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2020	May	30	Only final retirement (Nicol, 1999)	2024	Feb	02	Women's semi-finalists 1924
2020	May	31	Karim trophy import duty	2024	Feb	09	BBC filming final 1974
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2020	July	28	Mahmoud Karim to Australia 1949	2024	May	30	<b>Men's 1974 draw / ticketing</b>
2020	Aug	18	British Open - Lansdowne / RAC	2024	June	03	British Open begins qualification 1961
2021	Jan	15	Hunt/Zaman British Open O35	2024	June	04	Nancy Cave 3rd title, 1923
2021	Jan	26	Mother & Daughter finals (Irving)	2024	June	05	1st Men's 1930
2021	Feb	09	1st World Open / British players 1967	2024	June	06	<b>Barrington saves the Open 1976</b>
2021	June	13	Yasin withdraws, 1974 final	2024	June	07	Mir Zaman Gul / Anthony Hill 1994
2021	July	31	Heather McKay titles	2024	June	08	Hunt & Hashim
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2021	Dec	06	Janet Morgan, last of ten titles (1958)	2025	May	17	1st Frenchwoman win Camille Serme
2021	Dec	11	1st Squash 57 British Open	2025	June	03	B & H sponsorship 1972 - 75
2022	Jan	24	Demountable glass-back 1980	2025	June	04	Prize Fund 1986
2022	Feb	07	<b>British Open History</b>	2025	June	05	1st time outside England (Wales 95)
2022	Mar	25	Roshan Khan's title (1957)	2025	June	06	Cave sisters 1920s
2022	Mar	28	Winning as an Amateur	2025	June	07	Men's semi-finals 1973 & 1973
2022	Mar	29	Terry Wogan does draw (1978)	2025	Oct	17	Anthony Ricketts wins 2005
2022	Mar	30	Susan Noel plays aged 12.	2025	Dec	22	Aboutaleb's 3rd title 1965
2022	Mar	31	Men's Final 1978 (YouTube)	2026	Jan	06	Lansdowne Club 1958

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# 2026



**Squash Library**  
 6 January at 07:38

Hosting costs have always been a factor for event promoters, not least in 1958 when the Lansdowne Club in London, regular host of major British events, caused the SRA to move the men's British Open & Amateur due to their fees. Here is what the SRA said: [England SquashBritish Open Squash - from SquashSite](#)

**SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT ON THE VENUE OF  
THE 1958-59 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For the past 12 years, the chief Squash Rackets Association Championships have been played at the Lansdowne Club. Twice during this period the charges for holding them have been increased. For the forthcoming season, the Lansdowne has signified its willingness for the Championships to be played in its courts only on such increased terms as are not acceptable to the Squash Rackets Association.

In addition to the Amateur Championship, this will also result in the removal of the Open Championship and the Professional Championship of the British Isles, as such an increase as is contemplated would reduce the prize money paid to the professionals to negligible proportions.

In these circumstances the Association is pleased to announce that the Committee of the Royal Automobile Club have very kindly agreed to house the championships usually played at the Lansdowne Club, and these will accordingly be played there during the coming season.

**J. H. HORRY,**  
9th October, 1958. Secretary.



**Squash Library**  
 17 October at 07:32

20 years ago today (17 Oct 2005) Australian Anthony Ricketts won British Open at the National Squash Centre, Manchester. He beat James Willstrop 11-7 11-9 11-7 in the final, and a month later he reached a career high number three in the PSA world rankings. (<https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open> for the Library's British Open history). [PSA Squash TourEngland SquashBritish Open Squash - from SquashSiteSquash Australia](#)



Photo courtesy Steve Line

# 2025



**Squash Library**  
 22 December 2025 at 07:37

Today sixty years ago, (22 Dec 1965) Egyptian Abdelfattah Aboutaleb (pic) won the last of his three consecutive British Open titles. The finals were played at the Lansdowne Club in London against three different opponents beginning with Mike Oddy (SCO), Ibrahim Amin (EGY) the following year, and finally Aftab Jawaid (PAK). The British Open section on the Library website is at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open>, while full historic results are on [www.squashinfo.com](https://www.squashinfo.com). [PSA Squash TourEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواشScottish Squash](#)





**Squash Library**  
 7 June at 07:51

The first two men's British Open events of the three played at Abbeydale Sports Club in Sheffield featured the same four semi-finalists. Jonah Barrington came out on top each time – here are the details. <https://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open> for Library British Open background, and [www.squashinfo.com](https://www.squashinfo.com) for detailed results. [British Open Squash - from SquashSiteJonah BarringtonPSA Squash Tour](#)



**BRITISH OPEN  
Abbeydale, Sheffield**

**1972  
Semi-finals:**  
Jonah Barrington (IRL) beat Gogi Alauddin (PAK) 10-8, 9-7, 9-2;  
Geoff Hunt (AUS) beat Ken Hiscoe (AUS) 9-7, 10-9, 9-4.  
**Final:**  
Barrington beat Hunt 0-9, 9-7, 10-8, 6-9, 9-7.

**1973  
Semi-finals:**  
Jonah Barrington (IRL) beat Ken Hiscoe (AUS) 3-9, 9-1, 7-9, 9-1, 9-2;  
Gogi Alauddin (PAK) beat Geoff Hunt (AUS) 1-9, 9-7, 9-1, 10-8.  
**Final:**  
Barrington beat Alauddin 9-4, 9-3, 9-2.



**Squash Library**  
6 June at 07:55


Uniquely, when the first women's British Open was played in 1922, three of the four semi-finalists were sisters. This photo from <https://www.squashlibrary.info/squash-a-celebration> shows (L to R) Joyce, Marjory and Nancy Cave. Joyce won the inaugural event and two more, while Nancy contested nine finals, also winning three. [British Open Squash - from SquashSite](#)



*From the Bas van Hoom collection*

**Squash Library**  
3 June at 07:43

In a time when cigarette companies could sponsor sports, and athletic ones at that, Benson & Hedges sponsored the men's British Open from 1972 to 1975. Here is their information provided in the 1972 event programme. [British Open Squash - from SquashSiteEngland SquashPSA Squash Tour](#)



Benson & Hedges, a name renowned for quality, are sponsoring the British Open and British Amateur Championships this season. The support of the two major competitions in the S.R.A. calendar follows the successful Benson & Hedges Round-Robin tournament with Jonah Barrington's troupe which was played in December and January, 1970/71. Both competitions are carrying the sponsor's name and the game now has the Benson & Hedges Amateur Championship and the Benson & Hedges Open Championship.

The company also supported the training of the British squash team by donating £1,000 which enabled the S.R.A. to employ the services of Jonah Barrington prior to the International Championships in New Zealand.

Benson & Hedges are providing £4,000 for the British Open of which £2,000 has been set aside for hotel expenses to encourage the top overseas players to enter. The prize structure, based on a budget of £1,000, provides a first prize of £500, a great improvement on the £100 paid to the winner last year. Benson & Hedges are also giving a new trophy for the winner.


**Happy marriage**  
The £2,000 Benson & Hedges sponsorship for the Amateur Championship is being used mainly towards hotel expenses to encourage the top overseas players to compete. The prize structure has been agreed within the S.R.A. limit of £50.

A successful sports sponsorship is a happy marriage of interests. The game benefits by the injection of financial support, and the sponsor, in return, wins goodwill and greater public recognition. Benson & Hedges are sure that this new alliance will prove to be a productive union for both sides.

They are very glad to be associated with Britain's fastest-growing game, they do not seek to interfere in any way with its organisation or control, and they wish it great success in the years ahead.

**Squash Library**  
5 June at 08:00


The British Open began in 1922 (women) and 1930 (men) but despite the 'British' name, it wasn't until 1995 that it moved out of England. Then, for three years under Leekes sponsorship it was held in Cardiff, Wales. The first year saw two showcourts being erected in the Cardiff International Arena. [British Open Squash - from SquashSiteSquash Wales - Sboncen CymruEngland SquashPSA Squash Tour](#)



*Photo courtesy Steve Line*

**Squash Library**  
17 May at 07:49

Ten years ago today (17 May 2015), Camille Serme became the first French woman to win the British Open, beating Laura Massaro (ENG) 3-1 in the final. She also became the first female from her country to win the US Open title the following year. [Camille SERMEFFSquash - Fédération Française de SquashPSA Squash TourBritish Open Squash - from SquashSite](#)



*Photo: psasquashtour.com*

**Squash Library**  
4 June at 07:46

Here is the prize fund for the Hi-Tec British Open in 1986 - from a time when plate competitions were offered along with masters categories. [British Open Squash - from SquashSitePSA Squash TourEngland Squash](#)

PRIZE FUNDS		OVER 35		VETERANS		VINTAGE	
MEN'S OPEN							
Winner	£ 5,000	Winner	£ 1,000	Winner	£ 300	Winner	£ 200
Runner Up	3,450	Runner Up	500	Runner Up	175	Runner Up	120
3/4	2,000	3/4	250	3/4	100	3/4	50
5/8	1,100	5/8	100	5/8	40		
9/16	550	9/16	40				
17/32	315						
33/64	160						
TOTAL	£ 31,410		£ 2,720		£ 835		£ 420


  

WOMEN'S OPEN		WOMEN'S OVER 35		WOMEN'S VETERANS		WOMEN'S PLATE	
Winner	£ 3,500	Winner	£ 500	Winner	£ 150	Winner	£ 75
Runner Up	2,300	Runner Up	250	Runner Up	90	Runner Up	40
3/4	1,400	3/4	125	3/4	30		
5/8	700	5/8	40				
9/16	350						
17/32	140						
33/64	60						
TOTAL	£ 18,360		£ 1,160		£ 300		£ 115

**Squash Library**  
10 March at 07:59

Heather McKay won sixteen and Jahangir Khan ten consecutive British Open titles during their careers. A look at the points they lost during their matches gives an indication of the level of their dominance. All matches were played HiHo, and in 1968 McKay dropped a mere three points over five matches; and once she got into her stride very few generally each year (and only two games in total). It is perhaps indicative of the greater extent of the men's opposition that Jahangir lost more games and points annually. [PSA Squash TourSquash AustraliaPakistan Squash FederationJahangir Khan](#)

BRITISH OPEN RECORDS							
HEATHER MCKAY				JAHANGIR KHAN			
	MATCHES PLAYED	GAMES LOST	POINTS LOST		MATCHES PLAYED	GAMES LOST	POINTS LOST
1977	5	1	32	1991	5	1	54
1976	4	0	16	1990	5	0	55
1975	6	0	15	1989	5	5	71
1974	5	0	19	1988	5	4	51
1973	5	0	14	1987	6	3	71
1972	6	0	13	1986	6	0	39
1971	6	0	18	1985	6	1	44
1970	5	0	11	1984	6	1	59
1969	5	0	10	1983	6	0	48
1968	5	0	3	1982	6	0	64
1967	5	0	29				
1966	5	0	27				
1965	5	0	14				
1964	5	1	29				
1962*	5	0	31				
1962*	5	0	45				

**Squash Info** 

THE SQUASH RESULTS & ARCHIVE HUBS

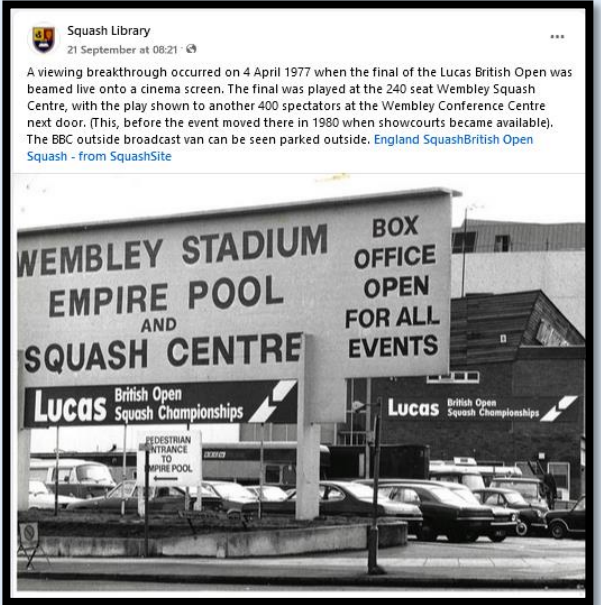


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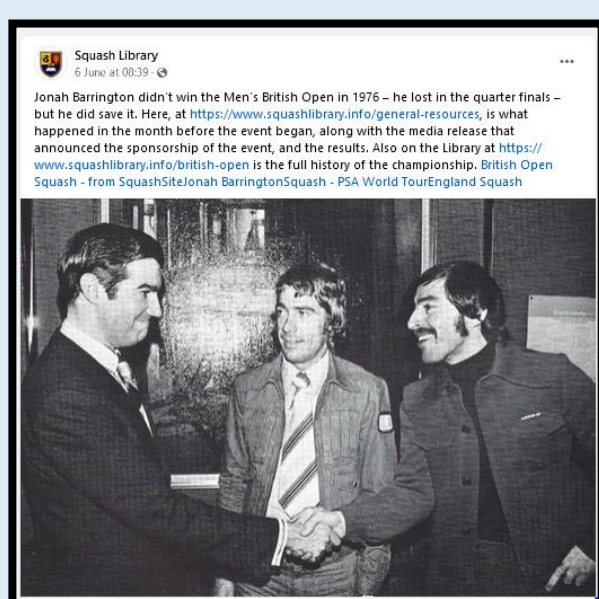
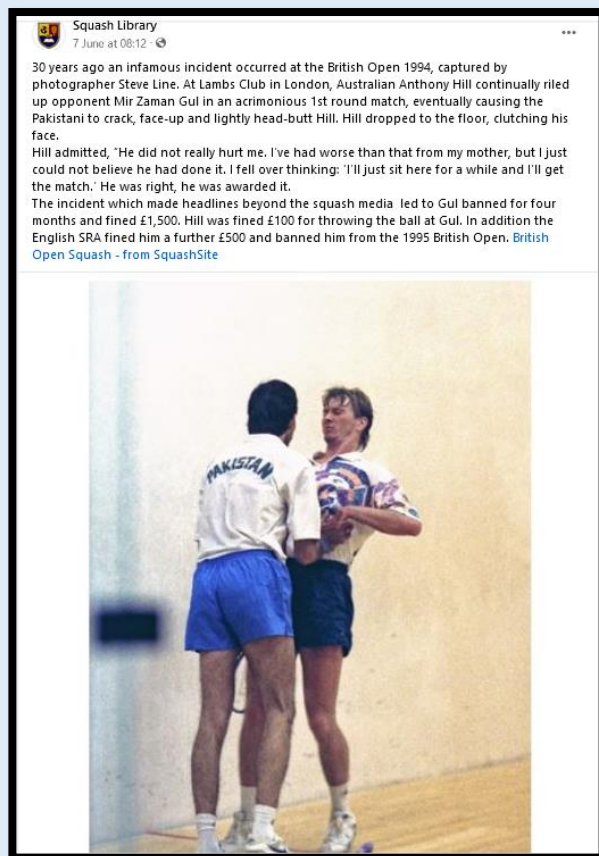
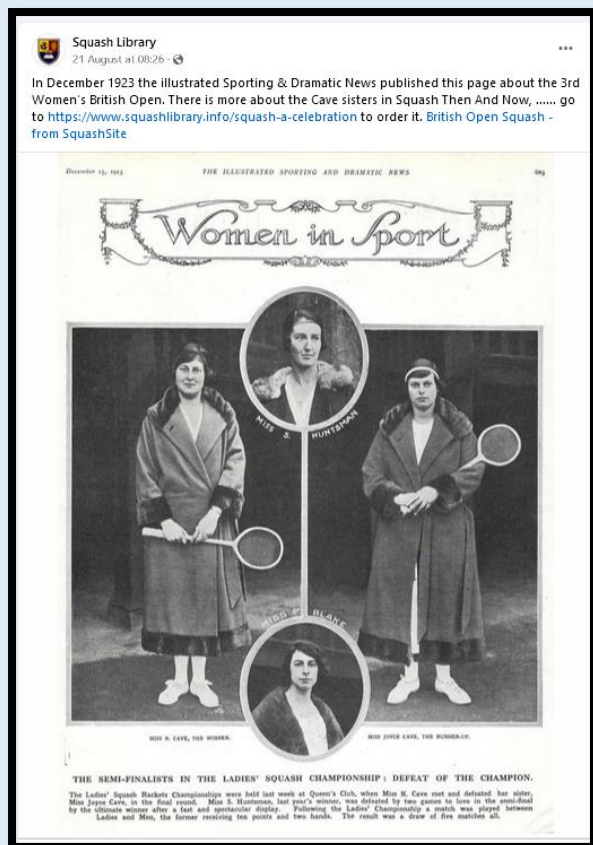
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28 October at 08:35

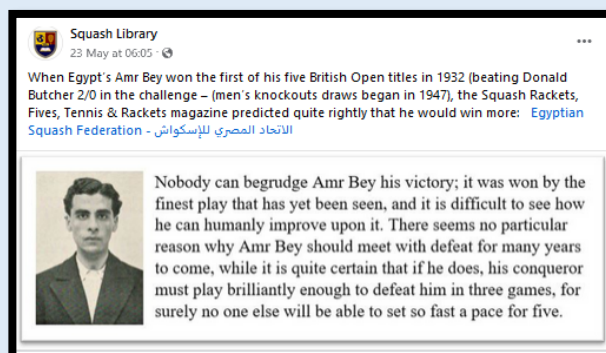
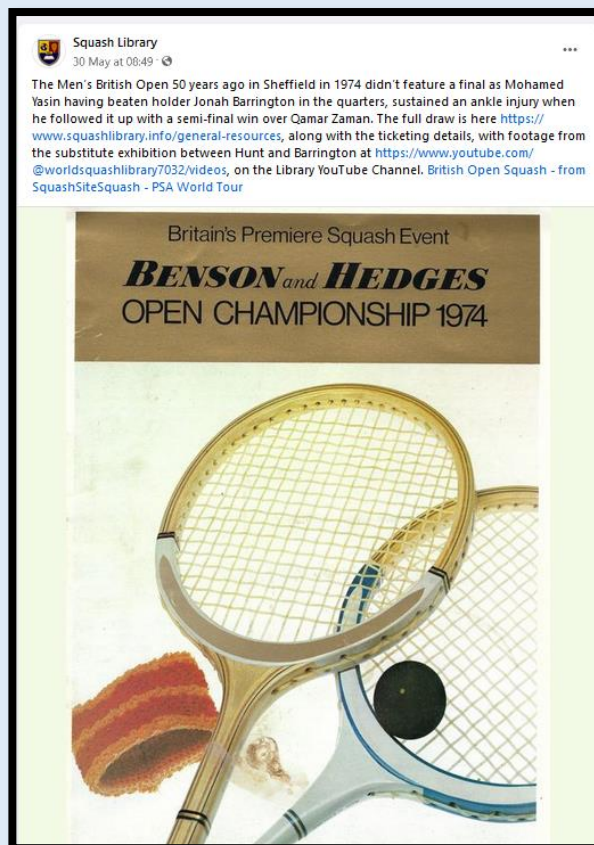
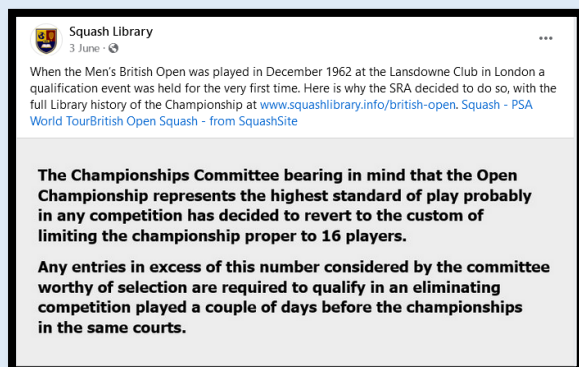
Squash Library has added all missing main and qualification results of the Men's British Open from the start in 1930 for [www.squashinfo.com](http://www.squashinfo.com), where they can be viewed. Women's to follow. But some 1980's qual results were not published. Has anybody kept any from 1983-1987 & 1989? [PSA Squash Tour](#)

Jun-24	Birmingham, England	Apr-78	London, England
Apr-23	Birmingham, England	Apr-77	London, England
Apr-22	Hull, England	Feb-76	Wembley, England
Aug-21	Hull, England	Feb-75	London, England
2020	Event not held	Feb-74	Sheffield, England
May-19	Hull, England	Feb-73	Sheffield, England
May-18	Hull, England	Feb-72	Sheffield, England
Mar-17	Hull, England	Dec-70	Birmingham, England
Mar-16	Hull, England	Dec-69	Birmingham, England
May-15	Hull, England	Jan-69	Sheffield, England
May-14	Hull, England	Dec-67	London, England
May-13	Hull, England	Dec-66	London, England
May-12	London, England	Dec-65	London, England
2011	Event not held	Dec-64	London, England
2010	Event not held	Dec-63	London, England
Sep-09	Manchester, England	Dec-62	London, England
May-08	Liverpool, England	Dec-61	London, England
Sep-07	Manchester, England	Dec-60	London, England
Sep-06	Nottingham, England	Dec-59	London, England
Oct-05	Manchester, England	Mar-59	London, England
Nov-04	Nottingham, England	Mar-58	London, England
Oct-03	Nottingham, England	Mar-57	London, England
Apr-02	Manchester, England	Mar-56	London, England
Jun-01	Birmingham, England	Mar-55	London, England
Oct-00	Birmingham, England	Mar-54	London, England
Dec-99	Aberdeen, Scotland	Mar-53	London, England
Apr-98	Birmingham, England	Apr-52	London, England
Apr-97	Cardiff, Wales	Apr-51	London, England
Apr-96	Cardiff, Wales	Apr-50	London, England
Mar-95	Cardiff, Wales	Apr-49	London, England
Apr-94	Wembley, England	Mar-48	London, England
Apr-93	Wembley, England	Dec-47	London, England
Apr-92	Wembley, England	Dec-38	London, England
Apr-91	Wembley, England	Nov-37	London, England
Apr-90	Wembley, England	Nov-36	London, England
Apr-89	Wembley, England	Dec-35	London, England
Apr-88	Wembley, England	Dec-34	London, England











**Squash Library**  
2 February at 08:20 · 🌐


While the men's British Open didn't begin until 1930 (and until 1947 only featured a two player challenge, see <http://www.squashlibrary.info/.../men-s-british-open-the-...>), the women's started in 1922, and went straight in as a knockout event. Here are the four semi-finalists from 1924, as pictured in the Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News on 13 December 1924. [England SquashBritish Open Squash - from SquashSite](#)



THE LADIES' SQUASH RACKETS CHAMPIONSHIP AT QUEEN'S: THE SEMI-FINALISTS (L. TO R.): MISS S. HUNTSMAN, MISS J. GAYE, MISS C. FENWICK, AND MISS NANCY CAVE. After Miss J. and Miss N. Cave had beaten their respective opponents they contested the final, when Miss Joyce beat her sister, Miss Nancy, the holder, 15-3, 6-15, 16-13.

**Squash Library**  
2 December 2023 · 🌐

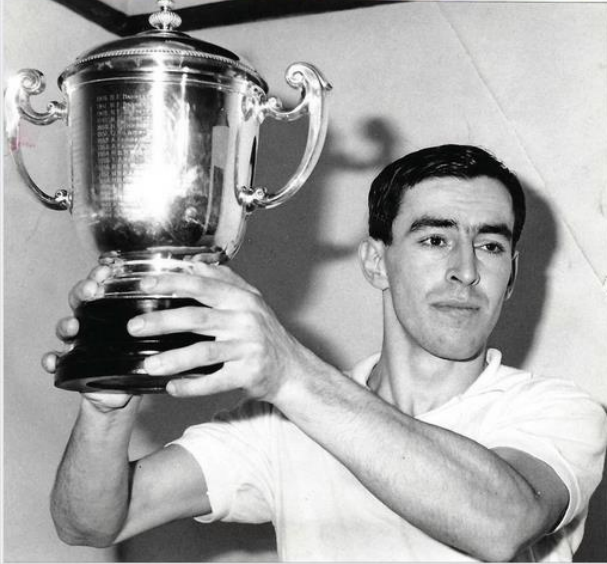
This weekend in 1963 signalled the end of the Khan domination of the British Open that had run through Hashim, Azam and holder Mohibullah Khan (senior) since 1951. At the Lansdowne Club 60 years ago in London Mohibullah was beaten by Scottish amateur Mike Oddy in the semis before Egyptian Abdelfattah Aboutaleb beat him in the final. Aboutaleb had taken out another Pakistani contender Aftab Jawaid in their semi-final to win the first of his three titles (pic). [British Open Squash - from SquashSiteEgyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للباسكواش @pakistan squash](#)



2023


**Squash Library**  
21 December 2023 at 08:18 · 🌐

On this day (21 Dec) in 1966, Jonah Barrington his first British Open title at the Lansdowne Club in London. The event was the first where the final was contested by two amateur players, was a complete sell-out, and in another first the semis and final were filmed from a glass panel in the court door, and from a camera above the front wall. Barrington had beaten Egyptian holder Abdelfattah Aboutaleb in the quarters ('Abou's first defeat in UK after losing to Mohibullah Khan in the 1962 final), and Ibrahim Amin in the semis. His opponent was to be Aftab Jawaid, who beat fellow Pakistani Mohammed Yasin 3-2 in their last-four match. The final was a 53 minute encounter with a 9-2 6-9 9-2 9-2, the first of six British Open wins for Barrington. [Jonah BarringtonBritish Open Squash - from SquashSiteSquash - PSA World Tour](#)



**Squash Library**  
18 November at 08:47 · 🌐

When the Men's British Open was played in 1976, the winner was also awarded the first World Open title. It was Geoff Hunt, and he got to keep these two sponsors trophies. [Squash - PSA World TourWorld Squash Federation](#)





**Squash Library**  
15 April at 08:27 · 🌐

In December 1958 Englishwoman Janet Morgan won the last of her ten British Open titles. Here on the Library website [www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources](http://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources) is the British Lawn Tennis and Squash magazine report. [British Open Squash - from SquashSite](#)

BRITISH LAWN TENNIS AND SQUASH

## Janet Morgan's Tenth Championship

Two years ago there were many who thought that the writing was on the wall. Miss Morgan then won her eighth successive title but not without difficulty. Miss Speight as she then was, took the first game and had Miss Morgan on court for a very long time before bowing to the inevitable. The plain truth was that Miss Morgan had not been fit for most of the season. Last season, a fitter Miss Morgan very swiftly erased the writing and this year although winning the Championship for the tenth successive year, the writing has mysteriously re-appeared. Some day someone will come along who can hit the ball consistently harder than Miss Morgan and force her to the back of the court and keep her there. Then and not until then shall we see an end to Miss Morgan's long reign.

The heroine of the Championship was undoubtedly Mrs. G. Marshall. Last year she won the Plate, having had a bad draw, but her record in other tournaments was impressive and she was invited to join the Wolfe-Noel team. How in these circumstances she came to be unseeded in the Championship is just one of those things. After two wins, gained with impressive ease,

MRS. G. MARSHALL  
For two games  
experience or to  
come the change  
say that after let  
Mrs. Marshall

**Squash Library**  
13 April at 08:39 · 🌐

The first live broadcast of squash took place when the second and third games of the Men's British Open semi-final 1951 between Mahmoud Karim (EGY) and Roy Wilson (ENG) for a 25 min programme for the Home Service of the BBC. In addition a part of the final in which Hashim Khan (with trophy) beat Karim was also recorded for transmission in the BBC Overseas Service. The commentator was Max Robertson, and on this Library page: [www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources](http://www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources) is his account of the experience. [British Open Squash - from SquashSiteSquash - PSA World Tour](#)

**Squash Library**  
14 April at 08:37 · 🌐

..... Then in 1984, the British Open (with Men & Women's events combined from 1982) returned to Wembley with an all-glass court, placed in the middle of the Conference Centre with seating now on the stage. [British Open Squash - from SquashSite Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Photo courtesy Steve Line

**Squash Library**  
12 April at 08:33 · 🌐

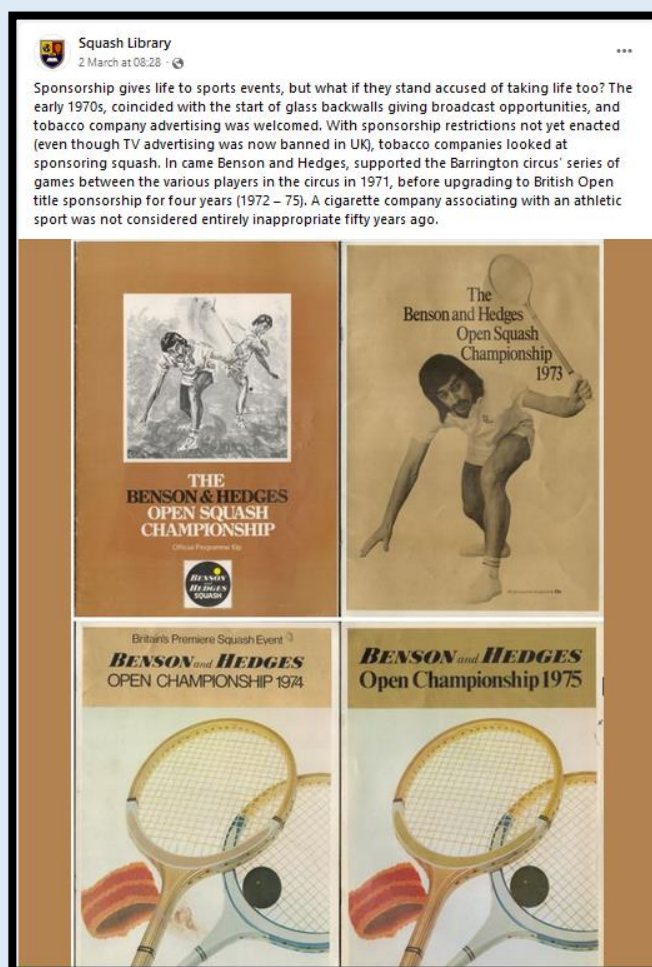
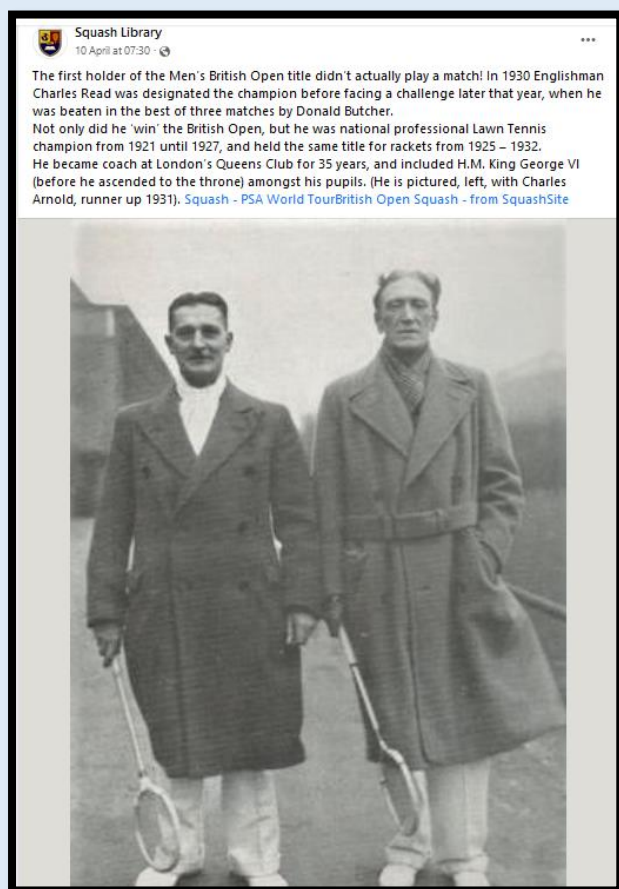
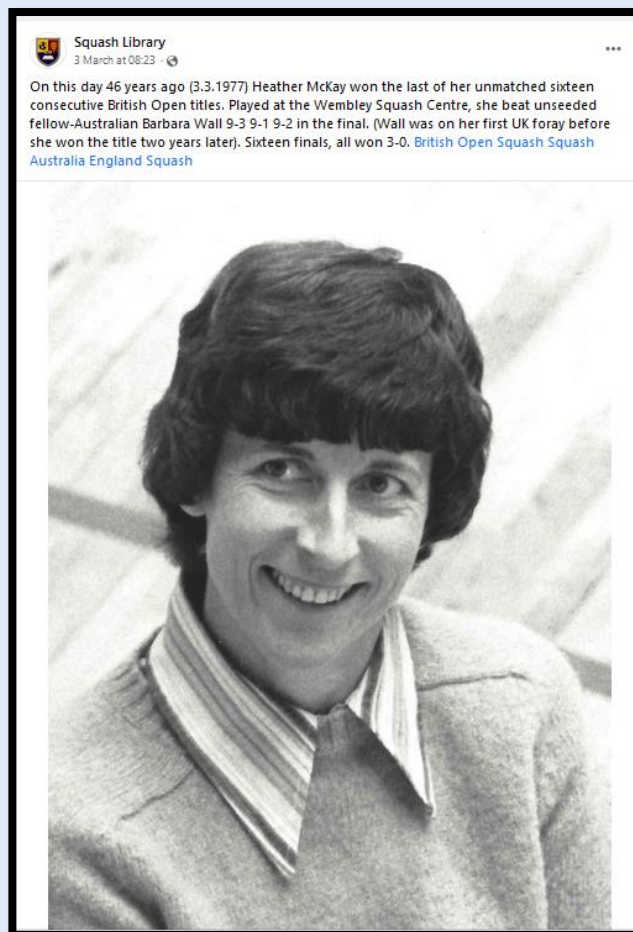
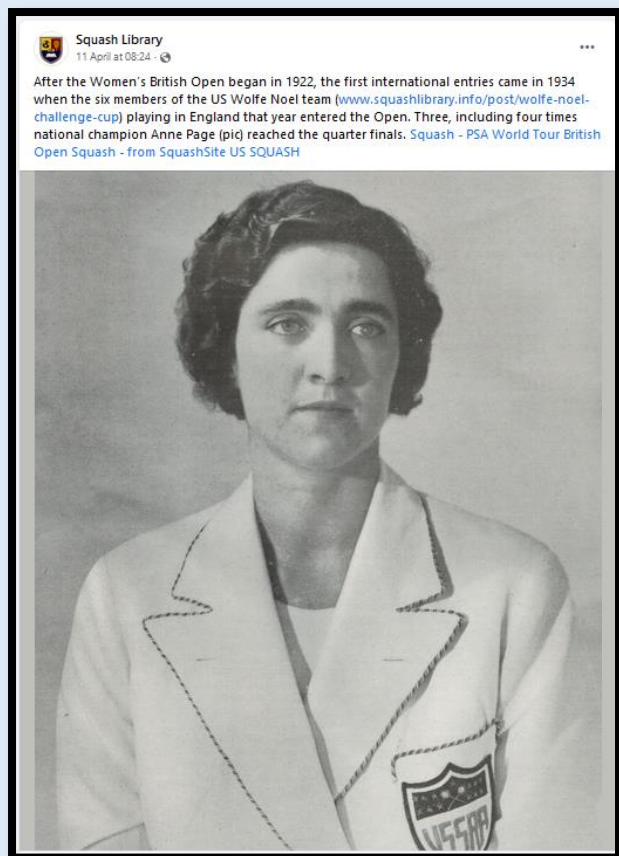
Jonah Barrington broke the Pakistani / Egyptian stranglehold of the British Open title after 28 years when he won his first of six titles in December 1966. Still an amateur, he was coached by Nasrullah Khan (brother of Roshan Khan), who won the 'veterans' (Over 45) title. Here they are with their trophies. [Jonah Barrington British Open Squash - from SquashSiteSquash - PSA World Tour](#)

**Squash Library**  
14 April at 08:34 · 🌐

In 1980, the British Open went to the Wembley Conference Centre for the first time. It was played on a demountable glassback on the stage, enabling around 1,200 spectators to watch in a fan of seats. This was the largest audience of the period. Here is the poster and a view of the court.

[British Open Squash - from SquashSite Squash - PSA World Tour](#)









2022







Squash Library

3 April at 08:59 · 🌐

Historic event, historic trophies! The Women's British Open trophy being played for today was first presented 100 years ago for the first event in 1922, while the Men's dates back to when the event evolved from a challenge to knockout format in 1947. The full British Open history is at: [www.squashlibrary.info/british-open](http://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open). [British Open Squash](#)



Squash Library

30 March at 08:41 · 🌐

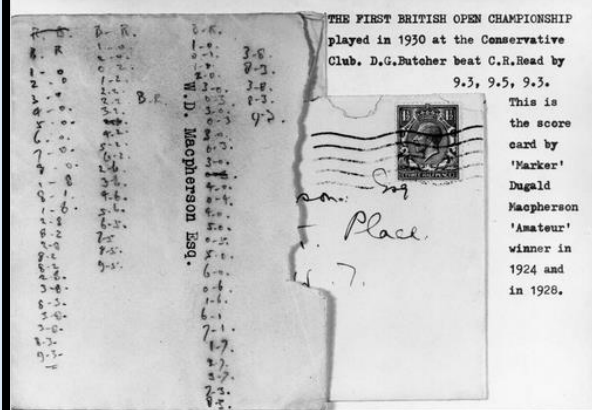
When Englishwoman Susan Noel competed in the British Open for the first time in 1924 she was aged 12! Later, she won the title three times, in 1932 – 1934, then retired at the age of 22 before returning five years later to play in the 1939 pre WW2 event, losing in the final to Margot Lumb (ENG). [British Open Squash](#)



Squash Library

2 April at 11:55 · 🌐

The marker of the first British Open Men's Championship final in 1930 – former British Amateur Champion Dugald Macpherson – used an envelope rather than a score sheet! [British Open Squash](#)



Squash Library

31 March at 08:56 · 🌐

Australian Geoff Hunt won his fifth British Open title in 1978, beating Pakistani Qamar Zaman in the final. Watch the match at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSU034TQnQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjFo-3pCw5gTEQSU034TQnQ), the Library YouTube Channel. [British Open Squash](#) [Squash](#) [AustraliaPakistan Squash Federation](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



Squash Library

29 March at 08:26 · 🌐

Fifty years ago today UK 'national treasure' Terry Wogan broadcast his first radio show. Six years later he did the 1978 Men's British Open draw. Australian holder Geoff Hunt also attended. [www.squashlibrary.info/british-open](http://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open) for full event history of dates, venues, sponsors, results linked to [squashinfo.com](http://squashinfo.com), programme PDFs and champions posters. [British Open Squash](#)

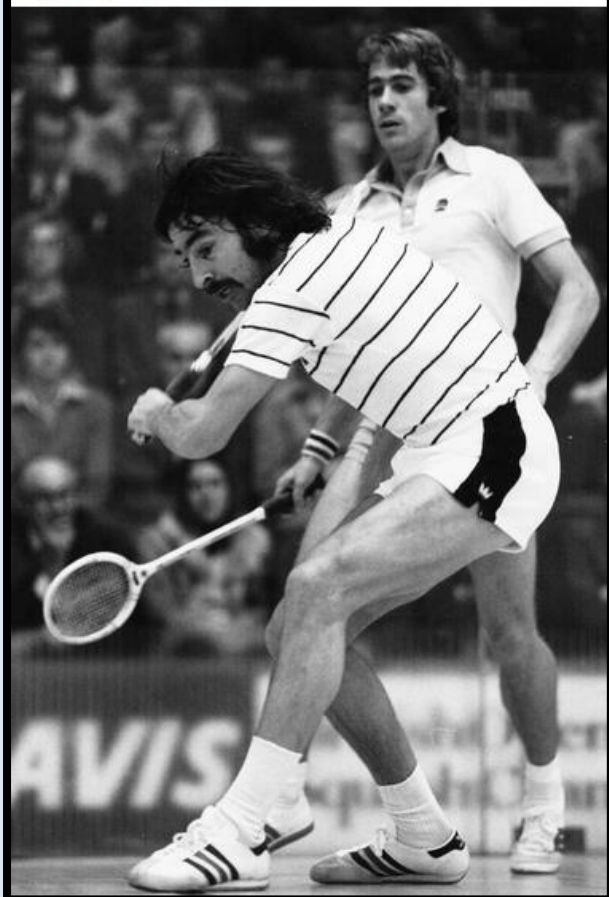




Squash Library

28 March at 08:43 · 🌐

When Jonah Barrington won the first of his six British Open titles in December 1966 he became the first amateur to take the title. He also won his second a year later before turning pro, while Australian Geoff Hunt also won his first British Open in 1969, turning pro in 1971, before his second of eight came in 1974. (Pictured playing at the British Open 1978, Barrington, foreground). [British Open Squash](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



Squash Library

25 March at 08:31 · 🌐

Sixty five years today (25.03.1957), Roshan Khan beat fellow Pakistani Hashim Khan 6-9 9-5 9-2 9-1 at the Lansdowne Club in London to win his British Open title. Although he was also runner-up twice, there is no doubt that he would have won more titles had he not been playing at the same time as the dominating brothers, Hashim and Azam Khan. His son Jahangir won ten titles, and they are pictured here when Jahangir won his ninth in 1990. [British Open Squash](#) [Pakistan Squash Federation](#)



Photo courtesy Steve Line.





Squash Library

7 February at 08:14 · 🌐

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The British Open - for much its history considered squash's World Championship - celebrates its centenary today. Library research at [www.squashlibrary.info/british-open](http://www.squashlibrary.info/british-open) has revealed that the first Women's British Open began on 7 February 1922 - exactly 100 years ago.

The Women's event preceded the Men's championship, which began eight years later in 1930 - the men playing on a challenge basis until 1947.

Until now, for the first few decades, actual dates have not been listed for British Open editions, and as they often denoted the year of the start of the British squash season (which ran from September to April), many were simply incorrect. Events were often held both before and after the New Year - so, in some years there were two events and in others none at all!

The page details the dates, venues, winners, programme scans and champions posters as a new Library reference resource for our sport. [England SquashSquash - PSA World Tour](#)



## 2021



Squash Library

11 December at 08:40 · 🌐

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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

24 January at 08:45 · 🌐

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In 1980 the British Open was played for the first time on a portable court - one with solid front and side walls but a glass backwall. Placed on the stage of the Wembley Conference Centre, a 'fan' of up to 1,200 people could watch. [www.squashlibrary.info/post/before-full-show-courts](http://www.squashlibrary.info/post/before-full-show-courts) for the full history of demountable glass back wall courts. [British Open SquashEngland SquashSquash - PSA World Tour](#)







### Squash Library

6 December at 08:45 · 🌐

On this day in 1958 (6 Dec), Janet Morgan (later married name Shardlow) won the last of her ten consecutive British Open titles, beating another Englishwoman, Sheila Macintosh 9-4 9-1 9-5. The event was held at London's Lansdowne Club.



### Squash Library

30 August at 09:25 · 🌐

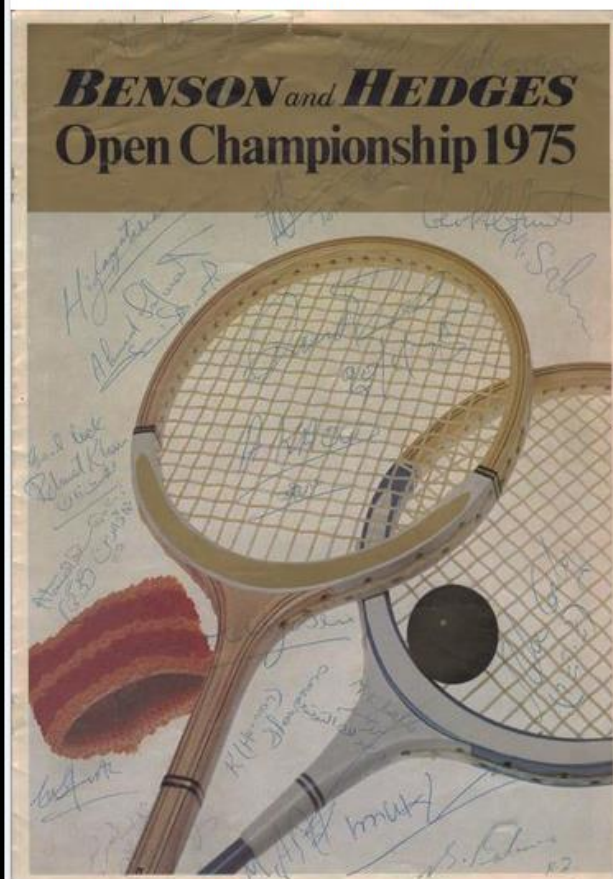
The players at the 1976 British Open trying to get their hands on the trophy – knowing that it incorporated the 1st World Open title too! (L to R, Ken Hiscoe, Geoff Hunt, Mohibullah Khan, Gogi Alauddin, Qamar Zaman, Cam Nancarrow, Hiddy Jahan, Jonah Barrington). [World Squash Federation](#)[England Squash](#)



### Squash Library

21 August at 08:29 · 🌐

For a different trip down memory lane, an eye wandering across the cover of the 1975 British Open programme cover shows some of the entrant autographs. Sadly, not all are with us anymore.

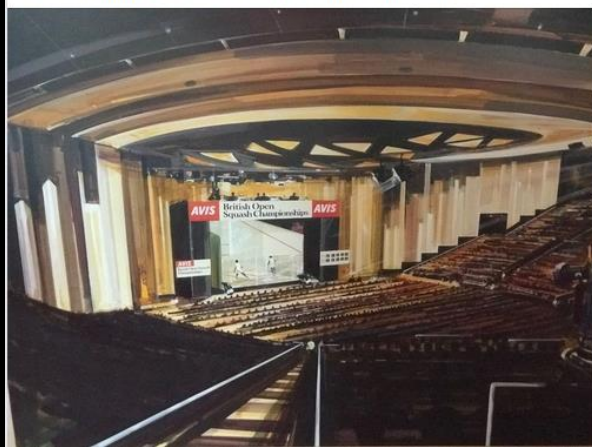


### Squash Library

25 September at 11:10 · 🌐

As squash events moved from glass-backs to all-round viewing there was a brief stage where buildable glass back courts were used. The first major event to do this was the March 1980 British Open, with final rounds played on the stage of the Wembley Conference Centre. (After that year the event moved away before returning in 1984 with a showcourt with seating all found it).

Promoter Mike Palmer of Multisquash needed to show what this new staging concept would look like. In his words, 'To give the media – and the public – a greater understanding of what was happening, I commissioned a commercial artist to produce an illustration. This was then photographed and photos sent out with press releases'. This picture is an example of 'squash art', as opposed to cartoons and the like. If there are others out there the Library would love to create a gallery of them so that they can be viewed and preserved.







### Squash Library

20 August at 07:19 · 🌐

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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 Squash](#) [Pakistan Squash Federation](#) [Squash Australia](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



### Squash Library

17 August at 08:33 · 🌐

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After WW2 the British Open was played at the Lansdowne Club (the Bruce Court pic) in central London until moving to the RAC in 1958, but when court repairs to the RAC courts were taking longer than anticipated, the event (along with the British Amateur) moved back to the Lansdowne for a further six years. [England Squash](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



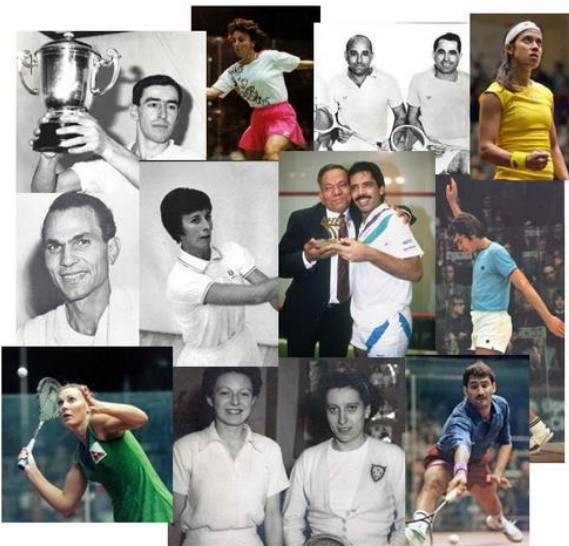
### Squash Library

19 August at 08:27 · 🌐

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We know the outstanding number of British Open wins achieved by Heather McKay, Jahangir Khan and other legends, but what are the number of titles broken down by nation? This Library chart <https://squashlibrary.info/.../british-open-winners-by...> gives you the answer.

[England Squash](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



### Squash Library

31 July at 08:48 · 🌐

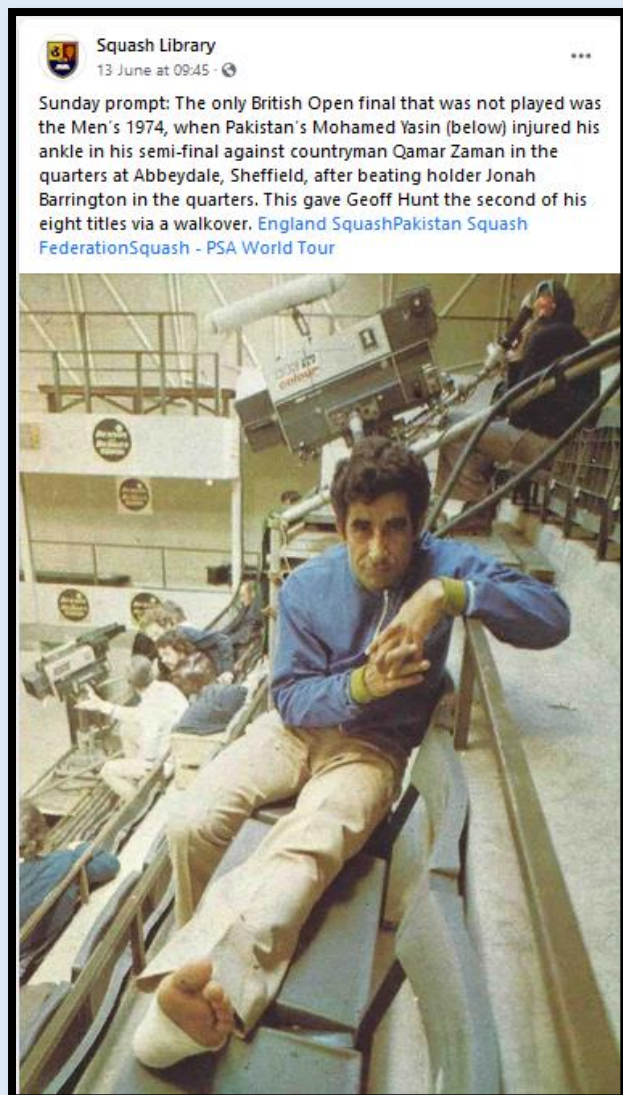
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Australian Heather McKay who won an extraordinary 16 consecutive British Opens (1962 – 1977), celebrates her 80th birthday today. The first fourteen triumphs were as an amateur, before prize money was offered.

She didn't drop a game in any final, with Anna Craven-Smith (ENG) coming closest in her 6th & 7th finals, losing 10-8 in one game in both years. They are pictured here.

[Squash Australia](#) [British Open Squash](#) [England Squash](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)





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Squash Library

18 August · 🌐

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Immediately after the Men's British Open ceased to be played on a 'challenge' basis (<https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../men-s-british-open-the-...>), from 1948 until 1958 the Lansdowne Club in central London hosted the event using its' Bruce Court, pic. But for two years the event moved to another central London venue, the RAC Club because it was reported that 'the British SRA failed to agree financial matters with the club'. But after two years the event moved back to the Lansdowne due to RAC court repairs taking longer than anticipated.

From 1969 the Championships moved to glassback wall venues – initially Abbeydale (Sheffield) and Edgbaston Priory (Birmingham), before Wembley Squash Centre came on stream in 1975. [England Squash](#)



Squash Library

22 June · 🌐

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On 23 April 1990 at the Wembley Conference Centre in North West London, Pakistani star Jahangir Khan won his ninth British Open title. He would go on to win a tenth consecutive one the following year, but this one was significant.

The ninth took him past Australian Geoff Hunt's eight and into the record books as the holder of the most Men's British Open titles.

His father Roshan, winner of the title himself in 1957 and runner up twice, was in London to see him complete the feat (photo: Steve Line).



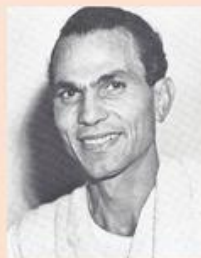
Squash Library

28 July · 🌐

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In 1949 British Open champion Mahmoud Karim from Egypt visited Australia. His club, the Gezira Sporting Club, granted him leave to go, and the Egyptian Squash Association contributed half his flight, the balance covered by the Australian Association who had invited him.

He played a number of exhibition games in Victoria & New South Wales, and won the Australian Open title. His presence was a great success and reportedly 'gave great impetus to the game'. [Squash Australia](#) [Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





Squash Library

12 June · 🌐

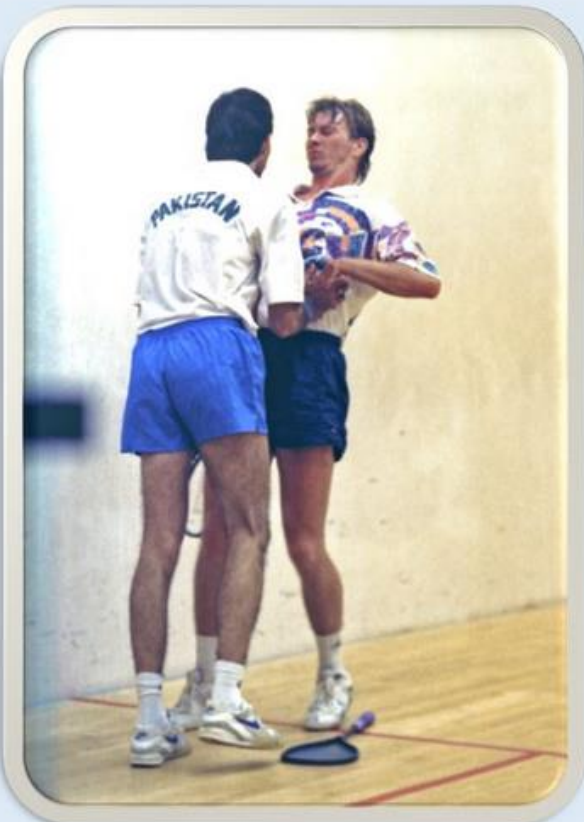
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On 6 April 1994 at Lambs Club in London during the 1st round of the British Open, Australian Anthony Hill was leading 9/3, 3/9, 3/9, 9/2, 7/0 when opponent Mir Zaman Gul head-butted him and was disqualified.

The match had been acrimonious, with Hill baiting his opponent, including throwing a ball at Gul, before the Pakistani player snapped, stood eye to eye with his opponent and then bent forward to lock foreheads.

Hill reported that 'I have had worse than that from my mother' but made a meal of it, going down. The outcome was a four month ban and GBP1,500 fine was the outcome for Gul, with Hill receiving a GBP100 one for the ball throw.

The incident drew wide attention, being captured by squash photographer Steve Line.



Squash Library

31 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 7

When Mahmoud Karim arrived back in Egypt after winning the 1948 British Open (and the 'Professional Championship') he was ordered to pay import duty on the two trophies.

'The cups represent a high honour for Egypt, won at great expenses', he pointed out.... See more



Squash Library

30 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 6

The Library has previously reported that the only British Open Final that was not played was the 1974 Men's one when a semi final ankle injury forced Mohamed Yasin to concede to Geoff Hunt; but there has also been one Men's Final which was not completed.

In December 1999 the British Open went to holder Peter Nicol's region of Scotland. Later rounds were played at the Aberdeen Conference & Exhibition Centre. Nicol reached the final... See more



Squash Library

29 May · 🌐

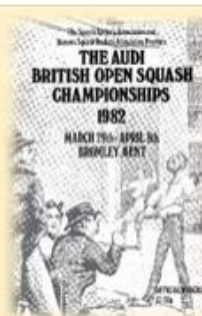
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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 5

On the 60th anniversary of the inaugural Women's British Open, the Men's & Women's Open Championships were played together for the first time in 1982.

That year the championships took place at the Bromley Town Squash Club, with final rounds on a demountable glassback court built on the stage of the Churchill Theatre

in Bromley (South East London). It saw the first of ten triumphs for Pakistani Jahangir Khan, and a third of four titles for Australian Vicki Cardwell. Winners pictured.







Squash Library

28 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 4

While it would be inconceivable now, sponsorship of athletic sports by cigarette companies was commonplace a few decades ago. The British Open was sponsored by the Benson & Hedges brand for years 1972 – 1975.

Their representative explained their reasoning: 'the market is prestigious, it represents quality and it involves fast growth'.

Here are the ticket prices for 1974.



**The Squash Rackets Association**  
**THE BENSON & HEDGES OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP, 1974**  
 To be played on the Championship Court of the  
 Abbeydale Park Squash Rackets Club, Abbeydale Park,  
 Dore, Sheffield, S17 3LJ (Tel. 0742-361254)  
 Thursday, January 31st–Friday, February 8th, 1974  
 Hosts: JONAS SARRINOTON (Dore)

Event	Ticket Prices		
	General Admission	Reserved Seating	Reserved Box
First Round (Thursday, Jan 31st)	55p	—	£1.25
Second Round (Friday, Feb 1st)	55p	£1.00	£1.25
Third Round (Saturday, Feb 2nd)	75p	£1.00	£1.50
Quarter Finals (Sunday, Feb 3rd)	75p	£1.50	£2.50
Semi-Finals (Monday, Feb 4th)	£1.00	£2.00	£4.00
Final (Tuesday, Feb 5th)	55p	—	£1.25
Overall (Wednesday, Feb 6th)	£1.50	£2.00	£6.50

NOTE: Tickets for Wednesday and Friday's Events will be purchased via the on-site general admission.  
 All tickets are valid for the entire duration of the event. The Squash Rackets Association is not responsible for any loss or damage to property or for any injury sustained by visitors. The Association is not responsible for any loss or damage to property or for any injury sustained by visitors. The Association is not responsible for any loss or damage to property or for any injury sustained by visitors.



Squash Library

27 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 3

The 2018 Men's British Open saw: (1) its first South American champion, (2) the first unseeded winner too, and (3) the first PSA World Series event winner from the continent.

On 20 May in Hull, Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez, then aged 32, carved a way past Ramy Ashour & Ali Farag to reach the final against another Egyptian star, top seed Mohamed Elshorbagy. 102 minutes later he had taken the title with an 11-7, 6-11, 8-11, 11-2, 11-9 scoreline.

It was one of the greatest upsets that pro squash has seen. [Squash - PSA World Tour Federación Colombiana de Squash](#)



Squash Library

26 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 2

Hashim & Azam Khan were not the first siblings to contest a British Open final. Sisters Nancy & Joyce Cave played the first one in 1922 (won by Joyce), and a further three were played between themselves. One or both sisters were in the first eleven Women's British Open Finals (1922 – 1932), each winning three. Nancy, the older by six years, was also runner up six times, while Joyce managed three losing finalist slots.

They, and oldest sister Marjorie who played once too, were coached by their father Harold Cave, a rackets player, on an oversized court at their home.

(Pictured, a player group from the 1923 Championship)



Squash Library

25 May · 🌐

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'Would have been British Open week'. Item 1:

After it began in 1930, the Men's British Open was played on a challenge basis rather than knock-out until 1948. The historical detail is in Library Features at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/.../men-s-british-open-the...>







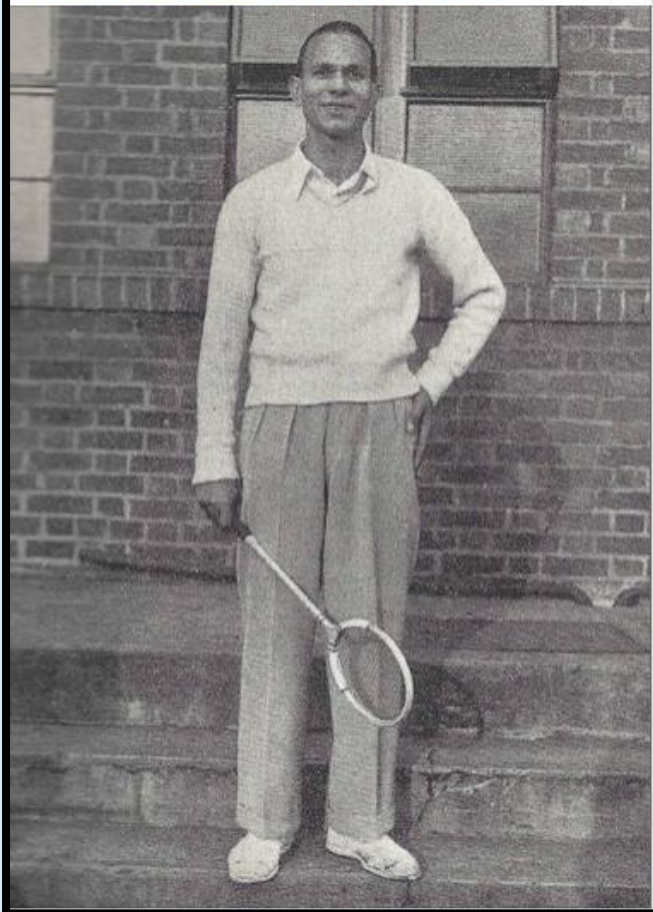
Squash Library

7 April · 🌐

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Straight after WW2, a player went unbeaten for four years, winning four British Opens amongst other titles. He was Egyptian Mahmoud Karim, a renowned elegant stroke-maker. Having started Coaching on Cairo's Gezira Club concrete floors of the time, he had not played on a wooden floor before travelling to UK! After his retirement he moved to coach in Canada and was adaptable enough to win the US title (hardball) in 1956 & 1957.

[Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

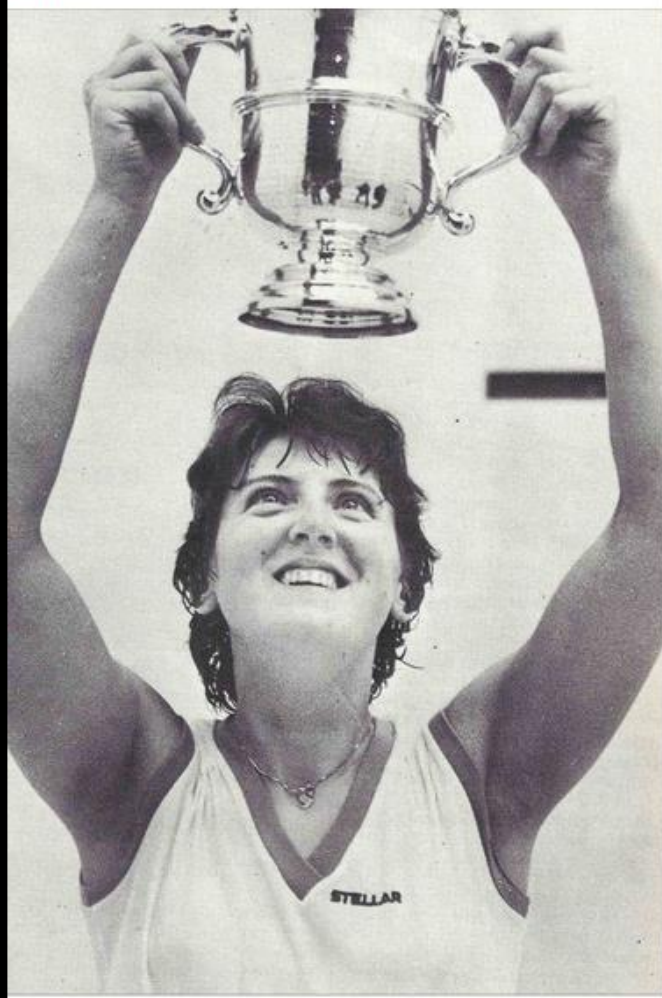


Squash Library

15 January · 🌐

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Heather McKay stopped before the Women's British Open in 1978, so after a wait of 16 years she allowed another player to get their hands on the trophy! That person was Sue Newman (married name King). She beat fellow Australian Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell) 9/4 9/7 9/2 to win her only title. Hoffman later took four titles in 1980 – 1983.



Squash Library

25 February · 🌐

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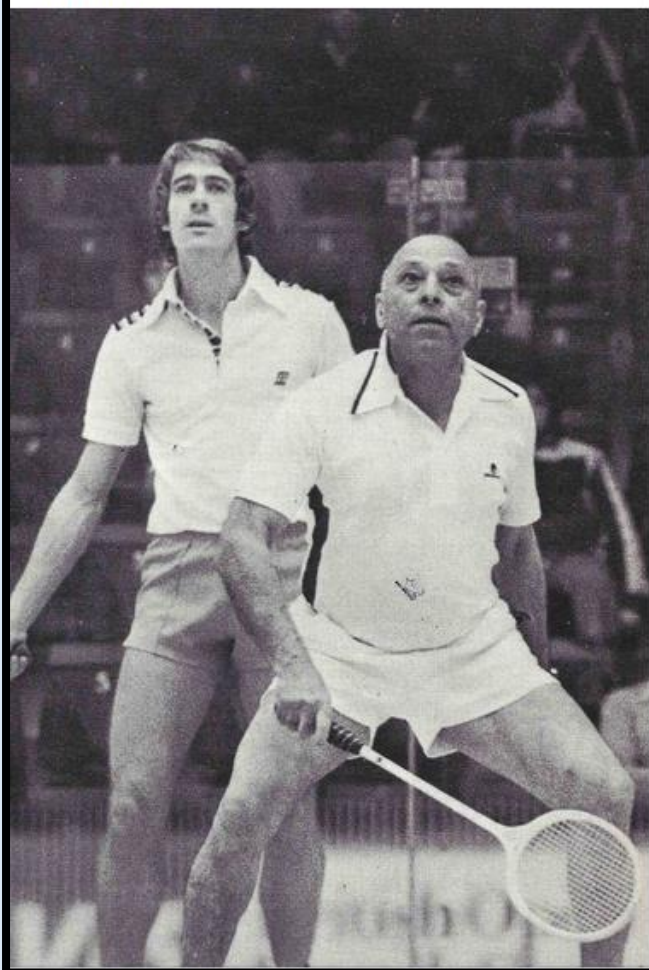
Following up on the start of ISPA (PSA), a group of early top line members are seen here before the 1978 British Open. LtoR: Geoff Hunt, Jonah Barrington, Sharif Khan, Bruce Brownlee, Kevin Shawcross, Qamar Zaman, Maqsood Ahmed, Ian Holding. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)







While Geoff Hunt was winning his 5th (of 8) British Open titles in 1978, he took to the court with 7 times winner Hashim Khan (then 63 years old) to the delight of the Wembley crowd. Comparing legends can be inconclusive, but bringing them together is incomparable.



From when the Women's British Open began in 1920 until Australian Heather McKay (Blundell) won her first title in 1962, beating Fran Marshall 9/6 9/5 9/4, no player from outside England had reached a final.

British Lawn Tennis Magazine commented after the 1962 final, 'How good is Miss Blundell? The answer is of course is that she is not yet as good as she will be when experience is added to her already strong capabilities. Given time in which to perfect her drop shot and side wall play.' ..... Sixteen unbeaten years later it seems she did!



..... and for interest, here is the full 1954 British Open Men's draw.

#### THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE BRITISH ISLES, 1953-1954

Played at the Lansdowne Club from March the 24th to the 29th, 1954

First round	Second round	Semi-finals	Final	Winner
H. Khan (Pakistan)	H. Khan	H. Khan	H. Khan	H. Khan
*M. F. Mohdali (Warwickshire)	9-6, 9-3, 9-3	9-6, 9-5, 9-4	9-6, 9-5, 9-4	9-6, 9-5, 9-4
W. J. Ashford (United Service Club)	J. H. Giles	A. Fairbairn	A. Fairbairn	A. Fairbairn
J. H. Giles (Abbeydale Park S.R.C.)	9-4, 9-7, 9-5	9-4, 10-8, 9-2	9-4, 10-8, 9-2	9-4, 10-8, 9-2
*A. Fairbairn (Middlesex)	A. Fairbairn	A. Fairbairn	A. Fairbairn	A. Fairbairn
L. W. R. Kerble (Lansdowne Club)	9-4, 10-8, 9-2	9-4, 10-8, 9-2	9-4, 10-8, 9-2	9-4, 10-8, 9-2
A. Bari (Junior Carlton Club)	A. Bari	A. Bari	A. Bari	A. Bari
*D. B. Hughes (Sussex)	9-3, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4
*D. W. D. Shaw (Scotland)	I. C. de Sales la Terrière	A. Khan	A. Khan	A. Khan
*I. C. de Sales la Terrière (Scotland)	10-9, 9-7, 9-5	9-1, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3	9-1, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3	9-1, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3
A. Khan (Pakistan)	A. Khan	A. Khan	A. Khan	A. Khan
*R. B. Wilson (Sussex)	9-5, 9-5, 9-0	9-5, 9-5, 9-0	9-5, 9-5, 9-0	9-5, 9-5, 9-0
*Sir Charles McLeod (Hampshire)	Sir Charles McLeod	Sir Charles McLeod	Sir Charles McLeod	Sir Charles McLeod
*A. P. Duggan (Sussex)	9-3, 9-6, 7-6, 3-6, 10-8	9-3, 9-6, 7-6, 3-6, 10-8	9-3, 9-6, 7-6, 3-6, 10-8	9-3, 9-6, 7-6, 3-6, 10-8
*R. B. Hawkey (Cambridgeshire)	R. Khan	R. Khan	R. Khan	R. Khan
R. Khan (Pakistan)	9-3, 9-5, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-4	9-3, 9-5, 9-4

\* Amateur.

Seeded players in heavy type.



Squash Library

25 November 2019 · 🌐

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Uniquely, all four Men's Semi Finalists in the British Open 1954 were related. They were Pakistanis L to R Hashim Khan, Abdul Bari, Nasrullah Khan (withdrew) Roshan Khan and Azam Khan. Hashim & Azam were brothers, Roshan (Jahangir Khan's father) a cousin and Bari, son of Syed Ali, a distant relative!

[Pakistan Squash Federation](#)



Squash Library

24 November 2019 · 🌐

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For the post-WW2 13 year period starting 1946, English pair Joan Curry (left) won the first three British Opens, followed by Janet Morgan (Shardlow) who took the next ten. Morgan was R/up to Curry twice and Curry to Morgan three times too. [England Squash](#)

[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)



Squash Library

13 November 2019 · 🌐

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As Jahangir Khan was starting out on his journey towards ten British Open titles, this photo was taken at the Wembley Conference Centre featuring legends holding no less than 37 British Open titles between them! L to R Roshan Khan (1), Jonah Barrington (6), Azam Khan (4), Jahangir Khan (10), Geoff Hunt (8), Hashim Khan (7) and Qamar Zaman (1). [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Pakistan Squash Federation](#)[Squash Australia](#)[England Squash](#)







### Squash Library

15 November 2019 · 🌐

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Tarek Momen now joins a number of great Egyptian male and female champions. Congratulations, Tarek. The first Egyptian star was F.D. Amr Bey who won the British Open six times from 1933 – the de facto World Championship before it became a title in 1976.



### Squash Library

7 November 2019 · 🌐

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#### British Open Fact 1.

The Women's British Open began in 1922, eight years before the Men's in 1930. They only started being held together in 1982 sixty years after the first Women's. (A Challenge system was used by the Women until 1928, and Men until 1948).



### Squash Library

27 October 2019 · 🌐

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Squash legend Hashim Khan (left) beat brother Azam (right) in 3 of his 7 British Open final wins (1951 – 58), with Azam winning the next 4 (1959 – 62). Hashim only lost one final - to Jahangir's father Roshan Khan in 1957.



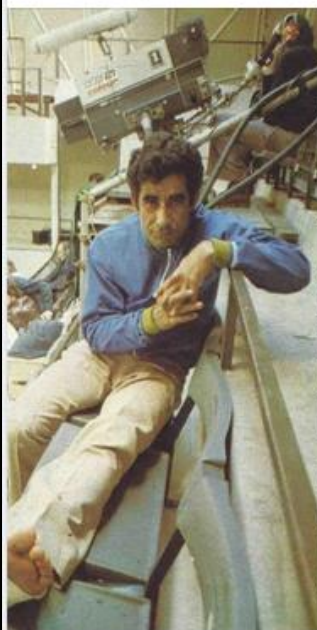
### Squash Library

7 November 2019 · 🌐

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#### British Open Fact 2.

The only British Open final that has not been played was the Men's 1974, when Pakistan's Mohamed Yasin (below) injured his ankle in his semi final win against countryman Qamar Zaman after beating holder Jonah Barrington in the quarters at Abbeydale, Sheffield. So Geoff Hunt won his second of eight titles by a walkover. Take a look at the ticket prices!



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