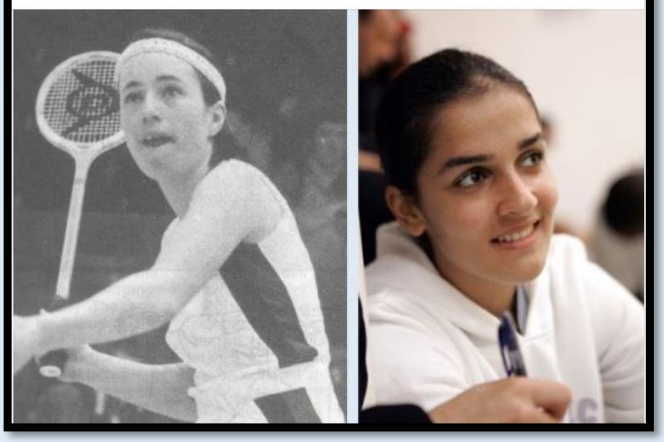
Squash Library
9 January at 08:21

30 years ago in January 1994 Australian Chris Dittmar retired after a great career which would have seen him winning more major trophies had he not been playing when Jahangir Khan then Jansher Khan were in their primes.
He had originally damaged a knee while playing Australian Rules Football, and after six operations which kept him out for prolonged periods, it precipitated his retirement at the age of 31.
However, the left hander from Adelaide did appear in five World Open finals and twice led Australia to victory in the World Team Championships in his 14-year career. Squash Australia Squash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
6 January at 08:23

There have only been two girls who won the British Junior Open Under 19 age band four times. First was Jayne Ashton (ENG, left) who did so 1973-76, a feat repeated by Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY, right) who did so 2001-04. England SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library
5 January at 08:32

Ten years ago the British Junior Open Under 19 final saw the top two Egyptian seeds knocked out and a Jordanian winner emerged. Ahmad Al-Saraj beat Diego Elias (Peru) 3-1 to become the only regional winner outside Egypt so far. Past winners and results are at www.squashinfo.com.

Squash Library
4 January at 07:44

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

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
23 December 2023 at 08:18

Ten years ago in December 2013 Nouran Gohar won her first Tour title when aged 16 she beat Czech Lucie Fialova in the final of the Prague Open. The home favourite lost 11-5 11-6 11-5 to the Egyptian rising star. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
20 December 2023 at 08:14

Squash has a number of stars who have had parents who were national champions themselves. To start the ball rolling: three times Australian champion Judith Tissot (1956-58, left), mother of Sarah Fitz-Gerald, along with Roshan and Jahangir Khan (father winning several national titles plus the British Open in 1957). Contributions welcomed.

Squash Library
19 December 2023 at 08:10

In December 1993 India staged its first major international squash event, the US$55,000 Mahindra Men's International Challenge held at the Bombay Gymkhana Club. With Jansher Khan absent due to political tensions between Pakistan and India, Australia Brett Martin (left) won the event, beating Sami Elopuro (right) from Finland in the final. (Full results at http://www.squashinfo.com/.../1453-mens-mahindra...). Squash - PSA World Tour Squash AustraliaSquash Suomi Finland Squash Rackets Federation of India

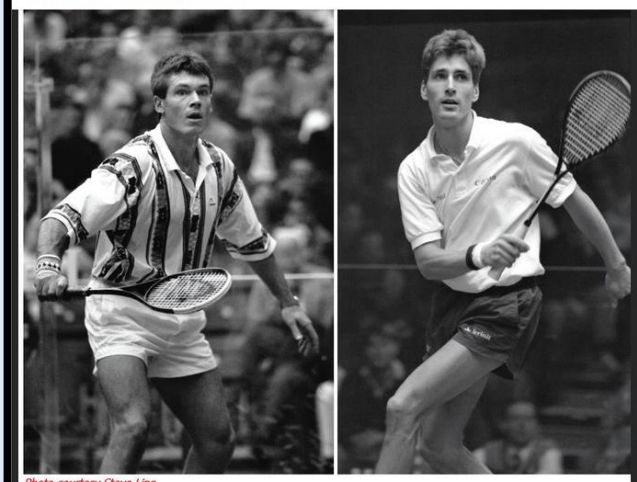


Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
18 December 2023 at 08:20

The US Junior Open, which began 30 years ago in 1993, has now breached the 1,000 entry mark for the first time for this week's event, with entries from 35 nations compete across five Philadelphia venues. Past winners at www.ussquash.org/about/champions/junior/ . US SQUASH

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Squash Library
9 December 2023 at 08:20

In November 1949 England's men hosted Denmark at the Junior Carlton Club in London. The home team won 5-0 and produced this cheeky cartoon! Dansk Squash ForbundEngland Squash

Squash Library
10 December 2023 at 07:53

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
5 December 2023 at 08:30

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

NEW ZEALAND OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

** Additional title wrapped into the World Open title held there

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Squash Library
1 December 2023

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

Squash Library
30 November at 08:50

The Hong Kong Open being played this week, a major and popular Tour stop, began in 1985 for men, and 1990 for women. Here is a list of past finalists: www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources. Holders are Hania El Hammamy & Mostafa Asal (pic). Squash - PSA World TourHong Kong Squash

	...d ElShorbagy (EGY)	Cameron Pilley (AUS)	Nicol David (MAS)
	...hamed ElShorbagy (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Nicol David (MAS)
	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Borja Golan (ESP)	Nicol David (MAS)
2012	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	James Willstrop (ENG)	Nicol David (MAS)
2011	James Willstrop (ENG)	Karim Darwish (EGY)	Nicol David (MAS)
2010	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Nicol David (MAS)
2009	Amr Shabana (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Nicol David (MAS)
2008	Amr Shabana (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Nicol David (MAS)
2007	Amr Shabana (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Nicol David (MAS)
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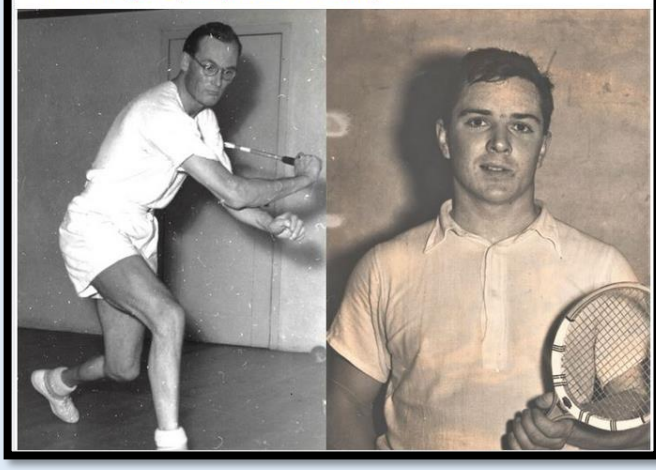
		Jonathon Power (CAN)	

Squash Library
29 November at 08:42

England had played Scotland before and Ireland shortly after WW2, but their first match against Wales was played at Cardiff Squash Club on this day - 29th November – in 1951. England were unbeaten in international matches and won this match 5-0.
Brian Phillips (England) (captain, left) bt Lawrence Verney (Wales, right) (captain) 4-9, 10-8, 9-3, 9-7; Alan Seymour-Haydon bt D. E. Williams 9-4, 3-9, 9-2, 9-2; Geoffrey Atkins bt D. O. Bartlett 9-2, 9-7, 9-4; Alan Fairbairn bt D. H. Andrews 9-7, 9-0, 9-3; Colin Haycraft bt G. E. Needham 7-9, 9-3, 3-9, 9-7, 9-3. England SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymru



Squash Library
28 November at 08:25

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
27 November at 08:19

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

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

Squash Library
23 November at 08:23

Immediately after World War 2 Mahmoud Karim dominated the sport, winning four British Open titles before the Egyptian lost twice to Hashim Khan in finals. Here, www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources is a profile of him that appeared in 1949. Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

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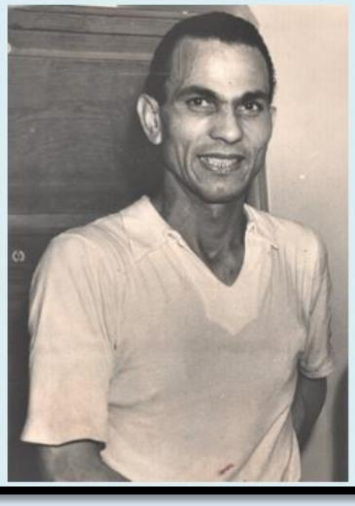
Sunday Times 1949

Mahmoud Karim



Squash Library
21 November at 08:08

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

Jamal Din

Men's:
Semi-Finals: Rajkumar Narpat Singh (Jodhpur) b Mahinder Singh (Calcutta) 9-6 9-7 9-2.
Colonel N. S. Bhagat (Indian Army) b Narpat Singh (Idar) 8-10 10-8 9-3 10-8.
Final: Rajkumar Narpat Singh b Bhagat 9-2 9-4 9-4.
Women's:
Semi-Finals:
Miss Tehmi Vakeel b Miss Kumud Apte 9-4 10-9 2-9 5-9 10-8.
Mrs. L. Riggall (England) b Mrs. Leela Uttamsingh 9-0 9-2 9-1.
Final: Mrs. Riggall b Miss Vakeel 9-3 9-1 9-0.
Junior Championship:
Final: M. H. Chinoy b Pratap Lulla 9-6 5-9 10-9 9-7.
Professional:
Final: Jamal Din (C.C.I., Bombay) b D. L. Shinde (Poona) 9-4 10-8 9-3.

Squash Library
20 November at 08:21

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

Squash Library
14 November at 08:08

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

SINGAPORE OPEN FINALS

	Men's Winner	Men's Runner-Up	Women's Winner	Women's Runner-Up
2022	Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)	Diego Elias (PER)	Joelle King (NZL)	Nour El Tayeb (EGY)
2019	Elvinn Kee (MAS)	Seung-Taek Lee (KOR)	Wen Li Lai (MAS)	Jemyca Aribado (PHI)
2018			Low Wee Wern (MAS)	Ka Yi Lee (HKG)
2017	Ramit Tandon (IND)	James Huang (TPE)		
2016	Tang Ming Hong (HKG)	Elvinn Kee (MAS)		
2015	Ong Beng Hee (MAS)	Valentino Bong (MAS)	Delia Arnold (MAS)	Rachel Arnold (MAS)
2004			Rebecca Chiu (HKG)	Sharon Wee (MAS)
2002			Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Tania Bailey (ENG)
2001			Shelley Kitchen (NZL)	Annelize Naude (RSA)
2000			Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Claire Nitch (RSA)
1999			Michelle Martin (AUS)	Leilani Joyce (NZL)
1998	Paul Price (AUS)	Omar Elborolossy (EGY)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
1997	Martin Heath (SCO)	Billy Haddrell (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1996	Martin Heath (SCO)	Zubair Jahan Khan (PAK)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1995	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Mark Chaloner (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
1994	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Suzanne Horner (ENG)
1993	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Anthony Hill (AUS)	Suzanne Horner (ENG)	Sue Wright (ENG)
1992	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Brett Martin (AUS)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sue Wright (ENG)
1991	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Martine le Moignan (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1990	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Michelle Martin (AUS)
1989	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Danielle Drady (AUS)
1988	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	Lisa Opie (ENG)	Martine le Moignan (ENG)
1987	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Martine le Moignan (ENG)	Alison Cumings (ENG)
1986	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Robyn Friday (AUS)
1985	Philip Kenyon (ENG)	Maqsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lucy Soutter (ENG)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)
1984	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Maqsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)	Barbara Hartman (SUI)
1983	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Maqsood Ahmed (PAK)	Lim Seok Hui (SIN)	Chia Chew Lan (SIN)
1982	Ali Aziz (EGY)	Mo Asran (EGY)	Julieanne Harris (AUS)	Sue Paton (SIN)
1981	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Rukhsana Rashid (PAK)
1980	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Tracy Oh (SIN)
1979	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Sue Paton (SIN)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
1978	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Tracy Oh (SIN)
1977	Rahim Gul (PAK)	Fahim Gul (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
1976	Maqsood Ahmed (PAK)	Atlas Khan (PAK)	Rose Tablante (PHI)	Annette Andrews (SIN)
1975	Gogi Alauddin (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Helen Cooper (HKG)	Helen Chinchen (SIN)
1974	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Bette King (SIN)	Gayle Donovan (MAS)
1973	Qamar Zaman (PAK)	Mohibullah Khan (PAK)	Muriel Hocking (SIN)	Jeanne McColl (SCO)
1972	Barry Thomson (SIN)	Tan Eng Han (SIN)	Muriel Hocking (SIN)	Helen Chinchen (SIN)
1971	Malcolm Simons (SIN)	Ron Jacques (AUS)		
1970	Malcolm Simons (SIN)	Fred Howell (MAS)		

Squash Library
11 November at 08:35

When a women's event was added to the Swedish Open in Gothenburg in 1976 the final was not completed. In an all-English match Barbara Diggens (left) got to 5-2 up in the first game when she tore her achilles tendon, leaving Theo Johnson (right) as the inaugural champion. Svensk SquashEngland Squash

Squash Library
7 November at 08:45

Egyptian Amr Shabana never won the World Juniors before going on to win the World Championship (unlike countrymen Mohamed Elshorbagy and Ramy Ashour). Seen here as a junior with mentor Ahmed Safwat – on this day in 2009 in Kuwait he won the last of his four 'Worlds' beating Ashour 11-8 11-5 11-5 in the final. World Squash FederationEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
6 November at 08:15

An Australian team visited Denmark in 1965, their first international match against the country. Dane Peter Gerlow (pic), twice winner of the British Junior Open, came very close to a memorable win over future British Open finalist Cam Nancarrow.

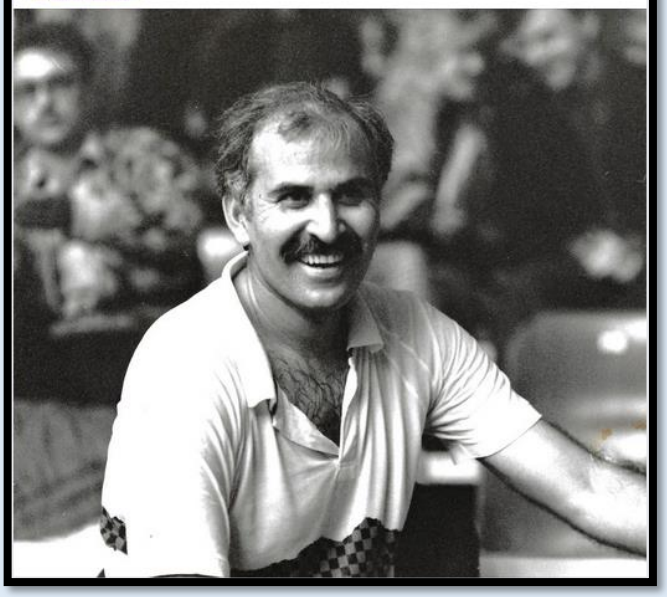
Scores:
Cam Nancarrow (A) b Peter Gerlow
0-9, 9-6, 4-9, 9-3, 10-8;
Dick Carter (A) b J. Philips
9-1, 9-7, 9-5;
Ken Hiscoe (A) b Nils Middelboe
9-3, 9-4, 9-3;
Geoff Hunt (A) b P. Rodtger
9-1, 9-3, 9-1.

Squash Library
16 October at 08:30

The New Zealand National Men's Championship began in 1932, and in case you were wondering, Bill Renton from Timaru retained his 1938 title in 1939, again beating Peter Hall in the final at the Devonport Naval base. He was also R/U in the first for post-war finals. Squash New Zealand Poipātū Aotearoa

Squash Library
30 October at 08:18

Forty years ago in October 1983, Hiddy Jahan took top spot in the English rankings having qualified for England. The Pakistan born player who had represented England in the World Team Championships earlier in the month took over from Gawain Briars as national No1. England Squash



Squash Library
11 October at 08:31

Ten years ago a milestone was reached when the US Open 2013 offered prize money parity for the Men's & Women's events for the first time, leading the way for 'majors'. The winners that year who took home the same sums were Gregory Gaultier (FRA) & Nicol David (MAS). US SQUASHSquash - PSA World Tour

Photos courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
26 October at 08:40

The Swiss Open taking place this week began in 1974, and featured some world champions on their way up. Here is the full list of past winners. Swiss SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

SWISS OPEN CHAMPIONS

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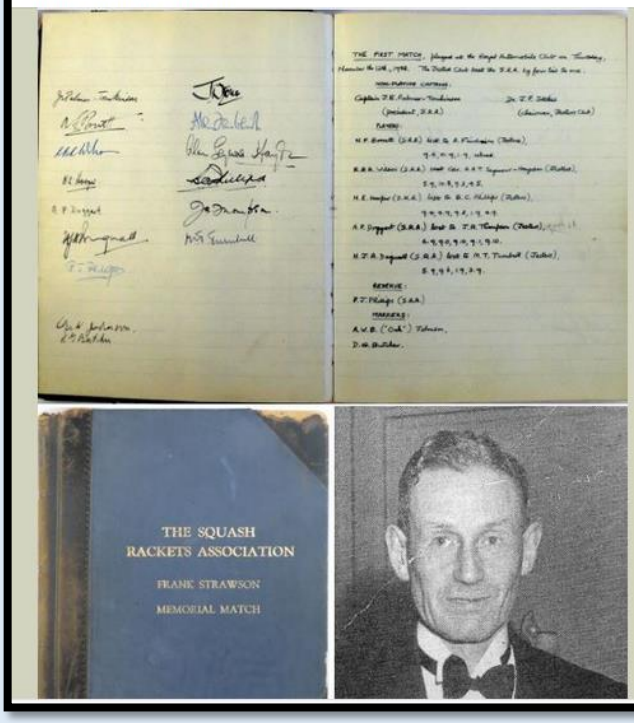
	MEN'S		WOMEN'S			MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
1974	John Easter	ENG			2000	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Jenny Tranfield	ENG
1975	John Easter	ENG			2001	Hadrian Stiff	ENG	Cheryl Beaumont	ENG
1976	Philip Kenyon	ENG			2002	James Willstrop	ENG	Wendy Maitland	SCO
1977	Jonny Leslie	ENG			2003	Stefan Leifels	GER	Suzanne Horner	ENG
1978	Jonny Leslie	ENG			2004	Davide Bianchetti	ITA	Annelize Naude	NED
1979	Frank Donnelly	AUS			2005	Shahier Razik	CAN	Dom Lloyd-Walter	ENG
1980	Dean Williams	AUS			2006	Omar Abdel Aziz	EGY	Lauren Briggs	ENG
1981	Magdi Saad	EGY			2007	Stephen Coppinger	RSA	Margriet Huisman	NED
1982	Peter Verow	ENG	Martine Le Moignan	ENG	2008	Shaun Le Roux	RSA	Sarah Kippax	ENG
1983	Dean Williams	AUS	Vicki Cardwell	AUS	2009	Nicolas Muller	SUI	Camille Serme	FRA
1984	Kelvin Smith	AUS	Heather Wallace	SCO	2010	Dylan Bennett	NED	Gaby Schmohl	SUI
1985	Dale Styner	CAN	Susan Devoy	NZL	2011	Kashif Shuja	NZL	Yathreb Adel	EGY
1986	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Alison Cumings	ENG	2012	Karim Ali Fathi	EGY	Emily Whitlock	ENG
1987	Fredrik Johnson	SWE	Lisa Opie	ENG	2013	Lucas Serme	FRA	Miriam Metwally	EGY
1988	Jason Nicolle	ENG	Lucy Soutter	ENG	2014	Not played		Not played	
1989	Anthony Hill	AUS	Not played		2015	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played	
1990	David Poole	ENG	Alison Cumings	ENG	2016	Kristian Frost	DEN	Not played	
1991	Tony Hands	ENG	Cassie Jackman	ENG	2017	Not played		Not played	
1992	Paul Lord	ENG	Hugoline Van Hoorn	NED	2018	Youssef Ibrahim	EGY	Not played	
1993	David Campion	ENG	Linda Charman	ENG	2019	Dimitri Steinmann	SUI	Not played	
1994	Nick Taylor	ENG	Carol Owens	AUS	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played	
1995	Stefan Leifels	GER	Linda Charman	ENG	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Merlo	SUI
1996	Marcus Berrett	ENG	Sarah Cook	NZL	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Malliff	ENG
1997	Adrian Hanson	RSA	Kate Major	AUS	2020	Ryosei Kobayashi	JPN	Not played	
1998	Paul Gregory	ENG	Leilani Joyce	NZL	2021	Nick Wall	ENG	Cindy Merlo	SUI
1999	Scott Handley	ENG	Rachael Grinham	AUS	2022	Ben Smith	ENG	Katie Malliff	ENG

Squash Library
10 October at 08:22

Frank Strawson died on a Queen's Club squash court 70 years ago in 1953, aged 60. Strawson (pictured) was a British international who was a great promoter of the sport, and himself learned to play left-handed after being wounded in WW1.
Tonight Queen's Club in London sees the 70th anniversary of the Strawson Match, started in the year of his death, and played every year since except for Covid years. Here are the match details from the first match in 1953, featuring top players of the time playing for the SRA or Jesters Club. From then until now all the results were recorded in the Strawson book, and signed by the participating players.



Squash Library
2 October at 08:24

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

Squash Library
30 September at 08:32

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

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

The results:

GB bt Christchurch Invitation 3-1
Barrington lt Hunt 2 – 3
Corby bt J. Isaacs 3 - 1
Stokes bt G. Davidson 3 – 0
Millman bt G. Bird 3 – 0

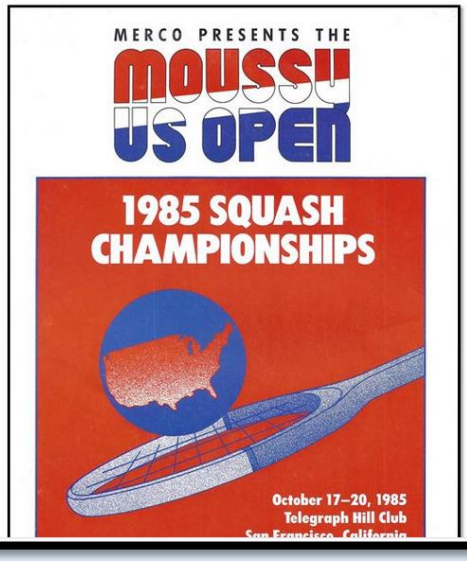
GB bt Timaru 4-0
Barrington bt Hunt 3 – 2
Stokes beat G. Bird 3 – 0
Millman beat B. Rippon 3 – 1
Corby bt G. Davidson 3 – 1

GB bt Wellington 4-0
Barrington bt J. Isaacs 3 - 0
Corby bt R. N. Hawkes 3 - 0
Stokes bt K. Green 3 - 0.
Millman bt B. Christie 3 - 0

GB bt Central Districts 2-1
Barrington lt T. Johnston 2 - 3
Stokes beat D. Burmeister 3 - 2
Millman beat G. Haddon 3 - 1

Squash Library
9 October at 08:24

This week's US Open which was first played by men in 1954 moved from hardball to softball in 1985 when played on converted racquetball courts at the Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco. A home player has yet to win the softball version. Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH



Squash Library
20 September at 07:44

The first major squash event held in Dubai was the Dubai Classic began today (20 Sept) in 1993, held on a showcourt in the basketball hall at the Al Ahli Sports Complex. In the final Jansher Khan (PAK) beat Australian Rodney Martin 15-7 15-8 15-7. Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
13 September at 07:17

Following the beginning of the men's Swedish squash championship in 1937 two Stockholm families dominated by winning eleven of the first fifteen editions. The start of the event was enabled by the opening of Stockholm SC earlier that year.
Lennart Johncke and cousin Torsten shared five (from ten finals) while two members of the Froander family, Erik and Ake, won six. (left: Erik Froander, Right: Lennart & Torsten Johncke). Svensk Squash

Squash Library
15 September at 07:17

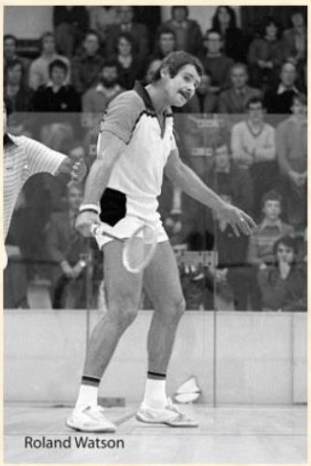
After 46 wins against home countries, Denmark, Netherlands and South Africa, England suffered its first ever defeat on 31 December 1962 when beaten 4-1 by Australia at the RAC, London.
The scores:
Jeremy Lyon lt Ken Hiscoe 3-1, Richard Boddington bt Owen Parmenter 3-2, Tony Gathercole lt Dick Carter 3-0, John Skinner lt Ken Binns 3-1, Terry Pickering lt Doug Stephenson 3-0.
L to R: back: Ken Binns & Ken Hiscoe; middle: Dick Carter & Doug Stephenson; front: Owen Parmenter & John Cheadle. England SquashSquash AustraliaSquash South AfricaSquash Bond NederlandDansk Squash Forbund

Squash Library
10 September at 07:20

2015 was the last time a Women's draw was part of the Qatar Classic. They have re-joined the men at the PSA World Tour Platinum event taking place at the Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex in Doha starting today. (In 2015 Laura Massaro (ENG) beat Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 11-8 12-14 11-9 8-11 11-9). Past Men's & Women's results at www.squashinfo.com. Squash - PSA World TourQatar Squash Federation

Squash Library
6 September at 08:23

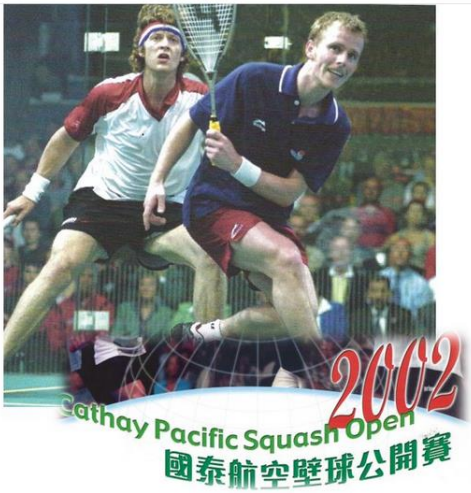
Roland Watson was ranked in the World Top 20 (indeed as high as six in 1978) but it took nearly 40 years before the next South African breached the men's top 20. Stephen Coppinger did so ten years ago in 2013, and reached a career high of 14 three times during 2015, according to www.squashinfo.com data.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



Photos courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
28 August at 09:09

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



Squash Library
26 August at 07:30

Nicol David celebrates her 40th birthday today.
After winning two World Juniors and her first Tour title, the Finnish Open when aged 16, the Malaysian's stellar career included winning the World Championship 8 times. She was also world number 1 for a record 109-month unbroken run; and in October 2018 she ended a record 14 year, 9 month (177 months) unbroken run in the world top 20.
Happy birthday, superstar! Nicol DavidSquash - PSA World Tour Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia

Squash Library
25 August at 08:25

The American women's team had won the trans-Atlantic challenge – the Wolfe Noel Cup - 3-2 on the home ground of the Harvard Club, Boston in 1935, but when they travelled to the Lansdowne Club in London in 1936 to play softball on international size courts Great Britain prevailed 5-0.
In 1937 the Great Britain team travelled to the Junior League Club in New York, and again lost 3-2, before the US team completed the symmetry by again losing 5-0 at the Queens Club in London before WW2 intervened.
The full Library history of the Wolfe Noel Cup is at www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup.
England SquashUS SQUASH

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

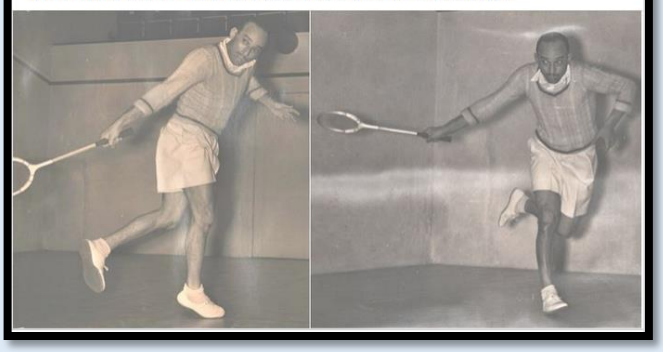
The 1937 Great Britain team: L to R: Betty Cook, Ann Alexander, Eliza Wolfe (captain), Anne Lytton-Milbanke, Helena Barrett, Sheila McKechnie.

Squash Library
23 August at 08:17

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

Squash Library
21 August at 08:12

These two photos of seven times British Open champion Hashim Khan were taken in 1952, and clearly illustrates how short a grip the seven times British Open champion used.



Squash Library
19 August at 08:11

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

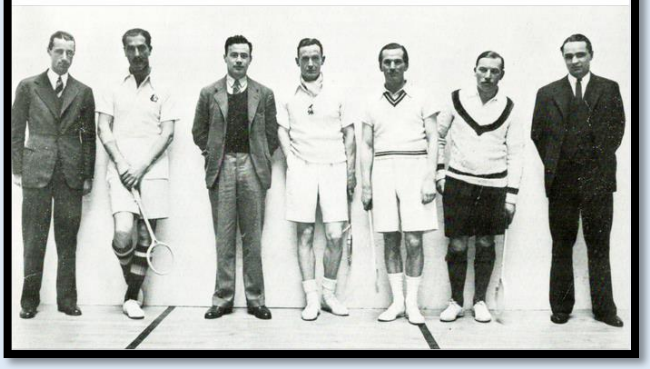
Phil Whitlock, supported by Peter Marshall, negotiated a compromise with the SRA for that year whereby the conditions were removed, and would only be reinstated if the prize money reached a threshold in future years. But the players rejected this, and seventeen players, including Del Harris, Chris Walker,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

Squash Library
14 August at 08:02

In August 1955 a British Men's team left London to tour Kenya, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and South Africa. The squad, LtoR: Dick Hawkey, Ian De Sales la Terriere, Norman Borrett (capt), Mike Perkins, Brian Phillips (the sixth member, Alan Seymour-Hayden joined the group in Rome). Squash South AfricaSquash Rackets Association of Zimbabwe SRAZEngland Squash

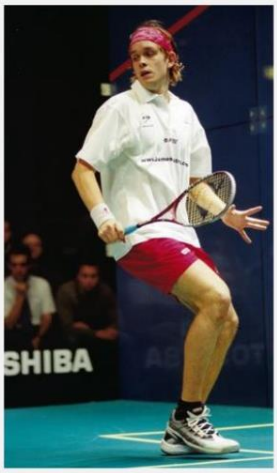
Squash Library
31 July at 08:13

England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales first started playing matches against each other in 1937. (in 1937 & 38 the England v Scotland matches included two doubles matches added to the five singles which were the norm in following years).
Pictured are some England & Scotland players when they competed at St John's Wood in London in 1938. L to R: D.M. Backhouse & P.W. Le Gros (Eng), H. Roxburgh (Sco), F.M. Strawson (Eng), S. Stewart-Clark & J.K. Sprott (Sco), W.M. Welch (Eng) England SquashScottish Squash



Squash Library
15 August at 08:17

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



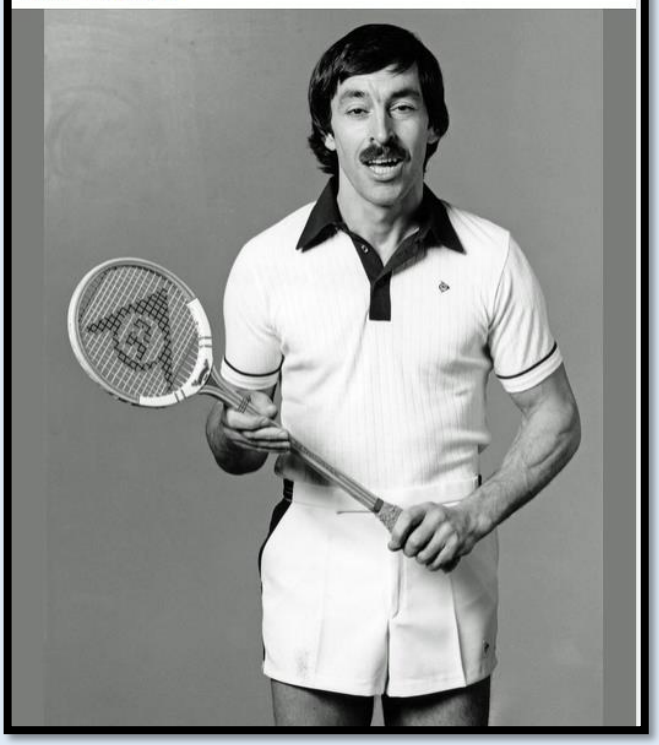
Photos courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
12 July at 08:36

30 years ago for the two months of July & August 1993, Australian Chris Dittmar overtook Jansher Khan to become world number one. It was controversial as the Pakistani player had beaten Dittmar on all six times they had met during the year, but Khan receiving three zero points for late withdrawals caused his ranking to dip.
Dittmar commented: 'I don't consider myself the world no. 1 and I shan't until I have beaten him six or seven times'.
Squash - PSA World TourSquash AustraliaPakistan Squash Federation

Squash Library
10 July at 06:10

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



Squash Library
11 July at 08:19

25 years ago in 1998 Susan Devoy was awarded a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, having already received an MBE in 1985 and a CBE in 1993. The four times World Open champion and eight times British Open was the youngest New Zealander since Sir Edmund Hillary to receive such a high accolade from the late Queen.
Dame Susan, currently a WSF Vice-President, is pictured at her last World Open win in 1992.
Squash New Zealand Poipātū AotearoaWorld Squash Federation

Squash Library
26 June at 09:31

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

Squash Library
24 June at 08:39

After the British Amateur Championships in December 1937, the unofficial world championship of the time, the SRA were under pressure to change from morning and early afternoon play to add evenings, so circulated a questionnaire. Here it is www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources, with the responses too.

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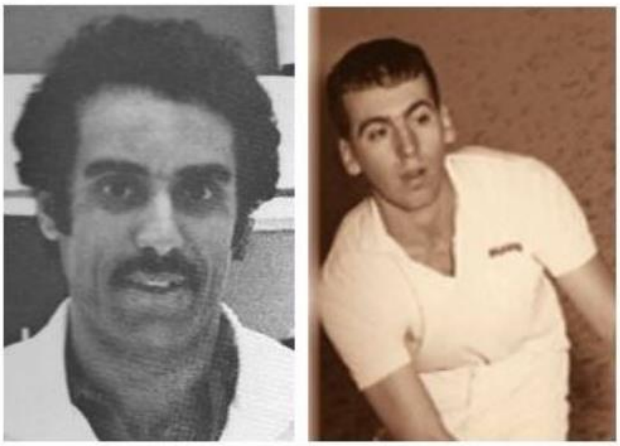
Squash Library
10 June at 08:45

The North American Open only went south of USA once. In 1975 the Palace Squash Club in Mexico City hosted the event but the title went back to USA with Victor Niederhoffer (right) thwarting Sharif Khan's attempt to win a seventh successive title, the American winning 15-9 15-7 4-15 15-11. (Khan, left, went on to in the next six editions, so gathering 12 out of 13 with just the Mexican gap). US SQUASH



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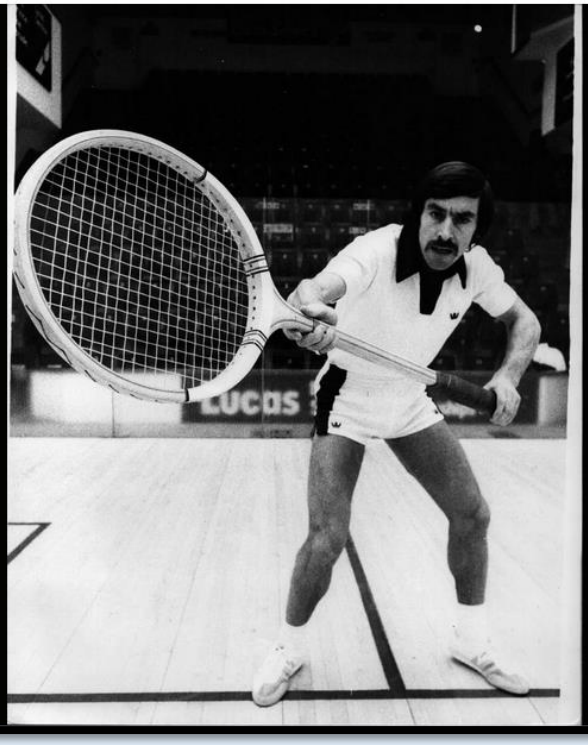
22 June at 08:42

In 1951 the four surviving British Amateur champions were photographed. The other three winners had perished during the Second World War. Left to right: T.O. Jameson (1922 & 23), Dugald MacPherson (1924 & 28), F.D. Amr Bey (1931-33 & 35-37), Jimmy Palmer-Tomkinson (1926).

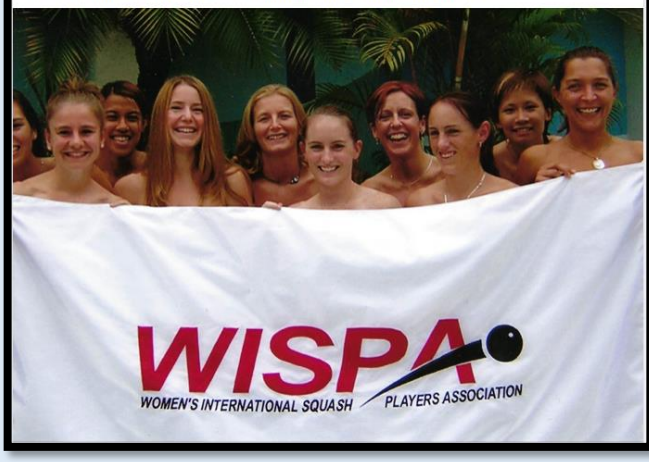
Squash Library
1 June at 08:54

The sport should reconsider whether six times British Open champion Jonah Barrington is a legend as he was clearly using an oversized racket! The full Library British Open history is at www.squashlibrary.info/british-open. Jonah BarringtonBritish Open Squash - from SquashSite



Squash Library
21 June at 08:27

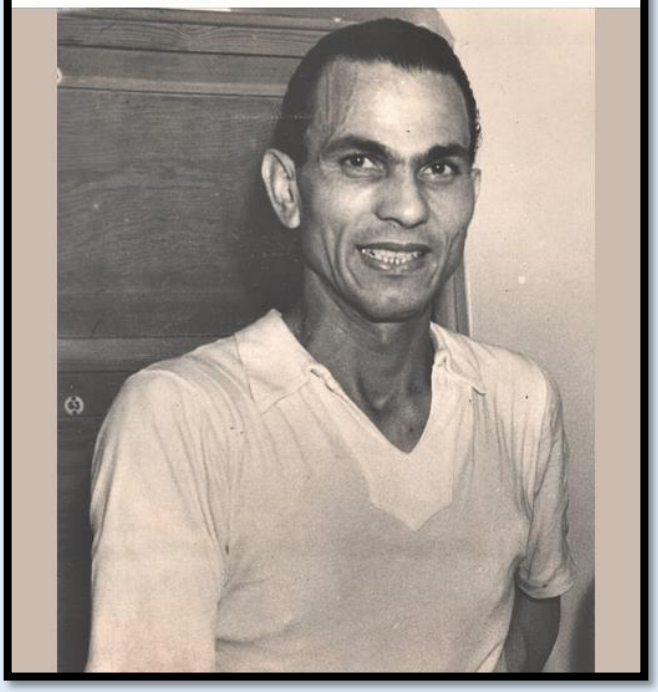
In 2004 when a Women's Tour event was held in Brunei, this promotional shot was taken. L to R, Shelley Kitchen (part!), Jenny Tranfield, Nicol David, Vicky Botwright, Fiona Geaves, Natalie Grinham, Linda Charman, Rachael Grinham, Rebecca Chiu, Rebecca Macree.



Squash Library
30 May at 08:30 ·

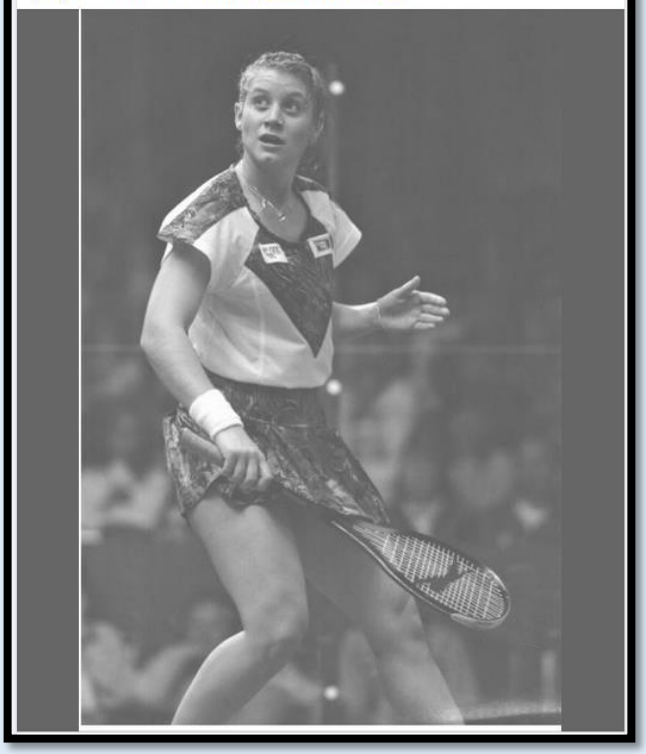
When Egyptian star Mahmoud Karim toured Australia in 1949 the Herald Newspaper in Melbourne report included this about combining squash and tennis, which he also played. 'He explained that he finds the squash touch so much lighter and different to tennis that his squash accuracy is upset if he mixes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

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



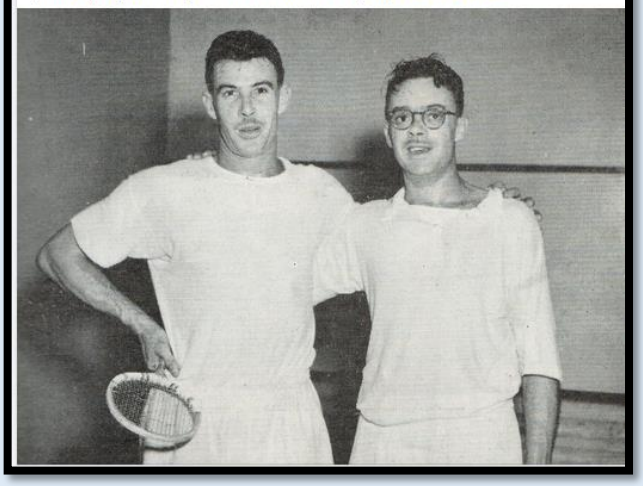
Squash Library
26 May at 08:14 ·

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



Squash Library
29 May at 08:21 ·

For the first time in its history the South African men's championship 1951 was played away from Johannesburg. It was played in Cape Town, at the Olympic Sports Club. The holder, Brian Callaghan of Transvaal, retained his title beating the Western Province champion David Hodgson in the final.
Score: B. Callaghan bt Hodgson, 9-5, 9-1, 9-6.
(Pic: Brian, left, with losing semi-finalist brother Denis). Squash South Africa

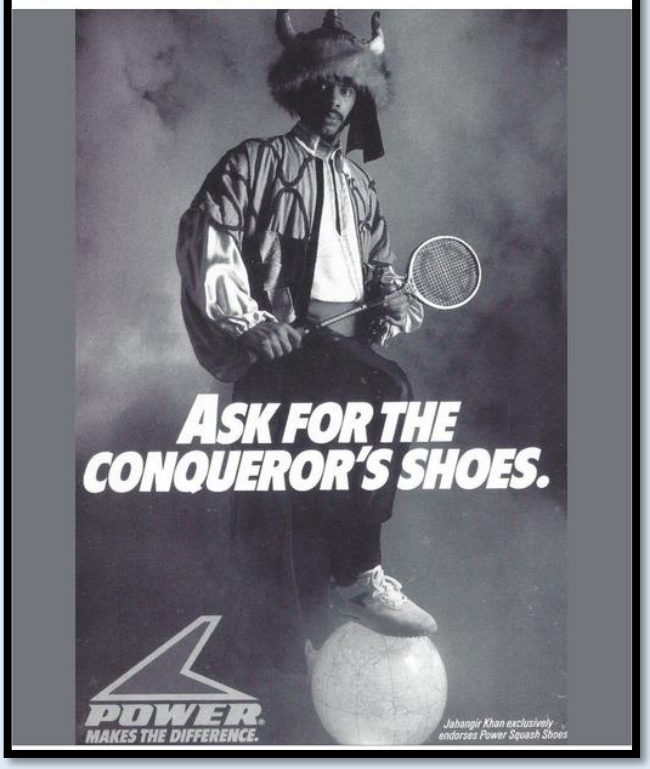


Squash Library
25 May at 07:52 ·

40 years ago, in May 1983 Ross Norman was in hospital having had a steel traction bar inserted through his fibula. This the result of his first parachute jump at Thraxton Airfield in Hampshire, England where he landed awkwardly and extensively damaged his left knee, including displacing the ligament under his kneecap.
Not only was he able to fully recover, but on 11 November 1986 in Toulouse the New Zealander ended Jahangir Khan's 5y 7m unbeaten run to become World Open champion.
Squash New Zealand

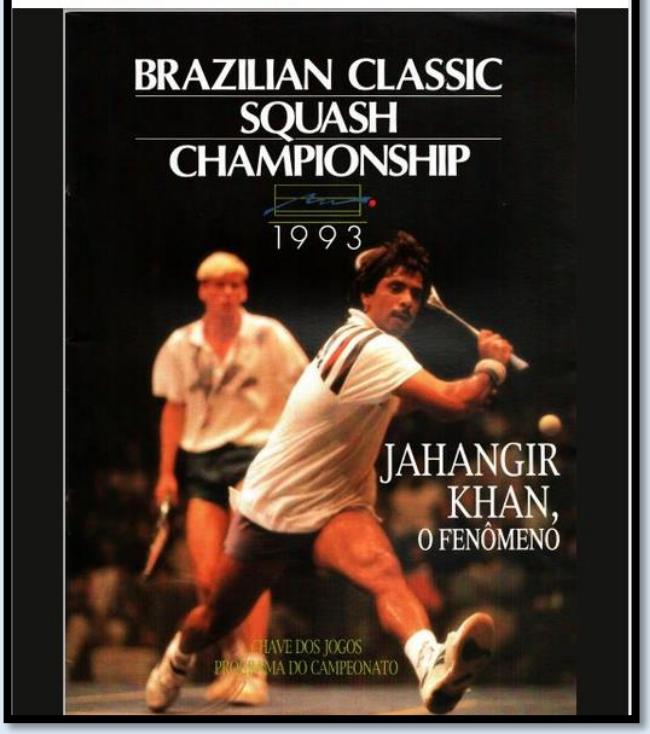
Squash Library
22 May at 08:21 ·

The meaning of the word Jahangir is conqueror of the world, so it was only natural that this theme should be used in a shoe advertisement after Jahangir Khan (PAK) had won his third World title in 1983. Pakistan Squash Federation



Squash Library
15 May at 07:55 ·

This week 30 years ago Brazil burst onto the major event scene with the $141,000 Men's Brazilian Classic held on a showcourt in the theatre of the Hotel Nacional in Rio De Janeiro. While the event suffered with court arrival delays and sponsorship withdrawals promoter Jose Seixas de Maia Neto managed to get the event on, enabling Jansher Khan to win his fiftieth PSA title. In the 87 minute final he defeated Chris Dittmar 9-15 15-5 15-7 8-15 15-6. Federacion Panamericana de Squash Squash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
19 May at 08:21 ·

The Paraguay Open being played this week was first staged from 1987 to 1991 It returned in 2009 when it was won by Rafael Alarcón (BRA), R/UP was Gilly Lane (USA), and semi-finalists Bart Ravelli (NED) and Esteban Casarino (PAR). L to R: Ravelli, Alarcón, Lane, Casarino.
Past results at http://www.squashinfo.com/history/782/mens/paraguay-open
L to R: Ravelli, Alarcón, Lane, Casarino. Asociación Paraguaya de SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
14 May at 07:54 ·

25 years ago today 1995 World Junior Champion Jade Wilson took her own life. The prodigiously talented New Zealander was aged only 21, the first New Zealander to win the World Junior. Even though her career was so short she was later inducted into the New Zealand Squash Hall of Fame. Sadly gone, but certainly not forgotten. Squash New ZealandWorld Squash Federation

Squash Library
12 May at 06:42

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

Squash Library
3 May at 08:26

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

Squash Library
11 May at 04:53

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

Squash Library
2 May at 08:45

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

Squash Library
10 May at 08:35

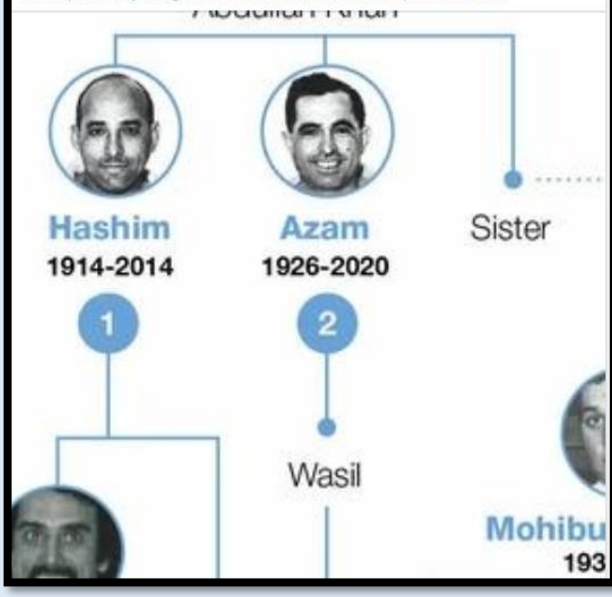
Ten years ago Saurav Ghosal became the first Indian male PSA top 20 player when he was ranked 18 in the February 2013 listing. He is currently placed at 19. Dipika Pallikal-Karthik holds the female accolade, having reached the top 20 before him in October 2011. (Historical rankings can be found at http://www.squashinfo.com/rankings). Squash Rackets Federation of IndiaSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
28 April at 08:16

Forty years ago the 1983 European Team Championships were staged at the newly completed Racket Sport Centrum Munich, conveniently situated next to Hirschgarten, Munich's largest beer garden!
At the time it was the largest squash facility in the world, with no less than 28 courts and a three sided glass showcourt, too.
17 women's and 19 men's team filled the courts, with England beating Ireland 3/0 in the Women's Final while Sweden scored their second triumph over England, winning 3/2 in the Men's Final. (squads pictured).
Later in 1983 the centre hosted the Men's World Open. The European Squash FederationDeutscher Squash Verband e.V.

Squash Library
25 April at 08:33

Squash Library has produced a family tree to show how the Khan families that have had such an impact on the squash world, champions and coaches alike, are linked. Go to www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources to see it. Pakistan Squash Federation



Squash Library
27 April at 08:20

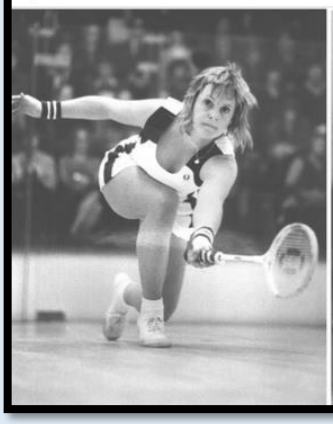
Finn Olli Tuominen played for the first time in 1998 and this week, now aged 44, he has recorded a record 24th successive appearance in the European Team Championships. (His total could have been 26 if Covid had not cancelled 2020 & 21). www.squashinfo.comfor event results. The European Squash FederationSquash Suomi Finland

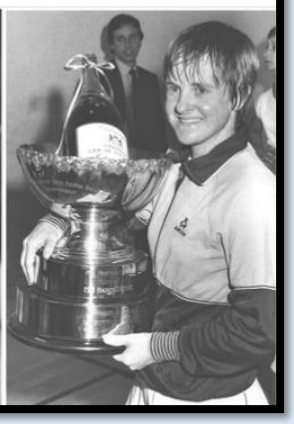
Squash Library
22 April at 08:17

Alister Walker made history for the first time ten years ago when the former English international won Botswana's first international title, winning Gold at the African Championships 2013, beating Zambia's Kelvin Ndhlovu in Windhoek, Namibia. Squash Federation of Africa SFA

Squash Library
21 April at 07:26

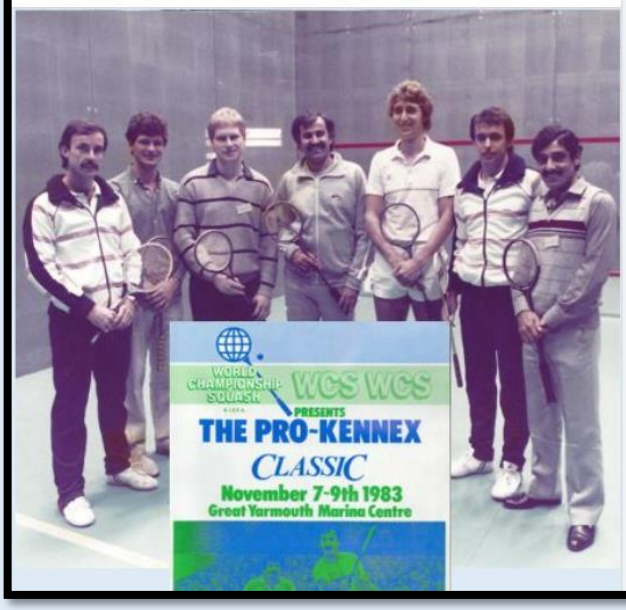
1983 World Champion and four times British Open champion (1980-3) Vicki Cardwell celebrates her birthday today (21 April). The Australian, born in 1955, announced her retirement at the time of her 1983 British win, aged 27. However, she carried on competing stayed in the top 20 until her 40th birthday, and only stepped off the Tour at the end of 1998! Squash Australia





Squash Library
20 April at 08:36

In November 1983 Point-A-Rally scoring was trialled at a three day event in Gt Yarmouth, England, the Pro-Kennex Challenge. It used a best of 3 games to 11 points for the early rounds (and a 3 point sudden death at 10 all) designed for shorter, high incident matches. Full information at www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources. Semis and final were best of 5 games.
It was promoted by World Championship Squash Ltd, a promoter group working with ISPA (former name of PSA) who tested new rules, courts and white balls.
The players were LtoR: Philip Kenyon, Ross Thorne, Chris Dittmar, Hiddy Jahan, Gawain Briars, Dean Williams, Maqsood Ahmed (with Stuart Davenport absent).

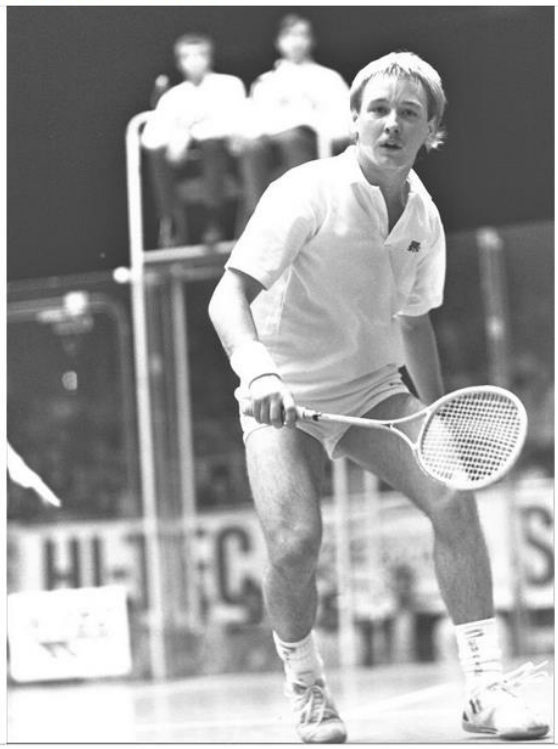


Squash Library
19 April at 08:24

Squash Canada began their Hall of Fame in 1983 to recognise their most successful / influential players, administrators, coaches, referees etc. The full list of inductees is at https://squash.ca/hall-of-fame/, which now numbers 48 with the latest entries. Squash Canada

Squash Library
17 April at 08:37

Thirty years ago, within a year of reaching the 1992 British Open final where he was beaten by Jansher Khan, Australian Chris Robertson was forced to retire due to an osteo-arthritic hip problem. He has since been a highly successful coach in Wales, England and Hong Kong.
British Open Squash - from SquashSite



Squash Library
7 April at 08:35

70 years ago the 1953 New Zealand Championships were played at Palmerston North. The Library has found this photo of the Men's Semi finalists: L to R: Don Mocham (winner), Ack Malcolm, Les Milne (R/U), Peter Vesty. (Women's winner was Australian Rae Maddern). Squash New Zealand

Squash Library
3 April at 08:34

The record international span has been extended beyond Paraguayan Esteban Casarino's 26y 7m. Irishman Steve Richardson first represented his country at the Under 16 Home Internationals on 29 April 1987, and carried on until the Men's World Team Championship 2019 (15 – 21 Dec) when aged 47. A whopping nearly 32y 7m!

Richardson pictured at the World Teams 2019.

Squash Library
1 April at 08:25

Squash Library asked if anybody could beat the recorded spans of country representation, and Paraguay's former No1 Esteban Casarino has raised the mark to 26 years, 7 months.
He first played in the Pan American Championships 1992, beginning on 27 August when he was aged 16, and continued until the South American Championships which ended on 6 April 2019 (where he took a doubles bronze medal).
Such was the length that during the period he not only played world number 2 Diego... See more

Squash Library
13 March at 08:19

The Canary Wharf Classic in London this week is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Starting in 2004 (promo below) it has been played throughout at the glass-roofed East Wintergarden, with the men split into initial pools for the first two years, before it became straight knockout.
Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
10 March at 08:22 ·

Vanessa Atkinson celebrates her 47th birthday today (10.03.23). The Dutchwoman won the World Open in 2004, beating Natalie Grinham in the final. She held the No1 world ranking for five months in 2005/6. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Bond Nederland

Photo courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
7 March at 08:21 ·

86 years ago the first Danish Men's Championship took place in Copenhagen in January 1937, won by Hugo Grut who beat Ole Clausen, Clausen beating Ramberg Neilson in 1938. The Women joined in 1938, Frue Plougmann beating Lali Scheel to become inaugural champion.
Dansk Squash Forbund

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Squash Library
8 March at 08:20 ·

What is the longest span of years playing for a nation? Sheila Macintosh (nee Speight) first played for England/GB from April 1949 to December 1971, approaching 23 years, during which she won the British Open in 1960. Who can beat that?

Squash Library
6 March at 08:37 ·

Englishman Nick Matthew, then aged 34y 7m, beat then world No.1 Mohamed Elshorbagy 3-0 to win the final of the March 2015 Windy City Open becoming the oldest ever winner of a PSA Men's World Series (elevated) event, and winning his 32nd career title in the process. He edged ahead of Amr Shabana, the Egyptian winning the 2014 Tournament of Champions aged 34y 4m according to www.squashinfo.com data.
He is seen here with Mark Walter of sponsors Guggenheim partners and women's winner Raneem El Welily.
Squash - PSA World TourNick Matthew

Squash Library
28 February at 07:37 ·

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

MEN'S WORLD NUMBER ONES

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

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Squash Library
27 February at 08:22 ·

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

WOMEN'S WORLD NUMBER ONES

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

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Squash Library
23 February at 08:38 ·

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

TOP 10 RANKINGS

	January 1980*		January 1990		Janua
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Australia	1	3	4	5	2
Canada					1
Colombia					
Egypt					1
England		5	1	3	2

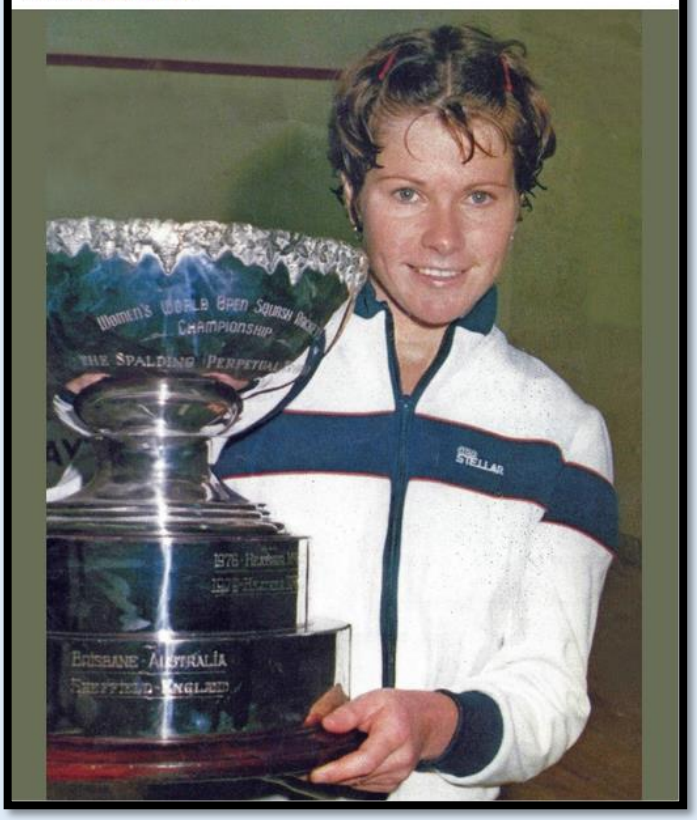
Squash Library
20 February at 08:24 ·

70 years ago in 1953 Roshan Khan won the Pakistan Professional Championship for the third time (adding a fourth in 1957, the year he won the British Open). Played at the Military Academy, Kakul, he beat Samiullah Khan of the Rawalpindi Club in the final. (There was a record entry of twelve amateurs and twenty professionals).

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

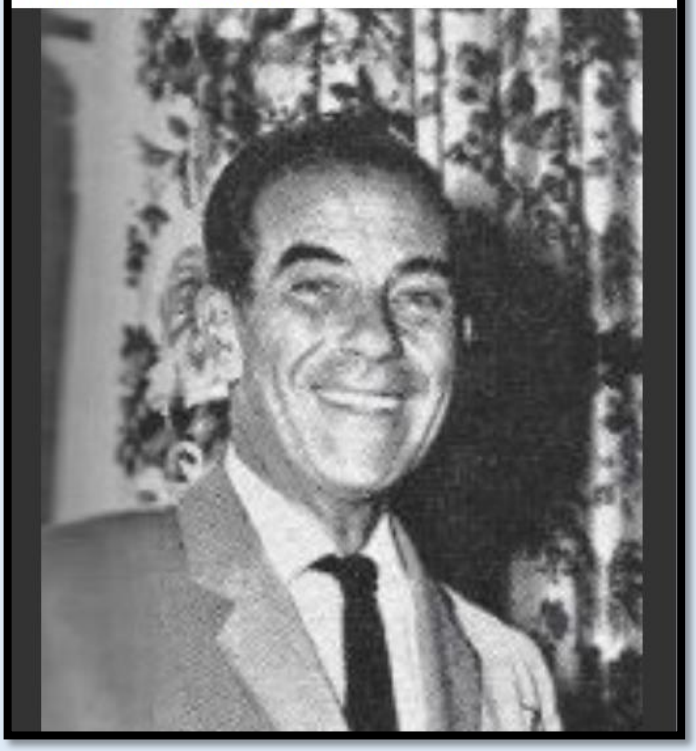
Squash Library
6 February at 08:16

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



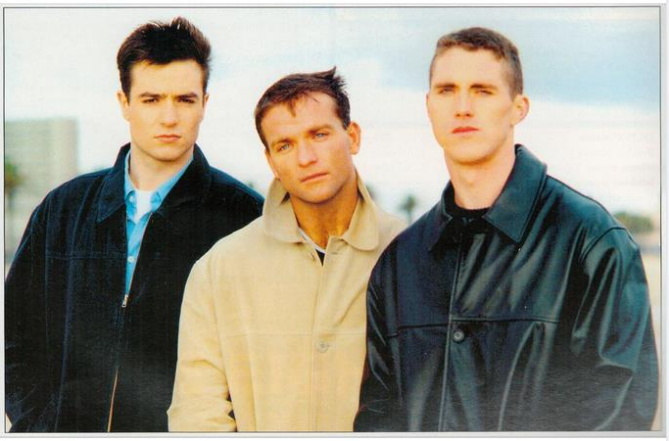
Squash Library
28 January at 08:07

70 years ago in 1953 squash was going through a difficult time in Greece owing to the import restrictions, one result of which was that rackets could not be purchased in shops. The National Championship was not held but the Greek Open Championship was won for the first time by a Greek player when Aris Vatimbella (pic) beat G. Louzy 9-5, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5. In the Ladies' Open Championship (the Xydis Cup), the Greek lawn tennis champion Miss Viki Georganta beat Mrs. Hall 9-1, 9-6, 9-3. Greek Squash



Squash Library
1 February at 08:26

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



Squash Library
24 January at 08:45

The January 1988 rankings saw the transference of top spot from Jahangir Khan to Jansher Khan. Jahangir had occupied top spot for an unbroken six years, beginning in January 1982. Jansher overtook his Pakistani countryman on the back of nine wins from the last ten events played, including seven victories over Jahangir.
At that time Jahangir vowed to win number one back, ...and did so. During the following period up to April 1992 he had four further spells on top, bringing his overall months at number one to 68 (while Jansher managed 97 months between Jan 88 and Jan 98). Pakistan Squash FederationSquash - PSA World Tour

ISPA - RANK LIST AS AT 01-JAN-88

FORENAMES	SURNAME	AVERAGE	RANK	COUNTRY
JANSHER	KHAN	643.706	1	PAKISTAN
JAHANGIR	KHAN	591.962	2	PAKISTAN
CHRIS	DITTMAR	507.273	3	AUSTRALIA
ROSS	NORMAN	408.827	4	NEW ZEALAND
RODNEY	MARTIN	343.225	5	AUSTRALIA
CHRIS	ROBERTSON	316.858	6	AUSTRALIA
ROSS	THORNE	187.923	7	AUSTRALIA
UMAR HAYAT	KHAN	187.454	8	PAKISTAN
TRISTAN	NANCARROW	179.250	9	AUSTRALIA
RICKI	HILL	174.233	10	AUSTRALIA
PHIL	KENYON	167.993	11	ENGLAND
QAMAR	ZAMAN	156.482	12	PAKISTAN
BRETT	MARTIN	153.920	13	AUSTRALIA
ZARAK JAHAN	KHAN	139.145	14	PAKISTAN
STUART	HAILSTONE	136.400	15	ENGLAND
GAWAIN	BRIARS	134.050	16	ENGLAND
NEIL	HARVEY	133.843	17	ENGLAND
ANDRES	WAHLSTEDT	132.931	18	SWEDEN
BRYAN	BEESON	131.900	19	ENGLAND
JAMIE	HICKOX	129.867	20	ENGLAND
GEOFF	WILLIAMS	125.867	21	ENGLAND
HIDDY	JAHAN	122.127	22	ENGLAND
MARTIN	BODIMEADE	121.842	23	ENGLAND
GLEN	BRUMBY	112.492	24	AUSTRALIA
RODNEY	EYLES			
FREDRIK	JOHNSON			
JAN-ULF	SODERBERG			
AUSTIN	ADARRAGA			
DANIEL	MEDDINGS			

FORENAMES	SURNAME	AVERAGE	RANK	COUNTRY
JAHANGIR	KHAN	712.607	1	PAKISTAN
ROSS	NORMAN	495.873	2	NEW ZEALAND
JANSHER	KHAN	455.431	3	PAKISTAN
CHRIS	DITTMAR	344.279	4	AUSTRALIA
CHRIS	ROBERTSON	329.255	5	AUSTRALIA
RODNEY	MARTIN	318.392	6	AUSTRALIA
STUART	DAVENPORT	304.414	7	NEW ZEALAND
ROSS	THORNE	191.367	8	AUSTRALIA

Squash Library
17 January at 08:29

With his reaching world number 1, Mostafa Asal has become the seventh Egyptian player to reach top spot, following Amr Shabana who was the first from his nation in April 2006. Here is the list, taken from www.squashinfo.com data. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش Mostafa Asal

EGYPTIAN MEN AT WORLD NUMBER 1

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

^ Not necessarily continuous. PSA Rankings moved from monthly to weekly on 29 August 2022 so after this date 'months' indicate weeks within the month, not necessarily the full month.
(a) All before changing from EGY to ENG
* So far

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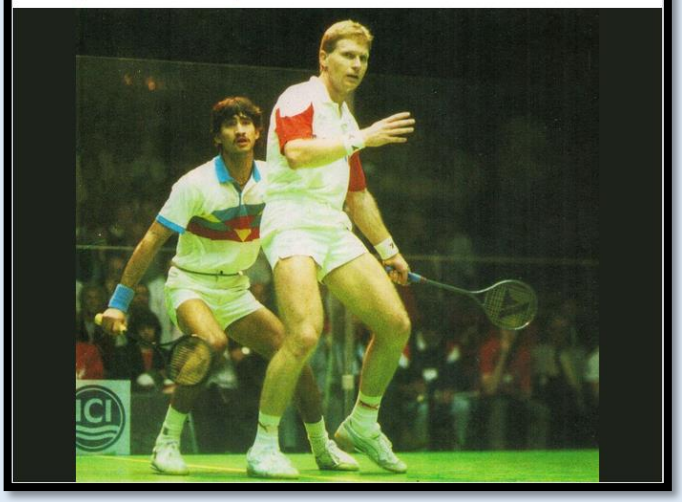
Squash Library
16 January at 07:57

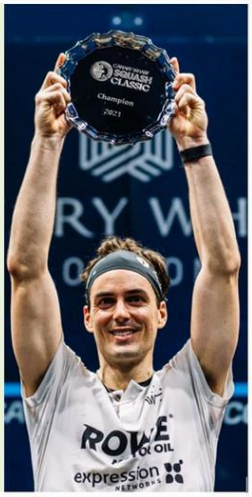
Australian player Chris Dittmar celebrates his 59th birthday today (16 Jan). He had a superlative record, but playing during the Jahangir and Jansher Khan era of dominance he was thwarted by them in the World Open, reaching five finals without a win.
The left-hander from Adelaide did reach top spot in the World rankings for two months (July/August 1993) though, and was instrumental in Australia winning the World Team Championship in 1989, beating Jahangir Khan in the final. He and Australia retained the title in 1991. Squash - PSA World TourSquash Australia



Squash Library
13 January at 08:24

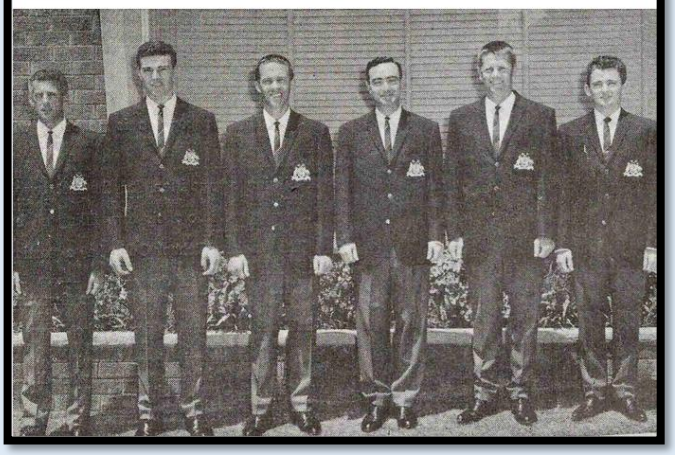
Six years ago this month (Jan 2017), Paul Coll climbed 13 places in the PSA Men's ranking to become the first New Zealander since 1986 World Champion Ross Norman to feature in the top 20. He was ranked 20 that month, on his way to reaching top spot in March 2022. Paul Coll Squash - PSA World TourSquash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

Rank	[Prev]	Name
1	1	Mohamed ElShorbagy
2	2	Karim Abdel Gawad
3	3	Gregory Gaultier
4	4	Nick Matthew
5	5	Ramy Ashour
6	6	Marwan Elshorbagy
7	7	Ali Farag
8	11	Tarek Momen
9	8	Omar Mosaad
10	10	Simon Rösner
11	15	James Willstrop
12	14	Fares Dessouky
13	9	Mathieu Castagnet
14	13	Miguel Rodriguez
15	16	Daryl Selby
16	17	Borja Golan
17	18	Max Lee
18	12	Cameron Pilley
19	19	Ryan Cuskelly
20	33	Paul Coll



Squash Library
11 January at 08:42

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



Squash Library
4 January at 08:25

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

L to R: Ashton, Abdel Kawy, Harris

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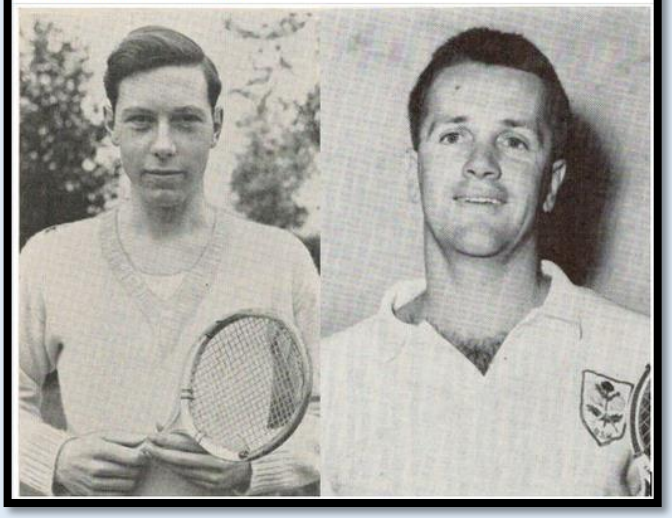
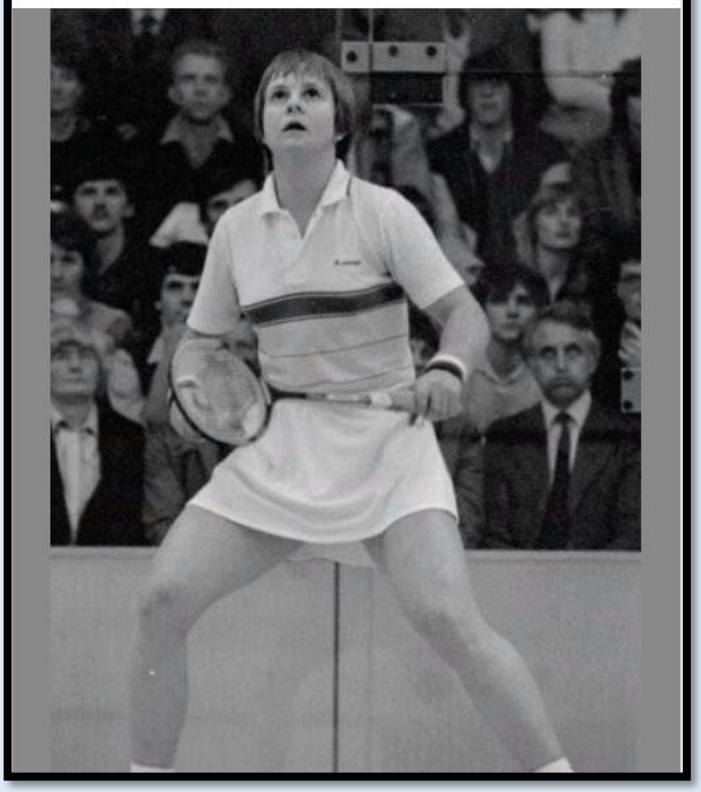
Squash Library
31 December 2022 at 08:43

60 years ago today (31 Dec 1962) England Men suffered their first ever defeat after 46 internationals, mostly against the 'home countries', with two against Denmark, and one each with Netherlands & South Africa. Australia were the 4 – 1 winners at the RAC Club in London.
The results:
Jeremy Lyon (pic, L) Lt Ken Hiscoe (pic, R) 6-9, 9-5, 6-9, 7-9
Richard Boddington Bt Owen Parmenter 9-4, 4-9, 7-9, 10-8, 9-5
Tony Gathercole Lt Dick Carter 8-10, 6-9, 2-9
John Skinner Lt Ken Binns 10-8, 3-9, 8-10, 5-9
Terry Pickering Lt Doug Stephenson 3-9, 4-9, 9-10
England Squash Squash Australia



Squash Library
29 December 2022 at 08:35

After the US National Championships were played in Cincinnati, the first international event held in the city was the Charlie Johnson's Ohio Open 30 years ago in 1992.
Hosted in the city at the Cincinnati Sports Club and Queens City Racquets Club, the event saw 37 year old former World number 1 Vicki Cardwell (pictured) prevailing, the Australian beating US number 1 Demer Holleran 9-6 9-3 7-9 9-4. Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH Cincinnati Sports ClubVicki Cardwell



Squash Library
28 December 2022 at 08:40

According to www.squashinfo.com data cache there are six members of squash's '500 Club' – winners of 500+ Tour matches. Here is the list, headed by France's Gregory Gaultier (pic).
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587 Gregory Gaultier (FRA)
579 Nicol David (MAS)
526 Rachael Grinham (AUS)
518 Nick Matthew (ENG)
507 Mohamed ElShorbagy (ENG)
500 James Willstrop (ENG)

Squash Library
23 December 2022 at 08:37

French star Gregory Gaultier, born 23.12.82, has his 40th birthday today. Winner of 44 Tour events, highlights include the World Championship 2015 and three British Open titles (2007,14, 17).
Squash - PSA World TourFFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash

Squash Library
23 December 2022 at 08:37

French star Gregory Gaultier, born 23.12.82, has his 40th birthday today. Winner of 44 Tour events, highlights include the World Championship 2015 and three British Open titles (2007,14, 17).
Squash - PSA World TourFFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash

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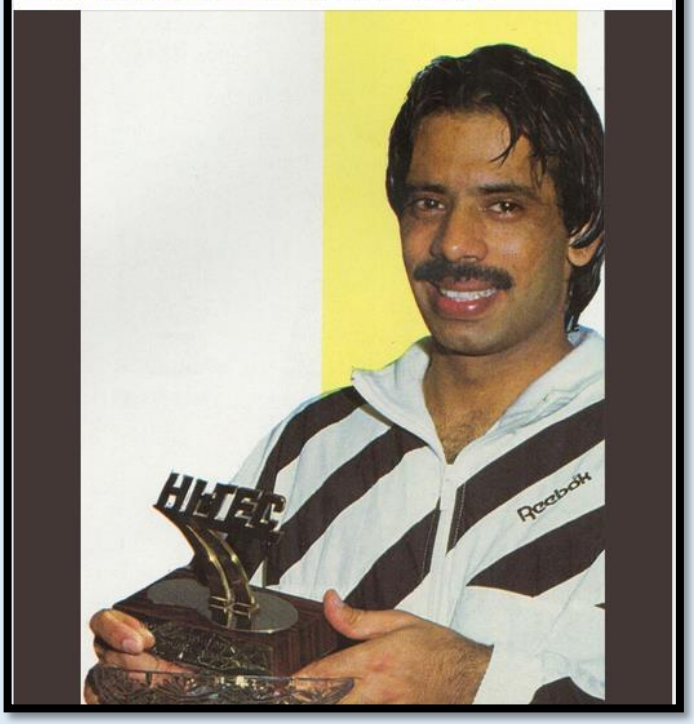
22 December 2022 at 08:52

A year after his tenth and last British Open title in 1991 (pic) Jahangir Khan, then aged 28, dropped out of the world top 20 rankings in November 1992. He had not been lower than two from 1980 until February 1991 when he fell to three following illness. See the top 50 at www.squashlibrary.info/features.
The Pakistani star regained top spot but back injuries during 1992 meant a fall from 5 to 26 in the November listing.
Another feature of the list that month was Australia occupying six of the top nine spots.
Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash FederationSquash Australia



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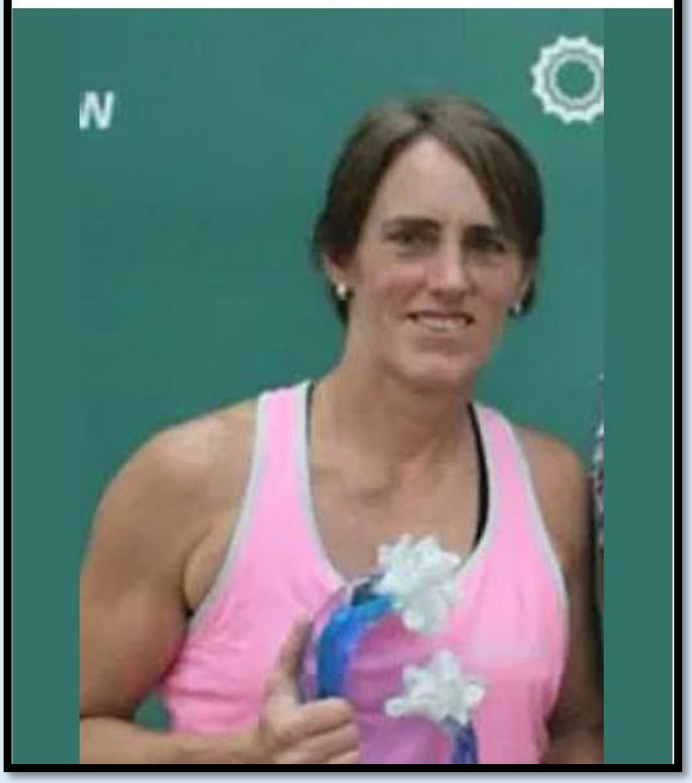
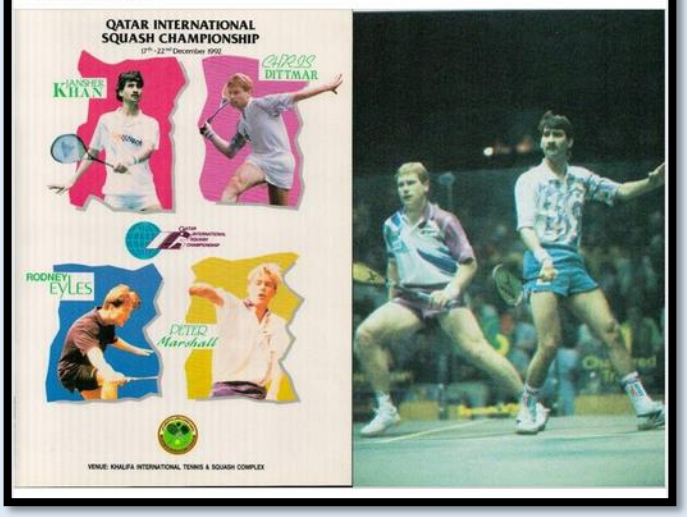
20 December at 08:36

www.squashinfo.com reports another record that its data cache reveals. In February 2022 Aussie Rachael Grinham won the North Coast Open to become the first 45-year-old champion in Tour history! Squash - PSA World Tour Squash AustraliaRachael Grinham



Squash Library
3 December at 08:42

Football matches in Qatar now, but thirty years ago squash came to Doha with the December 1992 opening of the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. Before later expansion it began with a permanent all-glass showcourt with two side courts, along with the Federation office.
The day after the opening the first Qatar Men's International Championship began (Women's events took place 2001-2015), and saw Pakistani Jansher Khan win the first of his five consecutive trophies, beating Chris Dittmar 15-9 14-15 12-15 15-6 15-11. The following four titles were also won against Australians (Rodney Martin, 1; Rodney Eyles, 3).
http://www.squashinfo.com/.../370/mens/qatar-international for the full results history. Qatar Squash Federation



Squash Library
16 December at 08:25

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

Squash Library
2 December at 08:37

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

Squash Library
1 December at 08:18

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

England's Kenyon Scoops First Hong Kong Open Title

by Alan Robinson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Against fellow Australian Dean Williams, a real crowd pleaser with his entertaining style who looked in good form as he took a two game advantage in the semi-final, Bowditch staged a remarkable comeback. His touch returned and Williams ran out of steam, the final score being 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squash Library
30 November at 08:53

NETHERLANDS v BELGIUM
The first match ever to be played between the two countries was held at The Hague Club (pic) on 20 November 1954, and was convincingly won by Belgium by five ties to nil.
H. A. de Coninck bt A. G. Maris 9-5, 9-2, 2-9, 7-9, 9-5. M. van den Bemden bt A. Blom 9-1, 9-1, 9-0. J. van den Eynde bt J. G. van Oort 9-0, 9-0, 9-1. J. P. Hye de Crom bt A. J. Staal 9-5, 9-1, 9-1. G. Mercier bt J. W. Bartelds 9-1, 9-6, 9-5. Squash Bond Nederland

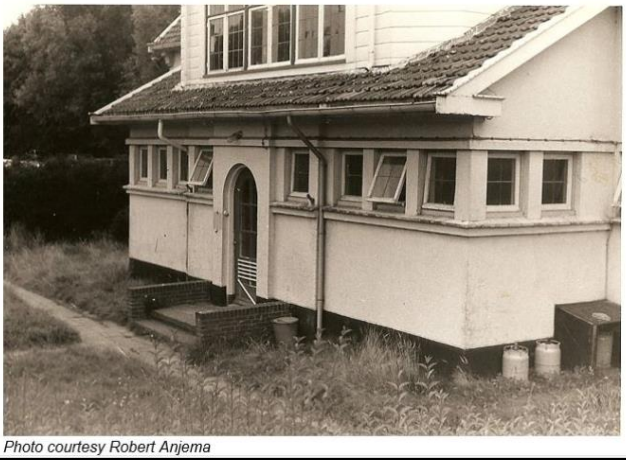


Photo courtesy Robert Anjema

Squash Library
29 November at 08:36

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

Squash Library
24 November at 08:22

This week's Malaysian Open Squash Championships were first played in 1975, and here is a full list of finalists: http://www.squashlibrary.info/.../malaysian-open-squash.... Detailed results are at www.squashinfo.com.
Most recently there have been 12 Women's home winners
from 14 stagings, including 8 titles for legend Nicol David.
Meanwhile Malaysians Ong Beng Hee and Mohd Azlan
Iskandar have each won the Men's event three times. Squash Racquets Association of Malaysi...
See more

Squash Library
23 November at 08:42

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

1. Jan 2016	Ben Coleman	Shawn Delierre	Holtrand Open	F	11-9, 13-11, 12-10 (130m)
2. Nov 2013	Rex Hedrick	Syed Hamzah Bukhari	Phoenix Open	F	11-9, 11-9, 11-7 (120m)
3. Oct 2008	Joey Barrington	Aaron Frankcomb	World Open	r1	11-3, 11-3, 12-10 (100m)
4. Sep 2013	Peter Barker	Borja Golan	Malaysian Open	sf	11-9, 12-10, 11-2 (99m)
5. Jul 2022	Joe Lee	Ben Smith	Berkhamsted Open	sf	11-5, 11-4, 21-19 (99m)
6. Dec 2003	Cameron Pilley	Khalid Atlas Khan	Qatar Classic	Q	15-8, 15-10, 15-3 (97m)
7. Mar 2022	Mostafa Asal	Joel Makin	Canary Wharf Cl	qf	11-9, 11-13, 11-8 (95m)

Squash Library
21 November at 08:41 ·

This week in November 1989, nine years before Stuttgart hosted the Women's World Open and Team Championship, the German City had the Stuttgart Open at the Trade Fair Messe to begin their major event hosting. The final saw a battle of the Khans, Jahangir beating Jansher 15-9 15-13 15-4. Deutscher Squash Verband e.V. Squash - PSA World Tour

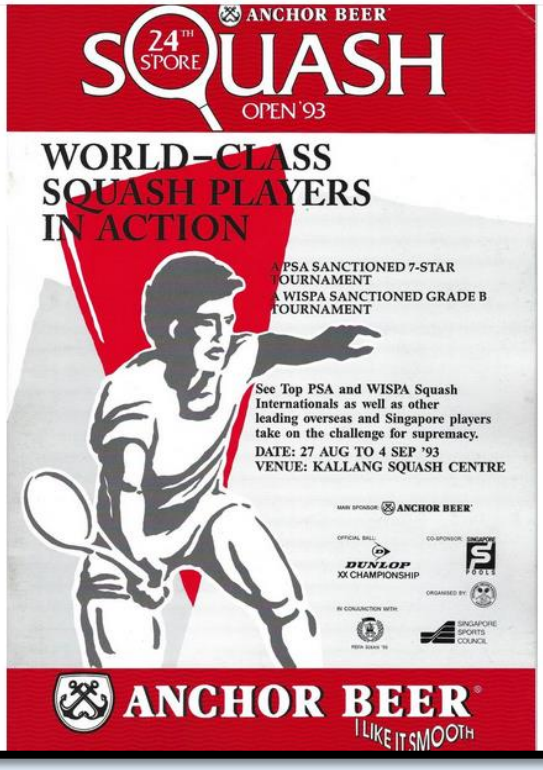
Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
10 November at 08:44 ·

The squashinfo.com data-cache shows that in March 2015 the first Tour win by a player born this millennium occurred. At the Swiss Open Hania El Hammamy (EGY), at 14 years old (born 1 Sept 2000), beat Fiona Moverley (ENG) in the final – Moverley being exactly double her age at 28! Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
17 November at 08:25 ·

This week's Singapore Open Squash Championship, returning after a Covid break, was first played in 1970, with the first 24 years being sponsored by the Anchor Beer brand. Click here https://www.squashlibrary.info/features for the full list of finalists from the 1970 start. Singapore SquashSquash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
8 November at 08:29 ·

The first New Zealand Open took place in 1976 at the North Shore Club in Auckland, won by Kiwis Bruce Brownlee and Pam Buckingham (pictured below). While the entry became more and more international in the 1980s, home stars Susan Devoy and Ross Norman won seven and three titles respectively.
But the event was discontinued after 1993, excepting one women's edition in 2009 before roaring back as a major tour stop this week.
(The 1976 finals: Women's: Pam Buckingham beat Jenny Webster 9-7, 5-9, 3-9, 10-9, 10-8. Men's: Bruce Brownlee beat Howard Broun 5-9, 9-6, 9-4, 9-6).
Squash New ZealandSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
2 November at 08:41

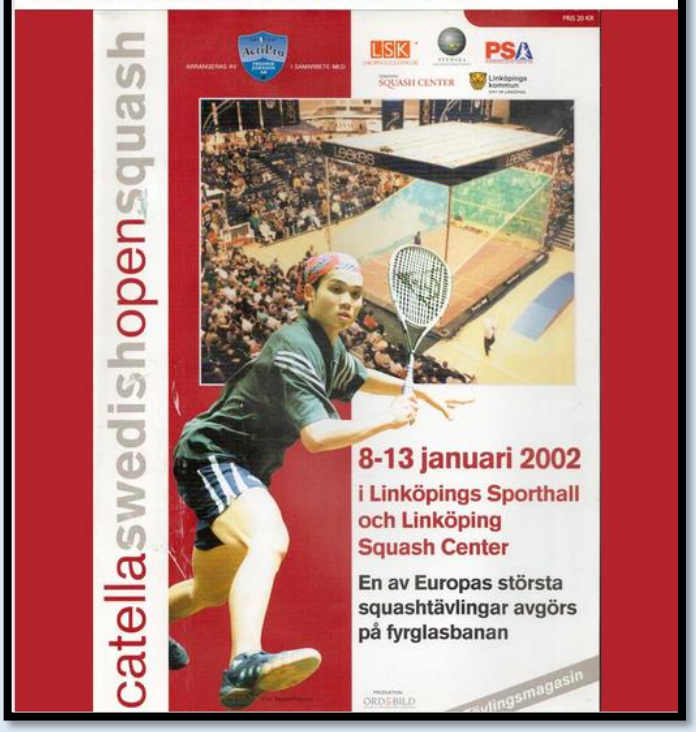
Yesterday was the actual centenary of the Bath Club Cup in London. The day after – 2 November 1922, the Times newspaper reported the milestone in this way:

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

A start in the new and particularly interesting squash rackets competition was made at the Bath Club yesterday, where the Bath Club beat the RAF Club by three matches to none.
Lord's, Prince's Club, Queen's Club, the Bath Club, the Royal Automobile Club and the RAF Club have all entered for this competition and each club will play every other in home-and-home matches. Three players will represent each club in every match and the rules allow for the playing of any member of a club in any match, so that no teams need be "declared", but no players may represent more than one club in the competition. The rules of the club at which the match is played obtain there and so also does the ball which is generally in use at the club. There are big differences in the size, pace and make of the different courts and the pace and weights of the balls also differ considerably. There is a scheme on foot to standardise the squash ball, but this is, in the writer's opinion, a mistake. Squash rackets is not a standard game and can never be one. Where there is as much as one wall available a species of squash rackets can be played and produce both the "sweat" which, to many, is the first reason of the game and some amusement.
The Elstree game without a back wall is perhaps the best of all "squash", though comparatively few have played it. The Bath Club ball, which has a hole in it, would not suit the big court at Lord's, though it has its votaries even there. The pace, and particularly the jump, of the ball favour the "home" club even more than the difference in size and construction of the different courts. Some of the competitors say that it means half the game, but this is not quite true in the highest class of even amateur squash. If so, to play away will prove even more deadly for one of the squash rackets clubs than the association football clubs.
As was very appropriate, the first match in the competition was played at the Bath Club, for that club has given a challenge cup to be played for annually and to remain in the possession of the winner between competitions. In all there will be thirty matches played this year. The clubs will choose their three players in order of merit, so that the first, second and third "strings" will meet each other in the three personal matches. Each individual match will be the best of three games, so that at the end of a meeting the maximum points of either match will be three. At the end of the competition, of course, the points scored by each club will be added up and that with the largest aggregate will be the winners.

Squash Library
27 October at 08:39

Twenty years ago in 2002 the Swedish Open was revived and upgraded to play on a showcourt in the Linkoping Sportshall (with the women being re-included in 2007). The event was won by top seed Ong Beng Hee (MAS) who bt [3] Olli Tuominen (FIN) 15-10, 11-15, 15-12, 12-15, 15-8 in 89 minutes. Svensk Squash Squash - PSA World Tour



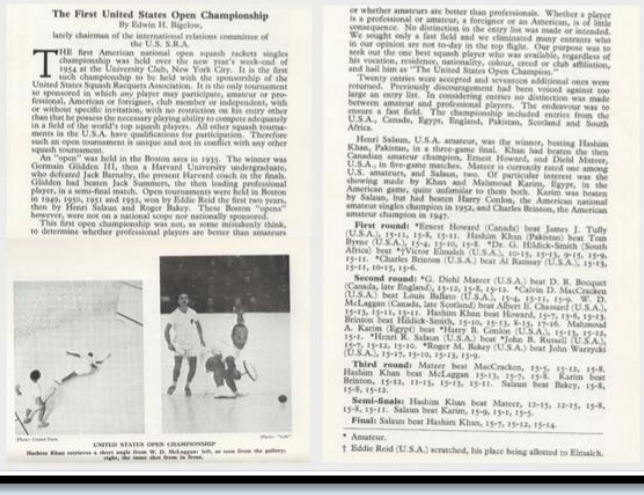
Squash Library
28 October at 07:56

The Lapham Grant Cup being played now at Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club marks the Centenary of what may be the oldest continuing squash team event. The Lapham Cup, a men's team competition played between USA and Canada, began in 1922.
Seemingly an informal match between some players from the two countries in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1921 prompted American Henry C. Lapham to offer to put up a trophy (now valued at over $50,000) when it was suggested that it become an annual match, and the Lapham Cup was born.
The first one took place in Boston, USA and was won by USA 11-2. Since then between five and fifteen players have contested the trophy, depending upon availability, each year. Ordinarily, the top five players for each team were picked from their rankings, with another five because of their involvement in the game and then a quota for their sociability!
The Grant element arrived in 1944 when Canadian Alastair Grant donated a trophy for a doubles event played along the same lines as the 'Lapham' with up to eleven pairs participating.
Women's singles & Doubles matches were added in 1999, Men's Over 65 in 2001.

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

Squash Library
10 October at 08:49

The US Open, taking place this week, was a 'hardball' event until it moved to 'softball' in 1985, with the first being held at New Year 1954. Here is Edwin H Bigelow's report from the British SRA Handbook 1954/5, indicating that Hashim Khan adapted to hardball enough to reach the final before going down to top American Henri Salaun.
Two years after the first 'softball' Nationals were played in USA, the International game arrived at the US Open in 1985, when they were played on converted racquetball courts at the Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco. (Conversions were 1ft narrower than the standard 21ft international size). PAR and 17" tins were experimentally used by promoter Tom Jones.
The inaugural winner was Jahangir Khan, the Pakistani star beating New Zealand's Ross Norman 15-4, 15-5, 15-8. U.S. Open SquashUS SQUASH



The First United States Open Championship

By Edwin H. Bigelow,
lately chairman of the international relations committee of the U.S. S.R.A.

THE first American national open squash rackets singles championship was held over the new year's week-end of 1954 at the University Club, New York City. It is the first such championship to be held with the sponsorship of the United States Squash Racquets Association. It is the only tournament so sponsored in which any player may participate, amateur or professional, American or foreigner, club member or independent, with or without specific invitation, with no restriction on his entry other than that he possess the necessary playing ability to compete adequately in a field of the world's top squash players. All other squash tournaments in the U.S.A. have qualifications for participation. Therefore such an open tournament is unique and not in conflict with any other squash tournament.

An "open" was held in the Boston area in 1935. The winner was Germain Glidden III, then a Harvard University undergraduate, who defeated Jack Barnaby, the present Harvard coach in the finals. Glidden had beaten Jack Summers, the then leading professional player, in a semi-final match. Open tournaments were held in Boston in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952, won by Eddie Reid the first two years, then by Henri Salaun and Roger Bakey. These Boston "opens" however, were not on a national scope nor nationally sponsored.

This first open championship was not, as some mistakenly think, to determine whether professional players are better than amateurs or whether amateurs are better than professionals. Whether a player is a professional or amateur, a foreigner or an American, is of little consequence. No distinction in the entry list was made or intended. We sought only a fast field and we eliminated many entrants who in our opinion are not to-day in the top flight. Our purpose was to seek out the one best squash player who was available, regardless of his vocation, residence, nationality, colour, creed or club affiliation, and hail him as "The United States Open Champion."

Twenty entries were accepted and seventeen additional ones were returned. Previously discouragement had been voiced against too large an entry list. In considering entries no distinction was made between amateur and professional players. The endeavour was to ensure a fast field. The championship included entries from the U.S.A., Canada, Egypt, England, Pakistan, Scotland and South Africa.

Henri Salaun, U.S.A. amateur, was the winner, beating Hashim Khan, Pakistan, in a three-game final. Khan had beaten the then Canadian amateur champion, Ernest Howard, and Diehl Mateer, U.S.A., in five-game matches. Mateer is currently rated one among U.S. amateurs, and Salaun, two. Of particular interest was the showing made by Khan and Mahmoud Karim, Egypt, in the American game, quite unfamiliar to them both. Karim was beaten by Salaun, but had beaten Harry Conlon, the American national amateur singles champion in 1952, and Charles Brinton, the American amateur champion in 1947.

First round: *Ernest Howard (Canada) beat James J. Tully (U.S.A.), 15-11, 15-8, 15-11. Hashim Khan (Pakistan) beat Tom Byrne (U.S.A.), 15-4, 15-10, 15-8. *Dr. G. Hildick-Smith (South Africa) beat *†Victor Elmaleh (U.S.A.), 10-15, 15-13, 9-15, 15-9, 15-11. *Charles Brinton (U.S.A.) beat Al Ramsay (U.S.A.), 15-13, 15-11, 10-15, 15-6.

Second round: *G. Diehl Mateer (U.S.A.) beat D. R. Bocquet (Canada, late England), 15-12, 15-8, 15-12. *Calvin D. MacCracken (U.S.A.) beat Louis Ballato (U.S.A.), 15-4, 15-11, 15-9. W. D. McLaggan (Canada, late Scotland) beat Albert E. Chossard (U.S.A.), 15-13, 15-11, 15-11. Hashim Khan beat Howard, 15-7, 15-6, 15-13. Brinton beat Hildick-Smith, 15-10, 15-13, 8-15, 17-16. Mahmoud A. Karim (Egypt) beat *Harry B. Conlon (U.S.A.), 15-13, 15-12, 15-1. *Henri R. Salaun (U.S.A.) beat *John B. Russell (U.S.A.), 15-7, 15-12, 15-10. *Roger M. Bakey (U.S.A.) beat John Warzycki (U.S.A.), 15-17, 15-10, 15-13, 15-9.

Third round: Mateer beat MacCracken, 15-5, 15-12, 15-8. Hashim Khan beat McLaggan 15-13, 15-7, 15-8. Karim beat Brinton, 15-12, 11-15, 15-13, 15-11. Salaun beat Bakey, 15-8, 15-8, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Hashim Khan beat Mateer, 12-15, 12-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-11. Salaun beat Karim, 15-9, 15-1, 15-5.

Final: Salaun beat Hashim Khan, 15-7, 15-12, 15-14.

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

UNITED STATES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Hashim Khan retrieves a short angle from W. D. McLaggan (left, as seen from the gallery; right, the same shot from in front.

Squash Library
7 October at 08:37

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

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Squash Library
1 October at 08:45

The 12th Oracle NetSuite Open, the 10th edition on the San Francisco waterfront, has begun. A feature of this PSA Tour event is the staging, but the arresting posters too. (See them amongst other memorable posters at www.squashlibrary.info/post/squash-memorable-event-posters).
Oracle NetSuite Open Squash Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
27 September at 08:30

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

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

Squash Library
5 October at 08:45

The Men's 'Home Internationals' began in 1939, with Wales joining England, Ireland & Scotland in 1947. The Women's started in 1947 too. Initially they were individual matches. The first time they all came together for a weekend was January 1974 in Warrington, and was last played in 1991. (England won the first weekend in 1974 – pictures l to r: Mike Thurgur, Philip Ayton, John Easter, Paul Millman).
Junior editions began with Under 19s in 1981, with Under 16s added two years later. They were also discontinued, but more recently Under 13 and 15 events have been held, with France participating too.
As for Masters, Men's Over 45 was the starting point in 1980, and with the addition of Over 75s in 2016 all five year bands from 35 - 75 are included. The Women's version began in 1997 and spans 35 – 55 currently, with Over 60s intended for the cancelled 2020 staging.
Scottish SquashEngland SquashSquash Wales - Sboncen Cymrulrish Squash

Squash Library
26 September at 08:51

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

Squash Library
21 September at 08:24

The first Egyptian Open was played in 1958, won by Mohamed Dardir El Bakary (right). After a short gap it was revived in 1962, and won five times by anther Egyptian Abdel Fattah Abou Taleb,
ahead of Jonah Barrington in 1967 (pictured together), before it was discontinued again.
Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
10 September at 12:17

Before this week's South Western Open in USA, the Women's Texas Open came to Houston in 2002, then alternated with Dallas until now (with two visits to Plano). The details are at www.squashinfo.com/history/22/womens/texas-open. Squash - PSA World TourHouston Squash Racquets Association

Squash Library
12 September at 12:28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squash Library
9 September at 12:26

Seven years ago, in September 2015, Nicol David's 109 month unbroken run at World number 1 ended. The Malaysian star had taken top spot in January 2006 and held it for approaching ten years before Raneem El Welily (EGY) took over. Nicol DavidRaneem El WelilySquash - PSA World TourSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

David (white), El Welily (red). Photo courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
5 September at 12:08 ·

The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex hosts the Men's Qatar Classic again this week having begun 30 years ago. Featuring a permanent showcourt, the top tier event has seen the best of world players – past results at http://www.squashinfo.com/history/59/mens/qatar-classic.
Squash - PSA World TourQatar Squash Federation

Squash Library
3 September at 08:48 ·

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

MEN'S **JAN 2010**

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

WOMEN'S

1. Nicol David (MAS)
2. Natalie Grinham (NED)
3. Jenny Duncalf (ENG)
4. Rachael Grinham (AUS)
5. Natalie Grainger (USA)
6. Alison Waters (ENG)
7. Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY)
8. Madeline Perry (IRL)
9. Laura Massaro (ENG)
10. Kasey Brown (AUS)
11. Vanessa Atkinson (NED)
12. Camille Serme (FRA)
13. Engy Kheirallah (EGY)
14. Samantha Teran (MEX)
15. Annie Au (HKG)
16. Shelley Kitchen (NZL)
17. Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL)
18. Isabelle Stoehr (FRA)
19. Rebecca Chiu (HKG)
20. Tania Bailey (ENG)

*Nations denoted are at the time of the ranking. *Photos courtesy Steve Line.*

Squash Library
2 September at 08:42 ·

Next in Library ranking week we arrive at the start of the millennium. Here are the January 2000 listings. The women's was headed by Cassie Campion (Jackman) who had just won the 1999 World Open, and Jonathon Power who had won the British Open the previous month.
Egyptian men had begun to appear but no women yet. Pakistani male dominence has ended.
Squash - PSA World Tour Squash AustraliaEngland SquashSquash Canada... See more

MEN'S **JAN 2000**

1. Jonathon Power (CAN)
2. Peter Nicol (SCO)
3. Ahmed Barada (EGY)
4. Simon Parke (ENG)
5. Martin Heath (SCO)
6. Paul Johnson (ENG)
7. Anthony Hill (AUS)
8. Paul Price (AUS)
9. Alex Gough (WAL)
10. Derek Ryan (IRL)
11. Thierry Lincou (FRA)
12. David Palmer (AUS)
13. Graham Ryding (CAN)
14. David Evans (WAL)
15. Del Harris (ENG)
16. John White (SCO)
17. Amjad Khan (PAK)
18. Omar Elborolossy (EGY)
19. Dan Jenson (AUS)
20. Peter Marshall (ENG)

WOMEN'S

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

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Squash Library
1 September at 08:54 ·

Moving forward in Library ranking week, we reach the first rankings of the next decade: the January 1990 top twenties.
The Men's listing was dominated by the 'big beasts' of the period, while Susan Devoy still headed the Women's as next stars Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitz-Gerald were climbing.
Squash - PSA World Tour Pakistan Squash FederationSquash CanadaSquash AustraliaSquash New ZealandEngland SquashIrish SquashSvensk SquashSquash Bond NederlandSquash Suomi Finland

MEN'S **JAN 1990**

1. Jansher Khan (PAK)
2. Jahangir Khan (PAK)
3. Chris Dittmar (AUS)
4. Rodney Martin (AUS)
5. Chris Robertson (AUS)
6. Umar Hayat Khan (PAK)
7. Ross Norman (NZL)
8. Brett Martin (AUS)
9. Del Harris (ENG)
10. Mir Zaman Gul (PAK)
11. Zarak Jahan Khan (PAK)
12. Rodney Eyles (AUS)
13. Philip Kenyon (ENG)
14. Rory Watt (NZL)
16. Bryan Beeson (ENG)
17. Chris Walker (ENG)
18. Tristan Nancarrow (AUS)
19. Hiddy Jahan (ENG)
20. Fredrik Johnson (SWE)

WOMEN'S

1. Susan Devoy (NZL)
2. Lisa Opie (ENG)
3. Martine Le Moignan (ENG)
4. Danielle Drady (AUS)
5. Liz Irving (AUS)
6. Robyn Lambourne (AUS)
7. Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
8. Michelle Martin (AUS)
9. Rebecca Best (IRL)
10. Fiona Geaves (ENG)
11. Alison Cumings (ENG)
12. Lucy Soutter (ENG)
13. Joanne Williams (NZL)
14. Babette Hoogendoorn (NED)
16. Suzanne Horner (ENG)
17. Tuula Myllyniemi (FIN)
18. Nina Taimiaho (FIN)
19. Heather Wallace (CAN)
20. Sue Wright (ENG)

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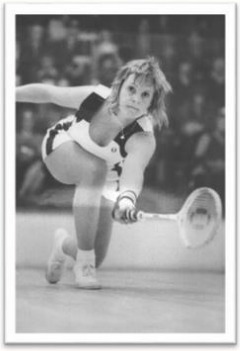
Squash Library
31 August at 08:27 ·

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



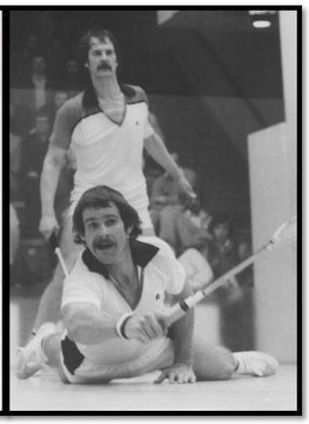
APRIL 1983

1. Vicki Cardwell (AUS)
2. Lisa Opie (ENG)
3. Robyn Brownlee (NZL)
4. Martine Le Moignan (ENG)
5. Rhonda Thorne (AUS)
6. Sue Cogswell (ENG)
7. Angela Smith (ENG)
8. Barbara Diggens (ENG)
9. Jan Miller (AUS)
10. Susan Devoy (NZL)
11. Carin Clonda (AUS)
12. Renee Aucamp (RSA)
13. Rae Anderson (AUS)
14. Lynne Ferry (AUS)
15. Alex Cowie (ENG)
16. Paula Anderson (ENG)
17. Gillian Winckler (RSA)
18. Jayne Ashton (ENG)
19. Nicola Spurgeon (ENG)
20. Claire Oxley (ENG)

Squash Library
30 August at 08:37 ·

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

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



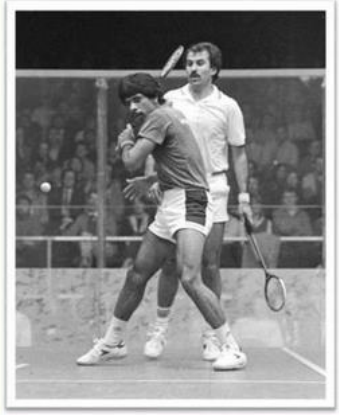
(pic: Watson and Easter, by Robin Eley Jones)

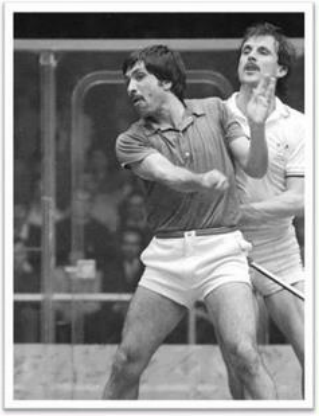
Squash Library
29 August at 08:45

Library Rankings Week: Day 1:
When ISPA (later PSA) Men's rankings began from 1974 initially they were published quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov). They were called seeding lists and intended to be used as the basis for event seedings during the period. (However, the orders were not mandatory and could be varied as well as non-ISPA members inserted by event organisers). There was one World Ranking list published on 1 February each year.
From 1988 to 1997 they came out every two months, before moving to monthly from 1998. WISPA Women's were every two months from 1984 to 2001 when they became monthly. As of today, rankings start being produced weekly. (See old listings at www.squashinfo.com). Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
9 August at 08:53

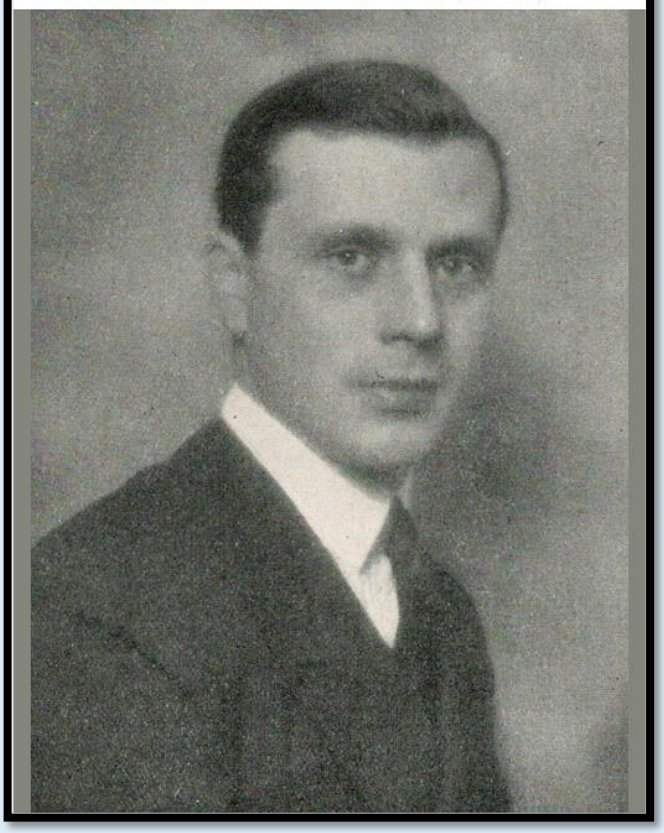
On the day after the British Open final at the Wembley Conference Centre in London, on 11 April 1984 England took on Pakistan in a five string tie in front of TV Channel 4 cameras in a bid to promote wider media interest in squash. www.squashlibrary.info/features for the details. England SquashPakistan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





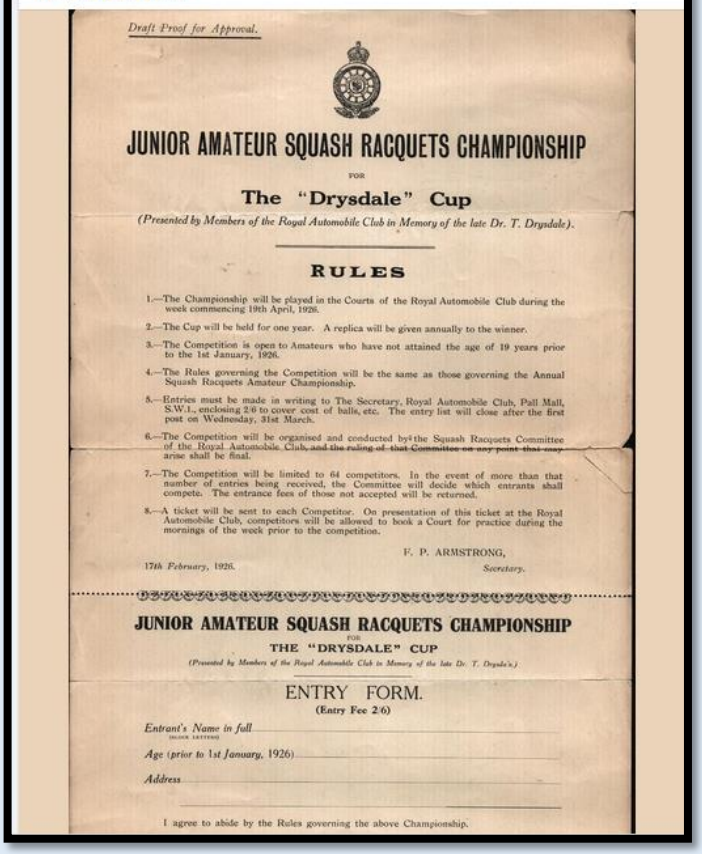
Squash Library
25 July at 08:50

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



Squash Library
21 July at 08:31

The British Under 19 (men's) competition is being played this week. The first was held at the RAC in Pall Mall, London April 1926. The Cup is named after Dr Theodore Drysdale who led the event initiation but died of a mosquito bite going septic in late 1925. Here is the 1926 entry form: England Squash



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JUNIOR AMATEUR SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR

The "Drysdale" Cup

(Presented by Members of the Royal Automobile Club in Memory of the late Dr. T. Drysdale).

RULES

1.—The Championship will be played in the Courts of the Royal Automobile Club during the week commencing 19th April, 1926.

2.—The Cup will be held for one year. A replica will be given annually to the winner.

3.—The Competition is open to Amateurs who have not attained the age of 19 years prior to the 1st January, 1926.

4.—The Rules governing the Competition will be the same as those governing the Annual Squash Racquets Amateur Championship.

5.—Entries must be made in writing to The Secretary, Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S.W.1., enclosing 2/6 to cover cost of balls, etc. The entry list will close after the first post on Wednesday, 31st March.

6.—The Competition will be organised and conducted by the Squash Racquets Committee of the Royal Automobile Club, ~~and the ruling of that Committee on any point that may~~ arise shall be final.

7.—The Competition will be limited to 64 competitors. In the event of more than that number of entries being received, the Committee will decide which entrants shall compete. The entrance fees of those not accepted will be returned.

8.—A ticket will be sent to each Competitor. On presentation of this ticket at the Royal Automobile Club, competitors will be allowed to book a Court for practice during the mornings of the week prior to the competition.

F. P. ARMSTRONG,
Secretary.

17th February, 1926.

JUNIOR AMATEUR SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR

THE "DRYSDALE" CUP

(Presented by Members of the Royal Automobile Club in Memory of the late Dr. T. Drysdale.)

ENTRY FORM.

(Entry Fee 2/6)

Entrant's Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

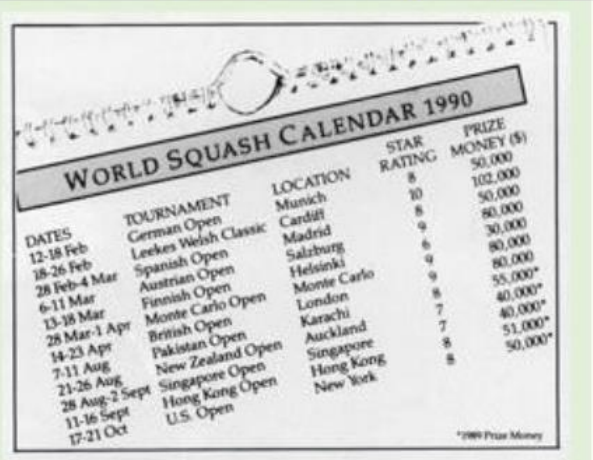
Age (prior to 1st January, 1926) _____

Address _____

I agree to abide by the Rules governing the above Championship.

Squash Library
18 July at 08:45 ·

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



WORLD SQUASH CALENDAR 1990

DATES	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	STAR RATING	PRIZE MONEY ($)
12-18 Feb	German Open	Munich	8	50,000
18-26 Feb	Leekes Welsh Classic	Cardiff	10	102,000
28 Feb-4 Mar	Spanish Open	Madrid	8	50,000
6-11 Mar	Austrian Open	Salzburg	9	80,000
13-18 Mar	Finnish Open	Helsinki	6	30,000
28 Mar-1 Apr	Monte Carlo Open	Monte Carlo	9	80,000
14-23 Apr	British Open	London	9	80,000
7-11 Aug	Pakistan Open	Karachi	8	55,000*
21-26 Aug	New Zealand Open	Auckland	7	40,000*
28 Aug-2 Sept	Singapore Open	Singapore	7	40,000*
11-16 Sept	Hong Kong Open	Hong Kong	8	51,000*
17-21 Oct	U.S. Open	New York	8	50,000*

*1989 Prize Money

Squash Library
13 July at 07:34 ·

Today (15 July) in 2004, the first Papua New Guinea Men's Open alongside an Oceania Open began at the Port Moresby Squash Club. After a 91m final Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS), pic) was the 15-11 13-15 15-6 12-15 15-9 winner over Cameron Pilley (AUS). PNG SQUASH Mohd Azlan Iskandar

Squash Library
12 July at 08:49 ·

In September 1978 the first Peru Open was played at Club Lawn Tenis de la Exposicion in Lima, Peru. It was played on a league basis leading to English players taking top spots ahead of Swede Peter Bostrom and home players Gustavo Rubio, Francisco Calmet and Harry Stewart. The final playoffs: Federación Peruana de Squash

John Roe bt Richard Le Lievre 9-4, 6-9, 9-4, 9-3;
Paul Wright bt Peter Bostrom 9-5, 5-9, 9-6, 7-9, 9-7;
Roe bt Bostrom 9-4, 6-9, 9-4, 9-5;
Le Lievre bt Wright 9-6, 6-9, 6-9, 9-7, 10-8;
Le Lievre bt Bostrom 9-6,9-5, 9-4;
Roe bt Wright 9-6,9-4,9-2.

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

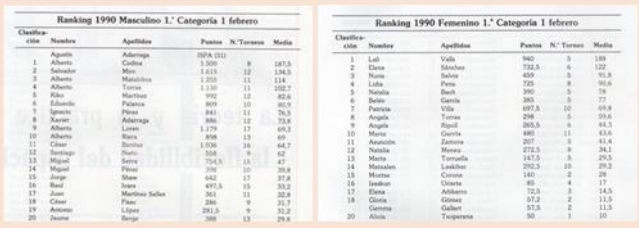
Squash Library
16 July at 08:39 ·

Late news! Here are the Army Championship of India results. G.W. Blake narrowly failing to retain his title in 1930. Now you know! Squash Rackets Federation of India

1929 ... G.W. Blake (Hodson's Horse) bt Capt F.A. Sampson (Royal Fusiliers) 9-6, 9-4, 8-10, 7-9, 9-7.
1930 ... Sirdar Mohinder Singh Wadalia (19th Hyderabad Regiment) bt G.W. Blake (Hodson's Horse) 9-4, 9-2, 8-10, 7-9, 10-8.

Squash Library
9 July at 08:44 ·

The 1989 Annual of the Spanish Squash Federation featured their national rankings at the time of publication in February 1990. Here are the top twenties.
REAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE SQUASH



Ranking 1990 Masculino 1.ª Categoría 1 febrero

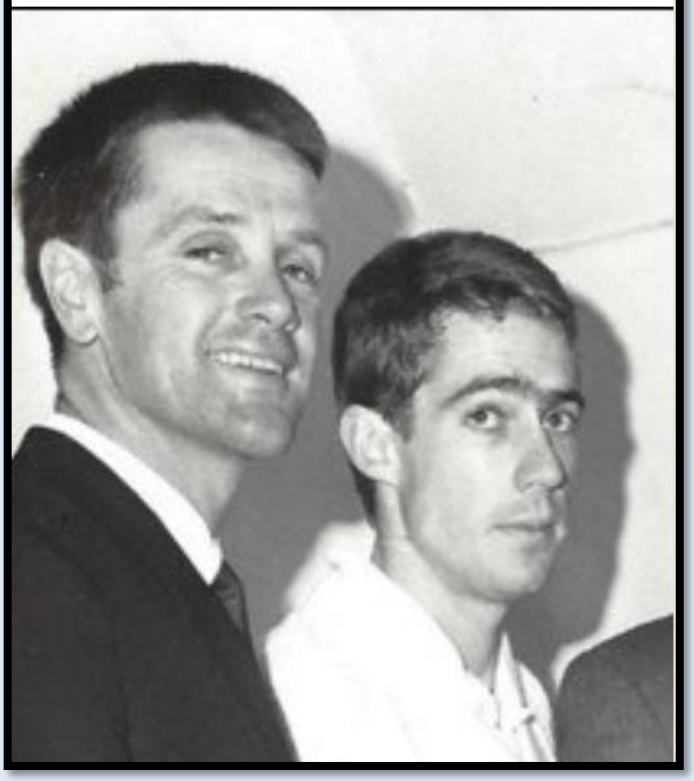
Clasificación	Nombre	Apellidos	Puntos	N.º Torneos	Media
	Agustín	Aduriaga	ISPA (31)		
1	Alberto	Codina	1.500	8	187,5
2	Salvador	Mas	1.615	12	134,5
3	Alberto	Matalobos	1.255	11	114
4	Alberto	Torres	1.130	11	102,7
5	Kiko	Martínez	992	12	82,6
6	Eduardo	Palanca	809	10	80,9
7	Ignacio	Pérez	841	11	76,5
8	Xavier	Adarraga	886	12	73,8
9	Alberto	Lozano	1.179	17	69,3
10	Alberto	Riera	898	13	69
11	César	Benítez	1.036	16	64,7
12	Santiago	Nieto	558	9	62
13	Miguel	Serra	754,5	16	47
14	Miguel	Pérez	398	10	39,8
15	Jorge	Shaw	642	17	37,8
16	Raúl	Ivars	497,5	15	33,2
17	Juan	Martínez Soler	361	11	32,8
18	César	Pérez	286	9	31,7
19	Antonio	López	281,5	9	31,2
20	Jaume	Berga	388	13	29,8

Ranking 1990 Femenino 1.ª Categoría 1 febrero

Clasificación	Nombre	Apellidos	Puntos	N.º Torneos	Media
1	Lali	Valls	940	5	188
2	Elena	Sánchez	732,5	6	122
3	Nuria	Salvia	459	5	91,8
4	Lidia	Pena	725	8	90,6
5	Natalia	Bach	390	5	78
6	Belén	García	385	5	77
7	Patricia	Vila	697,5	10	69,8
8	Angela	Torres	298	5	59,6
9	Angela	Ripoll	265,5	6	44,3
10	María	García	480	11	43,6
11	Anunciata	Zamora	207	5	41,4
12	Natalia	Moreno	272,5	8	34,1
13	Marta	Torrades	147,5	5	29,5
14	Mercedes	Lasheras	292,5	10	29,2
15	Montse	Corona	140	5	28
16	Isaskun	Uriarte	65	4	17
17	Elena	Athiñarro	72,5	5	14,5
18	Gloria	Gómez	57,5	5	11,5
19	Gemma	Gallart	57,5	5	11,5
20	Alicia	Tuquerena	50	5	10

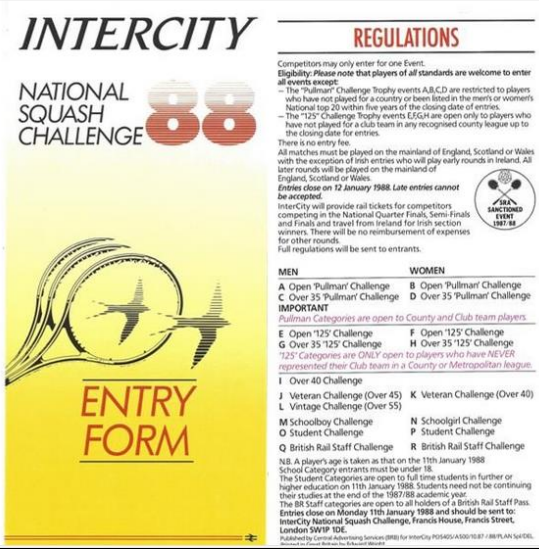
Squash Library
8 July at 08:38

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



Squash Library
7 July at 08:34

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



INTERCITY

NATIONAL SQUASH CHALLENGE 88

ENTRY FORM

REGULATIONS

Competitors may only enter for one Event.
Eligibility: ***Please note*** **that players of *all* standards are welcome to enter all events except:**
– The "Pullman" Challenge Trophy events A,B,C,D are restricted to players who have not played for a country or been listed in the men's or women's National top 20 within five years of the closing date of entries.
– The "125" Challenge Trophy events E,F,G,H are open only to players who have not played for a club team in any recognised county league up to the closing date for entries.
There is no entry fee.
All matches must be played on the mainland of England, Scotland or Wales with the exception of Irish entries who will play early rounds in Ireland. All later rounds will be played on the mainland of England, Scotland or Wales.
Entries close on 12 January 1988. Late entries cannot be accepted.
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Full regulations will be sent to entrants.

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MEN	WOMEN
A Open 'Pullman' Challenge	B Open 'Pullman' Challenge
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IMPORTANT
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G Over 35 '125' Challenge	H Over 35 '125' Challenge

'125' Categories are ONLY open to players who have NEVER represented their Club team in a County or Metropolitan league.

I Over 40 Challenge

J Veteran Challenge (Over 45)	K Veteran Challenge (Over 40)
L Vintage Challenge (Over 55)	
M Schoolboy Challenge	N Schoolgirl Challenge
O Student Challenge	P Student Challenge
Q British Rail Staff Challenge	R British Rail Staff Challenge

N.B. A player's age is taken as that on the 11th January 1988
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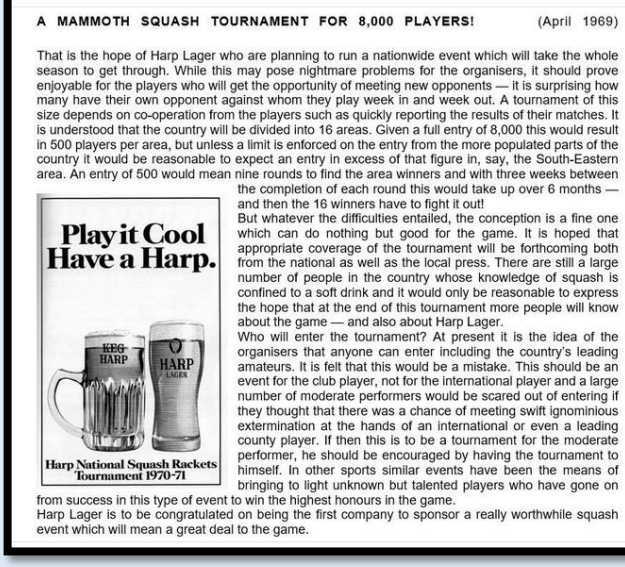
Squash Library
6 July at 08:36

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



A MAMMOTH SQUASH TOURNAMENT FOR 8,000 PLAYERS! (April 1969)

That is the hope of Harp Lager who are planning to run a nationwide event which will take the whole season to get through. While this may pose nightmare problems for the organisers, it should prove enjoyable for the players who will get the opportunity of meeting new opponents — it is surprising how many have their own opponent against whom they play week in and week out. A tournament of this size depends on co-operation from the players such as quickly reporting the results of their matches. It is understood that the country will be divided into 16 areas. Given a full entry of 8,000 this would result in 500 players per area, but unless a limit is enforced on the entry from the more populated parts of the country it would be reasonable to expect an entry in excess of that figure in, say, the South-Eastern area. An entry of 500 would mean nine rounds to find the area winners and with three weeks between the completion of each round this would take up over 6 months — and then the 16 winners have to fight it out!
But whatever the difficulties entailed, the conception is a fine one which can do nothing but good for the game. It is hoped that appropriate coverage of the tournament will be forthcoming both from the national as well as the local press. There are still a large number of people in the country whose knowledge of squash is confined to a soft drink and it would only be reasonable to express the hope that at the end of this tournament more people will know about the game — and also about Harp Lager.
Who will enter the tournament? At present it is the idea of the organisers that anyone can enter including the country's leading amateurs. It is felt that this would be a mistake. This should be an event for the club player, not for the international player and a large number of moderate performers would be scared out of entering if they thought that there was a chance of meeting swift ignominious extermination at the hands of an international or even a leading county player. If then this is to be a tournament for the moderate performer, he should be encouraged by having the tournament to himself. In other sports similar events have been the means of bringing to light unknown but talented players who have gone on from success in this type of event to win the highest honours in the game.
Harp Lager is to be congratulated on being the first company to sponsor a really worthwhile squash event which will mean a great deal to the game.

Play it Cool Have a Harp.
KEG HARP
HARP LAGER
Harp National Squash Rackets Tournament 1970-71

Squash Library
5 July at 08:05

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

Mahindra
INTERNATIONAL
SQUASH
CHALLENGE

Squash Library
4 July at 07:55

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

1st Test at Johannesburg, 20 Aug 1955, RSA 4 – GB 1. Brian Callaghan bt Norman Borrett 3-1, Dennis Callaghan bt Alan Seymour-Haydon 3-0, bt Roger Jarvis It Ian De Sales la Terriere 2-3, A. B. Barnes bt Brian Phillips 3-2, Cecil Kaplan beat Mike Perkins 3-2.
2nd Test at Durban, 26 Aug 1955 RSA 1 – GB 4. B. Callaghan bt Borrett 3-0. D Callaghan It De Sales la Terriere 2-3, Jarvis It Seymour-Haydon 1-3, Barnes It Phillips 0-3, Kaplan It Perkins 2-3.
3rd Test at Cape Town, 3 Sept 1955 RSA 3 – GB 2
B. Callaghan bt De Sales la Terriere 3 – 1, D Callaghan bt Borrett 3-0. Jarvis It Seymour-Haydon 1-3, Barnes bt Phillips 3-0, Kaplan It Perkins 1-3.
4th Test at Johannesburg, 16 Sept 1955, RSA 3 – GB 2
D. Callaghan bt De Sales la Terriere 3 – 1, B. Callaghan It Seymour-Haydon 2-3, Jarvis It Borrett 1-3, Barnes bt Dick Hawkey 3-2, Kaplan bt Perkins 3-0. Squash South Africa
England Squash

The Victorious S. African Team. Back row, left, A. B. Barnes, right, C. Kaplan. Front row, D. Callaghan, B. Callaghan, R. K. Jarvis

The British Team arriving at Durban. L. to R., M. J. Perkins, A. A. T. Seymour-Haydon, B. C. Phillips, N. F. Borrett (Captain), R. B. Hawkey, I. C. de Sales la Terriere

Squash Library
29 June at 08:42

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
21 June at 08:51

The Tour Finals which start today were first played in 1993 (Men) and 1998 (Women), and have gone through a number of names and venues since. www.squashlibrary.info/features for the full Library history of names, dates, venues and finals results. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

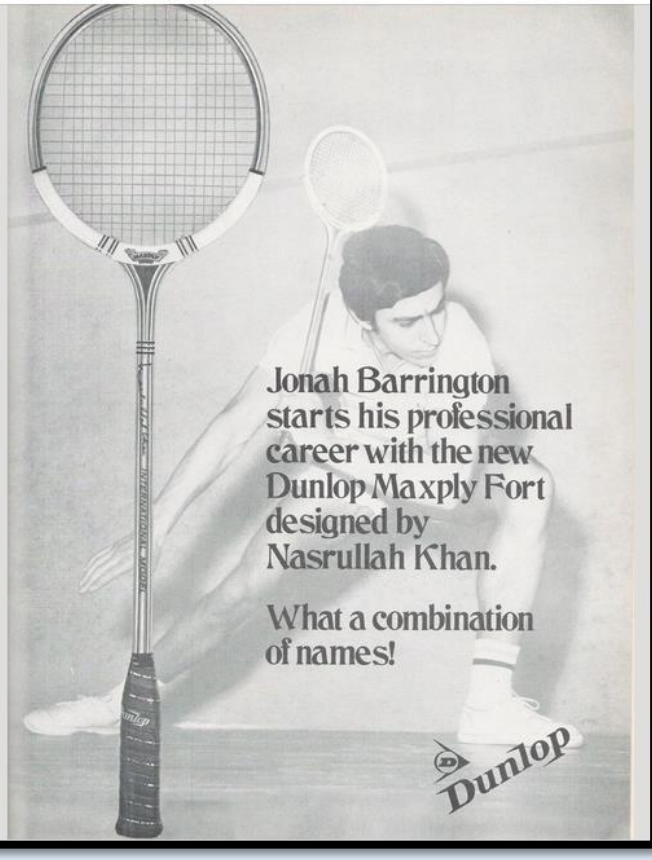
Squash Library
22 June at 08:35

Some of the Tour Finals venues before this week have been stunning. Here is a reminder. (www.squashlibrary.info/features for the full Library history of names, dates, venues and finals results). Squash - PSA World Tour

Clockwise from top left: Broadgate, Galleria, Dubai Opera, Cairo, Hurghada, Queens. Most photos courtesy Steve Line.

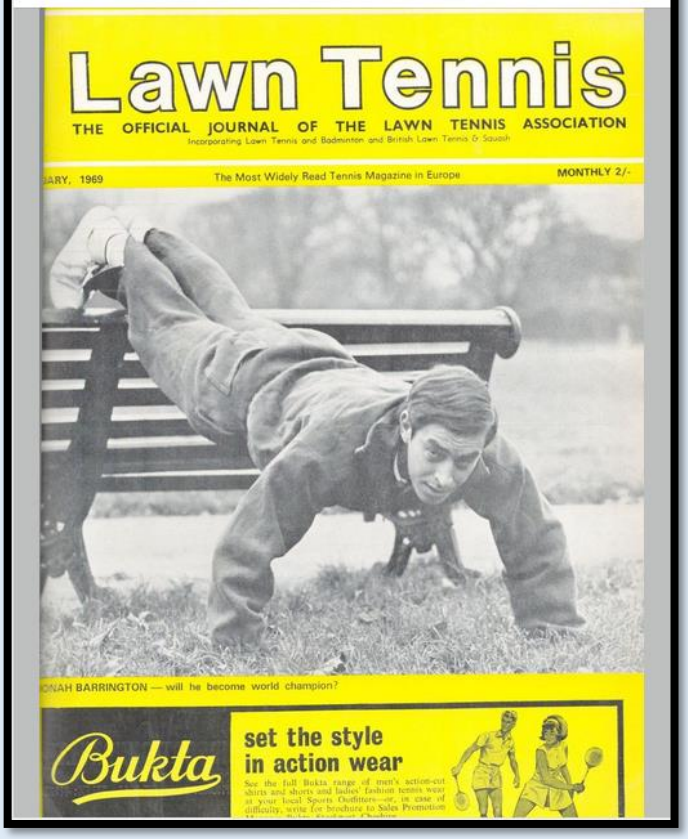
Squash Library
17 June at 08:42

Jonah Barrington turned pro immediately after losing the 1969 World Amateur final - see yesterday's post - sign-posted by this Dunlop ad. (www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships for Library histories of World Championships). Jonah Barrington Dunlop Squash



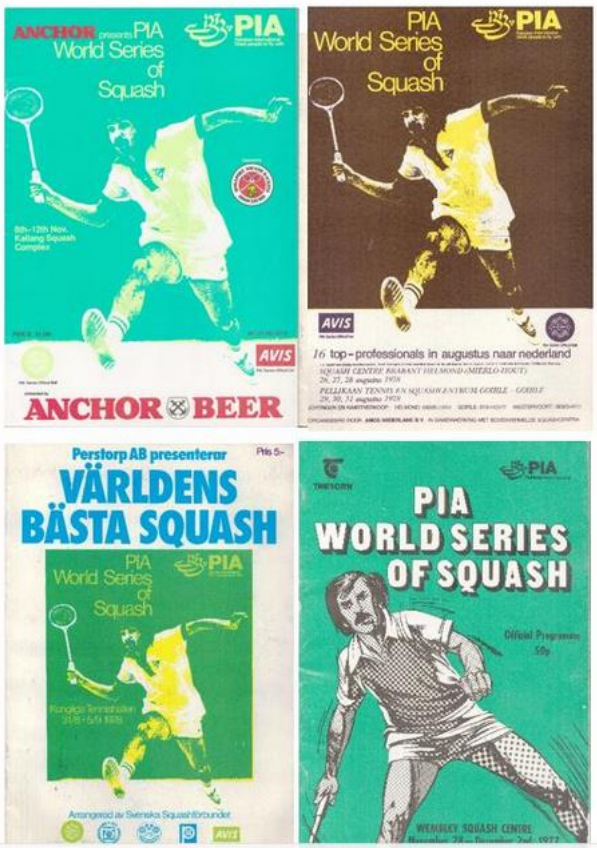
Squash Library
16 June at 08:42

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



Squash Library
14 June at 09:24

1977 – 79 saw Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) sponsoring a series of squash events several countries. It fell after the domination of Hashim & Azam Khan, and before the arrival of Jahangir and Jansher Khan; but when there were a number of top Pakistani players on the scene.
www.squashlibrary.info/features to see and download the 13 page PIA World Series of Squash story. Pakistan International Airlines - PIA Pakistan Squash Federation



Squash Library
15 June at 08:41

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

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

Thierry Lincou the other male star of French squash, former World Champion and number one, didn't have these in his title collection.
Camille SERME Grégory Gaultier FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
11 June at 08:59

The first Dutch International Men's Championship was held at The Hague Squash Club in March 1964. Results were:
Semi-Finals. John Skinner (ENG) bt Tony Bakker (NED) 3-1. Mike Corby (ENG) bt Arthur Heron (ENG - Dutch based) 3-2.
Final. Corby (right) bt Skinner 3-2. Squash Bond Nederland

Squash Library
6 June at 14:12 ·

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

Squash Library
26 November at 08:55 ·

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

Squash Library
1 June at 08:47 ·

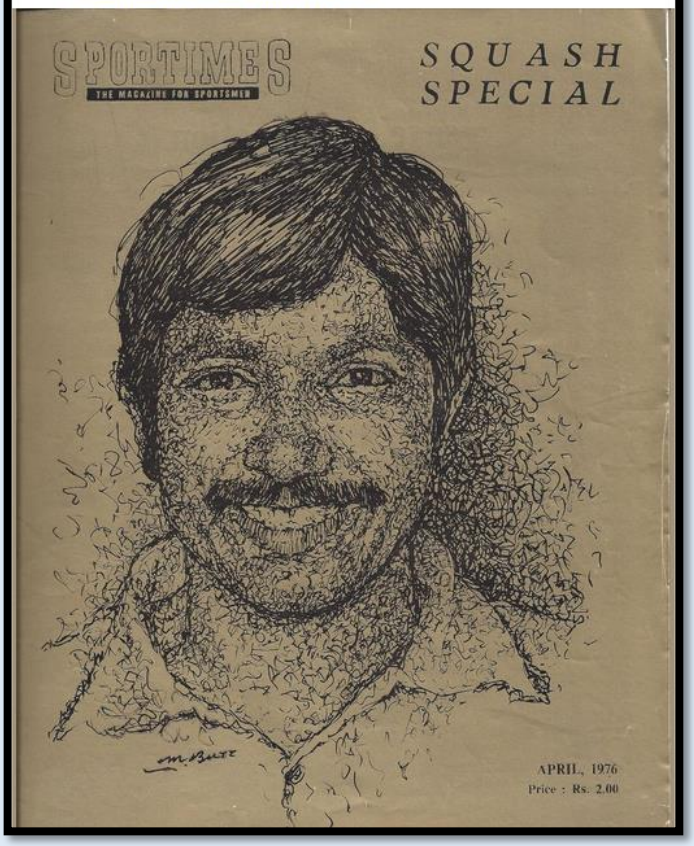
Today marks the start of the 10th Resistencia Open at the Regatas Club in Argentina, which was first played in June 2011. Jan Koukal was the first winner, beating Rafael Alarcon 11-8, 11-6, 10-12, 10-12, 11-7 in the final (pic), with all the finalists so far listed here. Club de Regatas Resistencia Asociación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

Resistencia Open

	Winner	Runner Up
2019	Leonel Cardenas (MEX)	Robertino Pezzota (ARG)
2018	Mostafa Asal (EGY)	Dimitri Steinmann (SUI)
2017	Robertino Pezzota (ARG)	Christopher Gordon (USA)
2016	Arturo Salazar (MEX)	Christopher Gordon (USA)
2015	Shawn Delierre (CAN)	Leandro Romiglio (ARG)
2014	Diego Elias (PER)	Leandro Romiglio (ARG)
2013	Matthew Karwalski (AUS)	Jaymie Haycocks (ENG)
2012	Andrew Shoukry (EGY)	Jan Koukal (CZE)
2011	Jan Koukal (CZE)	Rafael Alarcon (BRA)

Squash Library
6 June at 08:42 ·

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

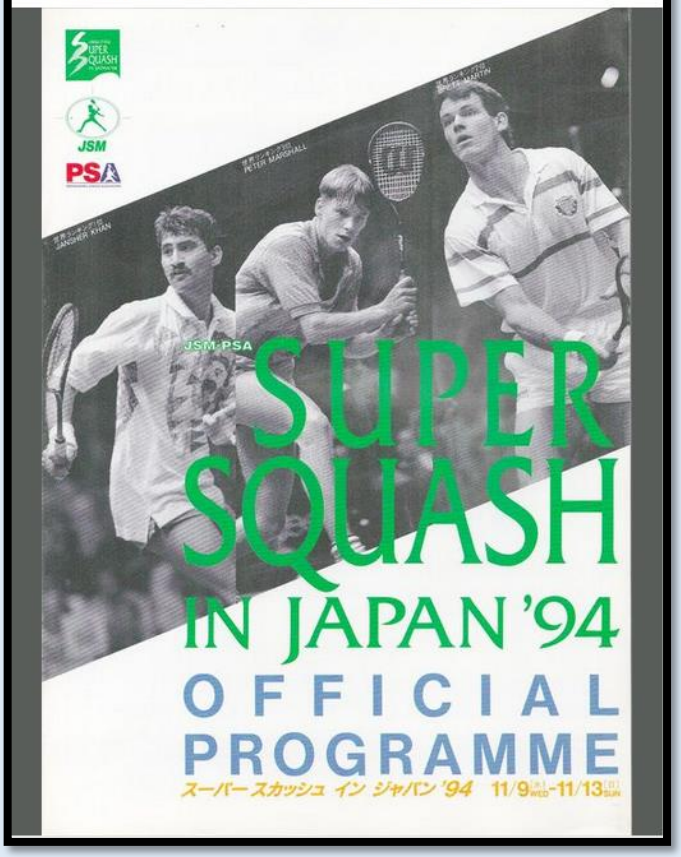


Squash Library
28 May at 08:55 ·

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

Squash Library
27 May at 08:57 ·

The Dynam Cup PSA SQ-Cube Open begins in Japan today. So timely to remember a time when the JSM Supersquash in Japan started with a top Women's event in 1993, add a men's in 1994 before moving on the hosting the then world's largest prize fund when they joined together in 1995 ($200,000). Japan Squash Association Squash - PSA World Tour

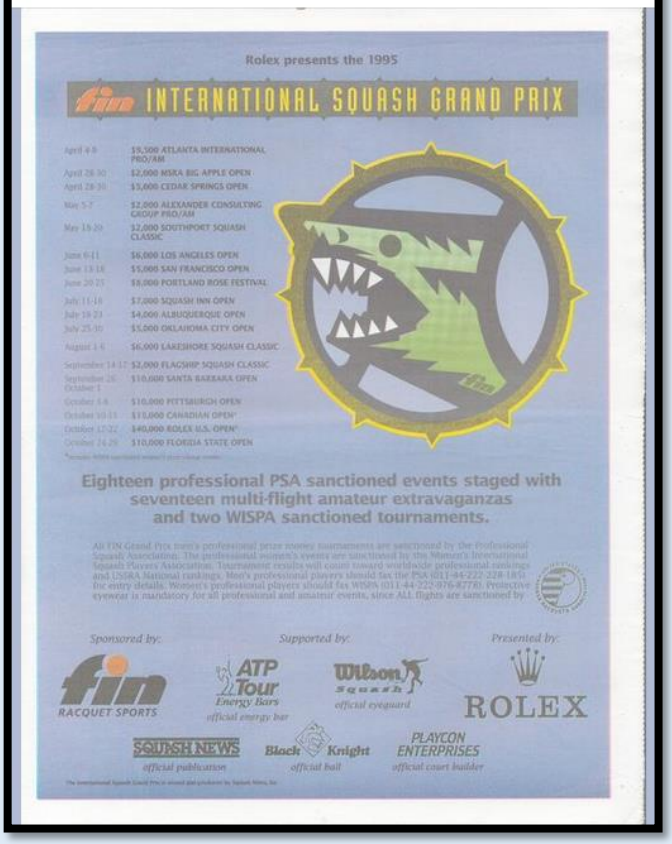


Squash Library
23 May at 08:19 ·

In July 1978 the players competing for the Pakistan Under 19 Championship were particularly interesting. Jahangir Khan, centre, won, with holder Jamshed Gul runner up (right), left is third placed Sohail Qaiser. Here are the seeds, with ages and family connections added:
1. Jahangir Khan, 14. (son of Roshan Khan and brother of Torsam Khan).
2. Zahir Husain, 17. (Roshan Khan's nephew).
3. Sohail Qaiser, 14. (Gogi Alauddin's nephew).
4. Jamshed Gul, 15. (brother of Fahim & Rahim Gul).
5. Hassan Khan, 17 (another son of Roshan Khan).
6. Umar Hayat Khan, 14 (Umar Draz's son).
7 Maqbool Shah, 17. (Mohibullah Snr's brother), 17.
8, Izhar Ul Haq, 17.

Squash Library
26 May at 06:13 ·

In 1995 A Grand Prix Series featuring 18 events across USA developed by Squash News Magazine took place. It included the Rolex US Open. Primarily Men's and Amateur events, it was an early attempt to link together events into a series.



Squash Library
6 May at 08:42 ·

While the Tournament of Champions was called World Professional, in 1985 the ticket flyer included these player North American profiles, one of which was current TOC promoter John Nimick. Tournament of ChampionsUS SQUASHSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
5 May at 08:38 ·

The Bermuda Open being played this week at the Bermuda Squash Devonshire facility began as an invitational for North American soft-ballers, the first editions being won by Ned Kelly (USA) and home player Bridget Marshall. Here are the earlier winners: Bermuda Squash Racquets Association.

Squash Library
2 May at 08:42 ·

The Tournament Of Champions, taking place for the 24th time at New York's Grand Central and 87th time overall, began in 1930 as the US Professional Championship. It then changed name to the North American Professional before a stint as World Professional. It was in 1992 that fourth and current title was adopted. Tournament of ChampionsSquash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
20 April at 07:56 ·

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

England's Kenyon Scoops First Hong Kong Open Title

by Alan Robinson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Against fellow Australian Dean Williams, a real crowd pleaser with his entertaining style who looked in good form as he took a two game advantage in the semi-final, Bowditch staged a remarkable comeback. His touch returned and Williams ran out of steam, the final score being 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squash Library
15 April at 08:50 ·

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

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

Announcing

The Tournament Debut of the Women's New England Squash Racquets Championships at the NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB

Thursday, Friday and Saturday February 10, 11 and 12, 1949

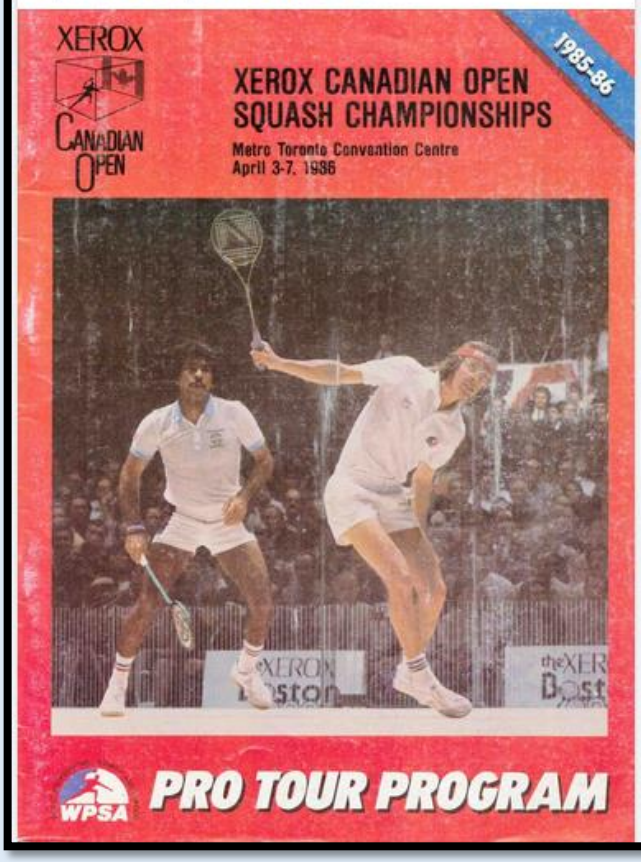
MATCH PLAY—late morning and early afternoon
FINALS—Saturday afternoon
Watch Bulletin Boards for Times, Pairings

TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES

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

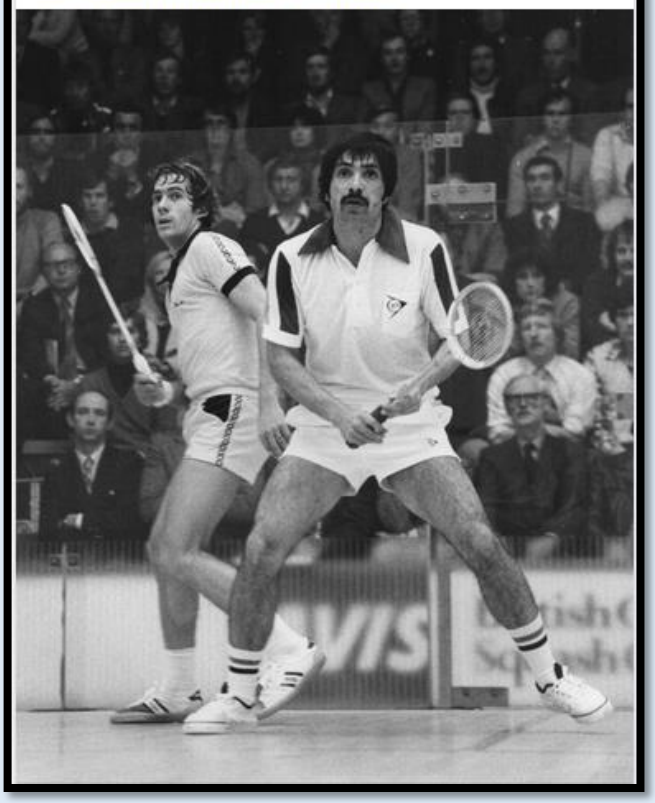
Squash Library
13 April at 08:31 ·

This week's Canadian Open was first played in 1957, before being amalgamated with the US Open in 1965. When it was revived for first time in April 1986 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre a Women's event was played alongside the Men's for the first time.
Squash CanadaSquash - PSA World Tour



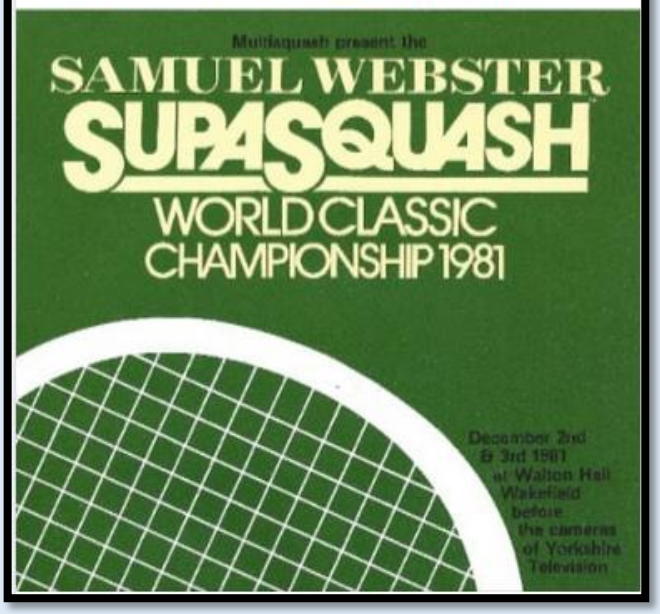
Squash Library
11 April at 08:27 ·

Today in 1951 (11.04.51), Pakistani star Qamar Zaman celebrates his birthday. Born in Quetta, the 'magician', so often in the shadow of Geoff Hunt would have done more than win his many international titles including the British Open in 1975 had the Australian not had the edge.
His stroke-making mesmerised his opponents, his impish humour entertaining crowds; and he can look to four World Open Runner up slots, and being a three time Pakistan squad World Men's Team Championship winner. (Pic: Hunt v Zaman, British Open final 1979)
Qamar ZamanPakistan Squash Federation



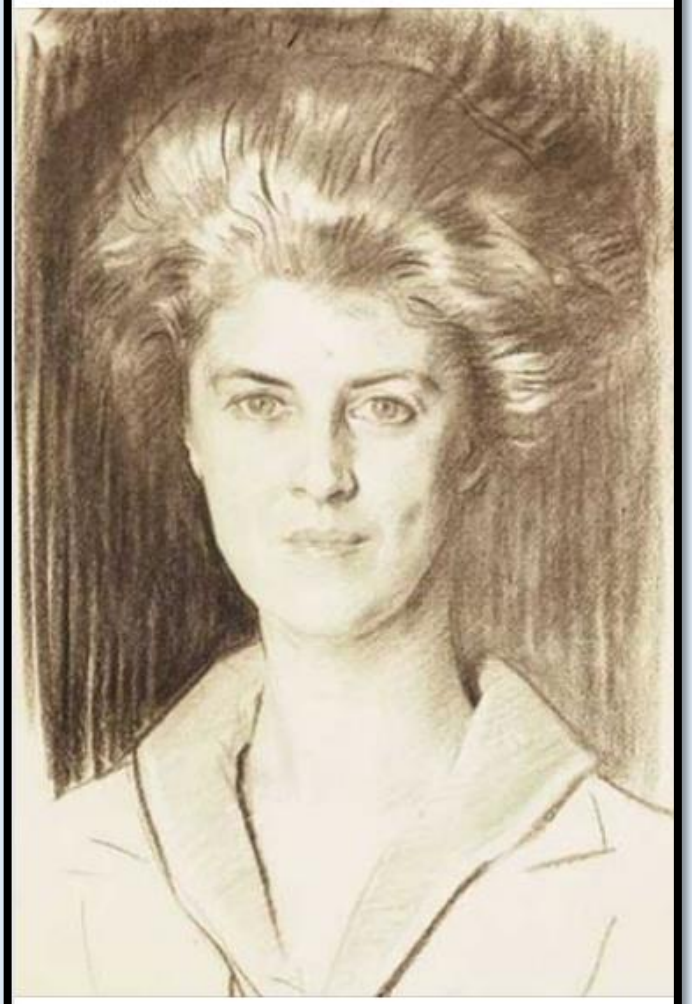
Squash Library
12 April at 08:26 ·

In 1981 while points were still only won on serve, to speed up scoring and provide defined length matches for broadcast, a Supasquash format was devised by promoter Mike Palmer of Multisquash.
Each single game lasted 20 minutes of continuous play, using point-a-rally (PAR).
See details of the events at: www.squashlibrary.info/features



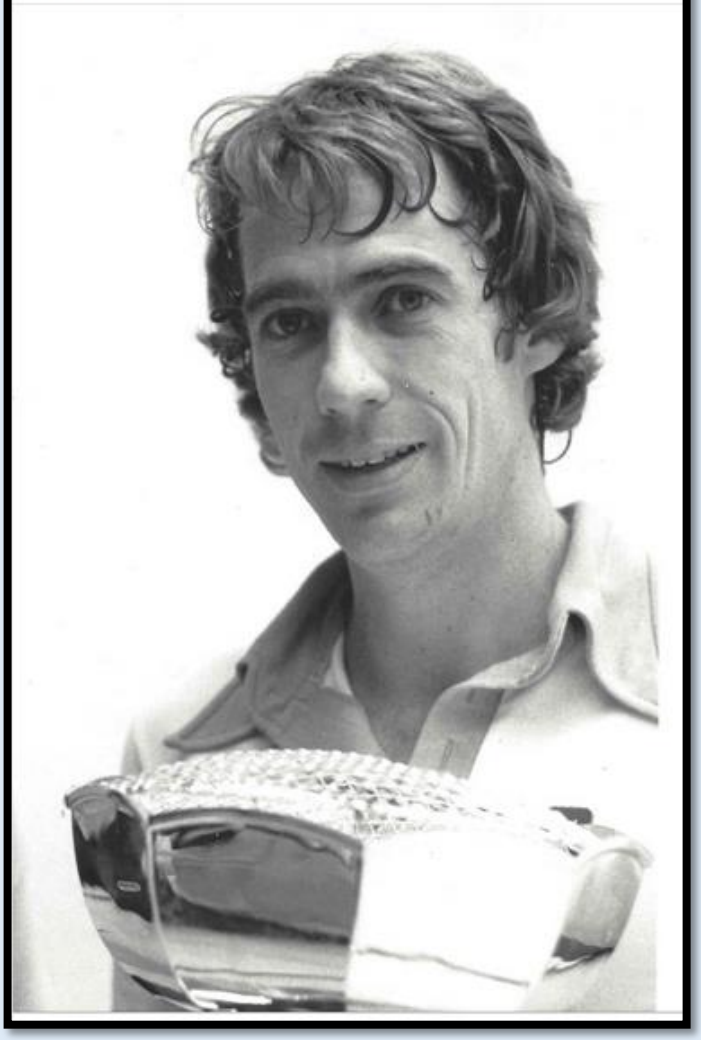
Squash Library
16 March at 08:37 ·

On this day 54 years ago (16.03.68) Eleonora Sears died. She had become the first US Women's squash champion, at the age of 46 in 1928. She did so having been involved in the formation of the United States Women's Squash Racquets Association that year.
She also captained early Wolfe Noel international matches (www.squashlibrary.info/post/wolfe-noel-challenge-cup) in its early years.
Thought to be one of the greatest all-round sportswomen of her era, her achievements included being inducted into the US Tennis Hall of Fame. US SQUASH



Squash Library
11 March at 08:34 ·

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



Squash Library
7 March at 08:31 ·

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

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OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

Squash Library
5 March at 08:41 ·

Finally for this batch of lists generated by SquashInfo.com provided for Squash Player Magazine is an order of all-time Tour wins by nation up to the time of publication at the end of 2021. Squash Player MagazineSquash - PSA World TourSquash Racquets Association of MalaysiaSquash New ZealandFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشEngland Squash

TOP FIVE NATIONS
(totalling all-time Tour title winners):

MEN	WOMEN
1 England 463	1 England 324
2 Egypt 425	2 Australia 309
3 Australia 356	3 Egypt 192
4 Pakistan 279	4 New Zealand 156
5 France 169	5 Malaysia 145

Squash Library
4 March at 08:39 ·

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

YOUNGEST TOUR EVENT WINNERS

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

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

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

Squash Library
3 March at 08:19 ·

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

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

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

L to R: Cardwell, Corren, Grinham, Hashim Khan. Colour photos courtesy Steve Line.

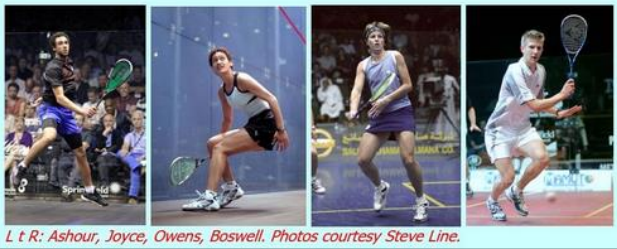
Squash Library
2 March at 08:45 ·

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

LONGEST UNBEATEN TOUR MATCH RUN

MEN
1 Jahangir Khan (PAK) **Uncertain**
*[April 1981-Nov 1986 (estimated **555**)]*
2 Jansher Khan (PAK) **76**
3 Ramy Ashour (EGY) **49**
4 Geoff Hunt (AUS) **45**
5 Stewart Boswell (AUS) **37**

WOMEN
1 Heather McKay (AUS) **Uncertain**
[unbeaten 1962 to 1981]
2 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) **71**
3 Nicol David (MAS) **56**
4 Leilani Joyce (NZL) **39**
5= Carol Owens/Susan Devoy (NZL) **31**



L t R: Ashour, Joyce, Owens, Boswell. Photos courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
17 February at 08:39 ·

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

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

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

Left: Jahangir Khan & Geoff Hunt. Right: Susan Devoy & Nicol David. Colour shots courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
19 February at 08:58 ·

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

MEN
1 Jahangir Khan (PAK) 17y, 11m (Nov 1981)
2 Jansher Khan (PAK) 18y, 4m (Oct 1987)
3 Ramy Ashour (EGY) 21y, 0m (Oct 2008)
4 Jonathon Power (CAN) 24y, 3m (Dec 1998)
5 Amr Shabana (EGY) 24y, 5m (Dec 2003)

WOMEN
1 Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 20y, 5m (Apr 2016)
2 Susan Devoy (NZL) 21y, 7m (Aug 1985)
3 Nicol David (MAS) 22y, 3m (Dec 2005)
4 Rhonda Thorne (AUS) 23y, 8m (Oct 1981)
5 Raneem El Welily (EGY) 28y, 11m (Dec 2017)

From left: Devoy, Jansher Khan, Jahangir Khan, Sherbini. (Colour shots courtesy Steve Line)

Squash Library
16 February at 08:34 ·

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

LONGEST TOUR MATCH

MEN
1 Leo Au (HKG) **bt Shawn Delierre** (CAN)
(Gas City Pro-Am sf, Jan 2015)
11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 16-14 **(170m)**
2 Jahangir Khan (PAK) **bt Gamal Awad** (EGY)
(Chichester Festival final, Mar 1983)
9-10, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2 **(166m)**
3 Shawn Delierre (CAN) **bt Adrian Waller** (ENG)
(National Capital Open final, Jan 2013)
11-13, 12-10, 14-12, 4-11, 14-12 **(157m)**
4 Shawn Delierre (CAN) **bt Shahier Razik** (CAN)
(Baltimore Cup sf, Nov 2008)
9-11, 8-11, 11-7, 13-11, 11-5 **(150m)**
5 Douglas Kempsell (SCO) **bt Joshua Larkin** (AUS)
(Shepparton International sf, Aug 2015)
6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 13-11 **(149m)**

WOMEN
1 Samantha Teran (MEX) bt **Latasha Khan** (USA)
(Liberty Bell Open final, Jan 2008)
9-1, 10-9, 4-9, 6-9, 9-6 **(120m)**
2 Rhonda Thorne (AUS) bt **Vicki Hoffman** (AUS)
(World Open final, Oct 1981)
8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 7-9, 9-7 **(118m)**
3= Natalie Grinham (AUS) **bt Rebecca Macree** (ENG)
(Irish Open qf, Apr 2004)
9-3, 8-10, 9-6, 9-10, 9-7 **(110m)**
3= Nour El Tayeb (EGY) **bt Jaclyn Hawkes** (NZL)
(Irish Open final, Apr 2011)
13-15, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10, 16-14 **(110m)**
5 Park Eun Ok (KOR) bt **Dianne Desira** (AUS)
(Crocodile Challenge Cup Q, Jul 2006)
9-7, 5-9, 9-5, 3-9, 10-8 **(109m)**

Leo Au (left), Samantha Teran (foreground) playing Latasha Khan.

Squash Library
18 February at 08:31 ·

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

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

WOMEN (all 30+)
1 Heather McKay (AUS) 37y, 7m (Mar 1979)
2 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) 33y, 11m (Nov 2002)
3 Carol Owens (NZL) 32y, 6m (Dec 2003)
4 Nicol David (MAS) 31y, 3m (Dec 2014)
5 Rachael Grinham (AUS) 30y, 9m (Oct 2007)
6 Laura Massaro (ENG) 30y, 4m (Mar 2014)

From left: Hunt, Fitz-Gerald, Matthew, McKay (Colour shots courtesy Steve Line)

Squash Library
14 February at 08:32 ·

In 1977 16 times British Open champion Heather McKay was giving an exhibition on a show court in the middle of Parramatta Westfield Shopping Centre when there was a knock on the door by Roger Climpson - the host of This is Your Life, a TV programme which surprised people and told their life story via guests.
England's Janet Morgan (Shardlow), who had won ten British Open titles just before the McKay era was flown out to Australia to appear on the show. Here they are together at it.
(The full British Open history can be found at www.squashlibrary.info/british-open) Squash Australia

Squash Library
1 February at 08:49 ·

Since South Africa's young male players started coming to UK in 1961/2 there have been 29 Knights Tours, each playing a large number of matches. The Library full listing of players and matches is at https://www.squashlibrary.info/features. A directory of the cream of South African players! SA Knights Squash Rackets ClubSquash South Africa

Squash Library
4 February at 08:40 ·

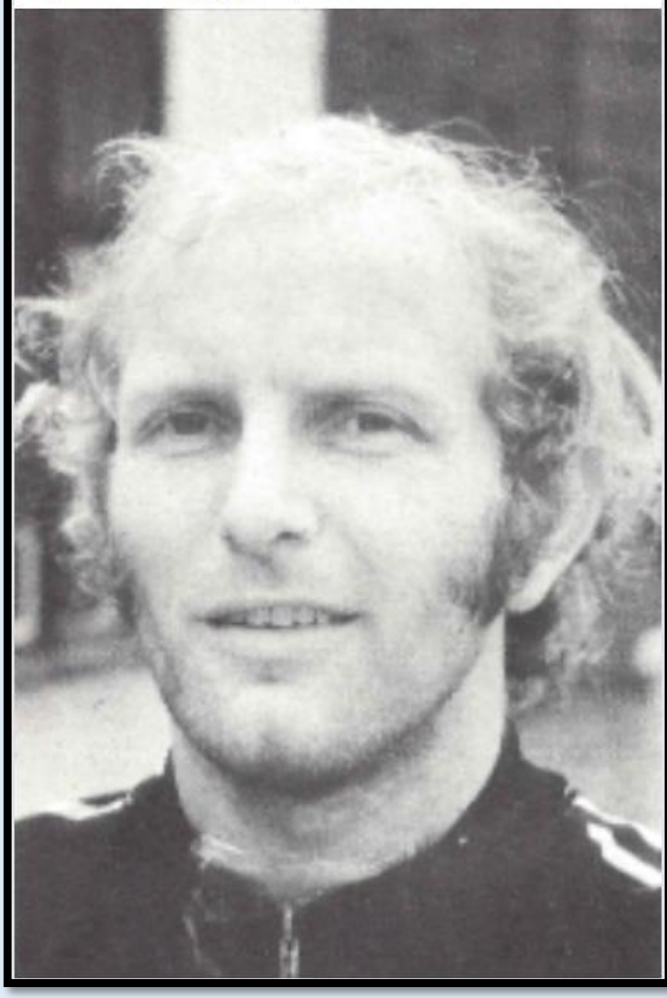
On this day in 1980 Jahangir Khan had hoped to be playing in the final of what was the last British Amateur Championship. The previous October, still aged 15, he had swept through the qualification and then the main draw to win the world Amateur title in Melbourne, and was the hot favourite to double up with the British title.
However, an eve of event slip while practicing on the Wembley courts led to back muscle damage and withdrawal. Here's the programme preview complete with his signature. (The title went to England's Jonny Leslie who beat Kiwi Ross Norman 9-3, 9-3, 9-4 in the final). Pakistan Squash FederationEngland Squash

Can Jehangir do the double?

Sun Life British Amateur Championship 1980

Squash Library
26 January at 08:38 ·

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



Squash Library
25 January at 08:34 ·

20-22 January this year saw the first ever test matches between South Africa & Zambia. The three match series was held at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, resulting in a 3-0 win for the hosts. Zambia Squash AssociationSquash South Africa

Teams L to R: South Africa (left): Rodney Durbach (Coach/Man), Dewald van Niekerk, JP Brits, Christo Potgieter, Ruan Olivier. Zambia: Richard Twali (Coach/Man), Sam Siame, Ken Mwape, Mwansa Chileshe, Samual Kabwe, Kundanji Kalengo, Kelvin Ndlovu.

Squash Library
20 January at 08:34 ·

In 2013, the US Open led the charge towards equal prize money for men and women at top level events, with a first equalisation that other 'majors' followed.
"It is a top priority for us to promote opportunities for girls and women to play squash," said Kevin Klipstein, CEO of U.S. Squash (pic). "Offering equal prize money is one way we are able to help more female squash players compete at the highest level and to their full potential." US SQUASHSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

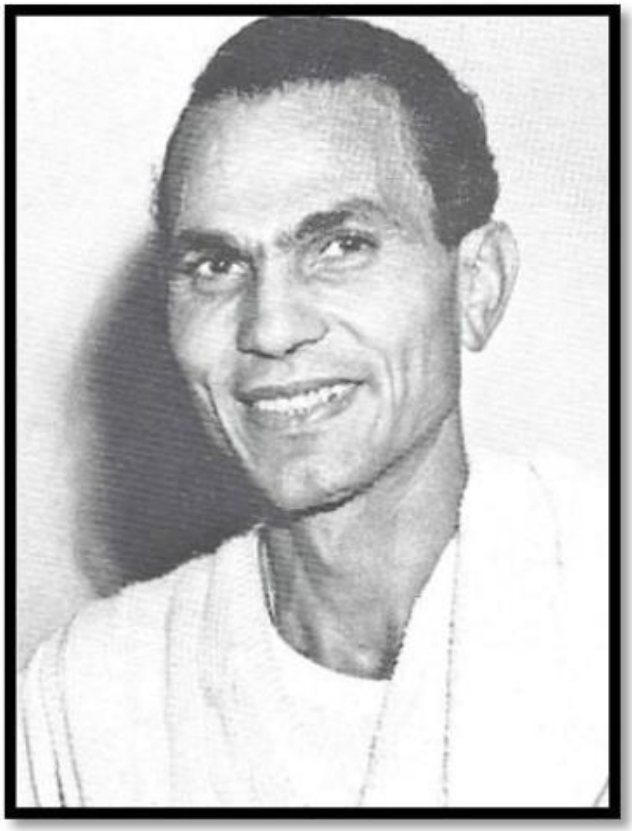
Squash Library
12 January at 08:22 ·

2017 World Champion Mohamed Elshorbagy celebrates his 31st birthday today (born 12.01.91). The Egyptian also has three British Open titles and spent 50 months as world number one between Nov 2014 and August 2021. SquashInfo.com also lists his tour title wins so far as 43 (from 68 finals). Mohamed ElshorbagyEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
11 January at 08:58 ·

Egyptian Mahmoud Karim who won the first four British Opens played after the end of World War Two said this in 1951. These are not routines that are recommended now!
'On the day of the match I have only one meal – an early breakfast. Often people say to me: I am surprised that you smoke cigarettes when you are in training. But smoking has never affected me. If your system is used to a habit like that, to give it up suddenly will do more harm than good'. British Open SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library
6 January at 09:10 ·

Tour wins by nation, 2001 – 2021. This data supplied by www.squashInfo.com gives a superb indication of how the number of nations who have players winning Tour events has expanded, and how the balance of power has changed. See the lists at https://www.squashlibrary.info/features
In 2001 Men's Tour winners came from 13 nations – last year it had exploded to 31. The Women's has shot up similarly, from 9 to 24. The lists also show which nations have come in, dropped out and positions achieved by the success of their players.
(This cover all main Tour levels, while of World Series events in 2021 Egyptian players were dominant, winning six of eight Men's World Series events, and all six of the Women's). Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
7 January at 08:20 ·

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

Ross Norman Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
4 January at 08:16 ·

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

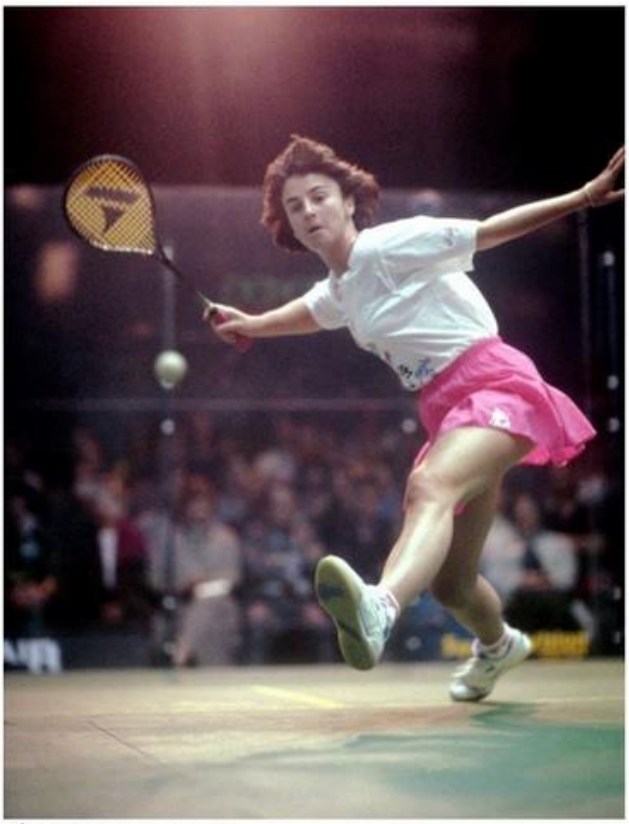


Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
22 December at 07:43 ·

Cassie Jackman was born on this day in 1972 (22 Dec). In 1999 the Englishwoman became World Champion, beating top seed Michelle Martin (AUS) 9-6 9-7 9-7. She was also World Open runner-up three times.
Amongst her 28 World Tour titles were two US Open crowns, and she was also six times British champion.
England SquashSquash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

Photo courtesy Steve Line

2021

Squash Library
29 December at 09:05 ·

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

Squash Library
18 December at 09:04 ·

Iran's first Men's Open Squash championship took place over half a century ago, debuting in 1969. The first four editions were all won by Englishman Nigel Faulks.
As a sidebar, in the 1972 Iran final Faulks played Mike Hill (ENG) and was down 0/9, 0/9, 0/6 at which stage a local journalist reported saying it was an easy victory to Hill. Faulks at that point realised how to play better on a sweating court and proceeded to win the next three 9/6, 9/0, 9/0. Here are the correction & presentation.

THE TEHRAN JOURNAL, MARCH 8, 1972

Winner

TEHRAN, Tuesday — A Tehran Journal report based on a Bank Melli Sport Club release yesterday gave the winner of the Evin Cup Squash Championship as Michael Hill. The winner was in fact J.N. Faulks. Hill was the runner-up.

Squash Library
10 December at 08:24 ·

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

Photo courtesy of Steve Line

Squash Library
11 December at 08:40 ·

A branch of squash celebrated its first British Open this year. On 16/17 October the Hallamshire Club in Sheffield hosted the Squash 57 (formerly Racketball) British Open.
The first Men's winner was ten times National Champion Tim Vail (right) who prevailed over Hallamshire's Nick Matthew– the three times British Open Squash champion unable to add a 57 crown; while current World number five Sarah-Jane Perry took her first 57 title. England Squash

Squash Library
1 December at 08:11

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
22 November at 08:51

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

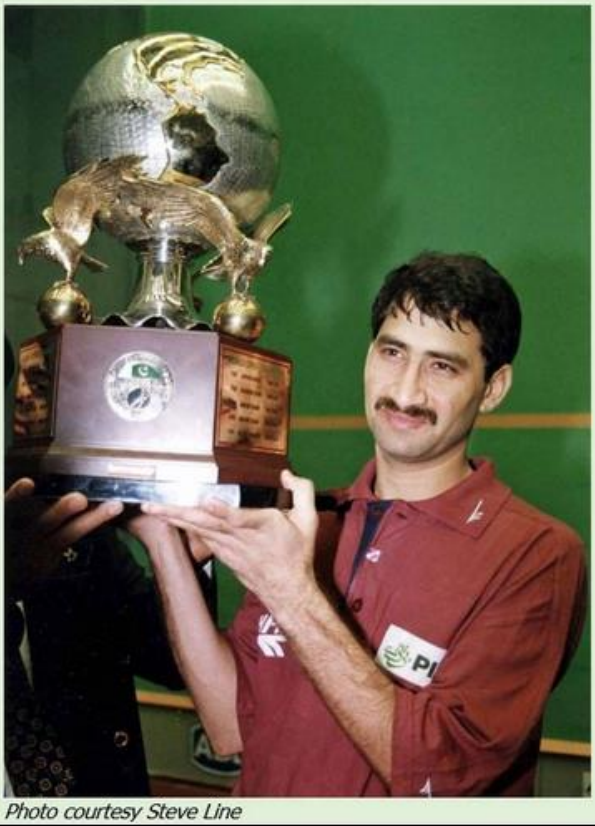


Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
25 November at 08:26

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

MALAYSIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN

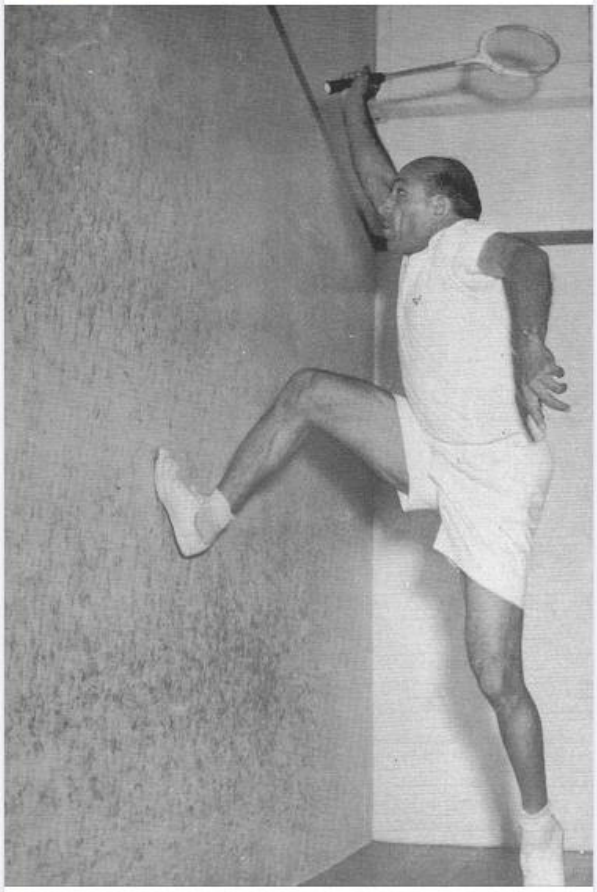
1975 – Gogi Alauddin	(Pakistan)	bt Mohibullah Khan	(Pakistan)	5/9,9/7,9/3,9/5
1976 – Maqsood Ahmed	(Pakistan)	bt Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	
1977 – Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	bt Abdul Rehman	(Pakistan)	9/4,4/9,9/5,9/2
1978 – Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)	bt Fahim Gul	(Pakistan)	9/7,2/9,9/6,9/3
1979 – Atlas Khan	(Pakistan)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

LADIES

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

Squash Library
20 November at 08:48 ·

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



Squash Library
6 November at 09:21 ·

35 years ago in 1986, when aged 45, Jonah Barrington was appointed as Chief Squash Coach for Millfield School in Somerset, England. Seen here with Hashim Khan, he became instrumental in the career of many squash players, not least recent World Champion / number 1 Mohamed Elshorbagy.

Squash Library
30 October at 08:57 ·

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

Squash Library
15 November at 08:41 ·

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

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

Svensk Squash England SquashThe European Squash Federation

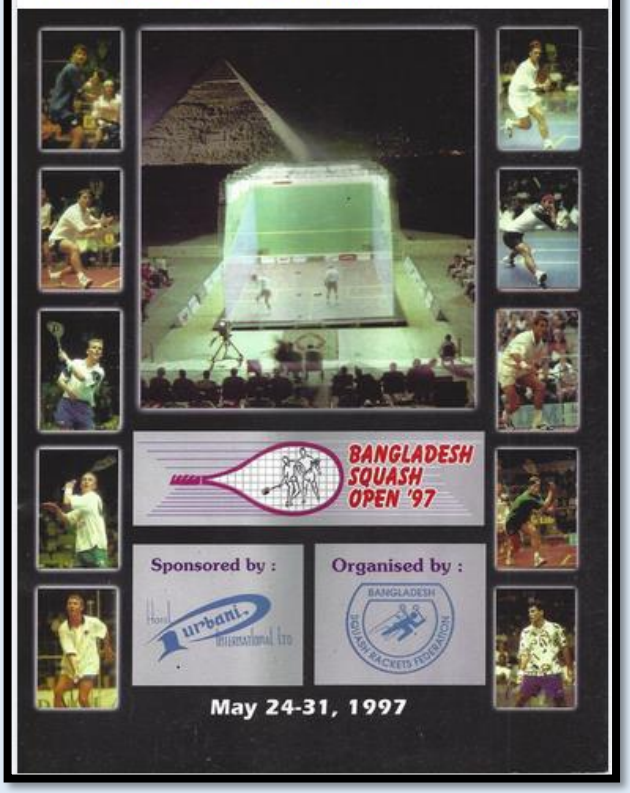
Squash Library
28 October at 08:43 ·

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

Photo courtesy Steve Line

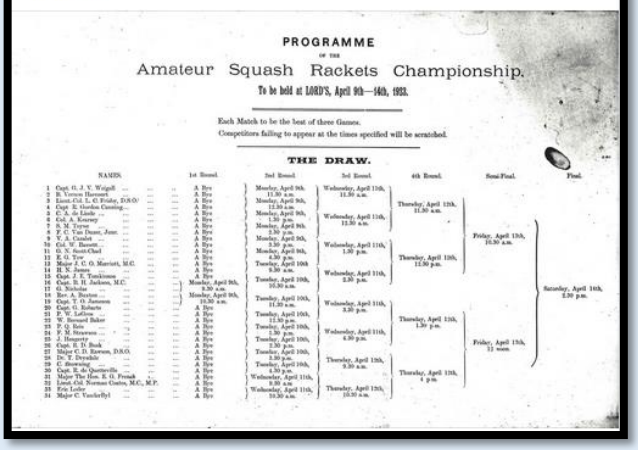
Squash Library
20 October at 08:50 ·

While a local club-based Bangladesh Open took place in 1997 (not including the players on the programme cover!), and hosting the South Asian Games squash event there in 2010, the start of the Bangabandu Ispahani event today in Dhaka is the first PSA Tour event being organised in the country. Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation-BSRFSquash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
21 October at 07:58 ·

As can be seen by the draw for the 1924 British Amateur Championships, the colonels, captains, other ranks and civilians played their matches best of three games. At that point games were played to 15 points.



PROGRAMME
OF THE
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To be held at LORD'S, April 9th—14th, 1923.

Each Match to be the best of three Games.
Competitors failing to appear at the times specified will be scratched.

THE DRAW.

NAMES.	1st Round.	2nd Round.	3rd Round.	4th Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.
1 Capt. G. J. V. Wright ...	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 11.30 a.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 11.30 a.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 11.30 a.m.	Friday, April 13th, 10.30 a.m.	Saturday, April 14th, 2.30 p.m.
2 R. Vernon Harcourt ...	A Bye					
3 Lieut.-Col. L. C. Fraser, D.S.O.	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 12.30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 11.30 a.m.			
4 Capt. E. Gordon Canning...	A Bye					
5 Lieut. A. Ewing ...	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 1.30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 1.30 p.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 11.30 p.m.		
6 Col. A. Kearney ...	A Bye					
7 S. M. Tyrer ...	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 2.30 p.m.				
8 F. C. Van Duzer, Junr.	A Bye					
9 V. A. Cazalet ...	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 3.30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 1.30 p.m.			
10 Col. W. Barnett ...	A Bye					
11 G. N. Scott-Chad ...	A Bye	Monday, April 9th, 4.30 p.m.				
12 E. G. Tyer ...	A Bye					
13 Major J. C. O. Marriott, M.C. ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th 9.30 a.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m.			
14 Capt. J. Ward ...	A Bye					
15 Capt. J. E. Tomkinson ...	A Bye					
16 Capt. B. H. Jackson, M.C. ...	Monday, April 9th, 8.30 a.m.	Tuesday, April 10th, 10.30 a.m.				
17 G. Nicholas ...						
18 Rev. A. Buxton ...	Monday, April 9th, 10.30 a.m.					
19 Capt. T. O. Jameson ...		Tuesday, April 10th, 11.30 a.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 3.30 p.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 1.30 p.m.		
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21 P. W. Lefroy ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th, 12.30 p.m.				
22 W. Howard Baker ...	A Bye					
23 F. M. Rice ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th, 1.30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 11th, 4.30 p.m.			
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25 J. Hesketh ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th, 2.30 p.m.				
26 Capt. E. D. Buck ...	A Bye					
27 Major C. D. Rawson, D.S.O. ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 9.30 a.m.			
28 Dr. T. Drysdale ...	A Bye					
29 C. Browning ...	A Bye	Tuesday, April 10th, 4.30 p.m.				
30 Capt. E. de Quetteville ...	A Bye					
31 Major The Hon. E. G. Fraser	A Bye	Wednesday, April 11th, 8.30 a.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 10.30 a.m.	Thursday, April 12th, 4 p.m.		
32 Lieut.-Col. Norman Coates, M.C., M.P.	A Bye					
33 Eric Lofer ...	A Bye	Wednesday, April 11th, 10.30 a.m.				
34 Major C. Vaughan	A Bye					

Squash Library
19 October at 08:41 ·

The first Men's Qatar Classic took place in December 1992 when Jansher Khan (PAK) beat Chris Dittmar (AUS) 3/2 to win the first of his five consecutive titles. A Women's event was added in 2001, Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) winning the first final against Leilani Joyce (NZL). Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaSquash New ZealandQatar Squash Federation

Left: Jansher (front) with Dittmar, Right: Fitz-Gerald (front) with Joyce.
Photos courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
16 October at 08:15 ·

Frenchman Greg Gaultier's competitive retirement at the age of 38 (DofB: 23.12.82) ends a sparkling career that included winning the World Championship in November 2015 and three British Open crowns (he was the first French winner), amongst 44 PSA Tour titles from 83 finals. The six times French champion also represented his country at 18 European Team and 10 World Team Championships, amassing 189 caps.
He spent 20 months as world number one (and became the oldest ever in April 2017). The www.squashinfo.com data trove also reports that he boasts both the longest unbroken run in the men's world top 20 AND the top 10 - his 16 years in the 20 (May 2003 - Apr 2019) beating Nick Matthew by 18 months, and 12 years 10 months in the top 10 (Apr 2006 - Jan 2019) overtaking Peter Nicol (12 years 6 months). Squash - PSA World Tour FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash

Squash Library
14 October at 08:51 ·

Leo Au, from Hong Kong, broke the record for the longest professional squash match ever recorded en-route to claiming the ninth PSA World Tour title of his career at the Holtrand Gas City Pro-Am in January 2015 in Canada.
His dramatic semi-final victory was the longest match ever recorded - a mammoth 170-minute encounter (11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 16-14) against Canadian Shawn Delierre.
It was a match that eclipsed the previous record set by legendary Pakistani six-time world champion Jahangir Khan, who took 166-minutes to get past Gamal Awad in the 1983 Chichester Festival 9-10, 9-5, 9-7, 9-2. Yes, in four games!
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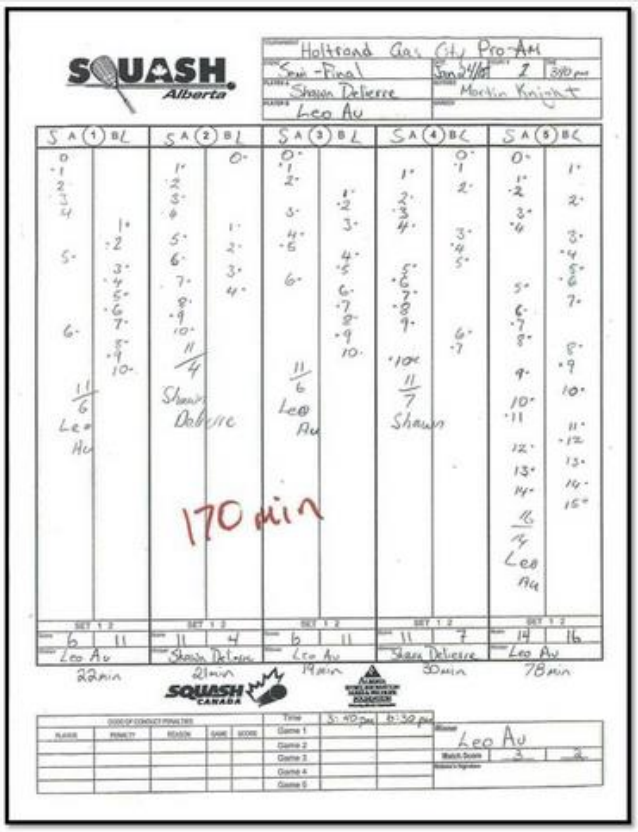


Squash Library
11 October at 08:38 ·

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

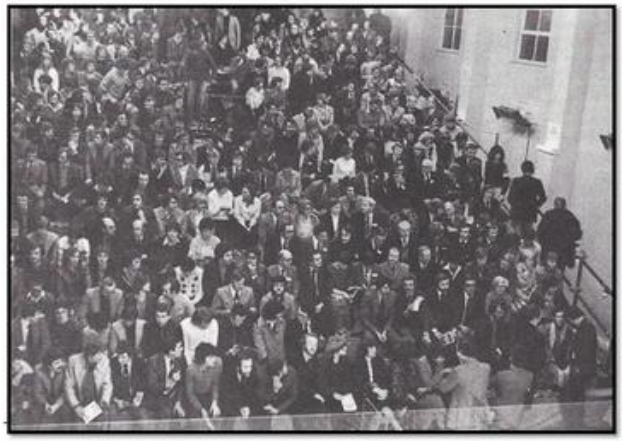
Results
O. Zaman beat M. Helal 9-2 9-7 9-3; M. Yasin beat B. Patterson 9-5 9-0 10-8; J. Easter beat T. Khan 9-6 4-9 9-1 10-8; A. Safwat beat M. Asran 9-6 9-5 9-1; B. Brownlee beat R. Khan 4-9 9-4 9-4 9-0; D. Williams beat M. Lilley 9-0 9-2 5-9 9-2; A. Aziz beat A. Kaoud 9-7 10-9 9-1; M. Ahmed beat M.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

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

Semi-Finals
Zaman beat Safwat 5-9 9-3 9-4 9-3; Brownlee beat Ahmed 9-7 6-9 10-9 9-0.

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

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

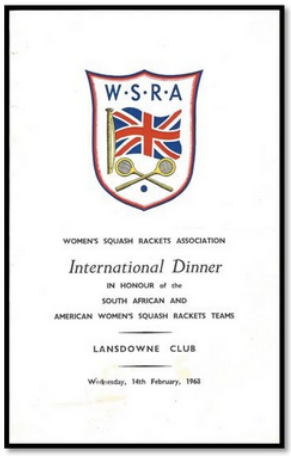


Squash Library
8 October at 08:27 ·

On 31 December 1962, England suffered their first Men's International match defeat after 46 victories. Australia beat them that day at the RAC Club in London, winning 4-1. Number one Ken Hiscoe then became the first Australian winner of the British Amateur in the New Year at the nearby Lansdowne Club. (Geoff Hunt, Kevin Shawcross and Cam Nancarrow later completed the quartet of Aussie winners).
The scoreline:
Australia bt England 4 – 1
Ken Hiscoe bt Jeremy Lyon 9-6 5-9 9-6 9-7
Owen Parmenter lt Richard Boddington 4-9 9-4 9-7 8-10 5-9
Dick Carter bt Tony Gathercole 10-8 9-6 9-2
Ken Binns bt John Skinner 8-10 9-3 10-8 9-5
Doug Stephenson bt Terry Pickering 9-3 9-4 10-9
(Pic, L to R: Parmenter, Stephenson, Binns, John Cheadle, Hiscoe, Carter)
Squash Australia

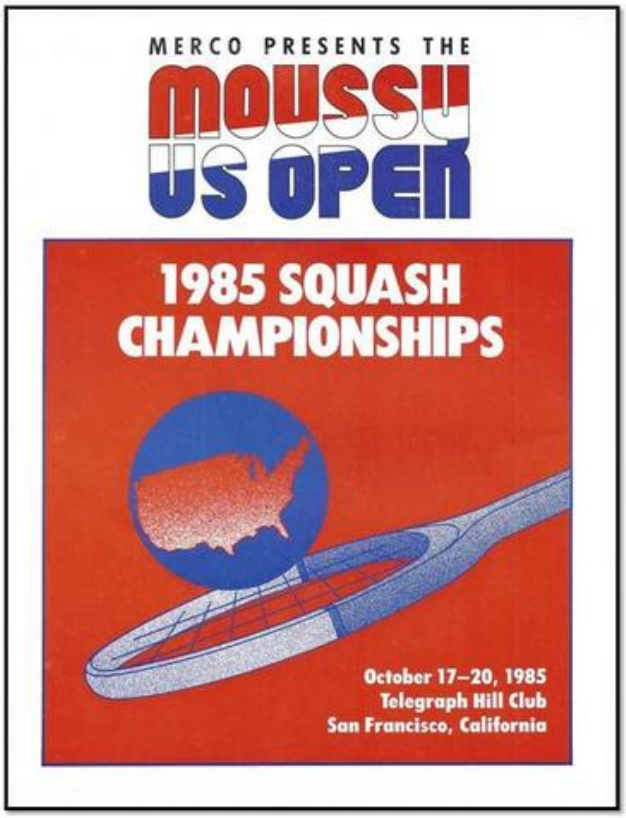
Squash Library
6 October at 08:54 ·

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



Squash Library
2 October at 08:30 ·

The US Open moved from hardball to softball for the first time in 1985, held at the Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco, 17 – 20 October. In the programme the ISPA (now PSA) Chairman Greg Pollard commented that 'the Association recognises the enormous potential for international softball in North America' adding 'this event, therefore, is of crucial importance....'
The first holder became Pakistani Jahangir Khan who beat Kiwi Ross Norman 15-4, 15-5, 15-8 in the final.
U.S. Open SquashUS SQUASHSquash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
24 September at 08:24 ·

Past posters for the Netsuite Open this week have been very creative, and the 2014 edition is one of the Library's current top ten memorable posters. See the full gallery at
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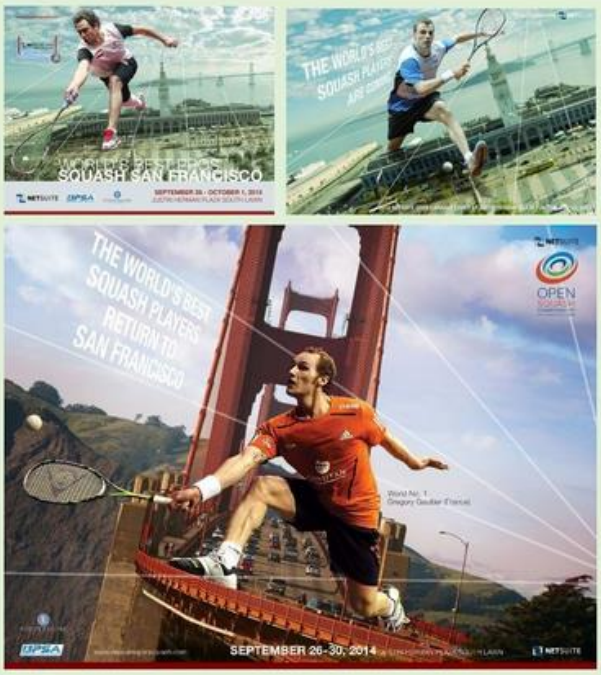

Squash Library
23 September at 06:16 ·

This week's Scottish Open has a history beginning in 1974 when Aftab Jawaid won it, continuing until 1991 when Jahangir Khan provided a Pakistani bookending beating Australian Chris Dittmar at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow.
The next edition took place in 2001, when Peter Nicol, now representing England, went north to Perth to beat another Australian, Stewart Boswell, in the final.
Revived in 2019, Spaniard Edmon Lopez beat Patrick Rooney (ENG) in the final, before Covid intervened.
The Women's event began at the same time as the Men's, and featured three wins by New Zealand's Susan Devoy amongst top international names. Scottish SquashSquash - PSA World Tour

SCOTTISH OPEN HONOURS BOARD

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

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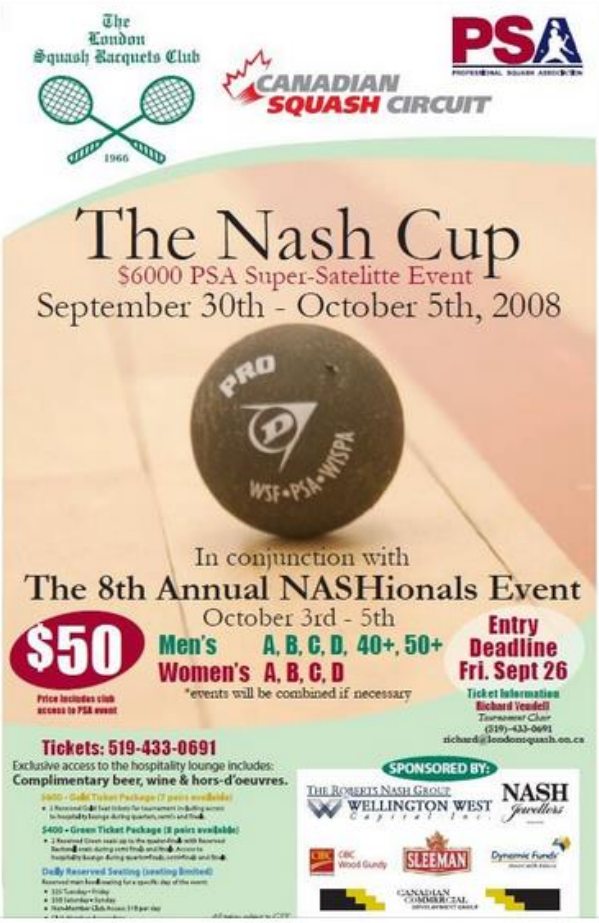
Squash Library
16 September at 08:52 ·

The 13th Nash Cup currently being contested in the Canadian city of London, began with a Men's event in 2008 added to the local competition as a way to support our local university team – Western – get stronger early season competition. Pakistani Farzan Rasheed was the inaugural champion, with countrywoman Maria Toorpakai Wazir being the first Women's winner when their draw was added in 2013. Squash CanadaSquash - PSA World Tour

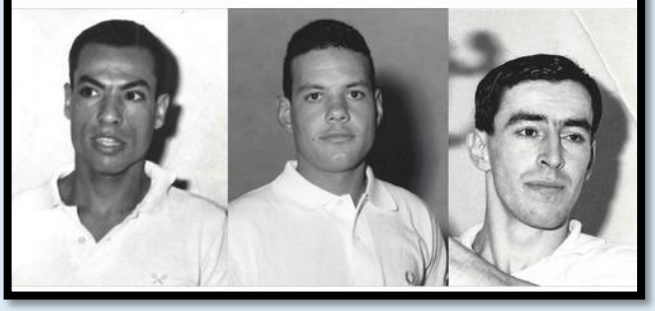


Squash Library
21 September at 08:45 ·

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

Squash Library
11 September at 08:45 ·

The Egyptian Open which started yesterday was first played a few times between 1958 – 1967 before lapsing. The winners were Egyptian before Jonah Barrington (right) took the title in 1967. Dardir El Bakary (left) was the 1958 winner, followed by Abdelfattah Aboutaleb (centre) in 1962, 63, 65 and 66. Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
8 September at 08:48 ·

The first Canadian Men's Championship was played on 20 March 1912 at the Montreal Racket Club, won by Kenneth Molson, who beat Peter Mackenzie 12/15, 15/5, 15/12, 15/9 in an all-Montreal final. (Mackenzie secured the title the following year when he beat Arthur J Hills 18/17, 8/15, 10/15, 15/12, 15/11).
This was three years before the Canadian Squash Racquets Association was formed in 1915. The five founding members were the Montreal Racket Club, Toronto Racquet Club, Hamilton Squash Racquets Club, University Club of Toronto, and the Ottawa Squash Racquets Club.
The Montreal Racket Club was built in 1889 as a rackets club, with a squash court subsequently added. Squash Canada

Squash Library
4 September at 08:51 ·

The first event of a new Masters circuit coordinated by ESF featuring a number of national Masters Open titles took place in February 2015 - the Spanish Masters.
Worldwide Masters event details can be viewed at:
http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar & the Library full World Masters history at www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships
World Squash FederationThe European Squash FederationREAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE SQUASH

Squash Library
3 September at 09:08 ·

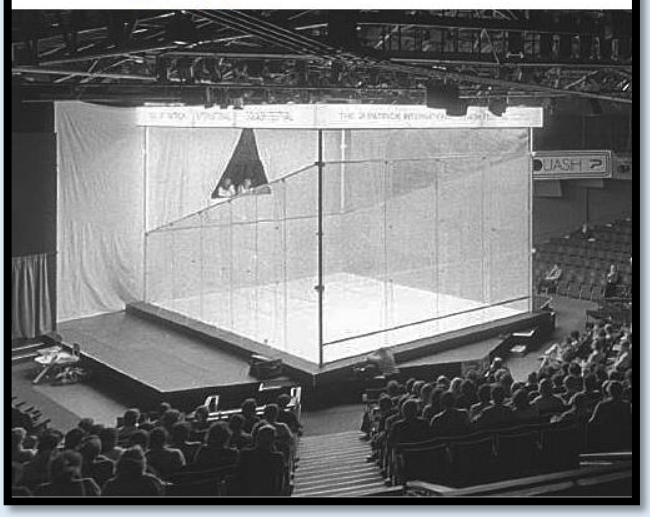
On 27/8 February 1954 the English Federation sent a team to France for the first time. They went to Paris to play both squash and real tennis at the Societe Sportive de Jue de Paume et de Racquets. The visiting squash team was led by five times British Amateur Champion Norman Borrett (pic). England Squash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

Squash Library
20 August at 07:19 ·

In 1981 when Jahangir Khan was aged 17, six times British Open champion Jonah Barrington made this prediction, 'Jahangir Khan will become the best player of all time'.
Ten British Open titles later (and six World Open wins too), nobody can argue that the Pakistani is right up there.
A profile by journalist Dicky Rutnagur quotes another legend Geoff Hunt – who won eight British Open titles himself -, who said 'They used to call me the best player ever at my age, but Jahangir is something special, much better than I was at seventeen".
(Barrington & Hunt left, Khan right) England SquashPakistan Squash FederationSquash AustraliaSquash - PSA World Tour

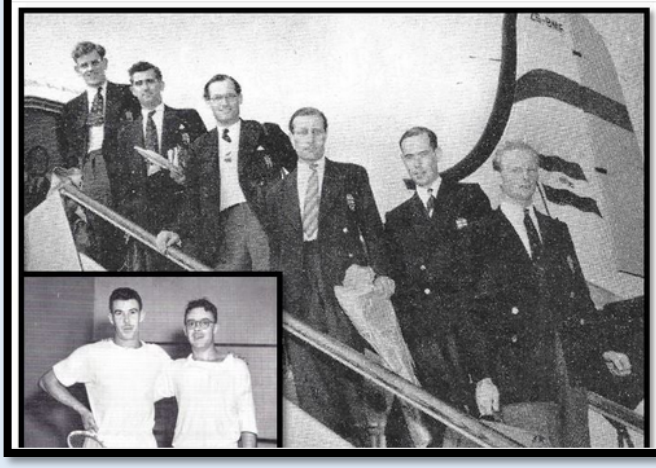
Squash Library
1 August at 09:21 ·

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



Squash Library
13 July at 08:46 ·

South Africa and Great Britain first played representative matches against each other in 1955 and 1957. First the British toured South Africa – the first men's tour outside Europe since the SRA had been formed in 1928 - and then two years later Britain hosted them.
Four tests were played in 1955 in South Africa. South Africa won the first at altitude in Johannesburg 4-1, GB levelled 4-1 in Durban, the hosts won 3-2 in Cape Town and wrapped up the series 3-1 with 3-2 win back in Johannesburg.
The first of three return matches was played before the British Amateur at the Lansdowne Club in London, and won by the home team 3-2. The second and third ties, played in Cardiff and Edinburgh were both won by the British team 5-0.
Photos: Denis (left) & Brian Callaghan, mainstays of the South African team in 1953. The British team arriving in Durban: L to R: Mike Perkins, Alan Seymour-Haydon, Brian Phillips, Norman Borrett, Ian de Sales la Terriere.
Squash South AfricaEngland Squash



Squash Library
19 July at 08:40 ·

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

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

Squash Library
11 July at 06:23 ·

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

BOYS U19
Semis: Tarek Mohamed Momen (Egy) bt Tom Richards (Eng) 9-4, 4-9, 10-8, 9-4 (58m); Basit Ashfaq (Pak) bt Chris Simpson (Eng) 4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-6 (66m).
Final: Basit Ashfaq (Pak) bt Tarek Mohamed Momen (Egy) 10-8, 7-9, 9-2, 9-1.

GIRLS U19
Semis: Tenille Swartz (RSA) bt Charlie De Rycke (Bel) 9-1, 5-9, 9-7, 10-8 (32m); Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Sara Badr (Egy) 9-1, 9-2, 9-3 (24m).
Final: Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Tenille Swartz (RSA) 3-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3 (44m).

BOYS U17:
Semis: Bilal Zaman (Pak) bt Ali Anwar Reda (Egy) 9-5, 6-9, 9-6, 9-1 (55m); Omar Abou Zeid (Egy) bt Omar Abdel Magid (Egy) 4-9, 9-7, 9-0, 4-9, 9-2 (69m).
Final: Omar Abou Zeid (Egy) v Bilal Zaman (Pak) 9-5, 9-3, 9-0 (27m).

GIRLS U17
Semis: Raneem El Welelly (Egy) bt Shahenda Osama (Egy) 9-4, 9-1, 9-3 (22m); Annie Au (Hkg) bt [9/16] Neha Kumar (Can) 9-4, 9-0, 9-3 (31m)
Final: Raneem El Welelly (Egy) bt Annie Au (Hkg) 9-6, 10-8, 9-2 (32m).

BOYS U15
Semis: Ahmed Osama Hawas (Egy) bt Leo Au (Hkg) 5-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-1; Shohaib Hassan (Pak) bt [17/32] Ahmed El Mehelmy (Egy) 9-4, 9-4, 9-1
Final: Shohaib Hassan (Pak) bt Ahmed Osama Hawas (Egy) 10-8, 10-8, 9-1.

GIRLS U15
Semis: Heba Alaa Ahmed (Egy) bt Wee Wern Low (Mas) 3-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-0 (48m); Alia Magdy Balbaa (Egy) bt Victoria Bell (Eng) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0 (17m).
Final: Heba Alaa Ahmed (Egy) bt Alia Magdy Balbaa (Egy) 9-3, 9-2, 9-6 (24m).

BOYS U13
Semis: Farhan Zaman (Pak) bt El Sherbeny (Egy) 9-1, 9-6, 9-5 (25m); Fouad Khalifa (Egy) bt Ali Ashraf El Karargy (Egy) 9-0, 9-0, 9-2 (15m)
Final: Farhan Zaman (Pak) bt Fouad Khalifa (Egy) 9-2, 9-0, 9-0 (17m).

GIRLS U13
Semis: Abdel Megid (Egy) bt Nouran Alaa Ahmed (Egy) 9-1, 4-9, 2-9, 9-0, 9-6 (41m); Nour Mohamed El Tayeb (Egy) bt Salma Hany (Egy) 4-9, 9-5, 4-9, 9-6, 9-3 (75m).
Final: Nour Mohamed El Tayeb (Egy) Abdel Megid (Egy) 9-3, 9-5, 7-9, 9-2 (36m).

Squash Library
9 July at 08:56 ·

Yesterday it was the oldest Men's & Women's PSA Tour 'Major' winners – now the youngest have been added in the Library. See them all here: https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/majors, taken from the www.squashinfo.com information database. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشEngland SquashSquash Racquets Association of Malaysia

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Squash Library
8 July at 08:23 ·

Who are the oldest Men's & Women's PSA Tour 'Major' winners? Answers at https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/majors. Tomorrow, see the youngest too. Data from www.squashinfo.com. Squash - PSA World Tour Squash AustraliaEngland SquashIrish SquashEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

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Squash Library
7 July at 06:05 ·

The PSA Men's Tour (then called ISPA), first broke the 1$m prize fund for a year in 1989, when it reached $1,079,500. This, up from $158,000 in 1983, where only six countries staged events. (In the last full year of 2019, 47 nations staged Tour events). Squash - PSA World Tour

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Squash Library
5 July at 08:54 ·

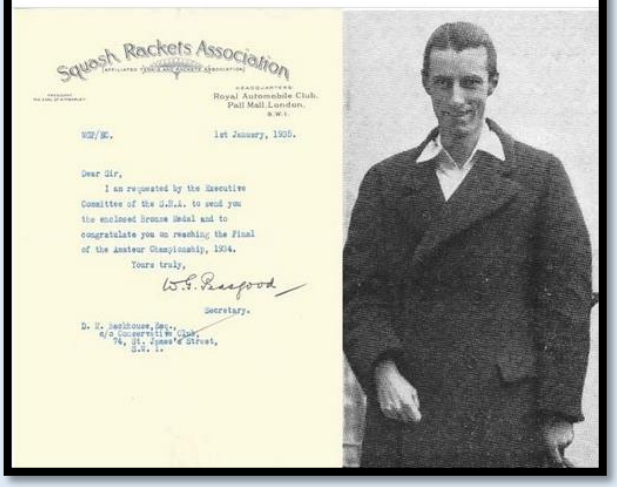
When Ken Hiscoe won the British Amateur in 1963 at the Lansdowne Club in London, he became the first Australian to do so, and only the fourth overseas winner ever. The preceding three were Egyptians Amr Bey and Ibrahim Amin, along with South African Peter Hildick-Smith. Beating Tewfik Shafik (Egy) 9-3, 9-7, 5-9, 9-7 in the final, the champion made the cover of the British Lawn Tennis magazine. Squash AustraliaEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشSquash South AfricaEngland Squash

Squash Library
2 July at 08:33 ·

Here they are! The top ten most memorable event posters from those nominated are at https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../most-memorable-squash.... They were selected by a panel comprising Laurent Cossa (PSA), Ritwik Bhattychara (START Academy), Camille Serme (pro player), Howard Harding (squashinfo.com), Andrew Shelley (World Squash Library).
Below them is a gallery of other posters that were submitted.
Why not add to the gallery - it doesn't matter the level of event, or how recent or old it is; it just needs to be clever or original, unusual or simply stunning - by sending your poster in PDF or jpg to info@squashlibrary.info. Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation

Squash Library
1 July at 09:13 ·

Desmond Backhouse lost the final of the British Amateur Championship to Cyril Hamilton 9-7, 9-0, 9-4 in December 1934. Egyptian 6 times winner & holder F D Amr Bey, was unable to defend his title.
Backhouse, pictured, received his runner-up medal (bronze) with this letter.


Squash Rackets Association
Royal Automobile Club.
Pall Mall London.
S.W.1.

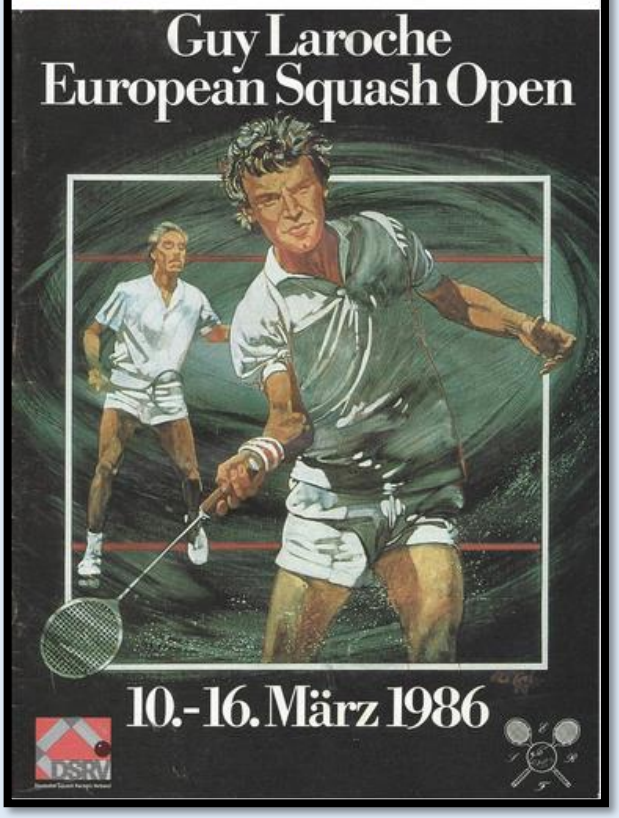
WJP/MC. 1st January, 1935.

Dear Sir,
I am requested by the Executive Committee of the S.R.A. to send you the enclosed Bronze Medal and to congratulate you on reaching the Final of the Amateur Championship, 1934.
Yours truly,
W.S. Pearson
Secretary.

D. H. Backhouse, Esq.,
c/o Concertina Club,
74, St. James's Street,
S.W. 1.

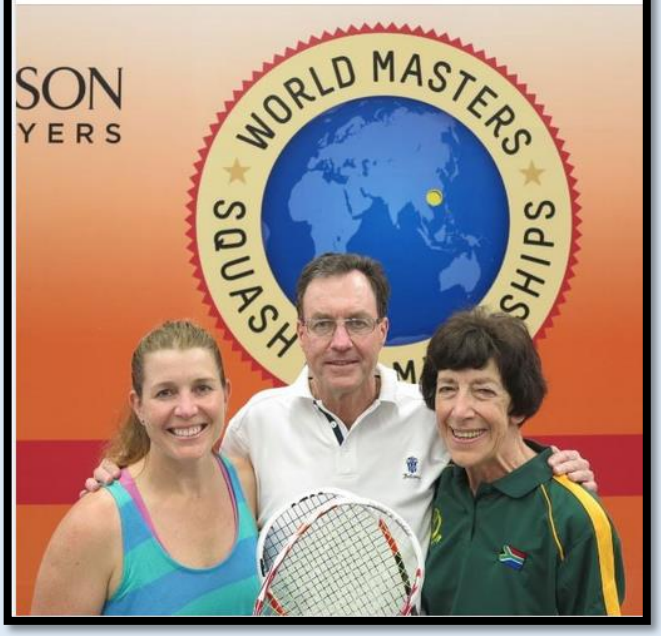
Squash Library
30 June at 08:55 ·

The European Federation accorded the German Federation the right to host the first European Open in 1986. Held 10 -16 March at five clubs before televised finals at RSC Munich, a number of withdrawals blighted the event before New Zealander Ross Norman beat surprise finalist Kelvin Smith (AUS) 9-2, 9-3, 9-4 to take the inaugural title.
Since then the title has only cropped up sporadically (1987, 1990, 1992, 2002). The European Squash Federation Deutscher Squash Verband e.V.



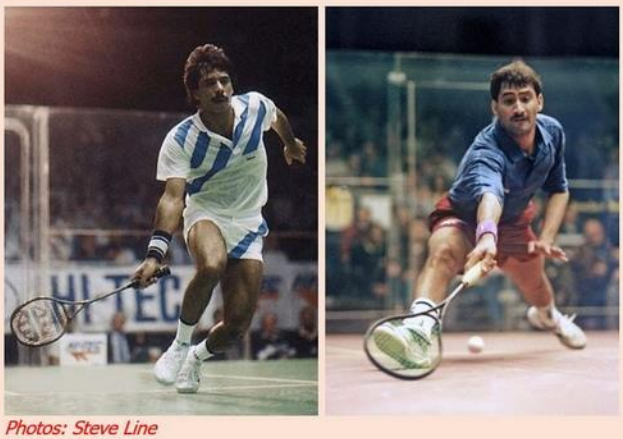
Squash Library
29 June at 08:50 ·

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



Squash Library
14 June at 09:13 ·

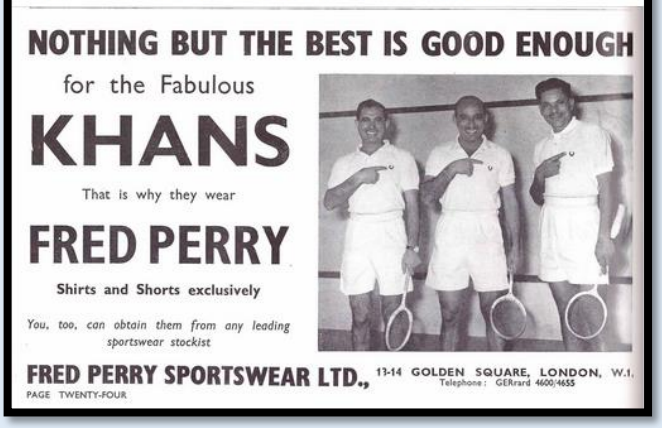
The Men's Pakistan Open began in 1980, and was won by Jahangir Khan, beating fellow Pakistani Qamar Zaman in the final. Indeed, the first 16 titles for the event were shared by Jahangir (left) & Jansher Khan (right), Jahangir amassing ten, and Jansher six.
The full results history is on www.squashinfo.com.
Squash - PSA World TourPakistan Squash Federation



Photos: Steve Line

Squash Library
30 May at 08:45 ·

Sunday prompt. Squash player brand partnerships is not a recent phenomenon. In 1954 Pakistani 'legends' Azan, Hashim and Roshan Khan wore and advertised Fred Perry clothing. The advertisements were not in colour but neither was the clothing! Fred Perry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That is why they wear
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Shirts and Shorts exclusively
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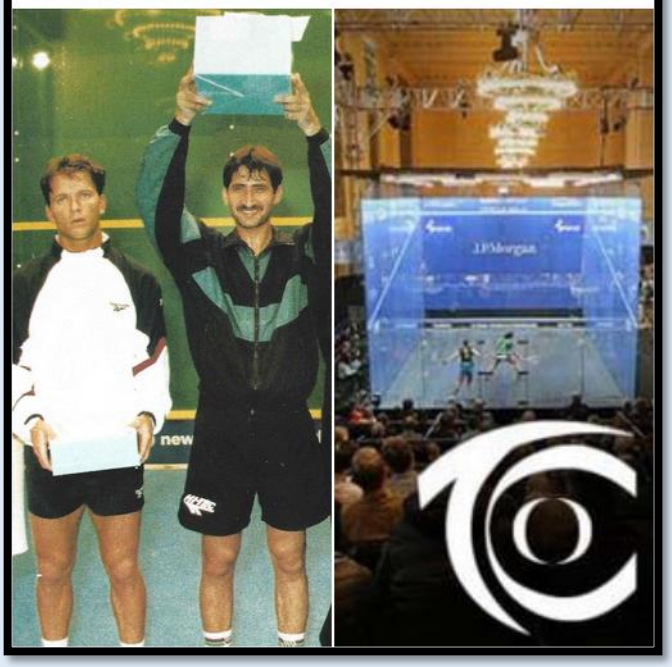
Squash Library
27 June at 08:39 ·

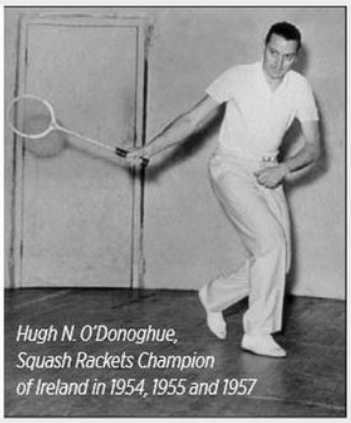
Sunday prompt:

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



Squash Library
20 May at 08:50 ·

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



Squash Library
13 May at 09:22 ·

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

	WINNER	AGE (at time of win)	EVENT	DATE
Women:				
1	Habiba Mohamed	14 years, 5 months	MAS Tour Final	17 Nov 2013
2	Hania El Hammamy	14 years, 6 months	Geneva Open	22 Mar 2015
3	Habiba Mohamed	14 years, 7 months	Edinburgh Open	26 Jan 2014
4	Nour El Sherbini	14 years, 10 months	Heliopolis Open	14 Sep 2010
5	Habiba Mohamed	15 years, 0 months	Paderborn Open	07 Jun 2014
Men:				
1	Ahmed Barada	16 years, 1 month	Al Mannai Open	03 Jun 1993
2	Amr Khaled Khalifa	16 years, 2 months	Palestra Open	22 Feb 2009
3	Mohamed Abouelghar	16 years, 5 months	Jordanian Open	27 Mar 2010
4	Jahangir Khan	16 years, 11 months	Pakistan Open	15 Nov 1980
5	Mostafa Asal	16 years, 11 months	Mar del Plata Open	05 May 2018

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14 May at 08:57 ·

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

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

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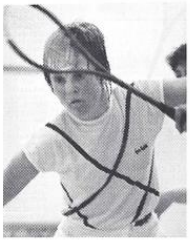


Squash Library
9 May at 08:49 ·

Sunday prompt. Before Covid caused a pause we have had the 20 years of this century to compare how nations in the rankings have evolved. The millenium dominance of UK & Ireland with no less than 18 players in the top 16s shrunk to just 5 in January 2020. Australia dropped from five to zero in the period.
Meanwhile, Egypt have exploded from 1 to 16 and a raft of new nations have taken up the combined total of 8 countries in 2000 to 14 in 2020 (even with the Jan 2020 absence of Australia, Canada, Netherlands & South Aftrica). Squash - PSA World Tour

MEN'S (Jan 2000)		WOMEN'S (Jan 2000)	
1 Jonathon Power	CAN	1 Cassie Campion	ENG
2 Peter Nicol	SCO	2 Leilani Joyce	NZL
3 Ahmed Barada	EGY	3 Linda Charman	ENG
4 Simon Parke	ENG	4 Natalie Grainger	RSA
5 Martin Heath	SCO	5 Carol Owens	AUS
6 Paul Johnson	ENG	6 Suzanne Horner	ENG
7 Anthony Hill	AUS	7 Sabine Schone	GER
8 Paul Price	AUS	8 Fiona Geaves	ENG
9 Alex Gough	WAL	9 Stephanie Brind	ENG
10 Derek Ryan	IRE	10 Claire Nitch	RSA
11 Thierry Lincou	FRA	11 Vanessa Atkinson	NED
12 David Palmer	AUS	12 Rebecca Macree	ENG
13 Graham Ryding	CAN	13 Tania Bailey	ENG
14 David Evans	WAL	14 Rachael Grinham	AUS
15 Del Harris	ENG	15 Jenny Tranfield	ENG
16 John White	SCO	16 Tegwen Malik	WAL

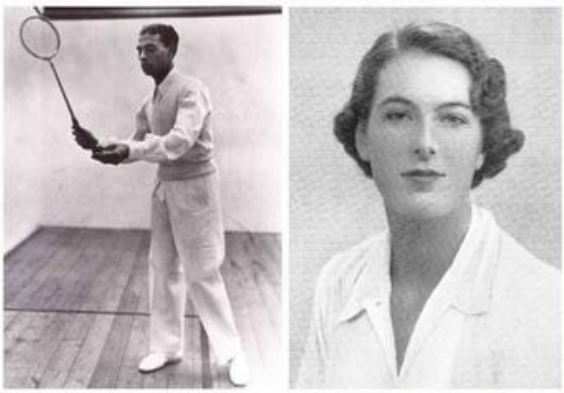
	MEN'S		WOMEN'S		TOTAL
NATION	Jan 00	Jan 20	Jan 00	Jan 20	Change
Australia	3		2		5↓
Canada	2				2↓
Colombia		1			1↑
Egypt	1	9		7	15↑
France	1	1		1	1↑
Hong Kong Ch				1	1↑
India		1		1	2↑
Germany		1	1		0
Netherlands			1		1↓
New Zealand		1	1	1	1↑
Peru		1			1↑
South Africa			2		2↓
UK+Ireland	9	1	9	4	13↓
USA				1	1↑

Nationalities given at the time of the ranking lists

Squash Library
7 May at 09:29 ·

The October 1937 British ranking lists were particularly notable for the formality of names and titles, and that the number 1 British man was none other than legendary Egyptian Amr Bey! Bey was posted to London as a diplomat. Men's four Norman Yardley was an England cricket international too.

MEN	WOMEN
1 F.D. Amr Bey	1 Miss M.E.Lumb
2 E.Snell	2 Miss S. Noel
3 Dr J.F. Stokes	3 Mrs I.H McKechnie
4 N.W.D. Yardley	4 The Hon. Anne Lytton-Milbanke
5 J.A. Gillies	5 Miss F.B. Cooke
6 D.M. Backhouse	6 Lady Katherine Cairns
7 R. Pulbrook	7 Miss A.I. Alexander
8 J.N.S Ridgers	8 Mrs E.S. Barrett
9 A.G. Hazlerigg	9 Mrs F.C. Dawnay
10 J.W.C. More	10 Miss E.E. Knox
11 R. Stone	11 Miss M.L. McLintock
12 Dr F.D.M Flowerdew	12 Mrs A.A. Teague



Bey & Lumb pictured.

Squash Library
4 May at 08:50 ·

Ranking Q & A!
Q: Why is the December 2004 PSA Men's World Top 10 the most remarkable of all-time?
A: Because it is a distinguished list of players ALL of whom would become, or had already been, World No1!
Here is the superstar list with the date they first reached top spot in brackets, from the amazing www.squashinfo.com date treasure trove. Squash - PSA World Tour

PSA MEN'S RANKINGS – DEC 2004

1	**Lee Beachill** (ENG)	(Oct 2004)
2	**Thierry Lincou** (FRA)	(Jan 2004)
3	**Peter Nicol** (ENG)	(Feb 1998)
4	**David Palmer** (AUS)	(Sep 2001)
5	**Amr Shabana** (EGY)	(Apr 2006)
6	**John White** (SCO)	(Mar 2004)
7	**Nick Matthew** (ENG)	(Jun 2010)
8	**Karim Darwish** (EGY)	(Jan 2009)
9	**Jonathon Power** (CAN)	(May 1999)
10	**Gregory Gaultier** (FRA)	(Nov 2009)

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Squash Library
6 May at 07:22 ·

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

Squash Library
30 April at 09:11 ·

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

by Mike Palmer
The Daily Express

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

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

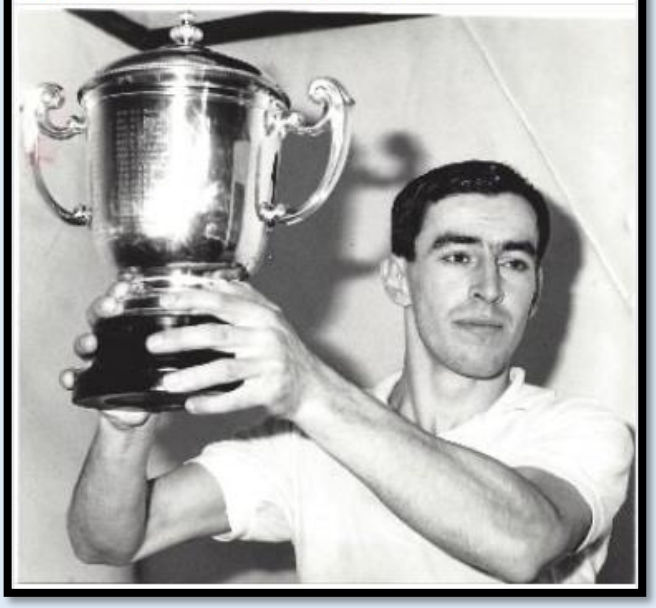
But Barrington's place in squash goes far beyond impersonal lines in record books. His total application to success has set the supreme example to fire the enthusiasm of the lowliest player; his success a direct inspiration to those entrepreneurs who sparked Britain's squash boom with an explosion of commercial clubs.

Barrington's brand of squash evangelism struck an immediate mass chord of public sympathy and acceptance. The formula was simple, for here was a man forthright, unrelenting in his desire to win. He was and still is one of the fittest men in the world, a fact which enabled him to compensate for an ability judged average by international standards.

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

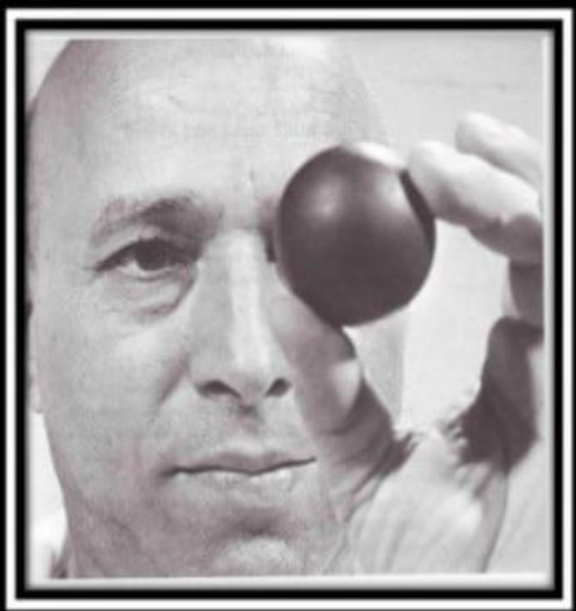
Squash Library
29 April at 08:25 ·

As six times British Open winner Jonah Barrington celebrates his 80th birthday today you can see him in action against fellow legend Geoff hunt in 1974 on the library YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSUO34TQnQ. Barrington had lost to Mohamed Yasin in the British Open quarter finals, but Yasin was later forced to scratch from the final with an ankle injury after beating Qamar Zaman in the semis. To provide the BBC cameras some action a match was arranged, and here is the first game of the exhibition. Happy birthday, Jonah!



Squash Library
20 April at 08:45 ·

Ten years ago in early 2011 Josh Easdon's documentary film, "Keep Eye on Ball" The Hashim Khan Story, was first broadcast on the U.S. national Sundance Film Channel.
It traced the extraordinary life of the legendary Pakistani. (In 1951, 'veteran' 37-year-old Hashim Khan first entered the British Open. Virtually unknown at the time, he won the first of his eventual seven British Open titles).
Pakistan Squash Federation



Squash Library
27 April at 09:02 ·

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

Squash Library
18 April at 08:47 ·

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

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7 Jonah Barrington	GBR	7 Jan Miller	AUS
8 Cam Nancarrow	AUS	8 Robyn Blackwood	NZL
9 Ahmed Safwat	EGY	9 Angela Smith	GBR
10 Torsam Khan	PAK	10 Carin Clonda	AUS
11 Roland Watson	RSA	11 Heather Wallace	GBR
12 Sajjad Muneer	PAK	12 Rae Anderson	AUS
13 Rehmat Khan	PAK	13 Alison Cumings	GBR
14 Billy Reedman	AUS	14 Jayne Ashton	GBR
15 Mohammed Yasin	PAK	15 Barbara Diggens	GBR
16 John Easter	GBR	16 Lynne Ferry	AUS

Squash Library
14 April at 09:06 ·

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

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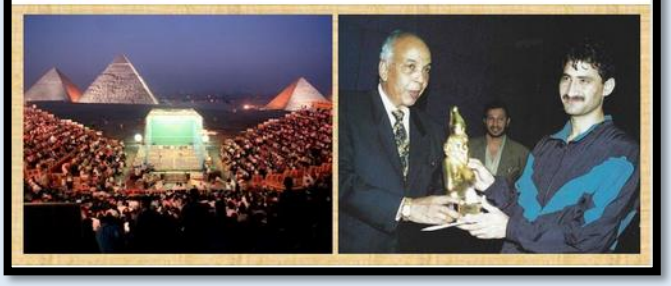
Squash Library
30 March at 08:19 ·

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

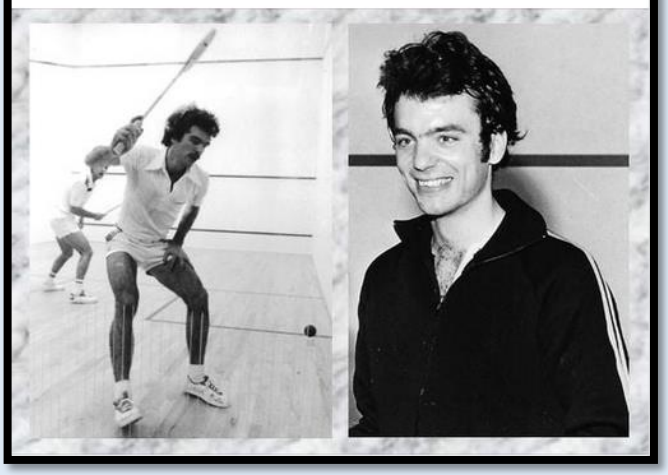
Squash Library
21 March at 08:50 ·

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 TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشAhram Sport / بوابة الأهرام الرياضية



Squash Library
15 March at 09:09 ·

At the time when amateur status was being abolished, in January 1980 Englishman Jonny Leslie became the last winner of the British Amateur Championship, Beating New Zealander Ross Norman in the final. Being captain of the winning World Team Championship team the preceding year was another distinction. But what has also set him apart is that 'multi-sport' Leslie accumulated no less than five sporting blues at Oxford University – squash, tennis, real tennis, rackets and rugby fives.
Now, all these years later he has won the national Over 65 grass court tennis title twice.



Squash Library
14 March at 08:52 ·

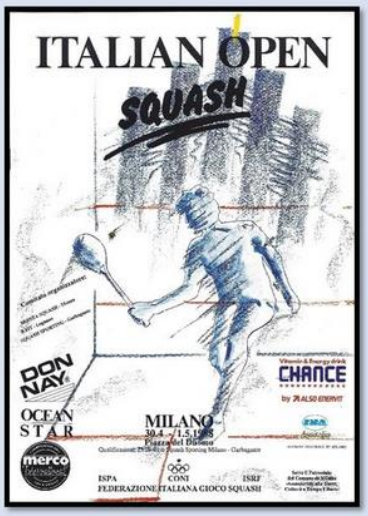
Sunday Prompt. The first World Squash Awards Dinner took place on 6 May 2005. That year the Players of the Year were Thierry Lincou & Vanessa Atkinson (2004 World Champions).
https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../world-squash-awards... shows the full annual list of winners. World Squash Federation Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
8 March at 08:49 ·

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

Squash Library
4 March at 09:40 ·

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



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vs QUALIFICATO N.3
9 DAVIS ADRIAN
vs 21 TAHER AHMED
5 JONES CERRYS
vs QUALIFICATO N.6
14 CARTER PAUL
vs 22 GREGORY PAUL
3 WITLOCK PHILLIP
vs QUALIFICATO N.5
12 EL AMIR GAMAL
vs 23 LAPPAGE MICHAEL
7 MEDINGS DANIEL
vs QUALIFICATO N.4
10 VOCETTI STEPHEN
vs 18 MCKAY JOHN
24 BRETTKELLY TONY
vs 13 TRUEMAN PHILLIP
8 HUNT GEOFF
vs QUALIFICATO N.2
17 WILLSTROP CHRISTY
vs 11 MCLEAN MARK
QUALIFICATO N.1
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20 GRAHAM ROBERT
vs 15 CUNNINGHAM S.
QUALIFICATO N.8
vs 6 TAYLOR SIMON
19 MARTINI CAROL
vs 16 PEKKANEN PENTTI
QUALIFICATO N.7
vs 2 EYLES RODNEY

Squash Library
28 February at 08:39 ·

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

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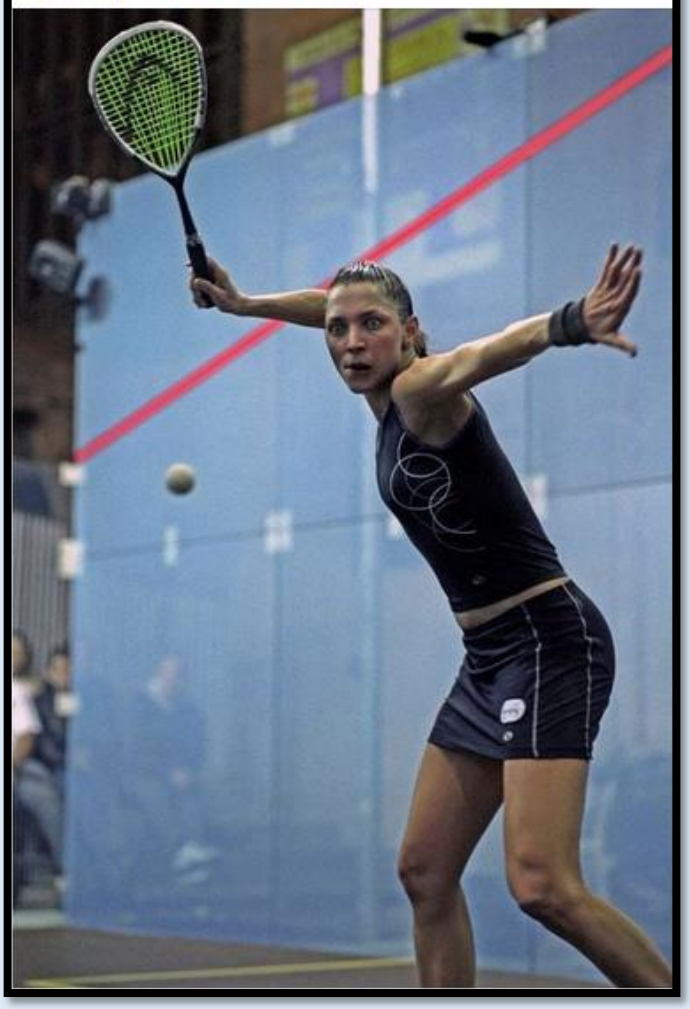
11 Roland Watson	RSA	11 Heather Wallace	GBR
12 Sajjad Muneer	PAK	12 Rae Anderson	AUS
13 Rehmat Khan	PAK	13 Alison Cumings	GBR
14 Billy Reedman	AUS	14 Jayne Ashton	GBR
15 Mohammed Yasin	PAK	15 Barbara Diggens	GBR
16 John Easter	GBR	16 Lynne Ferry	AUS

Squash Library
23 February at 09:45 ·

Omneya Abdel Kawy is the only player to have played in four Junior Team Championships (1997, 99, 01 & 03). Her Egypt team won in 99 & 03 (pics below).
(The Library World Championship compendia are at https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships)
When she played her team first match on the first day of the 1997 Women's World Junior Championship at the AABB Club in Rio De Janiero, Brazil, she was still nearly two weeks short of her 12th birthday! In her four World Junior Team events she only lost one of the 23 matches she played, that to formidable Malaysian Nicol David. Meanwhile, she was runner up in the accompanying World Junior Individual in 01 & her junior career culminated in winning the title in 2003.
Egyptian Squash Federation - World Squash Federation الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
16 February at 09:35 ·

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



Squash Library
1 February at 09:17 ·

The longest continuous squash sponsorship may be the Cathay Pacific airline of the Hong Kong Open, lasting 33 years from 1985 until 2017. Starting with men's, women were added in 1990, and it has seen stagings at the Hong Kong Harbour and Hollywood Plaza (pics) many times. Hong Kong Squash Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
26 January at 09:05 ·

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

Squash Library
15 February at 09:05 ·

The centenary of the Lapham Cup approaches – the event having started in 1922. The Lapham Cup is an annual amateur match played 15 a side between USA & Canada, for a trophy donated by Henry B. Lapham of Brookline, Massachusetts; and is believed to be one of the oldest amateur sporting events between two countries.
Doubles was added when the Grant Trophy was initiated for Doubles in 1945. The Crawford Trophy began for Women's singles & Doubles matches in 1999, and the Lawrence-Wilkins Trophy matches for Men's Over 65 in 2001.
The four events, held at the same time and venue, are hosted in alternate years by Canada and the United States. Starting in 2000, all singles matches have been played with the international ball.
Squash CanadaUS SQUASH

Squash Library
20 January at 08:55 ·

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

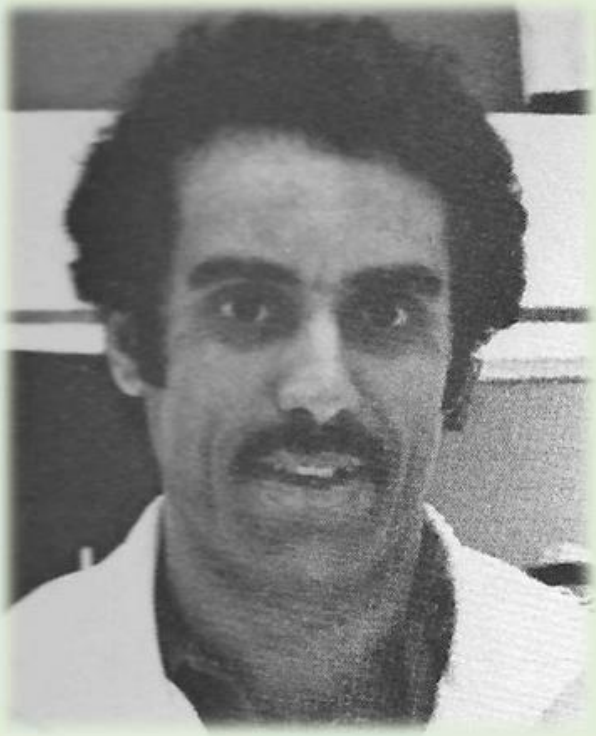
Squash Library
7 January at 09:14 ·

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

Photo: Steve Line

Squash Library
19 January at 08:57 ·

Squash star Sharif Khan (son of Hashim Khan), below, beat John McEnroe in 1979. Not in a tennis match but at the World Invitational Racquets Championship held at the Atlas Health Club in San Diego, USA!
He came first overall ahead of racquetball player Marty Hogan, with both winning two events; Khan the racquetball and badminton events, Hogan winning the squash and tennis ones. (Players were not allowed to compete in their own sport in the CBS televised event).
20 year old McEnroe won the table tennis event, but it was Khan beating Hogan 21-19 in their table tennis semi-final that gave him the title on points overall.



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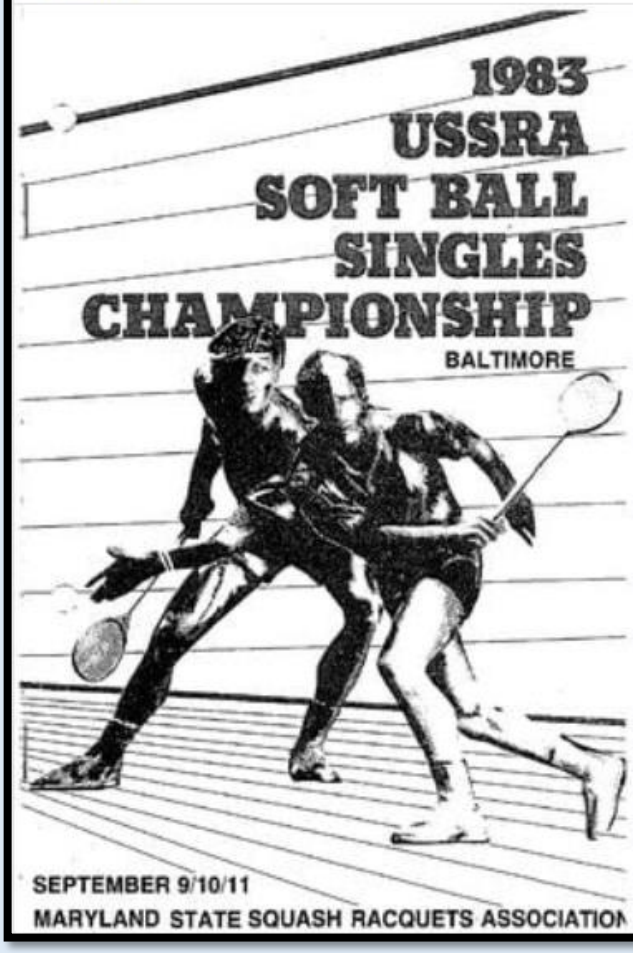
Squash Library
22 December at 09:15 ·

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

Photo: Steve Line

Squash Library
12 December at 09:08 ·

International sized courts started being built in the USA in the 1970s, and in 1983 the first US 'Softball' nationals were played at the Baltimore Country Club. Soon the International game began to dominate. In this article from Squash Magazine in 2008 James Zug looked back at the start.
https://squashmagazine.com/.../hot-hot-hot-the-first.../
US SQUASH



Squash Library
10 December at 10:26 ·

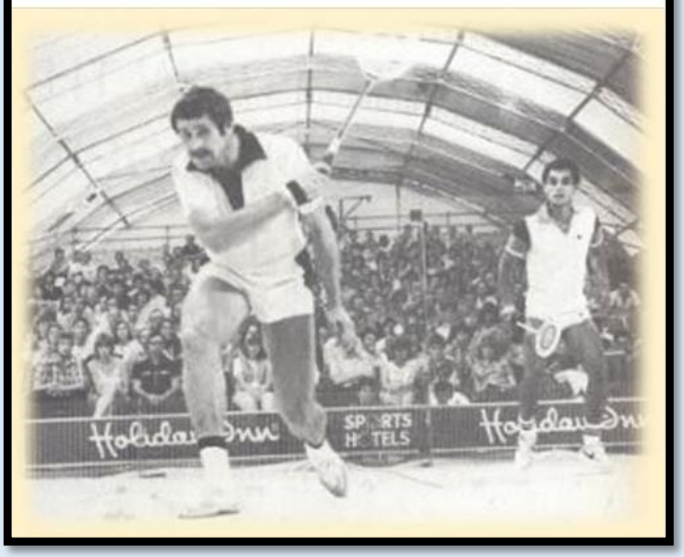
In 1935 the first Canadian player reached the final of the Canadian Open Championship – when two of them did. Players from Hamilton, cousins Hubert and Harold Martin, hold the distinction. As can be seen, Hubert became the first Canadian to win their open title. Squash Canada

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

1924 ... Capt. G. Robarts (G.B.) *beat* W. D. Macpherson (G.B.).
1927 ... Capt. V. A. Cazalet (G.B.) *beat* R. S. Wright (Chicago).
1934 ... E. Snell (G.B.) *beat* J. A. Gillies (G.B.). 3–1.
1935 ... Hubert Martin *beat* Harold Martin. 3–0.
1936 ... C. Polley (U.S.) *beat* Hubert Martin. 3–1.
1937 ... N. J. Sullivan (U.S.) *beat* C. Polley (U.S.). 3–0.

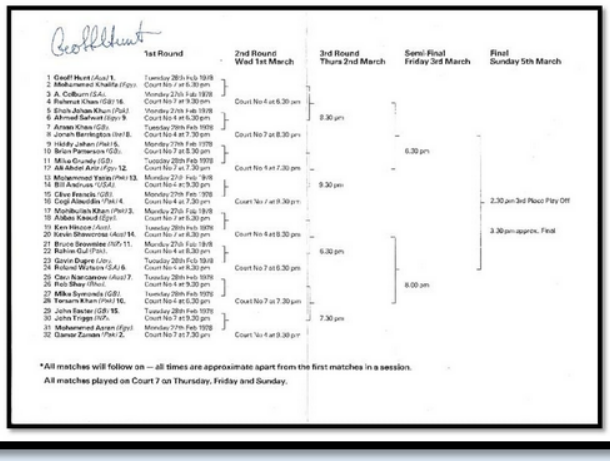
Squash Library
7 December at 09:13 ·

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



Squash Library
11 December at 09:40 ·

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



Geoff Hunt

	1st Round	2nd Round Wed 1st March	3rd Round Thurs 2nd March	Semi-Final Friday 3rd March	Final Sunday 5th March
1 Geoff Hunt (Aus) 1.	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
2 Mohammed Khalifa (Egy).	Court No 7 at 6.30 pm				
3 A. Colburn (SA).	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
4 Rahmat Khan (GB) 16.	Court No 7 at 9.30 pm	Court No 4 at 6.30 pm			
5 Shah Jahan Khan (Pak)	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
6 Ahmed Safwat (Egy) 9.	Court No 4 at 6.30 pm		8.30 pm		
7 Amaas Khan (GB).	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
8 Jonah Barrington (Ire) 8.	Court No 4 at 7.30 pm	Court No 7 at 8.30 pm			
9 Hiddy Jahan (Pak) 5.	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
10 Brian Patterson (GB).	Court No 7 at 8.30 pm			6.30 pm	
11 Mike Grundy (GB).	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
12 Ali Abdel Aziz (Egy) 12.	Court No 7 at 7.30 pm	Court No 4 at 7.30 pm			
13 Mohammed Yasin (Pak) 13.	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
14 Bill Anderson (USA).	Court No 4 at 9.30 pm		9.30 pm		
15 Clive Francis (GB).	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
16 Cogil Alaeddin (Pak) 4.	Court No 4 at 7.30 pm	Court No 7 at 9.30 pm			2.30 pm 3rd Place Play Off
17 Mohibullah Khan (Pak) 3.	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
18 Abbas Kaoud (Egy).	Court No 7 at 6.30 pm				
19 Ken Hiscox (Aus).	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				3.30 pm approx. Final
20 Kevin Showcross (Aus) 14.	Court No 7 at 6.30 pm	Court No 4 at 8.30 pm			
21 Bruce Brownlee (NZ) 11.	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
22 Rahim Gul (Pak).	Court No 4 at 8.30 pm		6.30 pm		
23 Gavin Dupre (Aus).	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
24 Roland Watson (SA) 6.	Court No 4 at 8.30 pm	Court No 7 at 6.30 pm			
25 Ciro Nanzaeow (Aus) 7.	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
26 Rob Shay (Rhod.	Court No 4 at 9.30 pm			8.00 pm	
27 Mike Symonds (GB).	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
28 Tersem Khan (Pak) 10.	Court No 4 at 6.30 pm	Court No 7 at 7.30 pm			
29 John Baxter (GB) 15.	Tuesday 28th Feb 1978				
30 John Triggs (NZ).	Court No 7 at 9.30 pm		7.30 pm		
31 Mohammed Assem (Egy).	Monday 27th Feb 1978				
32 Qamar Zaman (Pak) 2.	Court No 7 at 7.30 pm	Court No 4 at 9.30 pm			

*All matches will follow on — all times are approximate apart from the first matches in a session.
All matches played on Court 7 on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Squash Library
1 December at 09:15 ·

Australian squash champion in 1937, Mervyn Weston, reported upon the progress of the women's game there in 1938:
'Perhaps the best player Australia has so far produced is Miss Dorothy Stevenson who won the Australia title in 1936 after a few months practice. Since then she has practically dropped out of the game to concentrate on lawn tennis. I should say that Miss Margot Lumb [English 5 times British Open winner] who appears to have no difficulty in combining squash and lawn tennis would beat any Australian woman without losing a point'.
This, before Heather McKay, Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Rachael Grinham et al turned these comments into a footnote!
Squash Australia

Squash Library
10 November at 09:15 ·

The first winner of the United States Men's National Championship was John Miskey in 1907, a title he won three times. Miskey, a doctor, was from the Overbrook Golf Club in Greater Philadelphia. Until 1990 the event was Hardball, that year switching to Softball. The Women's title was first played in 1928 when Eleanora Sears became the inaugural winner. Boston born Sears was extravagantly multi-talented, having already been US tennis champion.
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Squash Library
9 November at 09:05 ·

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

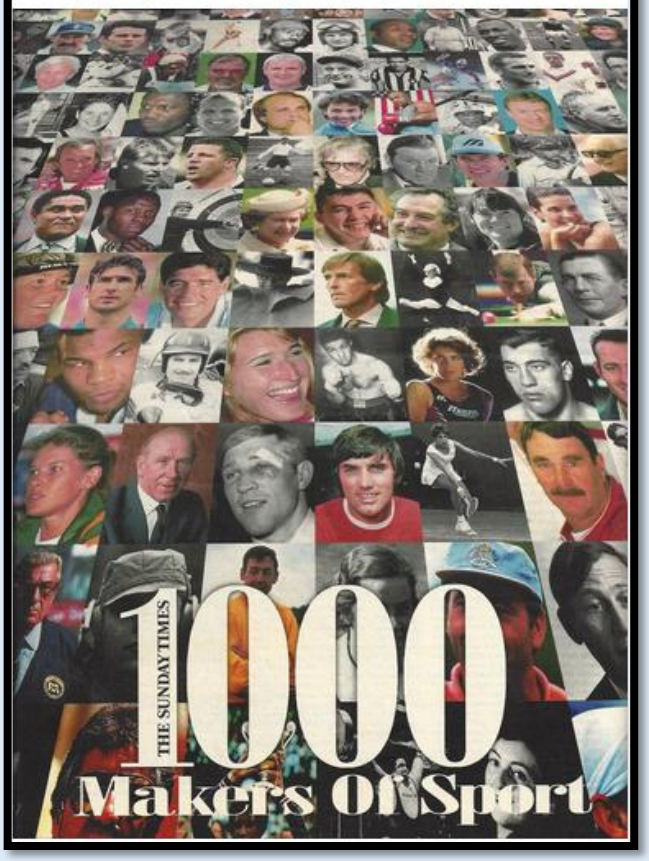
Photo: Steve Line

Squash Library
26 November at 08:55 ·

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

Squash Library
2 November at 09:13 ·

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



Squash Library
30 October at 09:10 ·

The 1985 South African Men's Open programme expressed a truism that losing finalists tend to be forgotten, and attempted to rectify that for the preceding ten years. An unusual but nice angle. Squash South Africa

South African Open Runners-Up

It is well known that nobody ever remembers who came second. We are attempting to have them remembered, and honour the players who came second in the S.A. Open as they are all great players.

Hiddy Jahan, Pakistan
Runner-up in 1974 - 4/9, 9/1, 9/5, 10/8
Runner-up in 1975 - 9/7, 9/7, 9/1

Bruce Brownlee, New Zealand
Runner-up in 1980 - 10/9, 3/9, 9/0, 9/1

Cam Nancarrow, Australia
Runner-up in 1976 - 9/3, 9/7, 9/1

Greg Pollard, Australia
Runner-up in 1984 - 9/1, 9/0, 9/3

Gawain Briars, England
Runner-up in 1981 - 9/1, 9/4, 4/9, 7/9, 9/2

Roland Watson, South Africa
Runner-up in 1977 - 9/6, 9/3, 9/4,
Runner-up in 1978 - 9/5, 3/9, 9/5, 9/6
Runner-up in 1979 - 6/9, 9/4, 9/4, 9/5

Magdi Saad, Egypt
Runner-up in 1982 - 9/7, 9/6, 9/3

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Squash Library
31 October at 08:57 ·

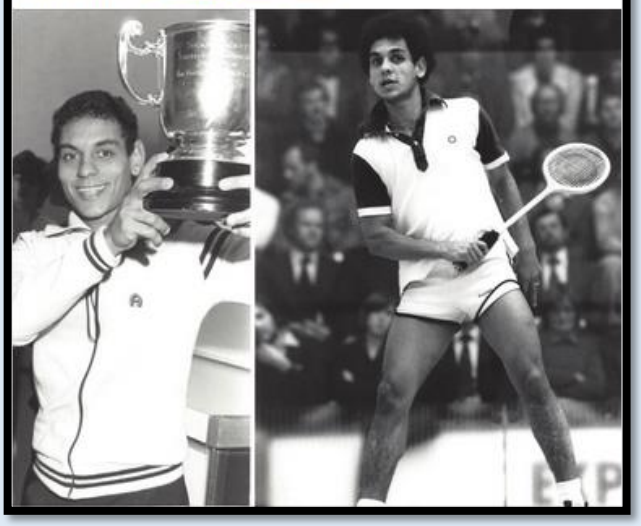
The Qatar Classic begins today at the same venue as the very first Qatar International event held on 17 – 22 December 1992. The courts, then and now, have been at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. That year was won by Jansher Khan (PAK) who beat Chris Dittmar (AUS) 15-9, 14-15, 12-15,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

Squash Library
29 October at 08:36 ·

The first French Open Championship for men took place at the Hotel Martinez in Cannes from 12 – 14 April 1938. It was won by an American, F. Prokosch, who beat countryman A. Franklin 3/1 in the final. (The reportage didn't include first names!) FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash

Squash Library
27 October at 09:11 ·

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



Squash Library
22 October at 07:54 ·

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

Photo: Steve Line

Squash Library
17 October at 09:11 ·

So far the World Squash Federation have inducted 12 players into the WSF Hall of Fame.
There are career interviews with a number of them on the WSF website: https://www.worldsquash.org/hall-of-fame/
The 'legends' are (with year of induction):
World Squash Federation

Men:	Women:
F.D. Amr Bey (EGY) (1993)	Janet Shardow (ENG) (1993)
Hashim Khan (PAK) (1993)	Heather McKay (AUS) (1993)
Jonah Barrington (IRL) (1993)	Susan Devoy (NZL) (1993)
Geoff Hunt (AUS) (1993)	Michelle Martin (AUS) (2001)
Jahangir Khan (PAK) (1993)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) (2004)
Jansher Khan (PAK) (2001)	Nicol David (MAS) (2011)

Squash Library
13 October at 09:17 ·

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

The PIA Squash Complex in Karachi was renamed PIA Jahangir Khan Complex in 1990 after he broke Geoff Hunt's record of eight British Open wins (he won ten in all, and six World Open crowns).
When the Tauranga Squash Club in New Zealand relocated in 2011, the six court complex was re-titled Devoy Squash & Fitness Centre to acclaim Susan Devoy, four time World & eight British Open title winner.
When Pakistan Squash Federation built a regional centre in Abbottabad City in 1996 they called it Jansher Khan Squash Complex after the eight World Open title winner.
In Malaysia, the Penang International Squash Centre on the home island of Nicol David was re-named in 2010 as Nicol David International Squash Centre, recognising her successes midway through her career which eventually resulted in eight World Open titles.

Squash Library
10 October at 08:55 ·

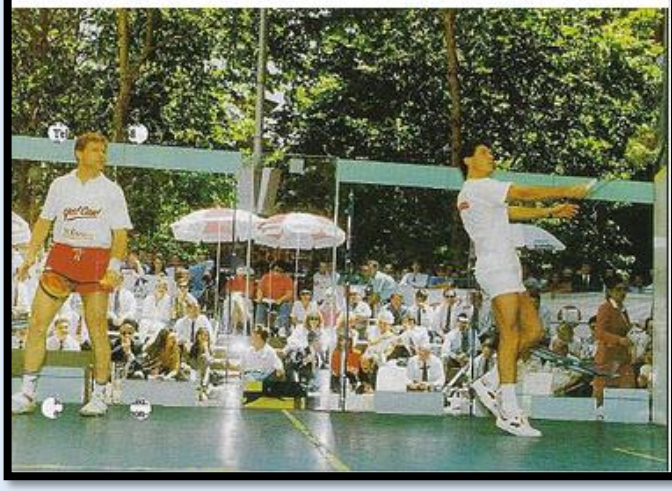
The Egyptian Open, starting today, began for men in October 1997 with Jansher Khan (pic) beating Jonathon Power in the final. In a significant change from expectations now, only one Egyptian player reached the last eight - Ahmed Barada losing to Jansher Khan in the quarters.
The Women's event began three years earlier in 1994, featuring an all-English Final won by Jane Martin. It was uncontested when opponent Linda Charman (Elriani) was forced to concede due to a serious stomach bug. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Squash Library
3 October at 08:16 ·

The winners of the CIB PSA World Tour Finals in Cairo today follow first winners Jansher Khan (PAK) & Michelle Martin (AUS). Khan won the first Men's in 1993, while Martin prevailed when the Women's debuted in 1998.
The then called ISPA Tour Finals 1993 was played in Vitis Center, Zurich-Schlieren, Switzerland where Khan beat Chris Dittmar (AUS) 15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8.
Meanwhile in 1998, five years later, Martin beat fellow Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald 9-3, 9-5, 3-9, 9-5 in the initially titled WISPA Grand Prix Finals 1998. The event was held on the Red Sea at Hurghada, Egypt. Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
1 October at 09:16 ·

Australia staged its' first outside event in January 1992 – the Northwest Airlines World Outdoor Pro-Am. It was played in Sydney, with a showcourt erected on the reported busiest pedestrian thoroughfare in the country. Matches were played using point a rally with two 20 minute periods.
Men's winner was Chris Dittmar, who beat Brett martin 48 – 41, while Michelle Martin had a more comfortable 45 – 33 final win over Nikki Solan.
The five day event aimed to raise the profile of the sport and attract more young players via the showcasing. Squash Australia



Squash Library
28 September at 09:05 ·

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

Squash Library
17 September ·

When World Number one Susan Devoy retired in October 1992, a New Zealand newspaper decided that hers would be very large shoes for other Kiwi players to try to fill! Squash New Zealand

Squash Library
11 September ·

19 years ago today, on the morning of 11 Sept 2001, planes hit the Twin Towers in New York; the atrocity causing a terrible death toll and changing the world. That day in Boston qualification matches for the U.S. Open had been scheduled to take place at the Harvard & University Clubs, with the Boston Symphony Hall set for showcourt matches.
Tournament Director John Nimick and his Event Engine Company bounced back superbly from the inevitable postponement and the general financial and general dislocation, not only by staging the first sporting event at the Symphony Hall exactly a year later, but first by playing the September 2001 U.S. Open in January 2002 at the Sheraton Boston Grand Ballroom. Here's the programme cover for the event that did not take place.
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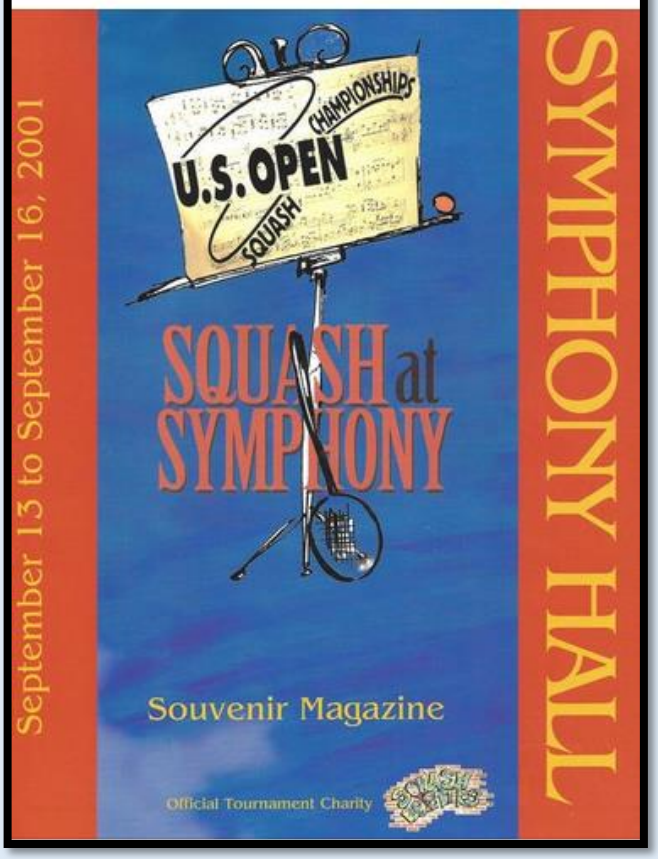


Squash Library
1 September ·

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

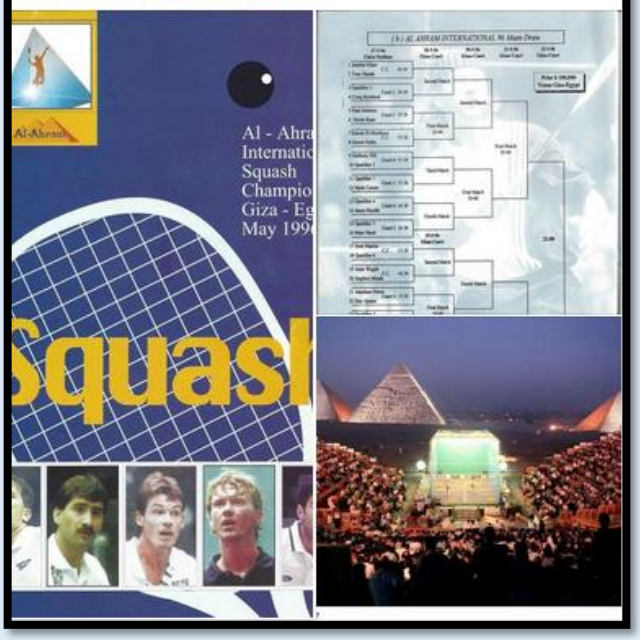
The outcome at the Lansdowne Club in London was a 3 – 2 win to Australia. It was very close except for the number ones, where Blundell was totally dominant.
Scores: Fran Marshall lost Heather Blundell 1-9,0-9,0-9; Sheila Macintosh beat Jenny Irving 9-2,7-9, 9-3,2-9,9-2; Anna Craven Smith lost Pat McLenaughan 9-10,9-7,9-5,8-10,8-10; Mary Muncaster beat Barbara Baxter 9-5,6-9,2-9,9-2,9-6; Pauline White lost Helen Plaisted 8-10, 9-4,9-4,5-9,5-9.
(L to R: Plaisted, Blundell, McLenaughan, Irving, Baxter) Squash Australia England Squash

Squash Library
1 August ·

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

Squash Library
25 August ·

In what has become an iconic setting for squash, the first Al Ahram Championship played in front of Giza's Pyramids in Cairo took place 17 – 22 May 1996. Here is the draw of players who took part in the historic debut event. Squash - PSA World TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library
18 July

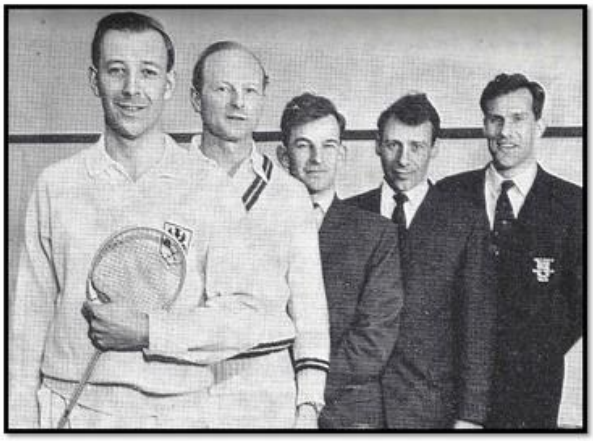
In the 1969 Monaco International Championship the runner up was H.H. Prince Rainier, who was beaten by Aris Vatimbella 9-6 10-9 2-9 9-7 at the Monte Carlo Country Club – possibly risky for a Monaco citizen! His own court in Monaco's Prince's Palace gave him a home training base, but he went back to it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

Squash Library
9 July

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

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

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



Squash Library
16 July

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

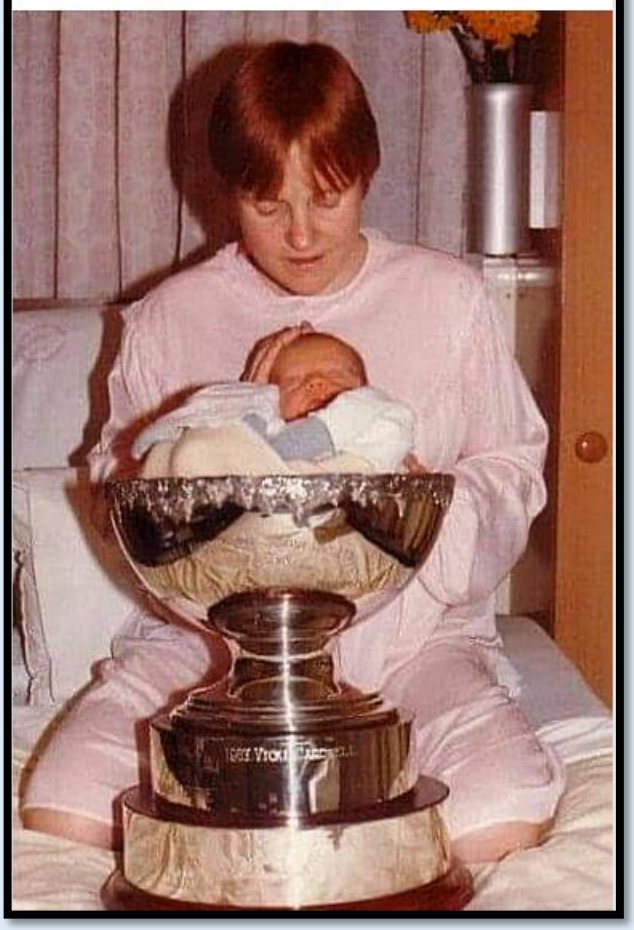
Squash Library
7 July

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

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

Squash Library
4 July

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



Squash Library
3 July

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

Squash Library
1 July

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

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

Squash Library
30 June ·

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

Squash Library
27 June ·

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

SQUASH - TOUR RECORDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

	MEN'S		
gest PSA Membership	Olli Tuominen (FIN)	266 months (May 97 - Jun19)	Rachael Grinham (AUS)
gest unbroken time in top 10	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	154 (Apr 2006 - Jan 2019)	Nicol David (MAS)
st consective months at Number 1	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	72 months (Jan 1982 - Dec 1987)	Nicol David (MAS)
st overall months at Number 1	Jansher Khan (PAK)	97 months (Jan 1988 - Jan 1998)	Nicol David (MAS)
est months at Number 1	Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY)	1 month (May 2017)	Natalie Grainger (USA)
est World Number 1	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	35 years 1 month (Feb 2018)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
ngest World Number 1	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	18 years (Jan 1982)	Susan Devoy (NZL)
ngest Tour Event Winner	Ahmed Barada (EGY)	1993 (16y 1m - Al Mannai Open, Egypt)	Nabiha Mohamed (EGY)
est Tour Event Winner	Mike Corren (AUS)	2017 (43y 3m - Golden Open, Australia)	Vicki Cardwell (AUS)
st Tour Event wins	Jansher Khan (PAK) or Jahangir Khan (PAK)	99 (1986 - 1998) number unconfirmed	Nicol David (MAS)
st Tour event finals	Jansher Khan (PAK)	118 (1986-1999)	Nicol David (MAS)
st World Open wins	Jansher Khan (PAK)	8 (1987, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96)	Nicol David (MAS)
gest World Open Winner	Jahangir Khan (PAK)	1981 (17y 11m)	Nour El Sherbini (EGY)
World Open Winner	Geoff Hunt (AUS)	1980 (33y 6m)	Heather McKay (AU

Squash Library
25 June ·

It is worth remembering that Raneem El Welily, who announced her retirement from the PSA Tour today while atop the world rankings, became the first Egyptian female to become world number one in any sport when she reached the top of the squash pyramid in September 2015.

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

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

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

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

Squash Library
24 June ·

The Argus Newspaper in Melbourne on 12 September 1933 reported the outcome of the Australian Women's Championship. It seems there was a period before all-white clothing was the rule!

SQUASH RACQUETS.—Mrs. Ross Grey-Smith (left) defeated Miss E. Chauvel in the final of the Australian ladies' championship at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club yesterday.

Squash Library
23 June ·

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

Squash Library
16 June ·

The PSA Player Awards for 2019 / 20 have been announced. For a full list of all winners since the start, including the latest additions, go to https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../world-squash-awards... Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
15 June ·

Perhaps uniquely for a Tour event, the Texas Women's Open in USA alternated annually between Houston and Dallas. The first took place in 2002, born out of the Dallas Open which started two years earlier. Carol Owens, pic, (then NZL), won the first two stagings, beating Cassie Jackman (ENG) and Natalie Pohrer (Grainger) (USA) in the finals. Squash - PSA World Tour

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Squash Tournament to be held at
The Downtown Club of The Met
Houston, Texas

Squash Library
10 June ·

Former Swedish Number 1 Fredrik Johnson played his first National League match for Linköping Squash Club in 1979 when he was 15 years old. Earlier this year he made it six decades in the League, all for the same club!

Can anbody challenge this six decade national level record?

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

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

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

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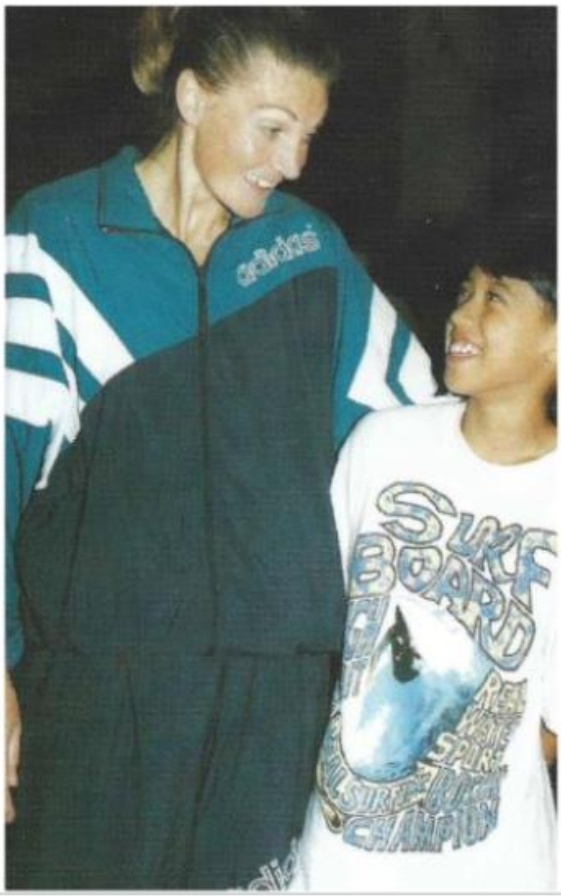
Squash Library
24 May

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

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

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



Squash Library
23 May

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

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

Squash Library
21 May

11 November 1986 was a squash milestone – being the date when Ross Norman ended Jahangir Khan's 5year 7month unbeaten spell in the final of the World Open at the Palais Des Sports in Toulouse, France.

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

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

Squash Library
19 May ·

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

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

L to R: Gerlow, Khan, Nayar.

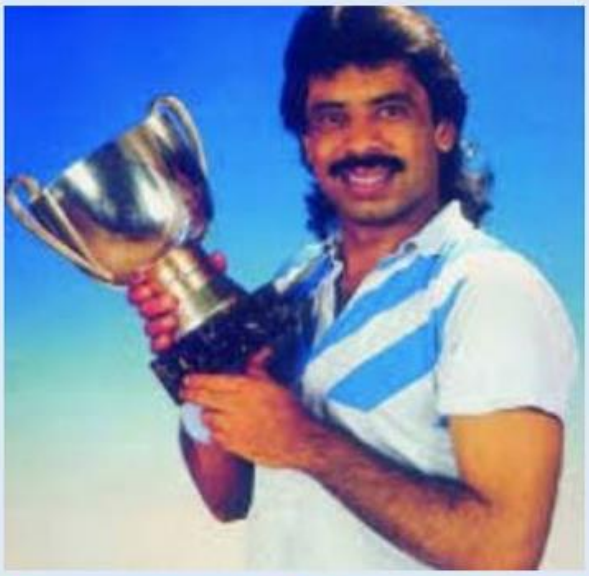
[Coincidentally, there are the life stories of two of the trio available: Sharif Khan (The Sheriff of Squash) and Anil Nayar (Lucky)].

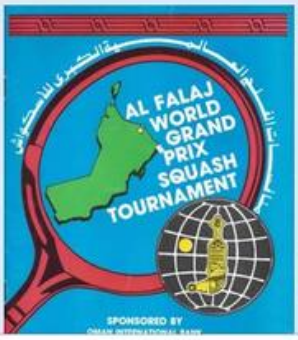
Squash Library
16 May ·

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

Squash Library
9 May ·

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



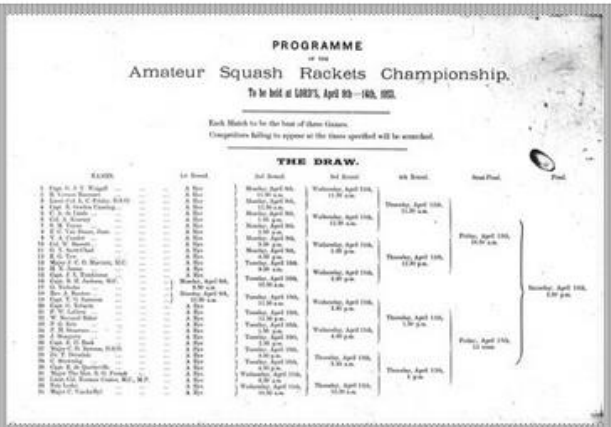


Squash Library
7 May ·

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

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

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


PROGRAMME
OF THE
Amateur Squash Rackets Championship.
To be held at LORD'S, April 9th—14th, 1923.

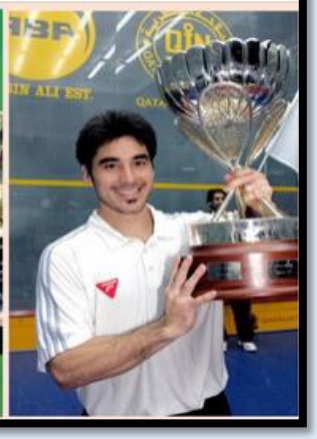
Each Match to be the best of three Games.
Competitors failing to appear at the times specified will be scratched.

THE DRAW.

First and last winners Jameson & Leslie:

Squash Library
6 May ·

The first World Squash Awards Dinner, presented by Eventis, took place at the RAC Club in London exactly 15 years ago, on 6 May 2005. The first Players of the Year were Thierry Lincou & Vanessa Atkinson (2004 World Champions); with the Young Player awards being scooped by Raneem El Welily & James Willstrop. The full list of winners through the years is on the Library website https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../world-squash-awards... World Squash Federation Squash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
3 May ·

After Andy Roddick became the first tennis player to strike a ball at 150mph, at the 2005 Canary Wharf Classic when squash ball speed was checked, John White recorded a top speed of 172 mph. And, incredibly, reached 171mph on his backhand too.

In 2011, using a special off-court radar gun at the U.S. Open, Australian Cameron Pilley reached 175mph. In 2014 Pilley pushed the record up to 177mph at an exhibition at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England.

Squash Library
1 May

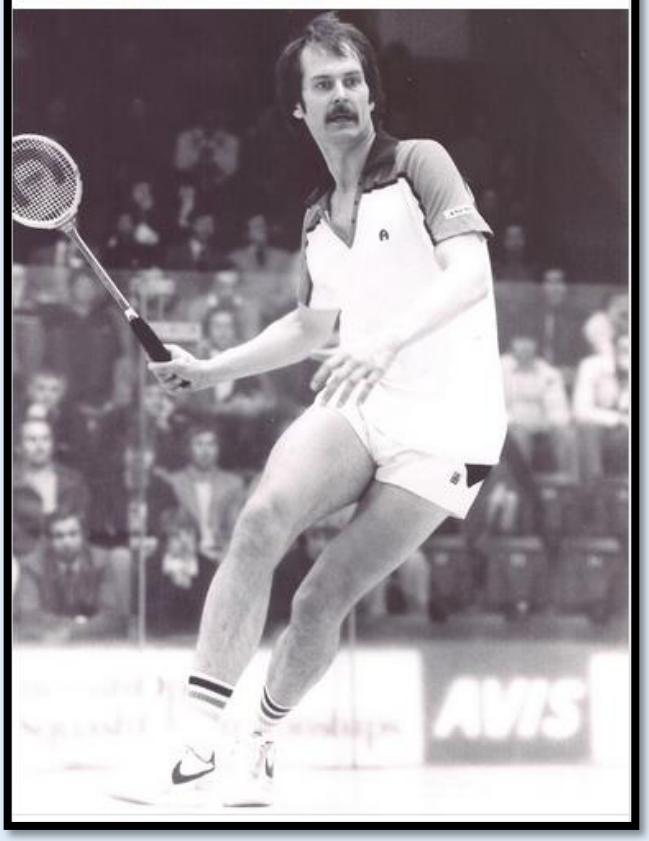
An international women's league began in autumn 1989 with the English SRA Women's SuperLeague, initially featuring five clubs.

When England's Men's National League moved to a mixed team format the SuperLeague ceased.

It included top stars of the time as can be seen in the Colets side which won the first year (LtoR: Carolyn Mett, Alison Cumings, Cassie Jackman, Michelle Martin). Included in other squads amongst others were Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Sue Wright, Danielle Drady and Lisa Opie

Squash Library
26 April

Geneva Squash Club opened its' doors in 1948, and started hosting the Swiss Open in 1974. The first final was an all-English affair with the late John Easter (pictured) beating Philip Ayton 9/10 9/2 2/9 9/4 9/7. The event has now relocated to Uster. Swiss Squash



Squash Library
25 April

There may not be comprehensive records of the longest doubles match, but here are a possible top two:
1. In January 1985 Jonathon Cornish & Darren Mabbs beat Christy Willstrop & Robert Forde 11-15, 15-11, 7-15, 18-14, 17-15 in the British Doubles final in a mere 2h 43m.
2. In March 2006 Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight (NZL) beat Rodney Durbach & Adrian Hansen (RSA) 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 13-15, 9-6 in a Commonwealth Games quarter final in 2h 36m.
The 1985 match was played on a singles court, 2006 on a wider one; but since then the Doubles International Competition Width has expanded further, the tin lowered to 13"/33cm, and matches are reduced to best of three games now.

Squash Library
19 April

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

Squash Library
14 April

The world's most northern and southern squash courts? Well, for the north it is at Longyearbyen is the Svalbard archipelago. Well inside the Arctic Circle it is the world's northernmost town, and has one court at the town sports hall (Svalbardhallen). Longyearbyen boasts a population of humans of 2,300 – and 3,000 polar bears!
The most southern is at the very bottom of South American at Ushuaia on the island of Tierra Del Fuego, where the Las Hayas Hotel has a court – one where the ceiling follows the out of court line, so lobbing is out of the question!
Both were visited during the WISPA Promotional Tours of 2006 & 2007, and the height of the ceiling can be seen by the less-than-giant Rachael Grinham, Nicol David and Sarah Fitz-Gerald being able to touch it!
The bidding is now open for the world's highest court. (The lowest is very easy at 3,784 m below sea level – the squash court on the Titanic!).

Squash Library
11 April

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

Squash Library
4 April

The first Hong Kong Open was played at the Island Squash Club in 1985, with England's Philip Kenyon prevailing over Australian Steven Bowditch - literally - in the final. Since then Pakistani star Jansher Khan boasts the most wins with eight, while Jahangir Khan never appeared in a final. Hong Kong Squash

Squash Library
28 March

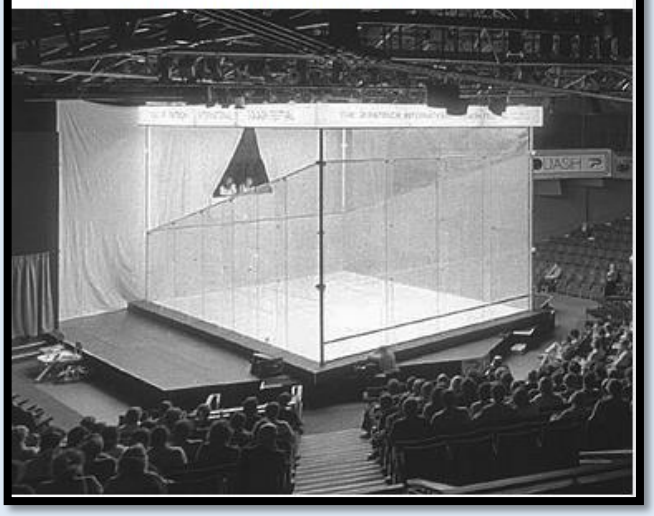
Playing double handed has only been seen at the very top level of squash once. Englishman Peter Marshall used it throughout his career, starting out winning Under 10 age events nicknamed 'Mighty Mouse'. He did not grow out of it, being double-handed English number one for five unbroken years (1990 –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

Squash Library
21 March

In 1938 former British Open Champion Donald Butcher (pictured, right with fellow champion Charles Read) made a squash coaching film at the St John's Wood Club in London. Apparently the camera work was done by a club member who wished to remain anonymous!
It covered everything from grip, shots, court-craft; and instructions such as 'Keep yourself in mid-court and the ball out of it'. Unarguable logic! A film that it would be great to find.

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
17 March

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

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP
2019	Mo ElShorbagy (EGY)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2018	Ramy Ashour (EGY)	Mo ElShorbagy (EGY)
2017	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Ali Farag (EGY)
2016	Marwan ElShorbagy (EGY)	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)
2015	Gregory Gaultier (FRA)	Simon Rösner (GER)
2014	Amr Shabana (EGY)	Tarek Momen (EGY)
2013	Alister Walker (BOT)	Daryl Selby (ENG)
2012	Daryl Selby (ENG)	Nicolas Müller (SUI)
2001	Mark Cairns (ENG)	Lars Horns (SUI)
2000	John Williams (AUS)	Olli Tuominen (FIN)
1999	Olli Tuominen (FIN)	Bradley Ball (ENG)
1998	Stephen Meads (ENG)	Thierry Lincou (FRA)
1997	Alex Gough (WAL)	John White (AUS)
1996	Glen Wilson (NZ	Paul Steel (NZ)
1995	Martin Heath (SCO)	Stefan Leifels (GER)
1994	Jansher Khan (PAK)	Peter Marshall (ENG)
1993	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Rodney Eyles (AUS)
1992	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Peter Marshall (ENG)
1991	Chris Dittmar (AUS)	Jahangir Khan (PAK)
1990	Chris Robertson (AUS)	Rodney Martin (AUS)
1989	Geoff Williams (ENG)	
1988	Neil Harvey (ENG)	
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1986	Gamal El Amir (EGY)	
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1984	Kevin Karam (ZAF)	Andrew Marshall (ENG)
1983	Mike Sherren (RSA)	
1982	David Fear (AUS)	
1981	Leif Leiner (SWE)	
1980	Paul Hendry (ENG)	
1979	Norman Ingledew (ZWE)	Colin Fletcher (RSA)

First winner:
Norman Ingledew

Holder:
Mohamed ElShorbagy

Squash Library
13 March

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

Inducted at the WSF AGM 1993:
F.D. Amr Bey – Egypt (6 British Open titles: 1933-1938)
Janet Shardlow (Morgan) - England (10 British Open titles: 1950-1959)
Hashim Khan – Pakistan (7 British Open titles: 1951-1958)
Jonah P Barrington - Ireland (6 British Open titles: 1967-1973)
Heather McKay (Blundell) - Australia (2 World & 16 British Open titles: 1962-1979)
Geoff Hunt - Australia (7 World Open/Individual & 8 British Open titles: 1967-1981)
Susan Devoy - New Zealand (4 World Open & 8 British Open titles: 1984-1992)
Jahangir Khan - Pakistan (8 World Open/Individual & 10 British Open titles: 1979-1991)

Inducted at the WSF AGM 2001:
Michelle Martin - Australia (3 World Open & 6 British Open titles: 1993-2000)
Jansher Khan - Pakistan (8 World Open & 6 British Open titles: 1987-2000)

Inducted at the WSF AGM 2004:
Sarah Fitz-Gerald - Australia (5 World Open & 2 British Open titles: 1996-2002)

Inducted at the WSF AGM 2011:
Nicol David - Malaysia (8 World Open & 5 British Open titles: 2005 - 2014)
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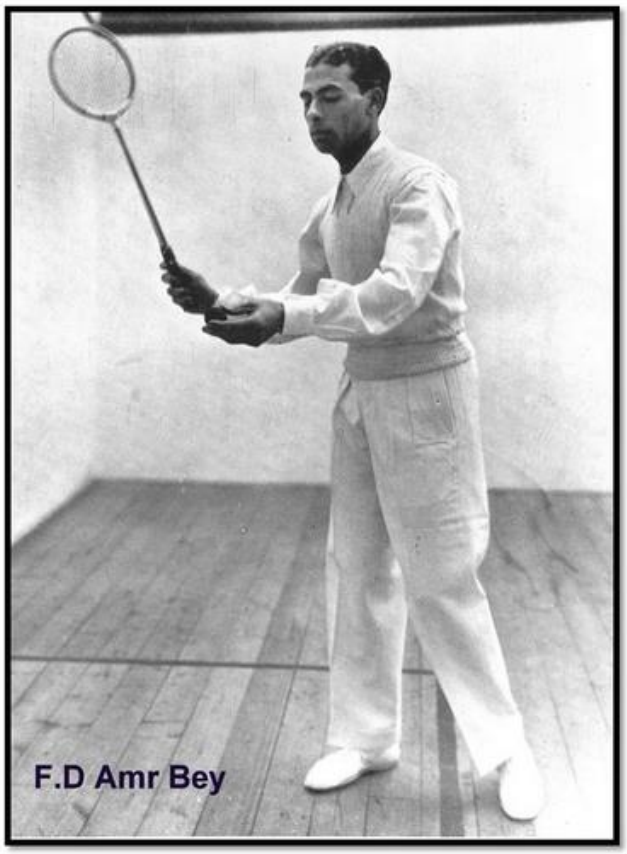


Squash Library
9 March ·

In 2011 WSF took over the WISPA Promotional Tour initiative under the WSF Ambassador Programme banner, using a similar format and with the same travel donor, but with a male and female player, and a coach and referee added to provide workshops.
The first, to Riga, Latvia, was led by Nicol David & John White, along with coach Ronny Vlassaks and referee Ian Allanach. A further 13 nations have been visited.
Nicol DavidJohn White

Squash Library
9 March ·

The Women's Tour (then called WISPA) began an annual WISPA Promotional Tour initiative in 1999 to help 'younger' nations with their development and promotional efforts with two top players going to play, meet media, and generally enthuse the local squash community.
The first, in Prague, Czech Republic, saw Sarah Fitz-Gerald arrive on crutches, so Natalie Grainger joined in to support Cassie Jackman on court – all seen here with Jan Koukal, (who last weekend narrowly failed to add to his 18 Czech national titles). A further 24 annual national visits followed.
A donor funded the international costs each year, players gave their time without fee and the host federation covered local expenses.
World SquashSquash - PSA World TourSarah Fitz-GeraldNatalie GraingerCassie-Matt ThomasJan Koukal

Squash Library
11 March ·

18 years before the Berlin Wall stopped dividing Germany in 1989, two English players Paul Millman (left) and Philip Ayton used it as a court front wall on a promotional visit to the city in November 1971.

Squash Library
8 March ·

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

Squash Library
4 March ·

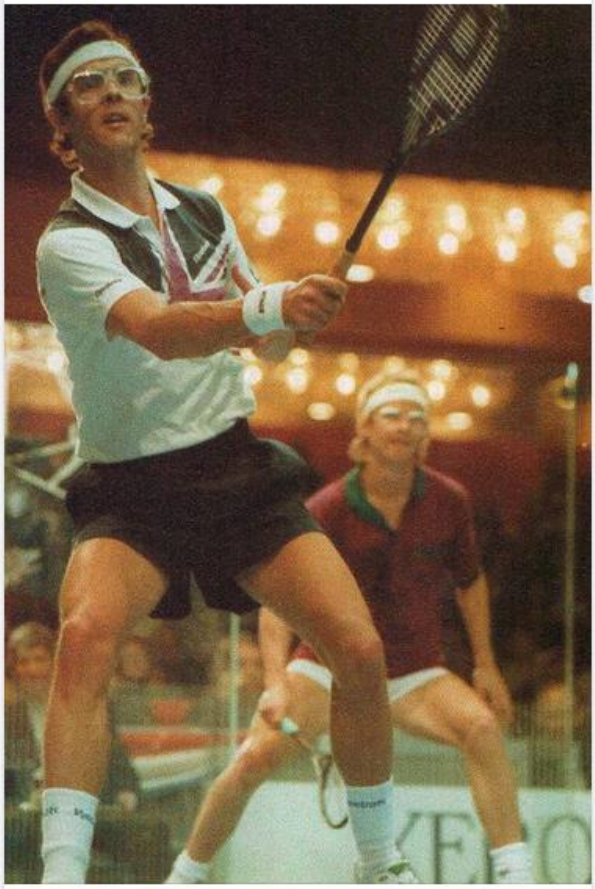
The World Tour Finals began in January 1993, then generally called the Super Series Finals. Vitis Club in Schlieren/Zurich, Switzerland, hosted the first two editions, with Jansher Khan winning both.
After a gap year the event began to be promoted by Satinder Bajwa from 1996. The first three years saw it staged at the Galleria Mall in Hatfield near London, before he moved it to Broadgate Arena in the City of London from 1999 – 2006.
After that there was a move to Manchester in 2007, then back to Broadgate in 2008, shifting across London to Queens Club for 2009, a gap year then in 2011 at Queens with the Nick Matthew / Amr Shabana final unable to be played due to the roof of the temporary inflated arena becoming unstable in high winds.
The Finals continued at Queens for 2012 & 2013, before one year at Richmond, Virginia, USA, a gap year, and 2016 – 2018 in Dubai, as the PSA World Tour Finals. Last year 6th October City in Egypt hosted the event with Karim Abdel Gawad becoming the current holder of the title. Satinder Bajwa PSA Dubai World Series Finals Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
28 February ·

When Luxembourg's Sandra Denis lost 3-2 in her National Championship this year she failed to add to her 21 titles. India's Joshna Chinappa has moved closer to women's 2nd spot (held by Finland's Tuula Myllyniemi with 20 up to 2009), winning her 18th this month.
On the Men's side Belgian star Stefan Castelyn amassed 19 up to 2015, but is exceeded by current Isle of Man current champion Dave Norman with his 21 too.
Are there any other claimants to match or exceed the pictured 21 title national stars?

Squash Library
27 February ·

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



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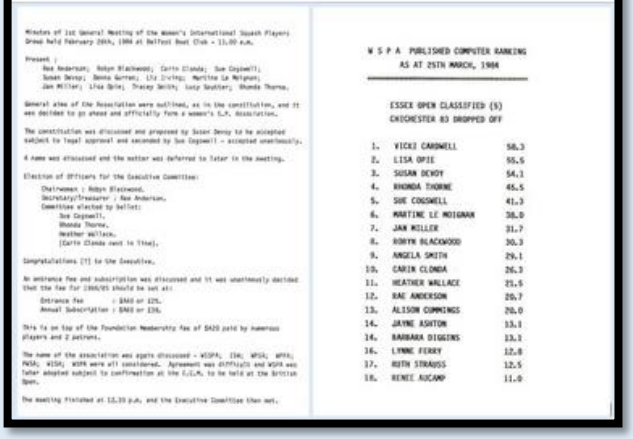
26 February ·

Here are the minutes of the 1st AGM, and Women's World Ranking list from 1984.



Minutes of 1st General Meeting of the Women's International Squash Players Group held February 26th, 1984 at Belfast Boat Club - 11.00 a.m.

Present :
Rae Anderson; Robyn Blackwood; Carin Clonda; Sue Cogswell; Susan Devoy; Donna Garner; Liz Irving; Martine Le Moignan; Jan Miller; Lisa Opie; Tracey Smith; Lucy Spottiswoode; Rhonda Thorne.

General aims of the Association were outlined, as in the constitution, and it was decided to go ahead and officially form a women's S.P. Association.

The constitution was discussed and proposed by Susan Devoy to be accepted subject to legal approval and seconded by Sue Cogswell - accepted unanimously.

A name was discussed and the matter was deferred to later in the meeting.

Election of Officers for the Executive Committee:
Chairwoman : Robyn Blackwood.
Secretary/Treasurer : Rae Anderson.
Committee elected by ballot:
Sue Cogswell.
Rhonda Thorne.
Heather Wallace.
(Carin Clonda next in line).

Congratulations (!) to the Executive.

An entrance fee and subscription was discussed and it was unanimously decided that the fee for 1984/85 should be set at:
Entrance fee : £A40 or £25.
Annual Subscription : £A40 or £30.

This is on top of the Foundation Membership fee of £A20 paid by numerous players and 2 patrons.

The name of the association was again discussed - WSSPA; ISW; WPSA; WPPA; PWSA; WISA; WSPA were all considered. Agreement was difficult and WSPA was later adopted subject to confirmation at the C.I.A. to be held at the British Open.

The meeting finished at 12.30 p.m. and the Executive Committee then met.

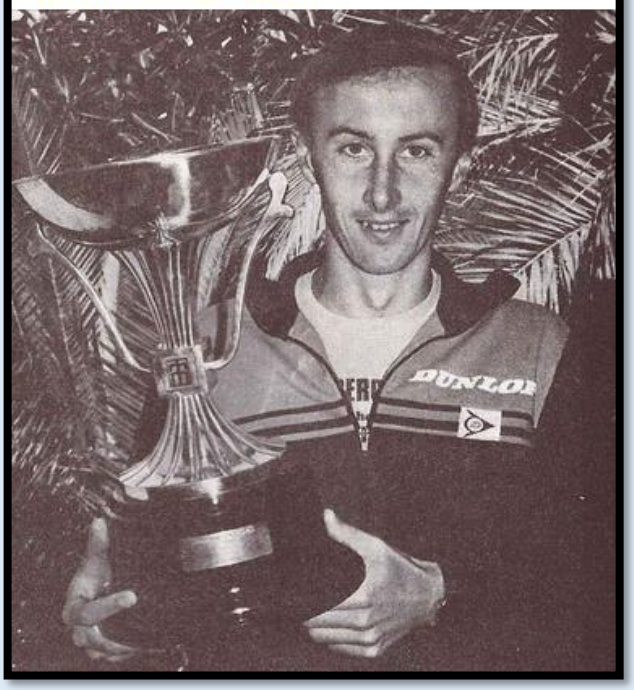
W S P A PUBLISHED COMPUTER RANKING
AS AT 25TH MARCH, 1984

ESSEX OPEN CLASSIFIED (5)
CHICHESTER 83 DROPPED OFF

1.	VICKI CARDWELL	58.3
2.	LISA OPIE	55.5
3.	SUSAN DEVOY	54.1
4.	RHONDA THORNE	45.5
5.	SUE COGSWELL	41.3
6.	MARTINE LE MOIGNAN	38.0
7.	JAN MILLER	31.7
8.	ROBYN BLACKWOOD	30.3
9.	ANGELA SMITH	29.1
10.	CARIN CLONDA	26.3
11.	HEATHER WALLACE	21.5
12.	RAE ANDERSON	20.7
13.	ALISON CUMMINGS	20.0
14.	JAYNE ASHTON	13.1
14.	BARBARA DIGGINS	13.1
16.	LYNNE FERRY	12.8
17.	RUTH STRAUSS	12.5
18.	RENEE AUCAMP	11.0

Squash Library
22 February ·

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



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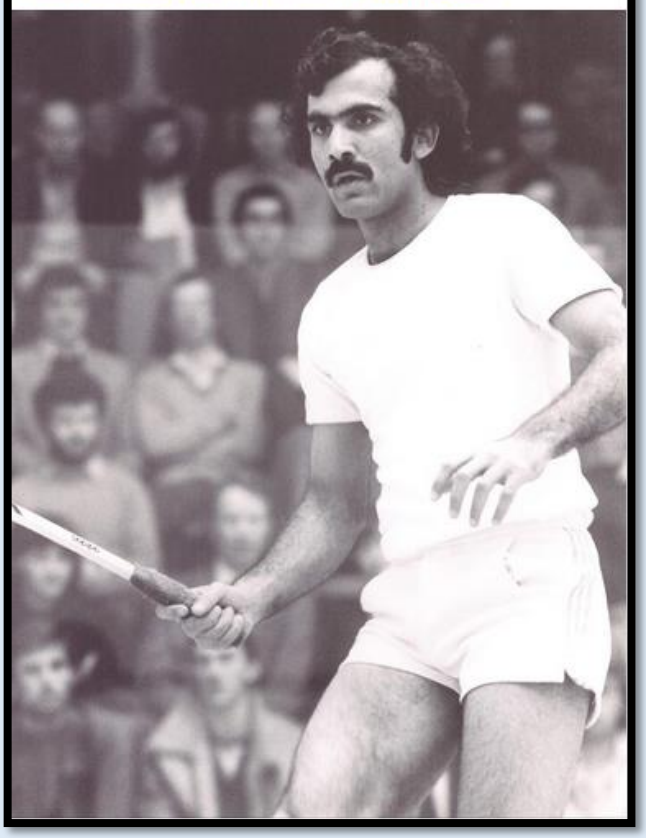
18 February

The Malaysian Open dates back to 1975, with Gogi Allaudin (pictured) the first Men's winner, beating fellow Pakistani Mohibullah Khan 3-1 in the final, while the Women's trophy went across the Causeway to Singapore, won by Helen Chinchen, who beat Malaysian Glynne Wong 3-1.
Jahangir Khan is a past winner too – beating Australian Dean Williams 3-0 in 1983. Squash Racquets Association of MalaysiaPakistan Squash FederationSingapore Squash



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16 February

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

Squash Library
7 February

Squash Players endorsing clothing brands is not a new phenomenon. In 1954 Pakistani legends Azam, Hashim & Roshan Khan promoted Fred Perry clothing; here in a tennis magazine. It was not printed in colour, so plain white gear seemed quite appropriate!

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Squash Library
3 February

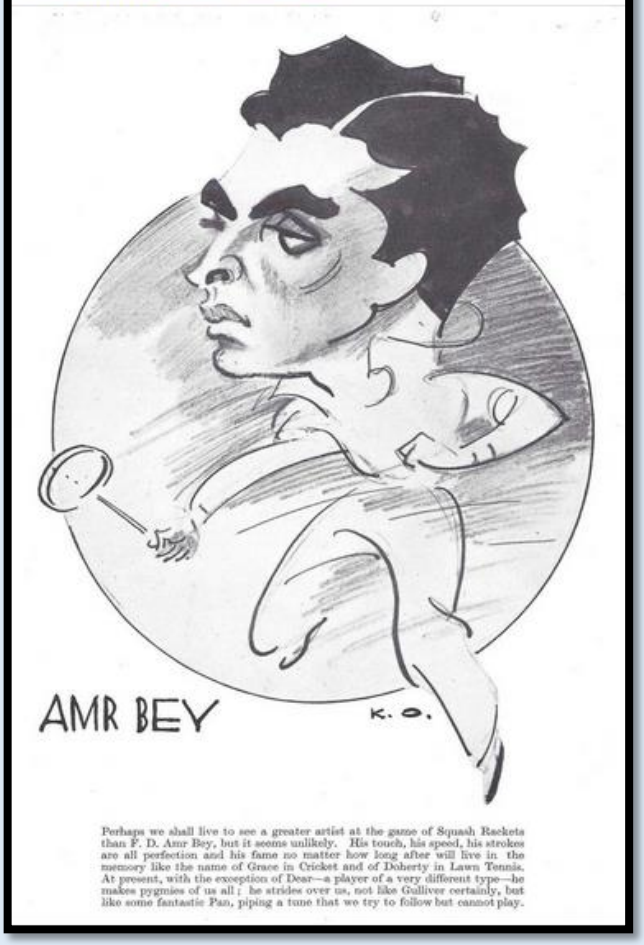
The postponement of the Macau Open scheduled for next month due to the Corona virus outbreak echoes the situation in 2003 when the SARS virus caused the postponement of a number of sporting events, including the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open which had been scheduled for 24 - 31 August 2003. It bounced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

Squash Library
31 January

In 1995 the world's biggest prize money event became the JSM Supersquash held in Yokahama in Japan. The event, played on a showcourt fabricated by the JSM company, enjoyed the Imperial patronage of Prince & Princess Takamado. Oh, and it offered equal prize money too, 25 years ago! Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Jansher Khan, pictured with JSM's Mr Tetsuya Kobayashi, were the happy winners. Squash - PSA World TourJapan Squash Association

Squash Library
30 January ·

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



Squash Library
22 January ·

The Carol Weymuller Women's event which starts today at Heights Casino in Brooklyn, New York began in 1975. Carol Weymuller was tennis & squash pro at the club from 1970 to 1980 was well as being US Team captain twice.
In 2008, Weymuller and her husband, Fred, were both inducted into the U.S. SQUASH Hall of Fame.
Initially, domestic in entry, from 1993 onwards it has become a regular Tour stop being won by international top-liners.
Squash - PSA World TourUS SQUASH Carol Weymuller Open

Squash Library
10 January ·

ToC has a history than extends back to the first event in Boston in 1930. The event moved from hardball to softball in 1992 and at that point the name changed from the World Professional Squash Association Championships to Tournament of Champions - to signify the amalgamation of ISPA (old name of PSA) and WPSA (the Hardball Tour) into PSA, and the transition of the event to softball. The first ToC in 1992 was played at the World Financial Centre in Battery Park, New York fea... See more

TOC, New York
25-30 April 1992

1st Round
Jansher Khan bt M Mendez 3-0
A Davies bt K Jernigan 3-1
R Norman bt J Crombie 3-0
B Martin bt G Waite 3-1
R Martin bt S Dulmage 3-0
T Nancarrow bt M Talbott 3-1
R Eyles bt M Maclean 3-2
C Dittmar bt A Walstedt 3-0

Quarter Finals
Khan bt Davies 3-0
B Martin bt Norman 3-1
Nancarrow bt R Martin 3-2
Dittmar bt Eyles 3-0

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

Final
Khan bt Dittmar 3-1

Squash Library
27 January ·

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

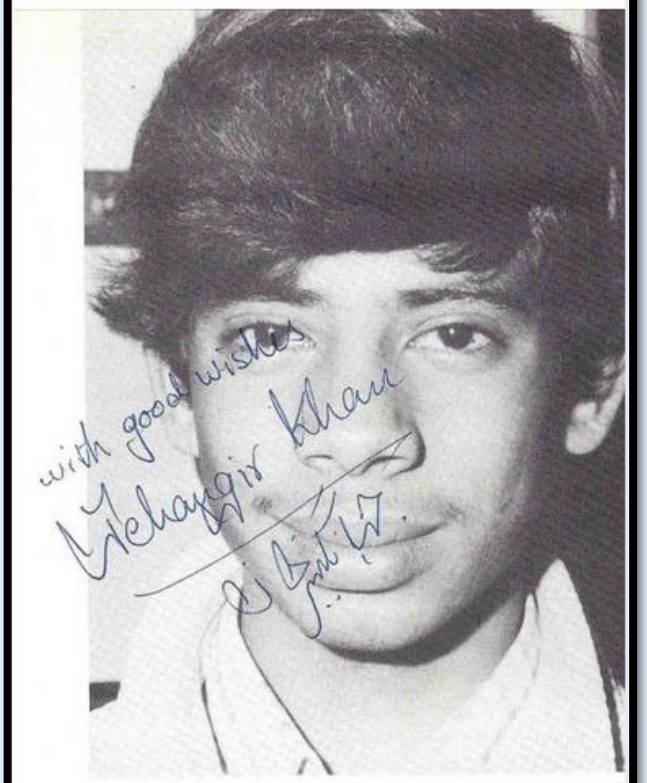
MEN'S (Jan 2000)		WOMEN'S (Jan 2000)	
1 Jonathon Power	CAN	1 Cassie Campion	ENG
2 Peter Nicol	SCO	2 Leilani Joyce	NZL
3 Ahmed Barada	EGY	3 Linda Charman	ENG
4 Simon Parke	ENG	4 Natalie Grainger	RSA
5 Martin Heath	SCO	5 Carol Owens	AUS
6 Paul Johnson	ENG	6 Suzanne Horner	ENG
7 Anthony Hill	AUS	7 Sabine Schone	GER
8 Paul Price	AUS	8 Fiona Geaves	ENG
9 Alex Gough	WAL	9 Stephanie Brind	ENG
10 Derek Ryan	IRE	10 Claire Nitch	RSA
11 Thierry Lincou	FRA	11 Vanessa Atkinson	NED
12 David Palmer	AUS	12 Rebecca Macree	ENG
13 Graham Ryding	CAN	13 Tania Bailey	ENG
14 David Evans	WAL	14 Rachael Grinham	AUS
15 Del Harris	ENG	15 Jenny Tranfield	ENG
16 John White	SCO	16 Tegwen Malik	WAL

	MEN'S		WOMEN'S		TOTAL
NATION	Jan 00	Jan 20	Jan 00	Jan 20	Change
Australia	3		2		5↓
Canada	2				2↓
Colombia		1			1↑
Egypt	1	9		7	15↑
France	1	1		1	1↑
Hong Kong Ch				1	1↑
India		1		1	2↑
Germany		1	1		0
Netherlands			1		1↓
New Zealand		1	1	1	1↑
Peru		1			1↑
South Africa			2		2↓
UK+Ireland	9	1	9	4	13↓
USA				1	1↑

Nationalities given at the time of the ranking lists

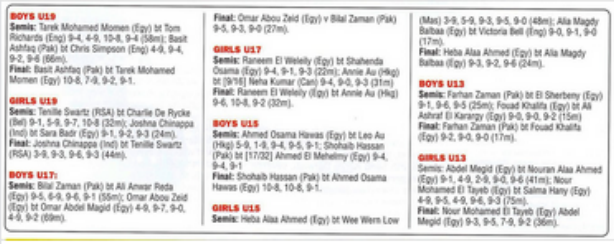
Squash Library
3 January ·

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



Squash Library
2 January ·

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



BOYS U19
Semis: Tarek Mohamed Momen (Egy) bt Tom Richards (Eng) 9-4, 4-9, 10-8, 9-4 (58m); Basit Ashfaq (Pak) bt Chris Simpson (Eng) 4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-6 (66m).
Final: Basit Ashfaq (Pak) bt Tarek Mohamed Momen (Egy) 10-8, 7-9, 9-2, 9-1.

GIRLS U19
Semis: Tenille Swartz (RSA) bt Charlie De Rycke (Bel) 9-1, 5-9, 9-7, 10-8 (32m); Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Sara Badr (Egy) 9-1, 9-2, 9-3 (24m).
Final: Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Tenille Swartz (RSA) 3-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3 (44m).

BOYS U17:
Semis: Bilal Zaman (Pak) bt Ali Anwar Reda (Egy) 9-5, 6-9, 9-6, 9-1 (55m); Omar Abou Zeid (Egy) bt Omar Abdel Magid (Egy) 4-9, 9-7, 9-0, 4-9, 9-2 (69m).
Final: Omar Abou Zeid (Egy) v Bilal Zaman (Pak) 9-5, 9-3, 9-0 (27m).

GIRLS U17
Semis: Raneem El Weleily (Egy) bt Shahenda Osama (Egy) 9-4, 9-1, 9-3 (22m); Annie Au (Hkg) bt [9/16] Neha Kumar (Can) 9-4, 9-0, 9-3 (31m)
Final: Raneem El Weleily (Egy) bt Annie Au (Hkg) 9-6, 10-8, 9-2 (32m).

BOYS U15
Semis: Ahmed Osama Hawas (Egy) bt Leo Au (Hkg) 5-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-1; Shohaib Hassan (Pak) bt [17/32] Ahmed El Mehelmy (Egy) 9-4, 9-4, 9-1
Final: Shohaib Hassan (Pak) bt Ahmed Osama Hawas (Egy) 10-8, 10-8, 9-1.

GIRLS U15
Semis: Heba Alaa Ahmed (Egy) bt Wee Wern Low (Mas) 3-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-0 (48m); Alia Magdy Balbaa (Egy) bt Victoria Bell (Eng) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0 (17m).
Final: Heba Alaa Ahmed (Egy) bt Alia Magdy Balbaa (Egy) 9-3, 9-2, 9-6 (24m).

BOYS U13
Semis: Farhan Zaman (Pak) bt El Sherbeny (Egy) 9-1, 9-6, 9-5 (25m); Fouad Khalifa (Egy) bt Ali Ashraf El Karargy (Egy) 9-0, 9-0, 9-2 (15m)
Final: Farhan Zaman (Pak) bt Fouad Khalifa (Egy) 9-2, 9-0, 9-0 (17m).

GIRLS U13
Semis: Abdel Magid (Egy) bt Nouran Alaa Ahmed (Egy) 9-1, 4-9, 2-9, 9-0, 9-6 (41m); Nour Mohamed El Tayeb (Egy) bt Salma Hany (Egy) 4-9, 9-5, 4-9, 9-6, 9-3 (75m).
Final: Nour Mohamed El Tayeb (Egy) Abdel Megid (Egy) 9-3, 9-5, 7-9, 9-2 (36m).

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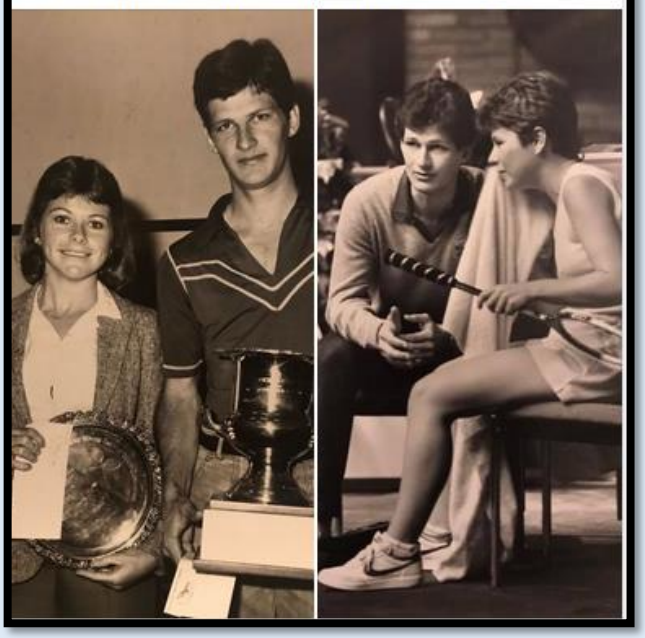
Squash Library
30 December 2019 ·

15 years after tennis had its' 'Battle of the Sexes' matches between Bobby Riggs and Billy Jean King, squash had its' own one in 1987. Susan Devoy, who had already won 3 of her 8 British Open titles took on 14 year old Simon Parke. It was arranged as a winner-takes-all match at the Oasis Club in Marlow, England (Devoy's base). Parke came into it having beaten British Women's champion Lisa Opie five times in a row, and amidst extensive publicity a sell-out crowd, themselves betting on the outcome, packed in to watch. The match lasted 70 minutes and saw Parke winning the 1st & 3rd games comfortably before Kiwi Devoy levelled up. Sensing her opportunity, she dropped and drove towards a final scoreline of 3-9, 9-6, 1-9, 9-6, 9-4.
Her post-match comment was telling, 'One for the women, but only just in time. I would not be able to beat him this time next year'. Parke gracefully said 'I thought she was great before we started. Now I know for sure'.
Devoy went back to completing her stellar career against women, while Parke went on to win the World Junior title in 1990 and reach a career-high world ranking at 3.

Squash Library
24 December 2019 ·

Two current pairs of married squash stars are Tarek Momen / Raneem El Welily & Ali Farag / Nour El Tayeb of course ..... but these Egyptian couples are not the first to both win titles.
Women's World Open Champion in 1981 Rhonda Thorne and husband Ross Thorne were Australians doing the same. The have both held the Australian and South African Open crowns, amongst others, for example. Other married holders of international titles to add?
PharaohSquash Squash AustraliatRhonda Thorne-Clayton



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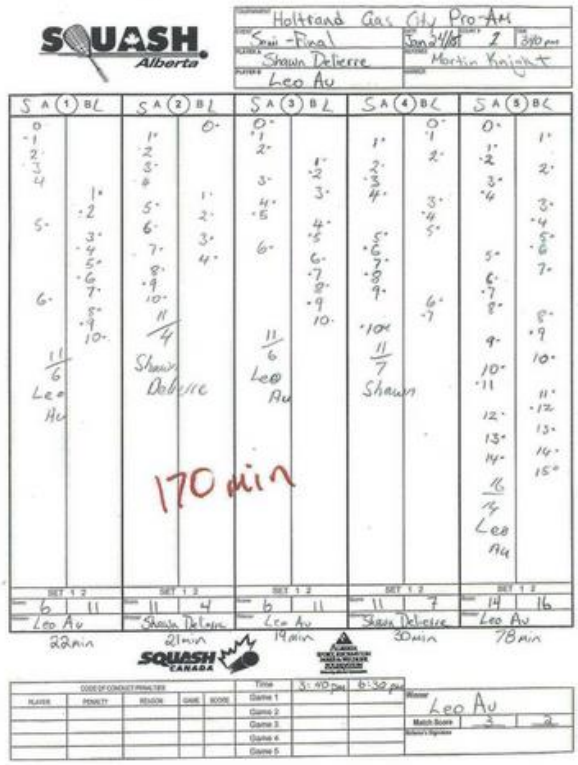
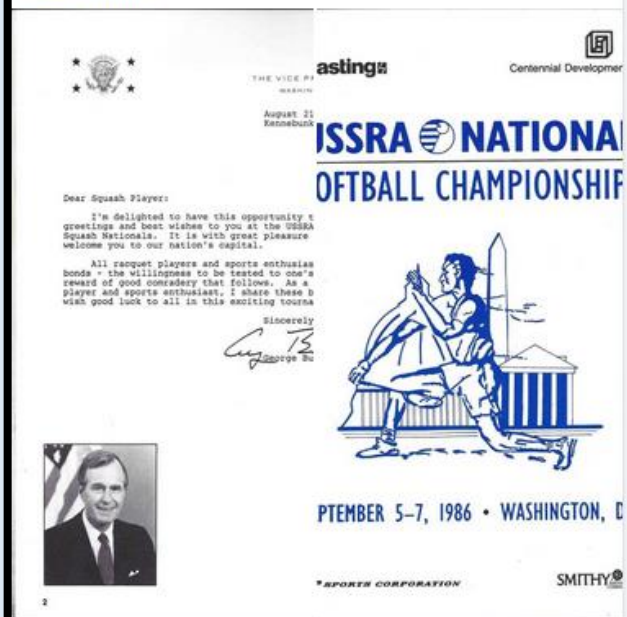
17 December 2019 ·

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



Squash Library
19 December 2019 ·

The Men's World Team Championships are taking place in Washington this week, but earlier, in 1984 and 1986, the 2nd & 4th US National Squash Championships also took place in DC. The latter even had a message from then Vice President George Bush (Snr) in the program. US SQUASHWSF Men's World Team Squash Championship



Squash Library
20 November 2019 ·

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

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

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Britain's Janet Morgan New Sensation on U.S. Squash Courts

By ERNIE ROBERTS

A 28-year-old physical education teacher from Surrey, England, has caught on to the American "angle" in squash racquet play and is beating us on our home courts.

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Dark-haired Janet Morgan is the visiting lady who took just two weeks to assimilate the difference between American and English squash racquets. Last week-end she taught a couple of lessons herself when she defeated Betty and Peggy Howe two of the United States' better players, and became the New England Women's champion.

"It was a matter of adjusting ourselves to the style of American squash play," explained Janet on behalf of the six English players who are here for the national tourney and the Wolfe-Noel Cup matches next week in Philadelphia.

"Your courts are two and one-half feet narrower than ours. And the English ball is smaller, softer, more spongy. We depend upon a court-covering game, rather than a power battle. We run more instead of hitting the ball as hard as the American girls."

On the narrow American courts the ball angles back from corner shots differently. Janet's shooting strategy, which won her Number Two ranking in England, didn't click over here, and she lost to the Howe twice in the Connecticut and New York State championships before retaliating in the N. E.'s.

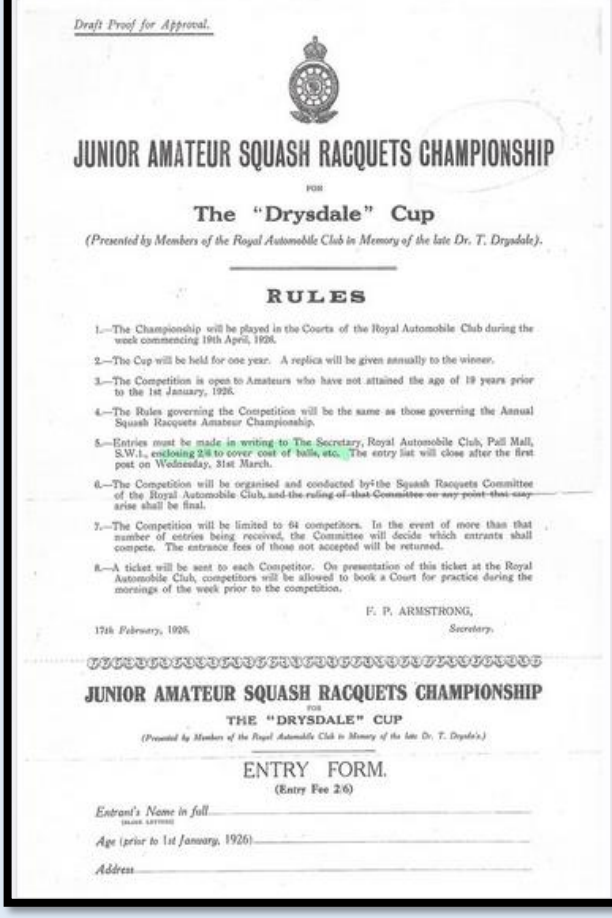
Miss Morgan has been playing competitive squash for just three years. But she has won the Scottish, South of England and Surrey titles. For the past two seasons she has reached the finals of the English Nationals, lost to Joan Curry both times.

"There is more interest in squash back home than you here. We have 17 clubs competing in four divisions in our women's squash league in London. And many girls just play the game as an after-work recreation, too," Janet said yesterday when asked to compare American and British interest in the game.

The five other English players who are here include the third and fourth ranking Britishers, Alice Teague of Devonshire and Sheelagh Carlisle of Sussex. They have reached the semifinal round of the New England and Atlantic Coast tourneys in the past two weeks.

Squash Library
17 November 2019 ·

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



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JUNIOR AMATEUR SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR

The "Drysdale" Cup

(Presented by Members of the Royal Automobile Club in Memory of the late Dr. T. Drysdale).

RULES

1.—The Championship will be played in the Courts of the Royal Automobile Club during the week commencing 19th April, 1926.

2.—The Cup will be held for one year. A replica will be given annually to the winner.

3.—The Competition is open to Amateurs who have not attained the age of 19 years prior to the 1st January, 1926.

4.—The Rules governing the Competition will be the same as those governing the Annual Squash Racquets Amateur Championship.

5.—Entries must be made in writing to The Secretary, Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S.W.1., enclosing 2/6 to cover cost of balls, etc. The entry list will close after the first post on Wednesday, 31st March.

6.—The Competition will be organised and conducted by the Squash Racquets Committee of the Royal Automobile Club, and the ruling of that Committee on any point that may arise shall be final.

7.—The Competition will be limited to 64 competitors. In the event of more than that number of entries being received, the Committee will decide which entrants shall compete. The entrance fees of those not accepted will be returned.

8.—A ticket will be sent to each Competitor. On presentation of this ticket at the Royal Automobile Club, competitors will be allowed to book a Court for practice during the mornings of the week prior to the competition.

F. P. ARMSTRONG,
Secretary.

17th *February*, 1926.

JUNIOR AMATEUR SQUASH RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR

THE "DRYSDALE" CUP

(Presented by Members of the Royal Automobile Club in Memory of the late Dr. T. Drysdale.)

ENTRY FORM.

(Entry Fee 2/6)

Entrant's Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS) .....

Age (prior to 1st January, 1926) .....

Address .....

Squash Library
18 November 2019 ·

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

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

Squash Library
13 November 2019 ·

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

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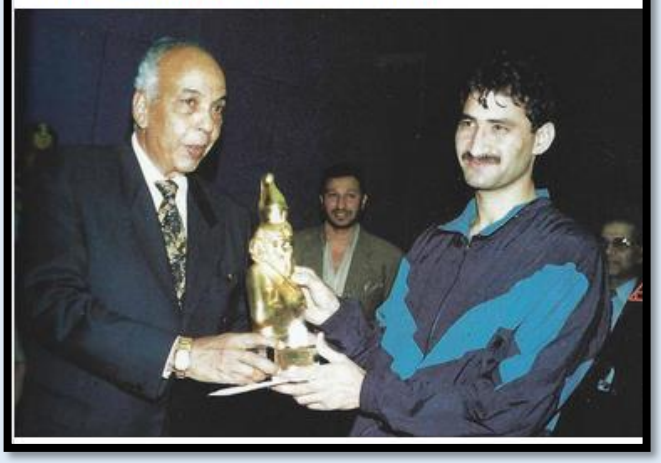
The first Giza 'Pyramids' event took place 23 years ago – photos of which were a worldwide sensation. The 1996 Al Ahram International saw home favourite Ahmed Barada beaten by Jansher Khan in the final. #SquashByThePyramids @SquashLibrary



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The Women's Worlds has finished in Cairo, the Men's currently being played in Qatar, as are the ATP Tour Finals in London. Remember 2013 when ATP finalist Roger Federer, a keen squash player in his early years, supported the squash Olympic bid, alongside Nicol David? Roger Federer Nicol David Squash - PSA World Tour World Squash Federation

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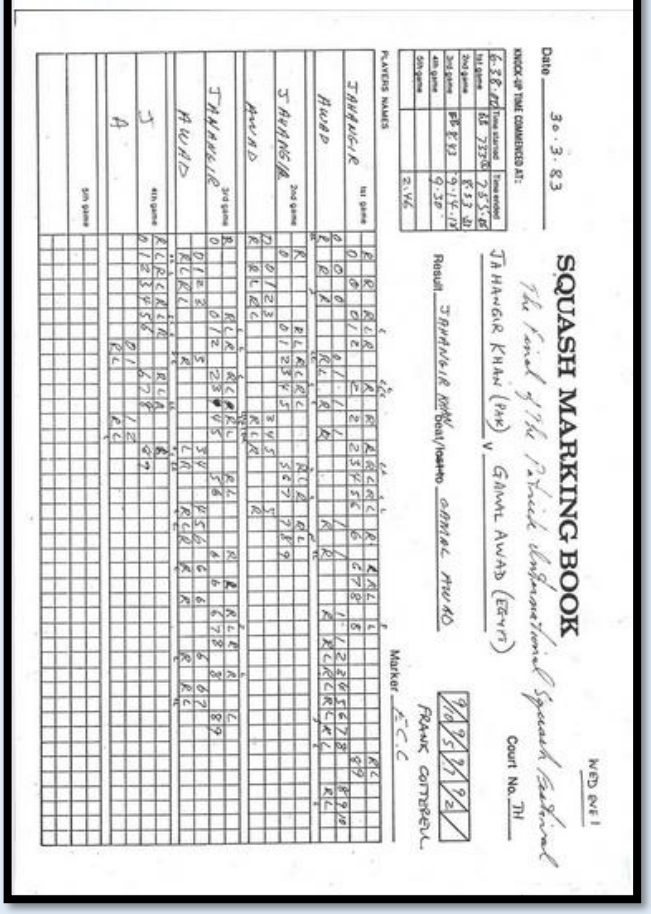
Remember Chichester 1983, Jahangir Khan beat Gamal Awad in 2hr 46min – only 4 games! The marker got start hours wrong, but a 1hr 22min 1st game.