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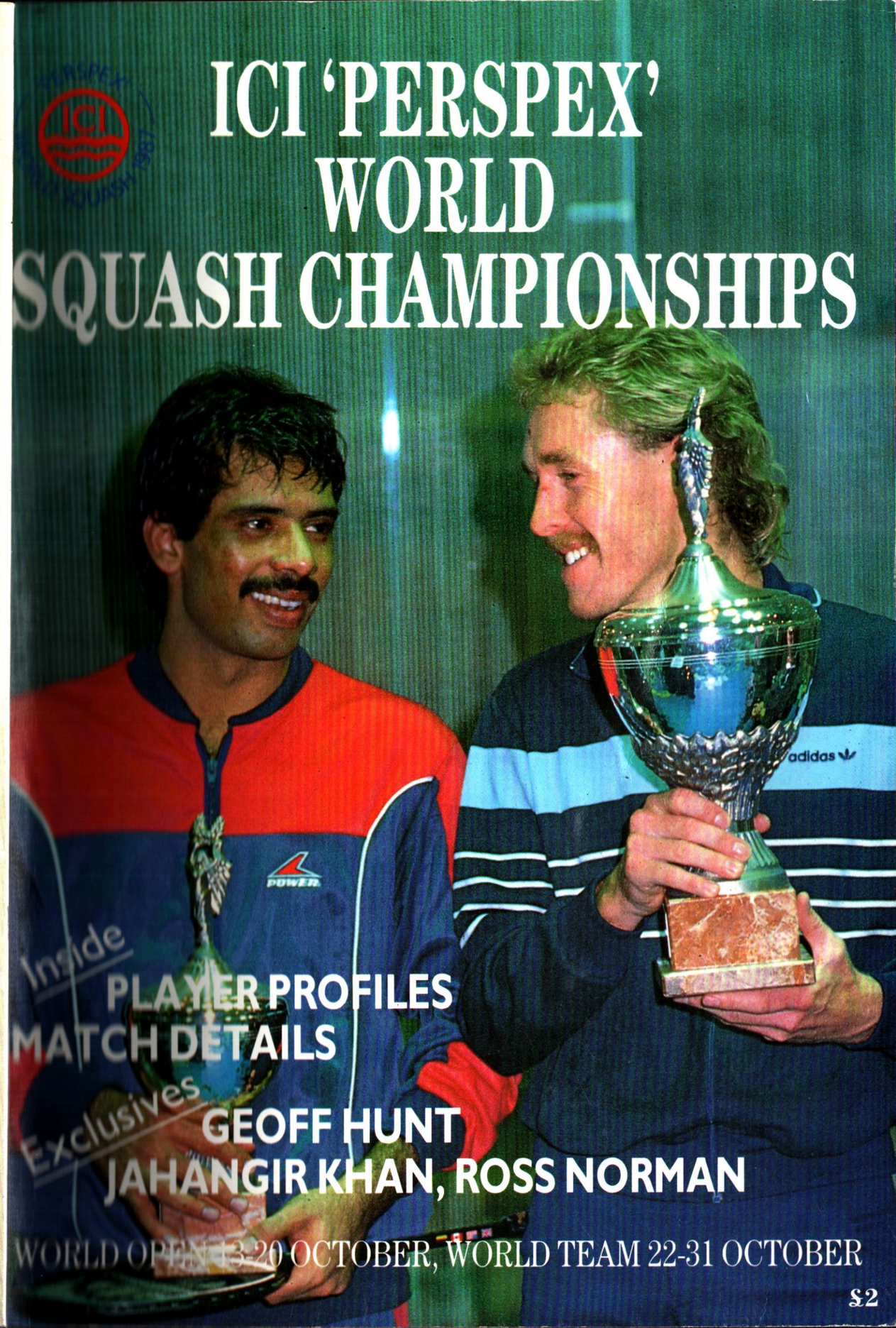

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The Championships Committee wish to thank the many organisations and individuals who have played invaluable roles in helping to stage the 1987 ICI 'Perspex' World Squash Championships.

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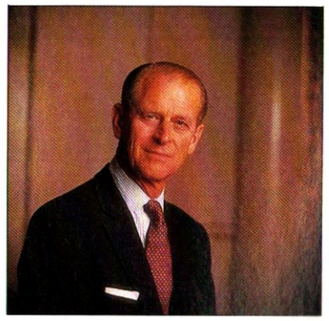


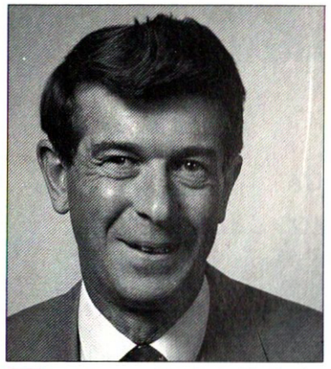
Everyone who enjoys the game of squash must be delighted to know how far and how fast the game is growing in popularity throughout the world. When England last hosted the International Championships in 1976, fifteen nations were represented; this year there are twenty eight team entries.

The SRA and the International Squash Rackets Federation have been most successful in making it possible for spectators and the television audience to see more of the game through the introduction of transparent walls and special balls. I hope that the 1987 Championships will be seen by more people than ever and that this will encourage a further growth in participation.

I would like to welcome all the overseas competitors, team members and officials to what I am sure will be a great sporting occasion and to wish them all a very happy visit to Britain.

Patron
Squash Rackets Association

WELCOME FROM ISRF



I EXTEND, ON behalf of the ISRF, a very warm welcome to all participants in this, the 1987 World Open and 11th Men's World Team Championships, being hosted by England, one of our principal founder members. It promises to be the biggest and most dramatic squash event ever staged. We are greatly indebted to the English SRA and the Championship Committee, and of course to the major sponsor, ICI, who has lent tremendous support to our game both financially and visually—they are the manufacturers of 'Perspex' from which the court used for the World Championships is made.

No less than 28 of our member nations are participating in the team event, all chasing the holders, Pakistan. The individual event promises to be a battle royal with Jahangir Khan, toppled last year after an unbeaten five year reign by New Zealander Ross Norman, clearly looking for revenge, but faced by formidable adversaries like Rodney Martin and other young Australians.

We all look forward to the exhibition of skill and effort of the competitiors, the drama of the occasion and the camaraderie of the event. I wish you all a pleasant stay in England.

Ronnie Sinclair
Chairman

WELCOME FROM THE SRA

AFTER SIX YEARS of discussion and planning, the moment of truth is upon us as competitors, officials and spectators gather for the 1987 ICI 'Perspex' World Squash Championships. Literally hundreds of SRA members have been involved in some way or another with the organisation of the biggest squash event the world has ever seen, and the Association as a whole joins in expressing the warmest possible welcome to all our visitors.

When England first bid to stage the 1987 Championships the transparent squash court did not exist except as a dream in a few visionary minds; nor had any significant progress been made in developing technology to permit first-class television coverage of the fast moving game of squash. Today the investment, energy and perseverance of those who had faith in the potential of squash as a spectator sport shows itself to have been justified as the world at large sees the game take its place in venues which regularly stage major spectaculars in the fields of sport and entertainment.

The SRA is proud to have been closely associated with technical and promotional developments which have brought squash to its newly found status as a major media sport and to present these Championships in such magnificent style; this would not have been possible, however, without splendid support from ICI 'Perspex' who have not only sponsored the 1987 World Squash Championships but also played a key role in developing the Association's own 'Perspex' court which is now a National Facility and serves as an impressive stage on which the world's best squash players can compete. The SRA expresses the squash world's thanks to ICI 'Perspex' for helping squash to take a gigantic step forward and would also like to acknowledge the support and encouragement it has received from the Sports Council throughout an exciting development period in the game.

Bob Morris
Chief Executive
Squash Rackets Association

THE ROLE OF ISPA

THE PROFESSIONAL PLAYER has an important contribution to make towards the continuing worldwide development of the sport.

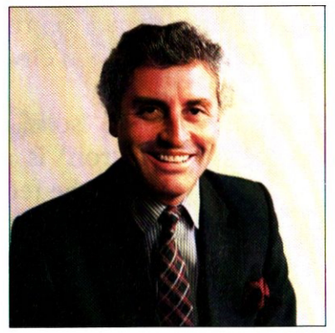
Through his performance on court, he entertains and inspires; through his membership of the International Squash Players Association, he is part of the body that is now a powerful voice in international squash affairs.

The I.S.P.A. was formed in 1973 and, with a membership now approaching 200, it is the nerve centre for the fast expanding men's circuit, servicing and grading a network of tournaments that range from a few hundred dollars in prize money to $50,000 or more.

The last 12 months have been momentous ones for men's professional squash with I.S.P.A. taking the initiative with the International Squash Rackets Federation in the formation of the Men's International Squash Tournament Council. It is through the council that the World Grand Prix is being operated and when the Grand Prix is fully operational and sponsored it will be the realisation of an ambition for not only the present I.S.P.A. members but those of years gone by. However, such grandiose schemes, or normal circuit life for that matter, cannot exist without a highly organised players' body—one which has an ability to work with international and national associations, tournament promoters and sponsors to issue rankings, grade events, maintain discipline and continually promote the development of competitive squash.

I.S.P.A's responsibilities are growing daily and a year long circuit of events in more than 20 countries makes a heavy demand on its administrative resources. But the I.S.P.A. full time executive, backed by a purposeful elected Board, regard this situation as a stimulating challenge and one they are ready and happy to accept.

WELCOME FROM ICI 'PERSPEX'



ICI HAS ENJOYED a long and successful involvement with squash and we are particularly pleased to be sponsoring the most prestigious event in the game's history—the 1987 ICI 'Perspex' World Championships.

Around 250 men will contest the World Open Championship in Birmingham—the main draw of 128 is the largest since the event began—with the final rounds on the 'Perspex' court at the National Exhibition Centre. Then 28 countries—eight more than the previous record—will do battle in London for the Team Championship with the quarter-finals onwards being played in the Royal Albert Hall, the first time the magnificent auditorium has staged a squash event.

So these championships have attracted more players from a greater number of countries than ever before. Live audiences will also be the largest in the sport's history, with in excess of 4,000 attending the major matches. Add to that a potential television audience of over 14,000,000 in the UK alone and it is obvious why the 1987 ICI 'Perspex' World Championships are being hailed as the biggest and best squash extravaganza of all time.

It is an event with which ICI is proud to be associated and we extend the warmest welcome to players, spectators and viewers from around the globe. We trust that playing on or viewing into the ICI 'Perspex' court at the National Exhibition Centre and the Royal Albert Hall will enhance the enjoyment of everyone involved with this important occasion.

Philip Felcey, General Manager, 'Perspex'

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EXHIBITORS

ROYAL ALBERT HALL: Sports Trade Exhibitors are in the Victoria Room and Lichfield Gallery at the balcony level and can be reached via Door 6. Official retailer, John Bourne Sports, is situated in the projection room on the same level.

KEY: *NEC =* ***National Exhibition Centre*** *RAH =* ***Royal Albert Hall***

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APRICOT COMPUTERS
Apricot Computers plc, official suppliers of the computerised results service to the 1987 World Squash Championships, is Britain's leading microcomputer systems company.

Apricot has more than 20 years experience in computer systems and has the largest user base of multi-user systems in the UK with more than 8,000 networks, 3,000 host systems and 200,000 PCs installed.

Apricot's range of IBM compatible microcomputers and systems is renowned for outstanding performance, high speed and advanced technology and design and its latest 368-based networks can comfortably outperform many minicomputer systems.

The latest Apricot 80386 computers will provide an up-to-the-minute results service throughout the Men's World Open and World Team Championship.

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BOURNE SPORTS

BOURNE SPORTS
Mail order specialists Bourne Sports have been appointed by the sponsors ICI in conjunction with the SRA as the official retailers for the tournament, and all the products exhibited at the ICI 'Perspex' World Squash Championships will be available for sale from the Bourne Sports sale area.

Souvenir merchandise, T-shirts, sweatshirts, sportshirts, shorts, and sweaters will be available, all carrying the official tournament logo.

A complete range of squash rackets by all the leading manufacturers, together with footwear by Hi-Tec, Reebok and Brooks will also be on sale. All the usual squash accessories, grips, socks, headbands, wristbands and toiletries will also be available.

NEC/RAH

BROOKS
Brooks UK Ltd has chosen the World Squash Championships to launch two new squash shoes. The Drop Shot (£24·95) features a full grain leather upper which includes a mesh flex-strip to allow full and natural flexibility. The EVA midsole and non-marking all court outersole combine to give unequalled cushioning, stability and traction, while the revolutionary Kinetic Wedge TM allows a natural and efficient working of the foot, helping to reduce stress related injuries. The Eliminator KW (£19·95) offers many of the above features, with a suede/mesh upper making it an excellent value for money model. The full Brooks range of running, basketball awnd tennis shoes will also be on display.

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BROOKS

CRESTA TECNIFIBRE

CRESTA ALLOWAY
Cresta Alloway Sports Limited of Blandford, Dorset are the exclusive UK distributors of *Tecnifibre*. Among many world class players using the distinctive green *tecnifibre* racket string are Rodney Martin, Chris Dittmar, Geoff Williams and Sarah Fitzgerald.

A comprehensive range of sports accessories will be available at the Cresta Stand including *Tecnifibre* and the new NoStrane range of neoprene muscle and joint supports, the latest way to reduce or recover from many of the muscle and joint strains suffered by active sportsmen and women.

NEC/RAH

DONNAY
Donnay will display their latest and most exciting racket range to date on their stand at the ICI 'Perspex' World Championships.

The range is headed by the Pro Cynetic models as used by world number 6 Rodney Martin and England number 10 Philip Whitlock.

The range is completed with a broad selection of graphite and aluminium rackets to suit all pockets and match all styles, and incorporate exciting co-ordination of the latest Donnay colourways.

This theme is carried over to the new Donnay sports and leisurewear range created for the squash player and fashion conscious alike.

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DUNLOP SPORT

DUNLOP
Dunlop is Britain's leading sports goods manufacturer and the company's association with squash has ensured that the name is equally strong in every squash playing country. This position has been maintained only by careful attention to detail, changes in demand, research and development and customer service.

On show on Dunlop's stand will be the company's range of technologically advanced squash rackets including the revolutionary British-made injection moulded graphite rackets, the new full-size head Max 600i and the UK's top-selling graphite, the Max 500GS.

Visit the stand and see why leading players like world champion Ross Norman, national champion Bryan Beeson and former world junior champion Lucy Soutter play Dunlop.

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Here is the draw for the World Open Championship and the dates of each round

WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

EDGBASTON PRIORY ▶ ◀NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

ROUND 1 Tue 13th October	ROUND 2 Wed 14th Oct	ROUND 3 Thur 15th Oct	ROUND 4 Sat 17th Oct	Quarter-Finals Sun 18th Oct	Semi-Finals Mon 19th Oct	Final Tue 20th Oct	WIN[illegible] [illegible]0th Oct
1. Jahangir Khan *Pakistan* (1)							
2. Bye							
3. Chris Walker *Essex*							
4. Ric Zandvliet *Netherlands*							
5. Anders Wahlstedt *Sweden*							
6. Matthew Oxley *Cambs*							
7. Jonas Gornerup *Sweden*							
8. Qualifier 1							
9. Tristan Nancarrow *Australia* (10)							
10. Bye							
11. Del Harris *Essex*							
12. Mir Zaman Gul *Pakistan*							
13. Kelvin Smith *Australia*							
14. Qualifier 2							
15. Ricardo Ferreira *Brazil*							
16. Gamal El Amir *Egypt*							
17. Chris Robertson *Australia* (8)							
18. Bye							
19. Gary Waite *Canada*							
20. Paul Millington *Derby*							
21. Magdi Saad *Egypt*							
22. Hans Frieling *Netherlands*							
23. Bjorn Almstrom *Sweden*							
24. Qualifier 3							
25. Ross Thorne *Australia* (11)							
26. Bye							
27. Qualifier 4							
28. Christy Willstrop *Yorks*							
29. Zarak Jahan Khan *Pakistan*							
30. M. Ali Somjee *Pakistan*							
31. Michael Vertogen *Netherlands*							
32. Pentti Pekkanen *Finland*							
33. Jansher Khan *Pakistan* (4)							
34. Bye							
35. Qualfier 5							
36. Stephen Cunningham *N Zealand*							
37. Brett Martin *Australia*							
38. Zahir Hussein Khan *Pakistan*							
39. Zain Saleh *Mersey*							
40. Adrian Davies *Wales*							
41. Hiddy Jahan *Surrey* (15)							
42. Bye							
43. Zainal Abidin *Singapore*							
44. Sami Elopuro *Finland*							
45. Martin Bodimeade *Berks*							
46. Qualifier 6							
47. Geoff Hunt *Australia*							
48. Simon Taylor *Leic*							
49. Phil Kenyon *Lancashire* (7)							
50. Bye							
51. David Pearson *Lancs*							
52. Eric Van Der Pluym *Netherlands*							
53. Umar Hayat Khan *Pakistan*							
54. Qualifier 7							
55. John Elstob *France*							
56. Arttu Mentula *Finland*							
57. Ricki Hill *Australia* (12)							
58. Bye							
59. Amir Wagih *Egypt*							
60. Rodney Eyles *Australia*							
61. Jan Ulf Soderberg *Sweden*							
62. Craig Van der Wath *South Africa*							
63. Qualifier 8							
64. Paul Carter *Herts*							

Seedings in brackets

EDGBASTON

NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE ▶ ◀ PRIORY ◀ CENTRE SQUASH

Semi-Finals Mon 19th Oct	Quarter-Finals Sun 18th Oct	ROUND 4 Sat 17th Oct	ROUND 3 Thur 15th Oct	ROUND 2 Wed 14th Oct	ROUND 1 Tue 13th October	
					Philip Whitlock *Devon*	65
					Grant Way *South Africa*	66
					Frank Ellis *Scotland*	67
					Bryan Beeson *Northumbria*	68
					Nigel Stiles *Surrey*	69
					Qualifier 9	70
					Bye	71
					Gawain Briars *Norfolk* (13)	72
					Ahmed Tahir *Egypt*	73
					Danny Lee *Surrey*	74
					Qualifier 10	75
					Sabir Butt *Canada*	76
					Mike Lappage *Lincs*	77
					Matti Saarela *Finland*	78
					Chris Dittmar *Australia* (5)	79
					Bye	80
					Arthur Jacobsen *Denmark*	81
					Austin Adarraga *Spain*	82
					Qualifier 11	83
					Jamie Hickox *Surrey*	84
					Dale Styner *Canada*	85
					Johan Abyholm *Norway*	86
					Bye	87
					Geoff Williams *Essex* (16)	88
					John Ransome *Essex*	89
					Qualifier 12	90
					Jose Maron Filho *Brazil*	91
					Danny Meddings *Surrey*	92
					Robert Graham *Essex*	93
					Kiko Frisoni *Brazil*	94
					Bye	95
					Stuart Davenport *New Zealand* (3)	96
					Peter Hill *Singapore*	97
					Christoph Frey *Switzerland*	98
					Ned Edwards *USA*	99
					Maqsood Ahmed *Pakistan*	100
					Mark Robberds *Australia*	101
					Qualifier 13	102
					Bye	103
					Qamar Zaman *Pakistan* (9)	104
					Qualifier 14	105
					Cerryg Jones *Wales*	106
					Eric Claudel *France*	107
					Gamal Awad *Egypt*	108
					Leif Leiner *Sweden*	109
					Robert Owen *Warks*	110
					Bye	111
					Rodney Martin *Australia* (6)	112
					Jason Nicolle *Hants*	113
					Iliya Manga *Nigeria*	114
					Qualfier 15	115
					Neil Harvey *Essex*	116
					Carol Martini *West Germany*	117
					Mark Maclean *Scotland*	118
					Bye	119
					Stuart Hailstone *South Africa* (14)	120
					Rory Watt *New Zealand*	121
					Damian Walker *Leic*	122
					Qualifier 16	123
					Fredrik Johnson *Sweden*	124
					John McKay *Ireland*	125
					Paul Gregory *Surrey*	126
					Bye	127
					Ross Norman *New Zealand* (2)	128

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The semi finals and final will be played at the National Exhibition Centre (18 & 20 October).

EDGBASTON PRIORY ► ◄ NEC

	ROUND 1 THU 15	ROUND 2 FRI 16	QTR FINALS SAT 17	SEMI FINALS SUN 18	FINAL TUE 20
1. QAMAR ZAMAN *Pakistan* (1) 2. BYE					
3. HOWARD CHERLIN *Middx* 4. BYE					
5. PAUL WRIGHT *Essex* 6. GUSTAVIO RUBIO *Peru*					
7. DAVID ADAMS *Somerset* 8. HOSSAM NASSER *Egypt*					
9. MOUSSA HELAL *Cheshire* (3) 10. BYE					
11. JIM McCOLLUM *Staffs* 12. RAHAN JAMNADASS *Kenya*					
13. JONNY LESLIE *Bucks* 14. NEIL NIGHTINGALE *Derby*					
15. JOHN FURLONG *Canada* 16. ALLAM SOLIMAN *Egypt*					
17. RAY JOHNSTON *Sussex* 18. MANFRED HERWIG *W. Germany*					
19. BOB SIMMS *Avon* 20. IAN ROBINSON *Yorks*					
21. ADAMS ODUSINA *Nigeria* 22. BOB JOHNSON *Surrey*					
23. BYE 24. ABBAS KAOUD *Middx* (4)					
25. LALIT VERMA *India* 26. SANTI NIETO *Spain*					
27. SAM OLADUNJOYE *Nigeria* 28. MARK MFUK *Nigeria*					
29. DUNCAN MACARTHUR *Scotland* 30. BYE					
31. BYE 32. HIDDY JAHAN *Surrey* (2)					

Seedings in brackets NEC = National Exhibition Centre

ICI 'PERSPEX' WORLD OPEN

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QUALIFIER 1 from
1. IAN ROBINSON *Yorks*
2. KEN FLYNN *Ireland*
3. MARK TAYLOR *Warks*
4. JEREMY RICHARDSON *Lanc*
5. JONATHAN LILLEY *Yorks*
6. JOHN CORDEAUX *Norfolk*
7. PETER JUUL *Denmark*
8. AZAM KHAN *USA*

QUALIFIER 2 from
9. GENE TURK *Canada*
10. JEFFREY HEARST *Ireland*
11. NIDEL QART *Jordan*
12. HANNU JASKARI *Finland*
13. RUSTOM BATIVALA *Warks*
14. FRANCK CULTRERA *France*
15. ROBERT FORDE *Ireland*
16. MARCEL SCHRANZ *Switz*

QUALIFIER 3 from
17. LES BONE *Cornwall*
18. JOCHEN ARNDT *W. Germany*
19. RAJ MANCHANDA *India*
20. MARK MFUK *Nigeria*
21. JAMIE CROMBIE *Canada*
22. STEFAN CRUNDMANN *Switz*
23. DAVID CAMPION *Yorks*
24. SEGUN OGUNJIMI *Nigeria*

QUALIFIER 4 from
25. RICHARD MILLMAN *Norfolk*
26. JON FOSTER *Middx*
27. EOIN RYAN *Ireland*
28. VELLO PUKK *Australia*
29. STEVE CALVERT *N'umbria*
30. MARTIN GREENSLADE *Cornwall*
31. MORTEN KRISTENSEN *Norway*
32. COLIN PAYNE *Kent*

QUALIFIER 5 from
33. MIKE ROBINSON *Warks*
34. SEIF VAN DER HEYDEN *Neth*
35. TONY HALL *Surrey*
36. UWE PETERS *W. Germany.*
37. HAMID EL SAID *Jordan*
38. JASON WALKER *Derby*
39. HUGH EVANS *Wales*
40. FRANZ SCHWERER *W. Germany*

QUALIFIER 6 from
41. RHONIE LAWSON *N'hants*
42. ALAN THOMSON *Scotland*
43. RAYMOND SCHEFFER *Neth*
44. GARRY ROBINSON *Warks*
45. GARETH EDWARDS *Wales*
46. ROB SHAY *Warks*
47. DAVID GOTTO *Ireland*
48. ABDUL RASHID *Warks*

QUALIFIER 7 from
49. STEPHEN MEADS *Berks*
50. PETER WARD *Wilts*
51. RON CALVERT *N'umbria*
52. MARKO PULLI *Finland*
53. SIMON BIRD *Warks*
54. TEIFION SALISBURY *Wales*
55. PER CHRISTIANSEN *Norway*
56. NASSER TAWFIK *Egypt*

QUALIFIER 8 from
57. FLORIAN POSSL *W. Germany*
58. ALEX TAY *Singapore*
59. MARK CAIRNS *Oxon*
60. SONI WASIU *Nigeria*
61. RICHARD BINNS *Yorks*
62. THOMAS STRASSLE *Switz*
63. COLIN KEITH *Scotland*
64. HUSSEIN NOOR *S. Arabia*

QUALIFIER 9 from
65. HOSSEIN MEHJOO *Iran*
66. STEVEN WHITLOCK *Australia*
67. GEHAN FERNANDO *Herts*
68. TUNDE YAHAYA *Nigeria*
69. ATEF KHALIFA *Egypt*
70. ALAN WILLIAMS *Wales*
71. MARK HURD *Hants*
72. NOEL RYAN *Ireland*

QUALIFIER 10 from
73. DAVID ADAMS *Somerset*
74. PETER VEROW *Durham*
75. GRANT MILLER *Sussex*
76. RODRIGUEZ SOARES *Brazil*
77. LAEX COUCH *Surrey*
78. ERIC SMIT *Netherlands*
79. ANDREW DANZEY *Notts*
80. JOHN FURLONG *Canada*

QUALIFIER 11 from
81. HESHAM EL ATTAR *Egypt*
82. SIMON KRYSTMAN *Herts*
83. DAN CHRISTENSEN *Denmark*
84. RICHARD GLANFIELD *Shrp*
85. MARINO DE OLIVERA *Brazil*
86. MARK WYATT *Oxon*
87. W KEEN BUTCHER *USA*
88. PHILIP MARLOW *Middx*

QUALIFIER 12 from
89. DOMINIQUE CHIQUET *Swit*
90. ANDREW DWYER *Sussex*
91. SIMON FORD *Derby*
92. JONATHAN CORNISH *Avon*
93. ANTHONY KAIT *Singapore*
94. ANDREW EVANS *Wales*
95. MOHAMMED AWAD *Egypt*
96. JAMES HYATT *Bucks*

QUALIFIER 13 from
97. LUKE GOJNIC *Bucks*
98. FREDRIC CANOT *France*
99. HANS MERCKOLL *Norway*
100. DARRAN MABBS *Avon*
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102. LOUIS FRISONI *Brazil*
103. CHRIS MCMANUS *Scotland*
104. PHIL MOCKRIDGE *Warks*

QUALIFIER 14 from
105. LANCE COOPER *NZ*
106. TANVEER SHARIF *Pakistan*
107. SORIO GEORGIO *Switzerland*
108. STUART FARRAR *Middx*
109. ANDREW FOLEY *Sussex*
110. BARAJIDE OSHUNFUYI *Nigeria*
111. MICHAEL JUST *Denmark*
112. HUGH LABOSSIER *USA*

QUALIFIER 15 from
113.
114. MICHAEL EHLERS *W. Germany*
115. JONATHAN CLARK *Durham*
116. MICHAEL PUERTAS *Derem*
117. KHALED NAWETO *Egypt*
118. MEHARBAN DARUWALA *India*
119. JON EVANS *Wales*
120.

QUALIFIER 16 from
121. ANDREW BENNETT *Yorks*
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123. GAVIN LUND *S. Africa*
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125. KENTON JERNIGAN *USA*
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	ROUND 1 THU 16	QTR FINALS SAT 17	SEMI FINALS SUN 18	FINAL TUE 20
1. AHMED SAFWAT *Egypt* (1)				
2. PHILIP AMATO *Essex*				
3. RAJ MANCHANDA *India*				
4. TERRY REYNOLDS *Cambs*				
5. BRYAN PATTERSON *Hants* (3)				
6. JAMES RICHARDS *Devon*				
7. SHERIF ALY *Egypt*				
8. CHRIS ANSELL *Berks*				
9. GALAL ALLAM *Egypt*				
10. ALAN PURNELL *Worcs*				
11. HERNAN DUBOURG *Argentina*				
12. LEN STEWARD *Australia* (4)				
13. ALY MANSOUR *Egypt*				
14. DICK CARTER *Berks*				
15. JOHN PERROTT *Hants*				
16. ALI AZIZ *Egypt* (2)				

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	ROUND 1 THU 15	ROUND 2 FRI 16	QTR FINALS SAT 17	SEMI FINALS SUN 18	FINAL TUE 20
1. JONAH BARRINGTON *Ireland* (1)					
2. BYE					
3. MICHAEL GRAHAM *Avon*					
4. KAMAL MAHMOUD *Egypt*					
5. PETER WHITE *Wilts*					
6. FOAD EL AMIR *Egypt*					
7. RICHARD COE *Norfolk*					
8. PETER PRYCE *Wales*					
9. MO KHALIFA *Merseyside* (3)					
10. RASHID HAYE *Cheshire*					
11. ROBIN BAWTREE *Devon*					
12. LANCE KINDER *Avon*					
13. JOHN KINGSTON *Notts*					
14. JON WALTER *Middx*					
15. PETER SCULLY *Devon*					
16. BERGE KAY *Middx*					
17. ABDUL WAHAB MAHMOUD *Egypt*					
18. CLIVE FRANCIS *Lancs*					
19. MAHMOUD BARAKAT *Kenya*					
20. BRIAN WISE *Leics*					
21. MALCOLM POTTS *Dorset*					
22. JOHN DAYNES *Middx*					
23. AHMED SABET *Egypt*					
24. MIKE THURGUR *North Wales*(4)					
25. CHRIS STAHL *Surrey*					
26. TONY DARWENT *Wales*					
27. ROBERT EDWARDS *Wales*					
28. MIKE GRUNDY *Yorks*					
29. PETER WALKER *Glos*					
30. JOHN HERRICK *USA*					
31. OLAF JORGENSEN *Denmark*					
32. MOHAMED YASIN *Middx* (2)					

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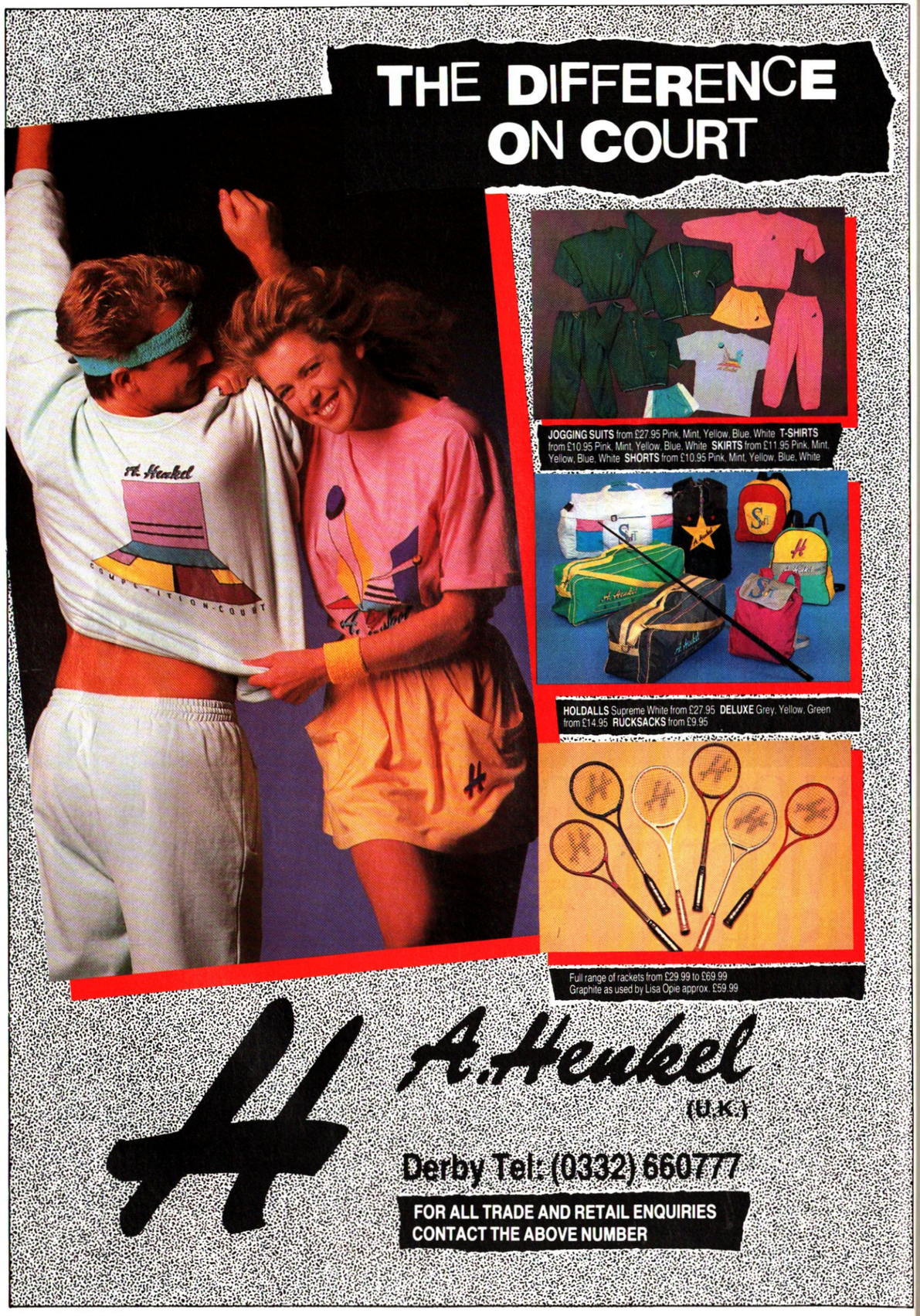


ICI 'PERSPEX WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

THE MAIN CONTENDERS

SEEDING		
1	**JAHANGIR KHAN**	*(Pakistan)*
2	**ROSS NORMAN**	*(New Zealand)*
3	**STUART DAVENPORT**	*(New Zealand)*
4	**JANSHER KHAN**	*(Pakistan)*
5	**CHRIS DITTMAR**	*(Australia)*
6	**RODNEY MARTIN**	*(Australia)*
7	**PHIL KENYON**	*(England)*
8	**CHRIS ROBERTSON**	*(Australia)*
9	**QAMAR ZAMAN**	*(Pakistan)*
10	**TRISTAN NANCARROW**	*(Australia)*
11	**ROSS THORNE**	*(Australia)*
12	**RICKI HILL**	*(Australia)*
13	**GAWAIN BRIARS**	*(England)*
14	**STUART HAILSTONE**	*(South Africa)*
15	**HIDDY JAHAN**	*(England)*
16	**GEOFF WILLIAMS**	*(England)*

1. JAHANGIR KHAN (Pakistan)

Winner of seven world titles already and very anxious to add to that number by avenging his defeat by Ross Norman in last year's World Open final in Toulouse. That was Jahangir's first defeat in 5½ years but his colours were lowered again at the end of July by Rodney Martin in the final of the New South Wales Open. Coach Rahmat Khan was absent on both occasions but is not likely to stray too far from Jahangir's corner during the World Championships. Apart from his world successes, JK has won six British Opens and over 50 other major titles during the 1980s. One of the best players of all time and, despite the recent dents to his invincibility, is still the man they all have to beat at this World Open.

2. ROSS NORMAN (New Zealand)

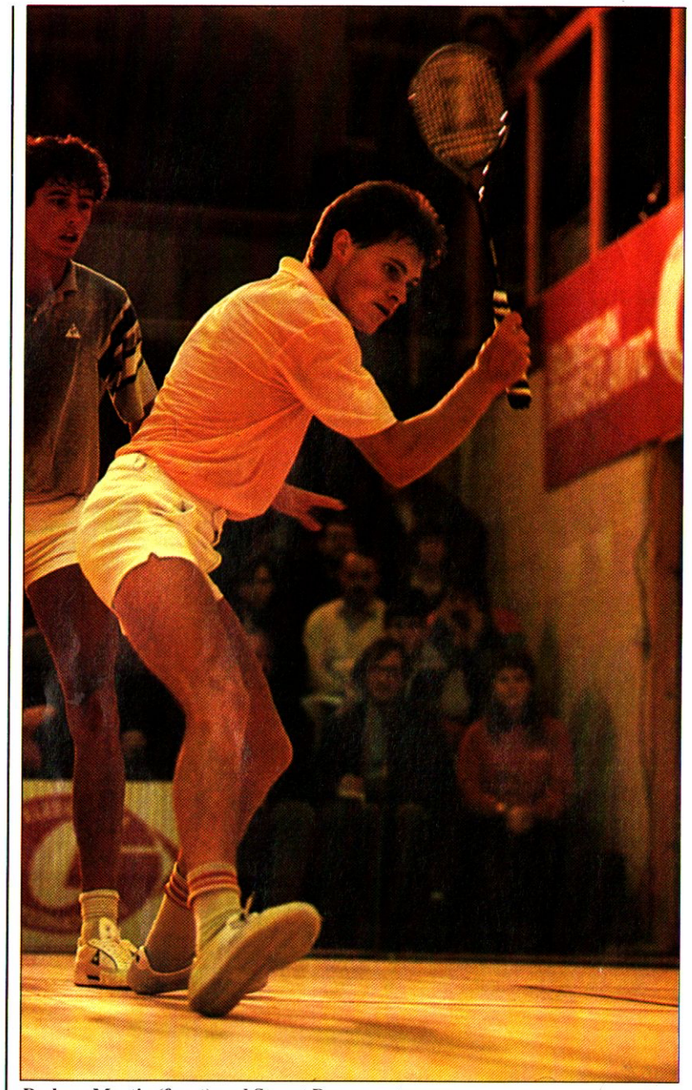
Astounded squash followers everywhere with his victory over Jahangir Khan in the World Open final at Toulouse last November, having collected just one game while losing to the Pakistani in ten major finals over the previous two years. That victory in France represented the culmination of one of the greatest come-back stories in any sport; Norman had been told he would never play again after tearing his left knee apart in a parachuting accident during the summer of 1983. Had never been higher than world number 8 before the accident but roared up to number 2 with 12 major title wins before achieving 'the impossible' in Toulouse. Has had a disappointing season on court since then but carrying the mantle of 'defending champion' could herald a return to his best form in Birmingham.

3. STUART DAVENPORT (New Zealand)

Always a good bet to figure in the latter stages of the major events. Reached the semi-finals of the World Open and ISRF World Individual Championships in 1983, and the quarter-finals of the World Open in 1984 and 1986. Has also featured in the British Open quarter-finals in each of the last five seasons, going on to the semis on three of those occasions. It is perhaps surprising then that the 1986 US Open represents his only major title win since collecting the British Open Championship in 1981. Is unlikely to improve on that record at this event but his superb volleying and extra dry wit should get a capacity of airings a the NEC.

4. JANSHER KHAN (Pakistan)

Just squeezed into the world top 30 on the eve of last year's World Open but has made such rapid progress since then that he is seeded to reach the semi-finals in Birmingham. First came to prominence when winning the World Junior Championship in April 1986 and indicated his →



Rodney Martin (front) and Stuart Davenport

tion to make a mark among the seniors by beating Maqsood Ahmed, Ross Thorne and Qamar Zaman to collect the Singapore Open five months later. In March of this year beat Stuart Davenport and Chris Robertson before taking a game off Jahangir in the Spanish Open. Confirmed his remarkable potential in April by defeating Gawain Briars, Ross Norman and Chris Dittmar on his way to the British Open final. Is the brother of Mohibullah Khan who made such an impact on world squash during the 70s, but remarkably Jansher may yet prove to have even more ability than the man who lost the first World Open final to Geoff Hunt over five glorious games lasting two hours and ten minutes.

5. CHRIS DITTMAR (Australia)

The world's best left-hander is still only 23 but he featured in a World Open final as far back as 1983. The Australian defeated Hiddy Jahan and Stuart Davenport before eventually going down to Jahangir Khan in the only World Open final thus far to have been contested by two teenagers. A leg injury in the spring of 1984 temporarily halted his progress but he bounced back to reach the British Open final in 1985, losing yet again to Jahangir. Then another, and this time much more serious, leg injury kept him out of action for 12 months. Again he came back and demonstrated that he was once more a real force to be reckoned with when he took a game from Jahangir in the semi-finals of the World Open at Toulouse last November, a performance which many consider went a long way to assisting Ross Norman in his memorable final victory. This year he has won the European Open, beating Norman in the final, and just recently the Victorian Open, where his victory over Rodney Martin enabled him to retain his Australian number 1 ranking. Would love to win the World Open title as an early first anniversary present for Liane whom he married in Adelaide last January.

6. RODNEY MARTIN (Australia)

The most exciting stroke-maker since Qamar Zaman clearly demonstrated that he can scrap with the best of them as well by coming from two games down to save match-ball and defeat Jahangir Khan in the July final of the New South Wales Open. When one remembers that Martin led by two games and 6–4 before going down to the world number 1 in the British Open semi-finals in April, there can be no doubt that a very bright future indeed lies ahead for the young man from Sydney who first entered the world's top 30—at number 30—in the summer of last year. If he does not win the World Open title this time around —and to discount the possibility would be foolish—he must surely do so before very long.

7. PHIL KENYON (England)

The England captain's impressive career now spans some 15 years since he first won the British Under 19 Open Championship—then regarded as the unofficial world junior title—but his appetite for the big occasion seems to have diminished very little. He was runner-up to Jahangir Khan in the World Amateur final in 1979 and lost to the same opponent in the quarter-finals of the World Open in 1982 and '83. Jahangir also defeated him in the quarter-finals of the last ISRF World Individual Championship in 1983. His last major victories came in 1985 when he won the Hong Kong and Singapore Opens but would dearly love to produce a top-class performance in his own country where he has been national champion on four occasions. At 31, this may be his last realistic chance of emulating his great rival Gawain Briars who is thus far the only Englishman to have reached the semi-finals of the World Open. →

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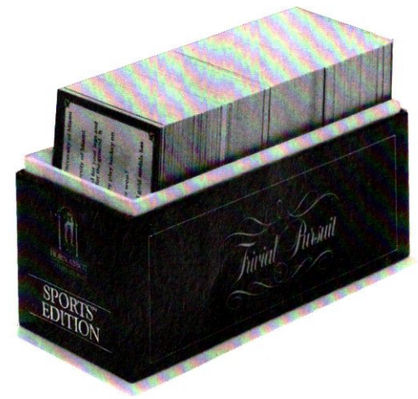

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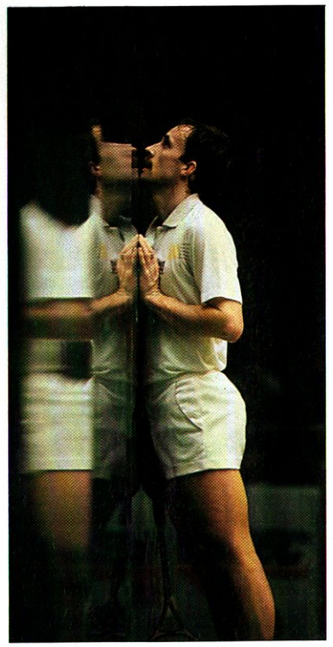


Phil Kenyon looks to the heavens for inspiration during the 1987 British Open Championship

8. CHRIS ROBERTSON (Australia)

Like Rodney Martin, Chris Robertson will celebrate his 22nd birthday during these World Championships and a repeat of last year'sperformance in Toulouse when he defeated Stuart Davenport to reach the semi-finals would be an ideal gift to himself. He is obviously running into his best form at just the right time, judging by his victory at the Australian Open in August where he beat Chris Dittmar in the semis and Rodney Martin in the final. He also defeated Dittmar in the final of the Monte Carlo Open earlier this year. Already knows what it feels like to be a world champion, having won the World Junior title in Canada in 1984. During that tournament, in which he also led Australia to the team title, he recorded wins over Rodney Martin and Jansher Khan. Last year he reached the quarter-finals or better of no less than eleven major open championships.

9. QAMAR ZAMAN (Pakistan)

The 36-year-old Pakistani must surely rank as the most unlucky player of the modern era. Having lived for years in the shadow of Geoff Hunt, to whom he lost three World Open and three British Open finals, he had to suffer the same fate again when Jahangir Khan burst upon the scene. In 1983 Zaman lost to Jahangir in the finals of both the World Open and ISRF World Individual Championships; in 1984 they clashed again in the British Open final and once more it was Jahangir who collected the winner's cheque. Zaman did win the British Open in 1975, beating Gogi Alauddin in the final, but earlier in the 70s he had twice been brought down at the final hurdle by Mohibullah Khan as he strove to put his name on the British Amateur trophy. It is a tribute to the man whose racket skills are second to none that he is still chasing major titles. His impish humour will brighten these world championships; it would be nice to see the grin broadened even further by a few victories.

10. TRISTAN NANCARROW (Australia)

The highest ranked player not to be representing his country in the team event at these championships, and Nancarrow would like nothing better than to prove that his omission from the Australian squad in favour of Ross Thorne was a grave error by the selectors. A flamboyant character on and off court, he may lack something in the area of self-discipline but talented racketwork, victories over the likes of Chris Dittmar and Phil Kenyon, plus the game he stole from Jahangir at this year's British Open all adds up to a package that should not be ignored. One to watch if he's on his game.

11. ROSS THORNE (Australia)

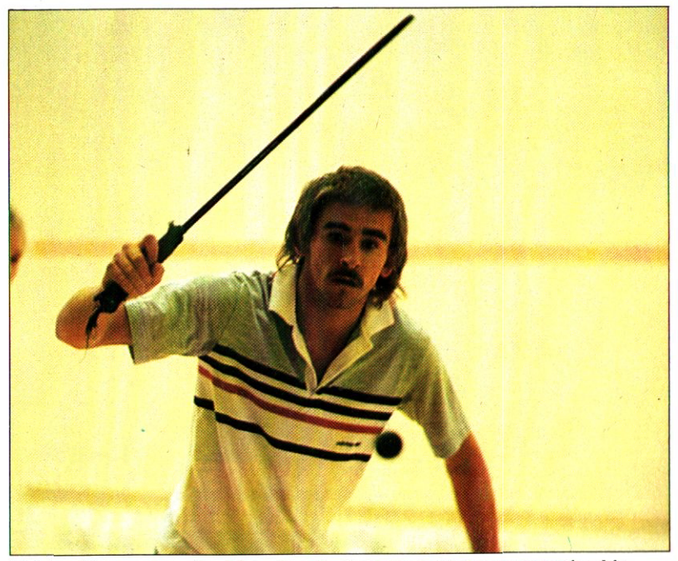
Somewhat surprisingly selected for Australia ahead of Tristan Nancarrow, the 29-year-old Queenslander has been little in evidence since abandoning the international circuit early this year after a family bereavement. Had a good run last year when he reached the quarter-finals of the World, British, Canadian and Al Falaj Opens; the semi-finals of the Spanish, Monte Carlo, Singapore and US Opens; and the final of the Pakistan Open. A return to that sort of form could make him a danger to some of those in the top ten. His wife Rhonda was women's world champion in 1981.

12. RICKI HILL (Australia)

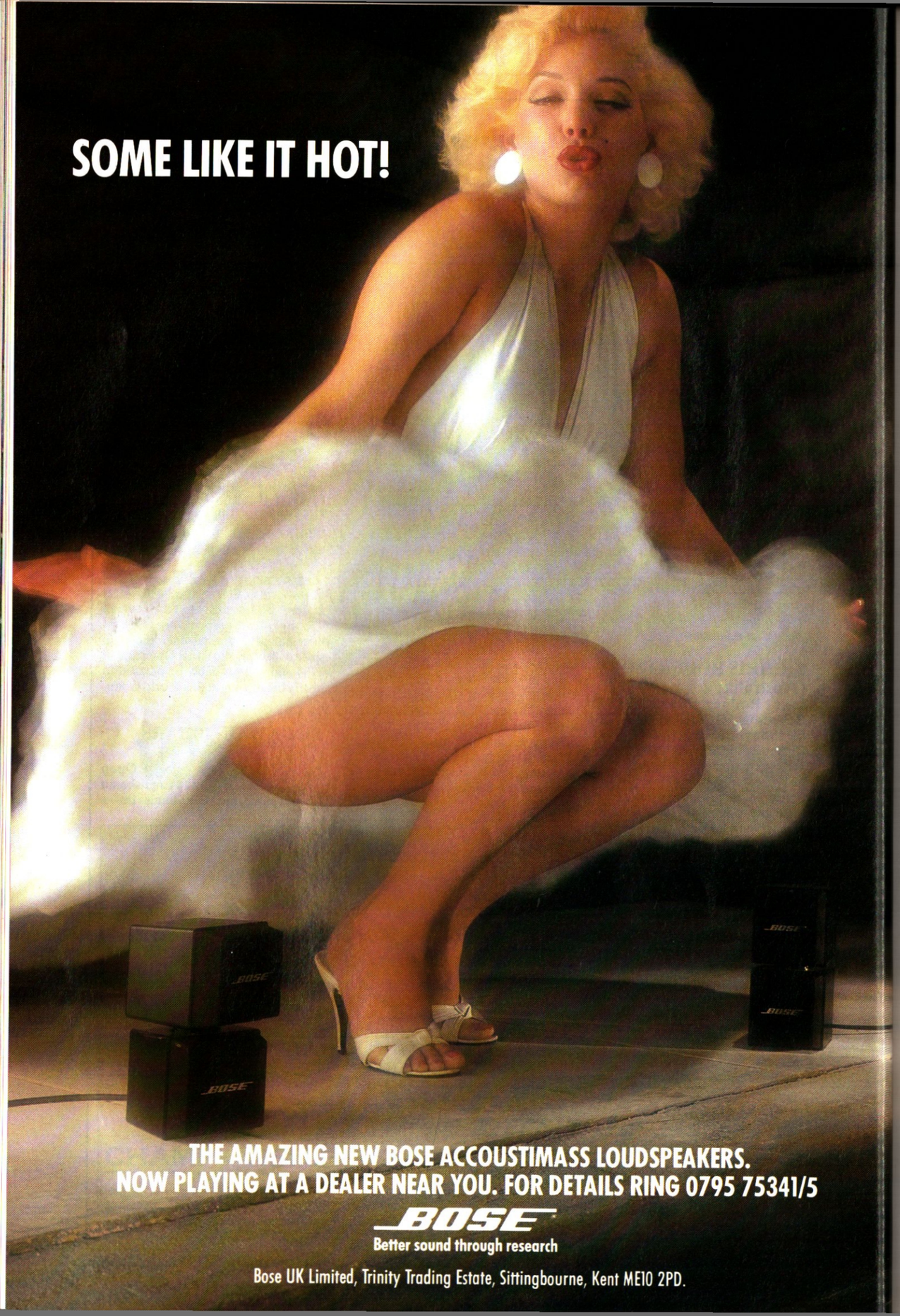
The sixth Australian on the seeding list was born in Melbourne but has now settled with his wife in London. His best performance this year to date was reaching the semi-finals of the Monte Carlo Open, and he has also figured in the last eight of the Belgian Trophy and the French Open. Has not won an international championship since collecting the Israel Open title in 1984 and will probably be pleased to justify his seeding at this World Open.

13. GAWAIN BRIARS (England)

Produced the best World Open performance so far by an Englishman by reaching the semi-finals in →



Tristan Nancarrow—the highest ranked player not to be representing his country in the team event



Qamar Zaman and Hiddy Jahan battle it out at the 1987 British Open

1985, losing to Ross Norman. He lost again to the New Zealander last year in Toulouse, this time in the quarters. His best performance to date this year is his victory over Stuart Davenport in the Irish Open final. Reached the semi-finals of the Swedish Open and lost a thrilling third round encounter with Jansher Khan at the British Open. His best year was 1985 when, apart from his performance in the World Open, victories in the Irish, Monaco, Dutch and Stockton Opens, plus semi-final appearances in the US Open and PIA Masters lifted him to number 4 in the world. The home crowd will need to lift him if he is to progress beyond the last 16.

14. STUART HAILSTONE (South Africa)

A semi-final appearance at the Belgian Trophy and a run to the quarters in the French Open have given South Africa a representative in the world's top 16 for the first time since Roland Watson back in the late 70s. Hailstone is probably a little flattered by his position on the list and a place in the last 16 is surely the very best he can hope for. There is certainly little chance of him emulating the best performance by a South African at a world event: that goes down to David Scott who beat his compatriot Ian Holding to reach the final of the World Amateur Championship in England in 1976. Scott then went down in five to the late Kevin Shawcross.

15. HIDDY JAHAN (England)

Now 37, Jahan has a marvellous record in the World Open; reaching the semi-finals in 1980, 1981 and 1982, and going out in the quarters in 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1984. His list of achievements at the British Open is even more impressive; 12 appearances in the quarter-finals, going on to the semis four times and the final once. Is obviously still talented enough at his best to trouble any of the top players but could be forgiven for keeping at least one eye on the ensuing battle with old rival Qamar Zaman for the World Over 35 crown.

16. GEOFF WILLIAMS (England)

The left-handed England number 2 has climbed back into the world's top 16 after an injury which caused his withdrawal from the 1985 World Championships. He achieved his highest ever position of 11 during the 1984/85 season in which he also won the British national title. His best results of 1987 have been runner-up in the Cannons International, and quarter-final appearances in the Monte Carlo Open and Open de Paris. His initial aim at this World Open will be to improve on his run to the third round when the event was held in New Zealand in 1983. ○

At last, after five-and-a-half years of supremacy, Jahangir Khan was finally defeated by an unrelenting New Zealander last year in Toulouse.

NORMAN CONQUEST

by
Colin McQuillan
of *The Times*

THE WORLD OPEN Championship in Toulouse last year was one of the historic touchstones of squash. It was one of the most agreeable settings ever organised for a major event. It drew the largest single audience ever to watch a squash match, after a week of enthusiastic full houses. It provided the greatest upset the game has ever seen. And it did all this in front of the largest press gathering ever to cover a world championship.

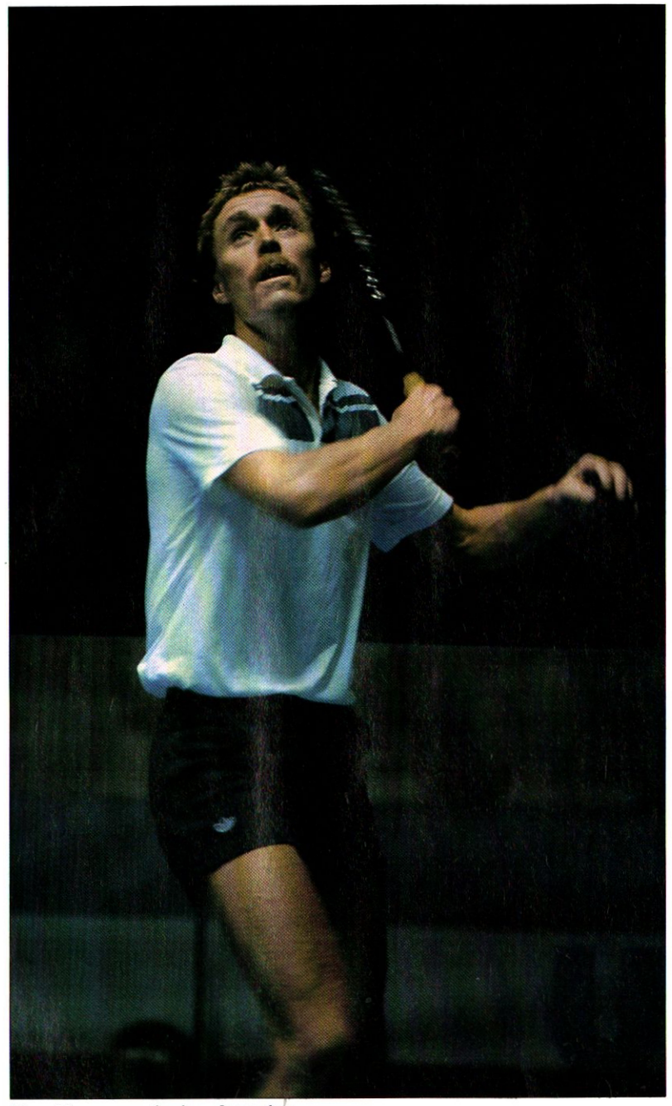
Nor did helpful coincidence end there. The finalising of Jahangir Khan's extraordinary five-and-a-half-year undefeated run by Ross Norman was the product of a string of interlocking factors such as the wiry New Zealander had always hoped might conspire to reward his two year pursuit of the Pakistani phenomenon.

Jahangir arrived at Toulouse short on match practice after injury problems earlier in the season. Ross was at an absolute peak having played every major tournament in the world during the preceding season, winning everything ignored by Jahangir and dogging him through the finals of everything they entered together.

Norman had given the reigning world champion a real scare in Cairo 12 months earlier, when Jahangir defended his title successfully whilst carrying a knee injury and stomach troubles, but he dropped a game to the New Zealander's low-paced rallying tactics in the final. It seemed then that more challenge to Jahangir in the earlier rounds might have brought him to the final more exhausted, and tilted the match in Norman's favour.

In Toulouse, Chris Dittmar returned resoundingly from his own extended knee problems to force his way through the qualifying rounds and into Jahangir's semi-final. While Ross appeared to benefit from a good stretching semi-final against Chris Robertson, Jahangir was at times fighting for his life against the uninhibited front court attack of a man he thought broken more than a year before.

And then there was the ball: Jahangir has always benefited hugely from his ability to quickly read court and ball conditions, and adapt his game to them. On the all-transparent Perspex court at Toulouse, however, he never wholly conquered the pronounced skid and the unpredictable bounce of a new Merco reflecting television ball, just adopted by the International Squash Players Association for their competitions and, ironically enough, personally endorsed by Jahangir himself. →



Ross Norman: reigning champion

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Norman quickly developed a state of concentration which enabled him to follow this odd trajectory on most occasions. But Jahangir—perhaps worried about his knee, or missing the usual presence of his coach and mentor Rahmat Khan who was with his sick wife in England—failed to implement the early strike of the ball that most times gives him such advantage over his opponents.

Reaching, hesitating and scrambling uncharacteristically after the precise deliveries of his adversary, it was well into the third game before Jahangir hit any sort of rhythm at all.

'I always said the day would come,' Norman reminded us later. 'Logically there have to be times when Jahangir is off his game and I was waiting for one of those times and hoping that I would be playing well and at least one other player would be good enough in the quarters or semis to take some of his sting.

'I knew I would have to keep him on court for two hours but, if things for once accumulated against him, I knew I could do it.'

That the moment should arrive in the final of the most important tournament, with the world title as a special prize, was a bonus even Norman had not dared dream about.

The final in Toulouse completely reflected Norman's dogged philosophy. He won 9–5, 9–7, 7–9, 9–1 in an hour and 50 minutes. Far from being a classic of shot and adventure, it was more a battle for survival by a great champion for once knocked out of his supremely dominant stance by a challenger reaping the dividends of a long and hard apprenticeship of percentage squash.

When he reached 8–1 and match point in the fourth game, Norman cautioned himself to stay calm. 'You got here playing sensible squash,' he told himself. 'All you have to do is play more sensible squash to take out the leader of the pack.' There was even a stage, he admitted, where sympathy for the struggling champion began to intrude into his thinking.

Ross Norman was not alone in needing to discipline this thought process. Three thousand French spectators were in the process of adopting the mighty Jahangir Khan as the underdog and most of the world's top squash writers were worrying about the preconceived reports they had expected to file about yet another Jahangir victory.

The correspondents of *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Today*, *Squash World* and *Squash Player International* had lunched together at a sunlit open-air restaurant in the huge food fair temporarily established in the grounds of the Toulouse Palais des Sport throughout the championships.

It was a comfortable meal, consumed with leisurely relish by men confident their most challenging work at the tournament was over with the semi-finals. There seemed to remain only uncrossed T's and undotted I's.

Three hours later the last relaxing influence of Cahors vanished in a flood of adrenalin as realisation dawned that a sporting story of great significance required detailed attention.

Play opened in front of an unsophisticated but eager crowd with a four minute point which included three routine let calls before it fell to Norman. Some 28 minutes and 20 let calls later, the New Zealander had secured his second game from a score of meetings down the years with Jahangir.

Little was yet diverging from a familiar script. Journalistic digestion was undisturbed. Norman had played nine major finals against Jahangir leading up to Toulouse, taking only that one single game away from the Cairo confrontation.

'I knew when I won the first game I was in with another chance like Cairo,' he said later. 'I forced myself to stay calm and play for the second, however long it might take.'

It took precisely 42 minutes and the character was again established early as nine lets were called in the first three points and Norman drew an official warning from the referee, John Robinson, for backing up on his opponent in midcourt.

That brought Norman out of the door to protest angrily and demand the tournament director. 'He is right here,' said Robinson cheerily, pointing to his French marker, Philipe Bigeard. 'Do you agree with these decisions?' demanded Norman. 'Oh yes,' said Bigeard. 'Oh no you don't mate,' snarled the New Zealander slamming back into court. But he stopped crowding and he played Jahangir out of the game.

'I could feel he was tiring more than me,' he said later. 'You do not often get on top of that guy. You have to take advantage when it happens.'

Jahangir agreed he was feeling the pace. 'I had a month out and only one tournament before the world championship,' he explained.

'I might have won with a more regular ball. But Ross played very well so perhaps not.'

The young but vastly experienced Pakistani was remarkably contained for a man toppled from a record reign. 'It had to happen sometime,' he said. 'I have done everything in the game. This gives me the chance of a comeback at 23!'

For a short time in Toulouse it seemed Jahangir might make the comeback instant. He won the third game in 24 minutes, accelerating away from 7–7 with something of his usual authority.

But Norman was not about to settle for merely the first man to take two games from Jahangir since that was achieved by Hiddy Jahan in 1982. He has since managed to take Jahangir into the fifth game, in Canada earlier this year, and the feat was also managed by Rodney Martin; first in the British Open semi-final, which he lost, and then in the New South Wales Open Final, when he became the second man in six years to beat the world number one.

In Toulouse Norman aimed instead for the fastest route to the record books. He began the fourth game firing drop shots in from the deep court and soon discovered that the young maestro no longer had the heart to chase them. Pens flashed with renewed excitement.

It took just nine minutes for Norman to clinch the $10,000 first prize, the world title and the greatest scalp in sport. The departure of the press was frenzied. It was the best story the game had produced in decades.

ITN rang *The Times* sports desk seeking directions to the source of rumours emanating from the European television distribution network. The fine irony of television news chasing a squash story will not be lost on those who have spent years trying to interest British broadcasting moguls in the game.

Ross Norman, world champion, hit the Nine O'Clock News filmed by French Television, interviewed by Giles Smith of ITN through *The Times* telephone at Toulouse. Strange bedfellows on any story!

By that time the tents in Toulouse were almost folded and the journalistic restaurant party was contemplating dinner. The wine this time was Champagne. It was a good vintage but Norman had given us better sparkle that afternoon. ○

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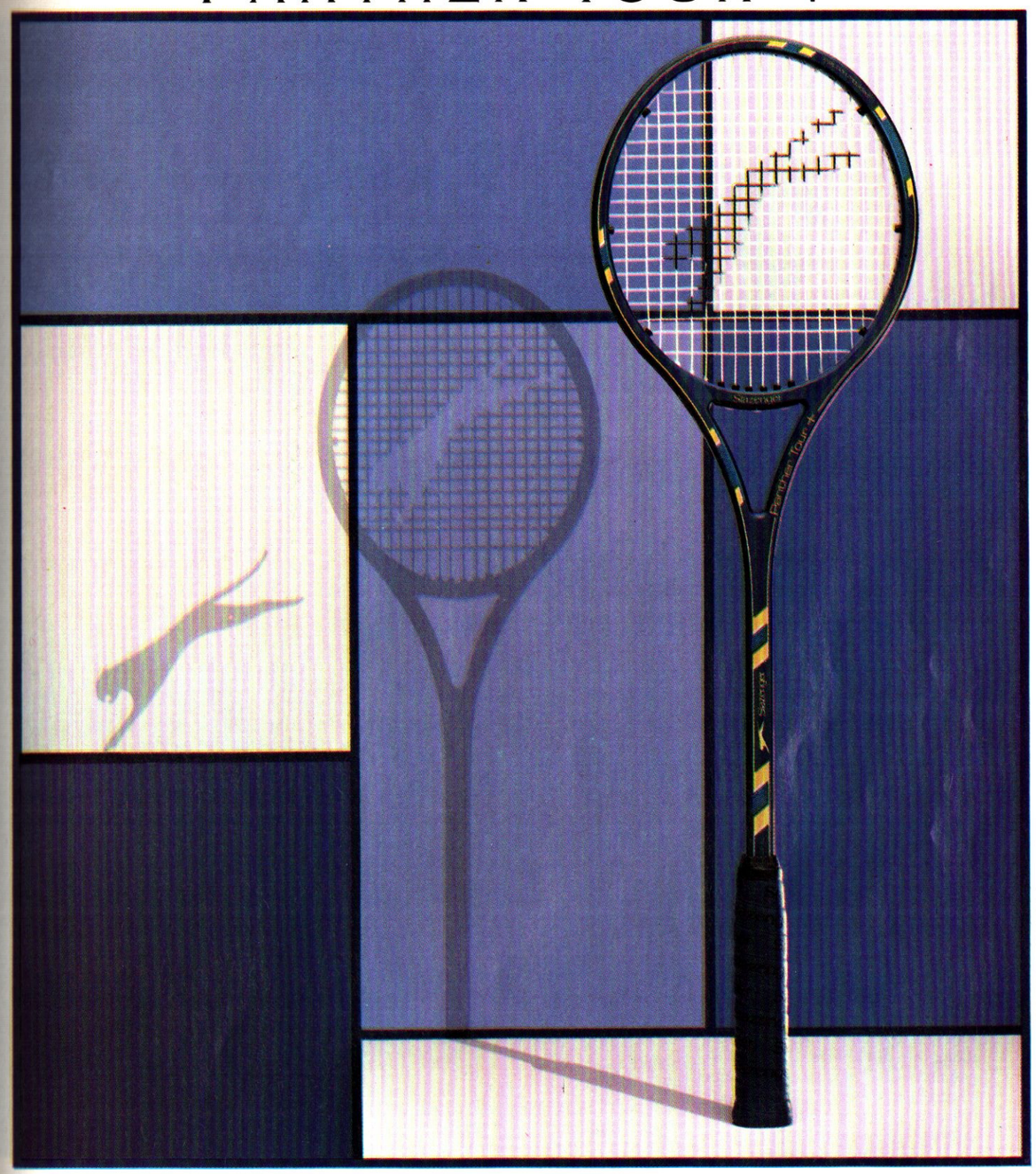

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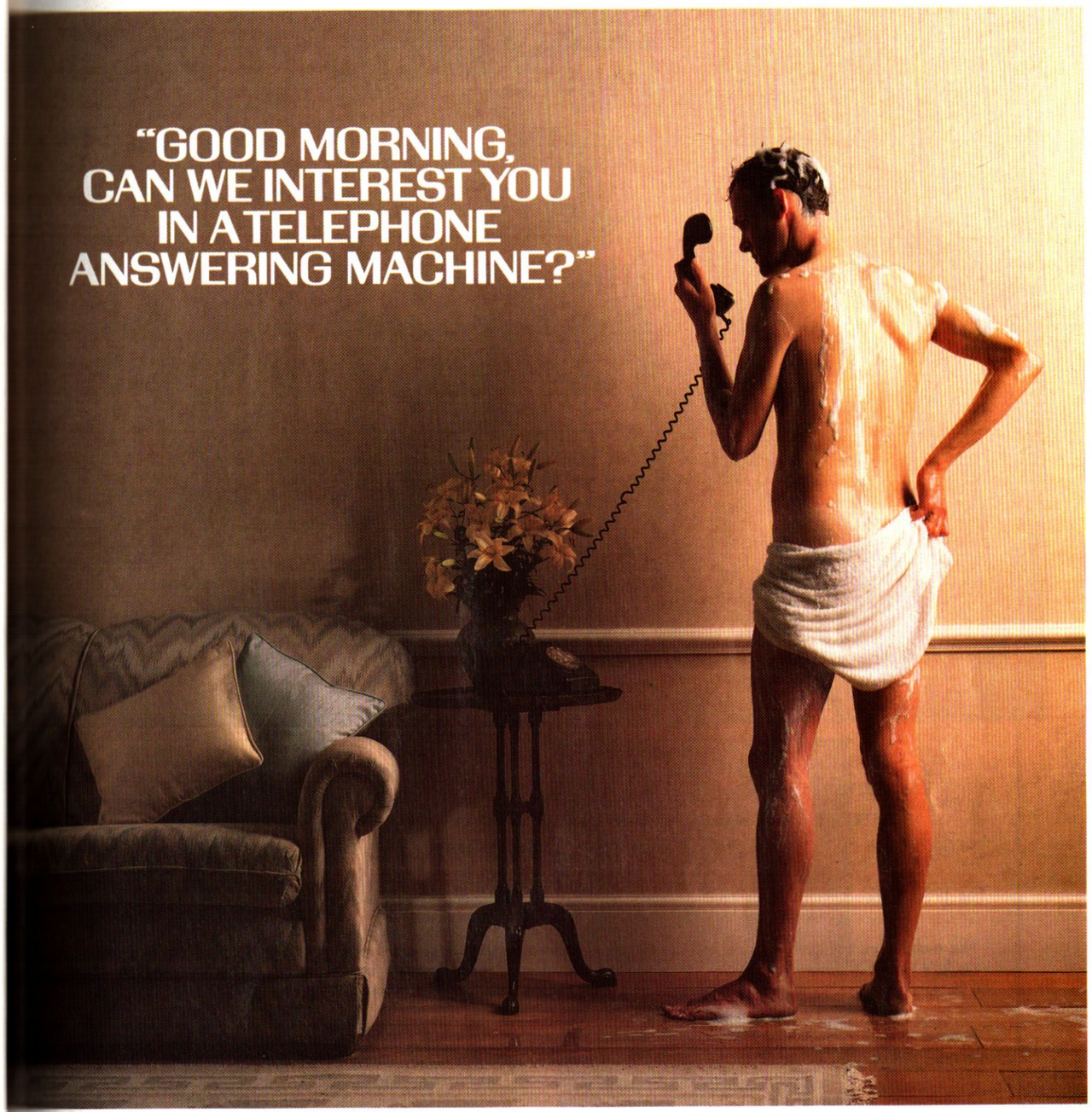

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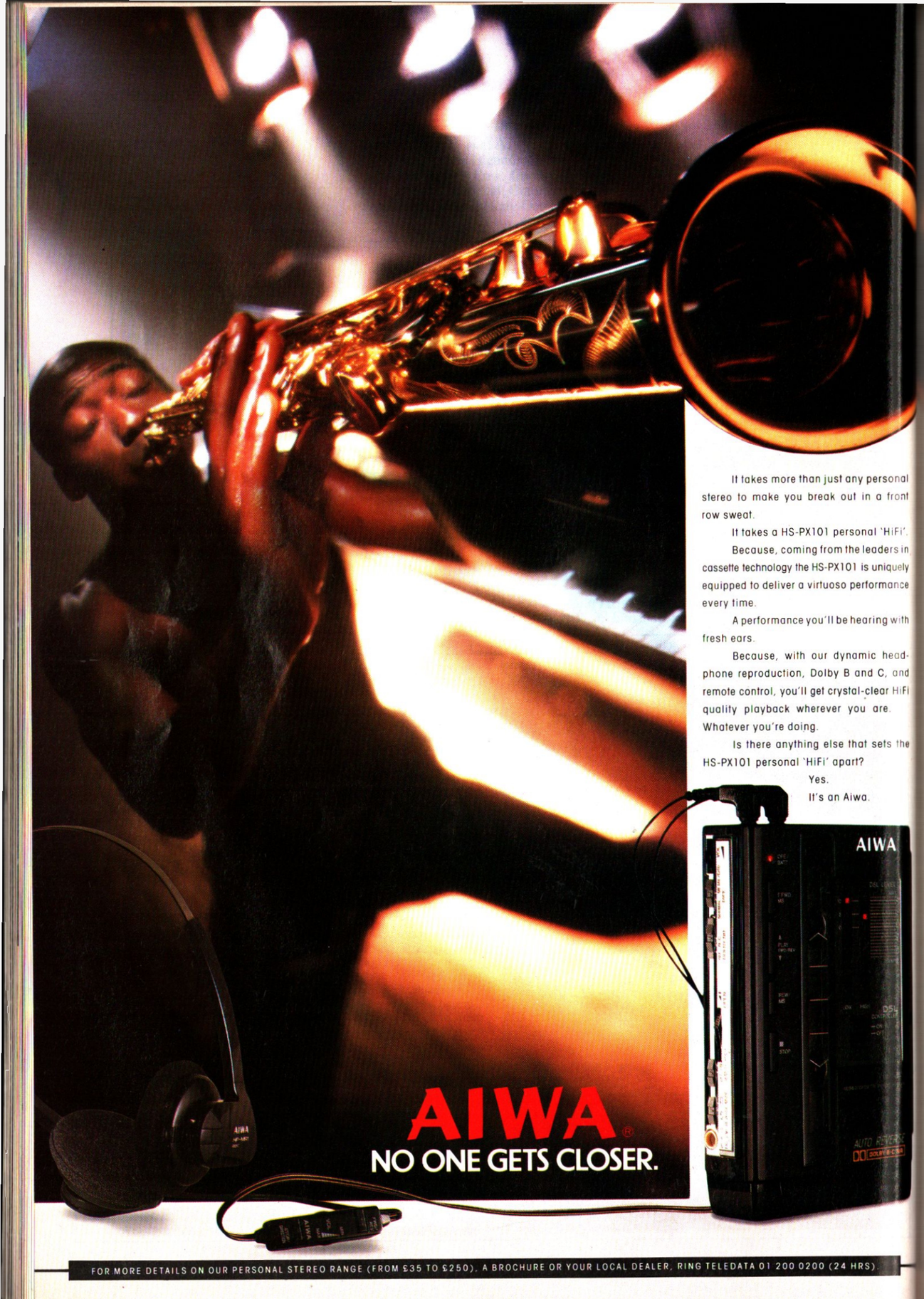


Mike Plummer of *The London Evening Standard* reflects upon the outstanding career of one of squash's greatest players—the legendary Geoff Hunt.

REFLECTIONS OF THE MASTER

WHATEVER THE EXPLOITS of Jahangir Khan, Ross Norman, Rodney Martin and the rest over these next three weeks in Birmingham and London—they all know the man they really have to beat is Geoff Hunt.

Not on court, although since his comeback last year the 40-year-old Aussie could give them all a game. It is the aura of Hunt they are fighting, the memories of how he dominated the early days of the World Open.

After winning the World Amateur title three times, he turned his attention to the World Open when it made its first appearance at Wembley in 1975, incorporated in the British Open. He eased past Cam Nancarrow in the the last eight, beat Gogi Alauddin in the semis, then outlasted Mohibullah Khan in a five-game final lasting two hours and ten minutes—just three minutes short of the longest recorded match at the time. That, incidentally, was the Hunt v Barrington encounter in the 1969 World Amateur Team final.

Geoff Hunt was thus the first player who could officially call himself World Open squash champion. It was a title he was to hold until 1981.

Everybody knew, of course, that he was the best in the world. He had finally overcome Barrington after their epic battles of the late 60s—finding the physical steel to ally to his tremendous skills.

He was then to take on a bevy of Pakistanis—Mohibullah, Zaman, Jahan and Allaudin—and beat them. They were ranged immediately below him in the rankings and in those pre-Jahangir days it was Hunt v Pakistan.

Poor Zaman was the chief sufferer. After at first being confused by the Pakistani's deft touch play and range of shots, Hunt came to terms with them. Zaman was beaten finalist in the next three World Opens—and only in the first of these, in Adelaide in 1977, was he ever in with a chance.

The Pakistani had beaten Barrington in three in the quarter-finals and Mohibullah in five in the semis. Then, in a match televised live, Hunt looked to have sewn up the final as he led 9–5, 10–9. But in the next two games Hunt was able to take only one point and Zaman was flying. But he was brought back to earth in the fifth, as Hunt delved deep into his physical and mental resources to clinch the title 9–4.

If proof was ever needed of Geoff Hunt's tremendous fitness at that time, a behind the scenes story from this World Open certainly provided it.

After his first round match, he flew to Sydney to take part in a two-day Australian Superstars event. Among his opponents were Olympic athlete Ron Clarke, cricketer Greg Chappell and Olympic swimming gold medallist Michael Wendon. Hunt won the cycling and the 800m to finish level on points in first place with rugby league's Graham Eadie. Hunt was just edged out on the countback of events in which they both took part but flew back to Adelaide $7000 richer and promptly beat Steve Bowditch for the loss of eight points.

On to 1979 in Toronto and again it was Hunt v Zaman. This time the 9–2, 9–3, 9–2 scoreline reflects the match. And back in Adelaide the following year it was a similar story—9–0, 9–3, 9–3 to Hunt.

But there was a cloud on Hunt's horizon, although he probably didn't realise its full implications at the time.

A 15-year-old had emerged from the foothills of the Himalayas in 1979 to take the World Amateur title. The Jahangir Khan saga had begun.

In 1981 Hunt was made painfully aware that this was no passing phenomenon. He came face to face with Jahangir at Chichester early in the year and finished shattered and defeated after five games lasting two hours eleven minutes.

Hunt turned the tables in the British Open final just two weeks later—and this time the match turned into a marathon of two hours and 14 minutes.

Would Hunt adapt as he had done against Zaman, or had he met his match at last? The writing was on the wall, and it was in letters three feet high in Toronto just six months later.

Hunt gained his own revenge victory over Zaman in the semi-finals, while Jahangir beat Hiddy Jahan.

The scene was set for the showdown.

Hunt took the first game 9–7, but had required a lot of effort. Jahangir turned the screw and Hunt could not respond.

The next three games went to the Pakistani, 9–1, 9–2, 9–7, the age of 17 years and 314 days was champion of the world.

Hunt was determined not to go lying down and Jahangir through the winter of 1981–1982.

Whether he would have won is a moot point. He might have for a time, and certainly Jahangir Khan would be the world venue in the years.

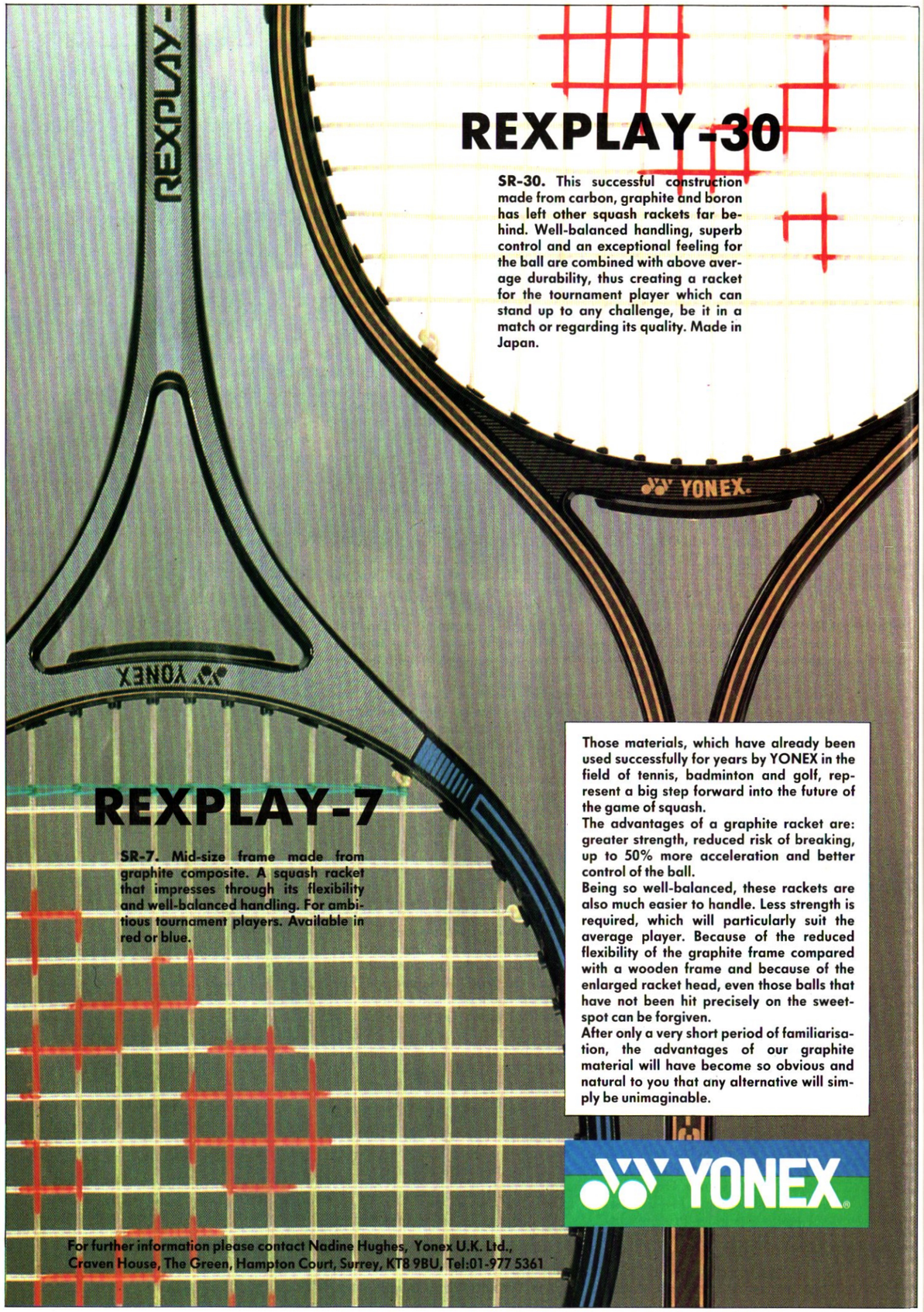
It was not to be—of course—trouble, which had been coming on the Australian was to be queror. He was forced to terms that to continue would be very painful—and long-lasting effects on his

The result was that eve of the 1982 British the field clear for Jahangir of maybes.

If the laser treatment enabled him to make 40 last year had been 1982, who knows? happened. Back to other matters.

Hunt, of course, has been in reflected glory of Jahangir's conveyor belt of young talent thing itself on the world scene his Australian Institute of Sport.

As Martin said after the Cannons International season: 'Just being with is something special. He's a player and a tremendous all. I'm just grateful I play him a few years ago. have been something really special he was indeed. had no need of any reflected glory. He won the greatest in the world has to reflect on that.



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Ross Norman, the tough, resilient New Zealander, took the world by storm last year when he succeeded where so many had failed and stole the world title from Jahangir Khan.

PRETENDER TURNED CONQUEROR

by Colin McQuillan of *The Times*

WHEN ROSS NORMAN, the quietly spoken and slightly built 28-year-old from Whitianga in New Zealand, won the World Open Championship in Toulouse last year, breaking in the process the extraordinary five-and-a-half-year undefeated run of the mighty Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, one of the longest and most determined pursuits in the history of sport was successfully concluded.

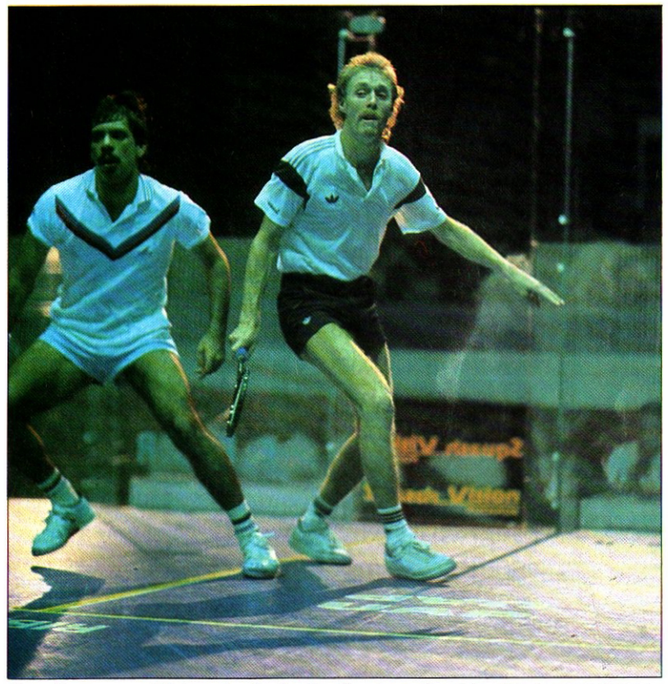
The headline writers of the world zeroed in on the 'Norman Conquest' possibilities produced by the unexpected result on the all-transparent Perspex court, parked like some intergalactic pitstop in the Palais des Sport of the French industrial city that, suitably enough, leads that nation's aerospace activities.

There was genuine surprise in many media quarters at the scene they discovered in Toulouse. Who were these 3,000 stamping, whistling Frenchmen who happened to be on hand for the downfall of a great champion in a 'small specialist' game? Even now, the real status of squash as a vast and active participation sport has not filtered through to many controllers of sports journalism, who regard anything beyond football, cricket and rugby as of doubtful esoteric value.

Even the *afficionados* of the game were a little surprised; not by the huge audience, which was merely the largest in a series of international gatherings that year, but by the outcome of the most important of the serial meetings between the two players in major finals of the Grand Prix circuit.

Only Ross Norman was not surprised: 'It happened as I always said it would,' he declared to the world's press after winning 9–5 9–7 7–9 9–1 in one hour and 50 minutes. 'I knew it would take around two hours on court to wear him down and I knew I could do it one day when he was off his game and I was on mine.'

The wiry New Zealander dogged the Pakistani phenomenon around the world for two years with that thought fixed firmly in his mind. Others had challenged Jahangir's supremacy but fallen by the wayside after briefly flirting with the flame of his domination. Some, like Egypt's Gamal Awad, who took Jahangir to a world record match duration of two hours and 45 minutes at Chichester before losing, were so badly scorched by the experience they never came back to the top flight.



Ross Norman and Jahangir playing for the championship at last year's World Open in Toulouse.

But Norman is made of different stuff. Those who regularly watched his matches against Jahangir noticed a definite pattern to the play. Norman would press hard in the early stages. If the response was stinging, he would withdraw slightly and simply play to create the most work for the young champion and to let him know it would never be easy to win. If the response was less than immediate, however, and there was evidence of lethargy or injury or lack of killing will, Norman would pull out all the stops and go for the throat.

He lost a score of confrontations over the two years preceding the Toulouse final, but Norman was never broken by the experience, never disheartened when the next challenge arrived. Inside his head he insisted that he was in control of the situation so long as he pursued his percentage philosophy. Once or twice he came really close to breakthrough. He knew it and, more importantly, Jahangir knew it. When the chance came again in Toulouse both players were conditioned by their mutual experiences.

Norman's soubriquet on the tournament circuit is 'Iron Man'. Affable and talkative off court, he →

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is flint-eyed and remorseless inside his chosen arena. The players call Jahangir 'J.K.'. Some of them convert this to 'Jesus Kriste' to denote a stature of arriving from another plane of existence.

'J.K.' had simply zoomed away from every other player in the game since he lost to Geoff Hunt in the final of the 1981 British Open Championship; five years, seven months and a day previous to the Toulouse final. But he could not shake the 'Iron Man' who just turned up next time looking as fresh and determined as ever.

Norman won everything that Jahangir neglected to enter in the two seasons leading up to the Toulouse World Open, and he finished second in the tournaments won by the world number '1'. Among the press he was seen as another Qamar Zaman; a superb player stuck in an era of a great champion and destined always to be the bridesmaid.

But Ross Norman's fighting temperament was forged in a furnace never visited by the graceful Zaman. He learned his squash on his father's club courts in Whitianga, first with an old tennis racket and later with cast-off squash rackets; often alone and always dreaming of becoming world champion.

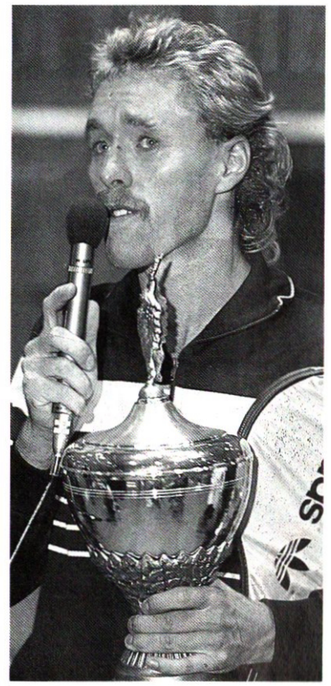
Some say the tennis racket might have been the original cause of one of the games widest preparatory swings. Others suggest wryly that 20 years of competition has taught Norman how best to fill a squash court well beyond his natural physique.

At nine years of age Ross Norman was skinny and a little on the short side. These days he stands 5ft 10in in his squash socks and, if he isn't massive, everything he carries with him is essential equipment.

He spent hours after school every day knocking old balls around on his father's courts. If he could find a partner, well enough. If not, he would play alone. At 13 he entered his first junior tournament and won it, going on quickly to prove himself the best junior player in New Zealand. Four years later he was acknowledged as the best in Australasia generally and rewarded with an all-expenses paid trip to England.

In two years he was in the top 16 of the world. He travelled alone and trained alone. There is very little coaching back-up in Norman's career story. 'The more you play the game the more you understand it,' he says.

'I can sort out problems for myself. That is the way I run my life. I am one of those blokes who just hates to be told what to do. I would rather run, fall down, get up and learn from the



experience than be told how to run without falling down.' Even as world champion, he negotiates his own contracts, arranges his own schedules and books his own travel.

He liked the life from the start. He played well enough to reach the top ten and every summer he took time out of the game to seek adventure. He took up scuba diving, mountain climbing, motor racing, flying, skiing and, cataclysmically, parachuting.

In the early summer of 1984, on his very first real parachute jump, Norman hit the runway with his feet going in one direction and his body in the other. The resultant twisting of his knee—'just like tearing apart a chicken drumstick'—severed one ligament and severely displaced another.

The surgeons were hardly optimistic. Less than 50-50 were the chances they gave on Norman ever playing squash again. 'I got angry about that,' he admits. 'I thought "who the hell are they to take my career away from me?" It was an anger that lasted me all the way through the training to come back.'

During the autumn of 1984 Norman worked eight hours a day with weights and racket, often ghosting alone on darkened courts at clubs near his London home, building back the muscle and the movement lost in traction and the fitness left on a hospital bed. It was a return to those early patterns of Whitianga. Again the lonely determination. Again the dream. This time he aimed for the ultimate. He would return from the dead and he would beat the unbeatable. He would end the undefeated run of the great Jahangir Khan.

By February 1985 he was strong enough to reach the semi-finals of the French Open. By October he was world number 2, with a clutch of titles in his bag and an uncompromising ambition in his heart to overturn the precocious Pakistani.

History records the fulfilment of that ambition in news column inches unrivalled by any squash player for a single victory, even in a World Open final. The media love the story and he has hardly stopped telling it and retelling it since. Even Jahangir has enjoyed some of the benefits. They have been around Asia with a series of challenge matches through the past summer.

He signed a lucrative racket deal with Dunlop and a new shoe contract with Hi-Tec. He re-signed for InterCity Cannons in the national league on the best weekly terms seen by any squash professional since the game went open in 1980. Cannons Club even presented him with a bright red Mercedes sports car!

In playing terms, he suffered a little from the distraction of it all. He put a second notch on the diamond studded racket that goes to the first player to win the Belgian Open three times running, but he lost the Swiss Masters to Jahangir just 13 days after Toulouse. He took Jahangir to five in the Mennen Cup in Canada but was tipped out of the British Open quarter-finals by Jansher Khan, the new Pakistani phenomenon.

Skipping the early Grand Prix tournaments in Australia, he learned that Rodney Martin followed his example by beating Jahangir over five games in the NSW Open final, and in some ways that may have been the most significant result of his own win in Toulouse.

Ross Norman did not just win the World Open title on November 11 1987; he did not merely defeat Jahangir Khan for the first time in five and a half years. He broke the myth of Jahangir's invincibility, and he persuaded the rest of the top professionals that the rewards of always fighting for victory were truly worth the effort.

Rodney Martin heads a new generation of players eager for the scalp of Jahangir Khan. He was the second man to beat the Pakistani maestro in nearly six years. He will not be the last. But Ross Norman was the first. ○

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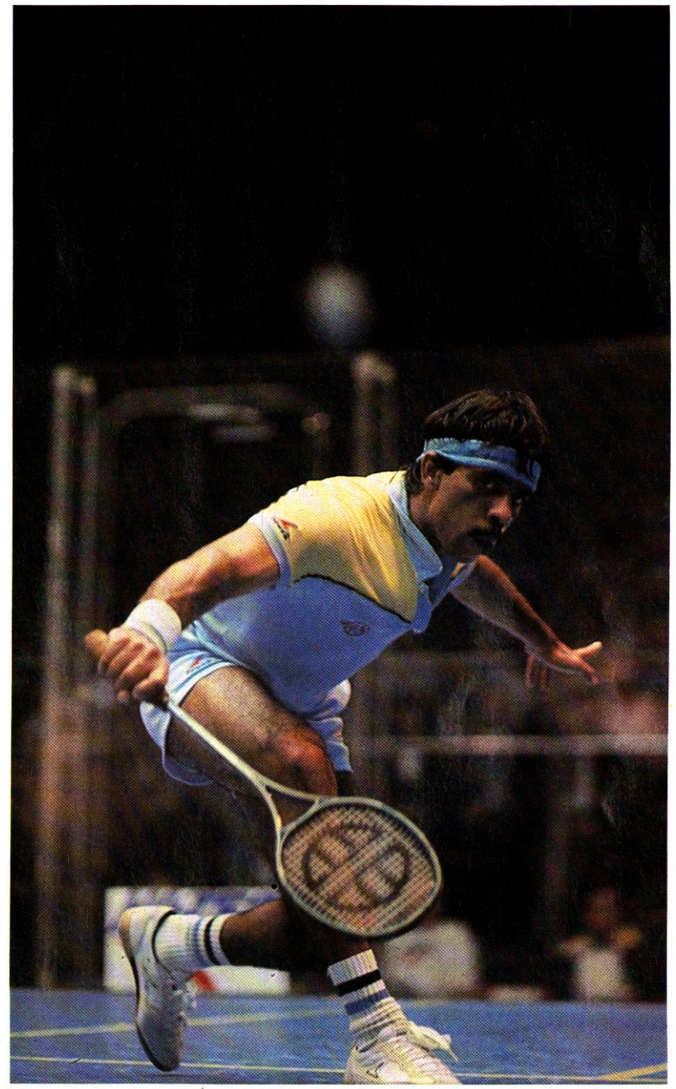


SHAKEN AND STIRRED

by Richard Eaton of *The Independent*

'I'VE BEEN SHAKEN' said Jahangir, settling himself at the kitchen table. He had just finished the last of his five daily prayers and looked anything but shaken. Rather, he was relaxed and comfortable as he wriggled himself into a better position to scrutinise an English newspaper. Life was about as worrying as the decision whether to wear traditional or Western clothes, compared with the days of the small, stony, depressing dwelling which he and his father Roshan had been obliged by poverty to occupy, even after he became world number one.

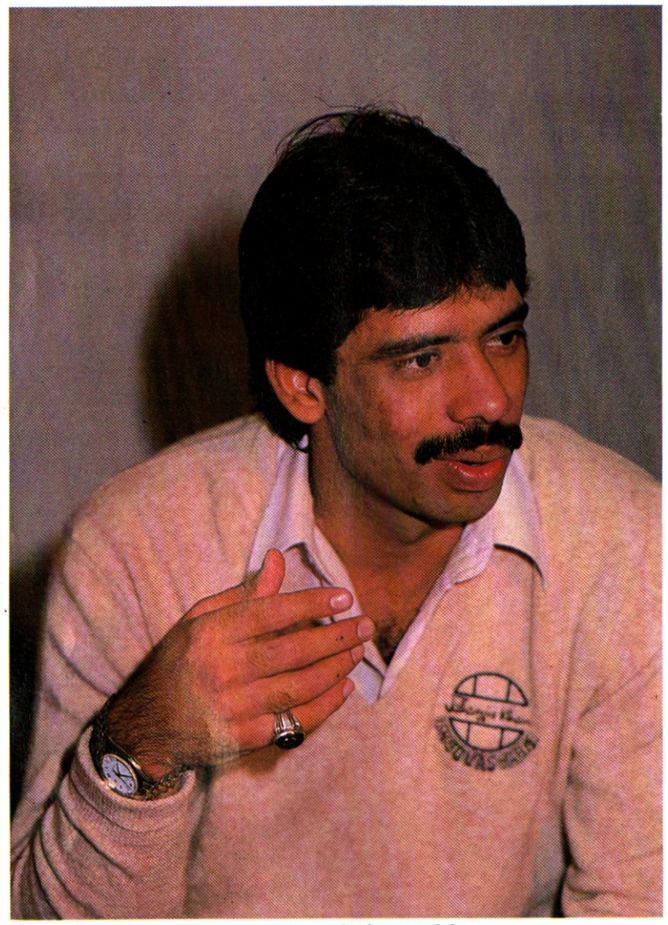
Still, shaken was the word he used and Jahangir is a sincere man. And it certainly describes the reaction of others to his extraordinary defeat by Rodney Martin in the New South Wales Open. Two games up, and later 7–0 and match-ball in the fourth, but still he lost in the fifth. And this the player who ground down the great Geoff Hunt, who outlasted Gamal Awad in two hours and forty-five minutes, and was recently regarded as the most frighteningly fit squash player in the world. How could it happen? What did it mean?

'Martin was very tired and just went for everything, and it came off,' claimed Jahangir. 'I was playing not only against him—and he played very well—but against an Australian crowd. I was alone and it was difficult. But it was good for the game. The crowd enjoyed it. And I enjoyed it as well.' A rare remark that one. Players do not usually enjoy any defeat, even if it is only their second in six and a half years.

As this suggests, motivation has occasionally become a problem for the world number one. So, according to his coaching cousin Rahmat, has fitness. Or had. 'I want to see him back to what he was in 1981,' said Rahmat whose influence has been missed more than people imagine, particularly on big occasions, and notably in Toulouse last year against Ross Norman. A clenched fist here, a signal to volley more there, might have made all the difference.

Jahangir agrees that more must now be done. Thus, the two have spent more hours working together than at any time since that apparently pre-ordained date six years ago when the 'Conqueror of the World' first lived up to the meaning of his name. Once again they have been putting in the hard work, day in, day out. 'It's like taking the engine back to be retuned,' Jahangir claimed. More like a ten thousand mile service.

It is for these reasons that he →



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appears to have a good chance of fighting off the challenge of Martin, of JK Mark II (Jansher Khan) and reclaiming the world title snatched away in a seismic sensation by Norman. Jahangir had problems with his knee, leaving him with a visible reduction in stamina. He had not been able to train as well and he was probably half a stone heavier than when he first reached the top. The Khans looked at all the symptoms carefully and decided upon some tough, but familiar medicine.

'It is better for training here in England,' acknowledged Jahangir. 'Living in Pakistan, I found it a bit hard. I sweat a bit too much there, and I usually sweat a lot anyway. So I was growing physically weaker there, but not really working hard. Here I do a lot of training, and still feel good.'

Don't ever imagine that it is easy for him to do that. He has to give up his home and his many friends and come to slave away in a land where people are often aloof or indifferent to him. He is a millionaire and the living could be easy. Back home in Karachi he now has a lovely six-bedroomed house in an area where diplomats and professionals retreat to their bougenvillea and hibiscus-lined enclaves close to the Arabian Sea. He must dream of it during rainy nights in Rickmansworth.

Living there is not only lovely, it is also a revolution for Roshan. At the height of a career that took him to world number one as well, he hardly had two rupees to rub together. Only a year ago he decided it was time to tell it all as it had been, revealing to a television crew the place where he had once slept in the streets, and the clubs from which he had once been excluded. It embarrassed Jahangir. But perhaps it also made him even more proud of how well he has been able to repay his father and to share the pleasures of becoming a legend in his own lifetime.

Back in Pakistan Jahangir is so much a figure to be revered that the sight of him jogging down the road will stop lorries. His profile has been represented on a postage stamp, and his image is of importance to everyone from General Zia down. To a nation of painful illiteracy, colossal talent, and desperate underinvestment, Jahangir is a stimulus and a symbol.

The concrete slabs of Wembley, where he trains, must seem like a grave-yard by comparison. And a graveyard with one or two ghosts. From there memories seep back of the news of Torsam's death by a heart attack; reminders abound of lonely, confused months as a teenager when he sweated it out and tortured himself in trying to live out his brother's ambition.

How well can Jahangir put himself through it again? This time, possibly as well as for six years. How long will he want to continue doing so? It's crystal ball gazing, but my guess is perhaps for another three years. The target of nine British Open titles, beating the record set up by Geoff Hunt when he beat Jahangir in April 1981, is now openly discussed. So too, repeatedly, is the threat that after the nine he will no longer come, unless there is a large fee to entice him. The criticisms thrown at him for asking for appearance money have upset him. His own criticisms of the prize fund level in the men's event at the British Open remain unchanged.

Contrary to what some say, the game needs Jahangir to say in it for longer than that. It needs him to build up a major rivalry, perhaps with Jansher Khan, perhaps with Rodney Martin, perhaps with a youngster yet to burst through. The odds are against it. A decade at the top in modern professional squash, even at the age of 26 or 27, is a very long time. Muscles and bones ache and rebel, the mind wanders, the motivation ebbs.

Jahangir may have already begun the struggle against these forces of erosion. He has given himself quite a pounding over the years, and the desire to lead a normal life, perhaps to relive that adolescence he never really had, probably to get married and have a family life, grows stronger.

For the time being, he is likely to resist. If Jahangir isn't playing better than for a long time during these World Championships it will be something of a surprise. Health, balls (especially teleballs) and perhaps even courts will be variables to be considered. But his family and his country need him to perform more heroics, so perform them he probably will. But don't think it's getting any easier as time goes by. ○

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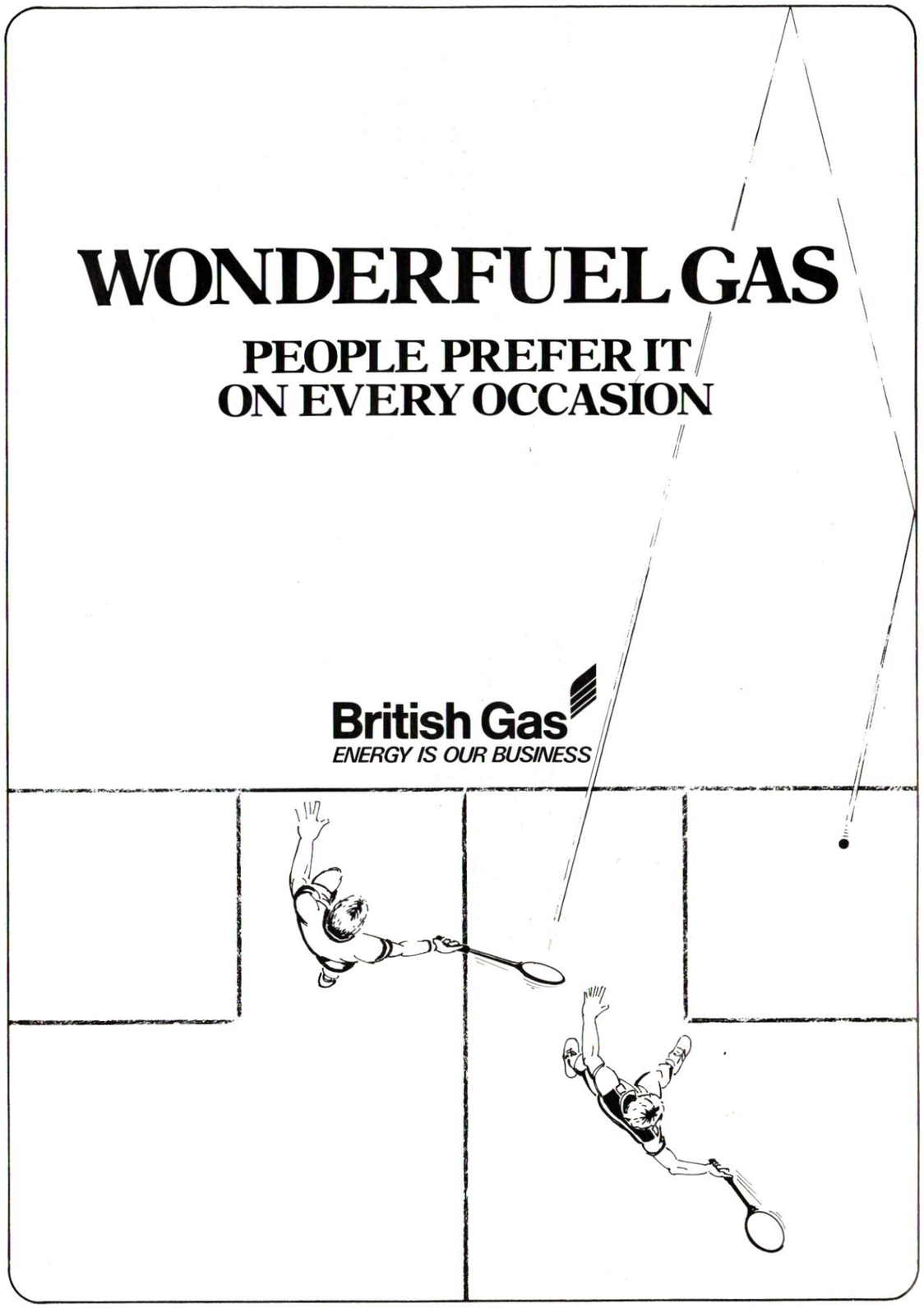

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The event begins at the Sutton Coldfield Squash Club near Birmingham where eight countries, split into two qualifying groups of four, will compete for four places in the main pools. The winning team from both qualifying groups will automatically progress to the next stage, while the runner-up in each group will play off against the third placed team from the other, with the winners of these matches also progressing to the main competition.

Twenty countries have been granted direct entry to the main pools with 16 of these being seeded according to the order in which they finished at the last World Team Championship two years ago. The four qualifiers will complete four pools of six teams, with each side playing the other five in the group.

The top two teams in each group will go into a draw for quarter-finals to be played at the Royal Albert Hall, with the runners-up being drawn against winners from other pools. Play-offs for positions 9-16 (contested between third and fourth placed pool teams) and 17-24 (fifth and sixth placed pool teams) will be drawn on a similar basis.

Losers will play off throughout the knock-out stages of the championship, thus providing a final team order of 1-24.

Qualifying Pools

Schedule

Pool 1: Belgium, Italy, Nigeria, Spain.

Date/Time	*Teams*	*Result*
Fri Oct 16: 1300	Belgium v Italy Nigeria v Spain	
Sat Oct 17 1300	Belgium v Nigeria Italy v Spain	
Sun Oct 18 1300	Belgium v Spain Italy v Nigeria	
Final Pool Order.	1. 3.	2. 4.

Schedule

Pool 2: Denmark, Kuwait, Monaco, Norway

Date/Time	*Teams*	*Result*
Fri Oct 16 1800	Denmark v Kuwait Monaco v Norway	
Sat Oct 17 1800	Denmark v Monaco Kuwait v Norway	
Sun Oct 18 1800	Denmark v Norway Kuwait v Monaco	
Final Pool Order.	1. 3.	2. 4.

The winning team from each pool progresses into the main event. Each runner-up competes against the third placed team from the other pool to fill the remaining two places in the next stage of the competition.

Mon Oct 19

Play off 1: ..... v ..... ***Result***
(Runner-up Pool 2) (3rd Pool 1)

Playoff 2: ..... v ..... ***Result***
(Runner-up Pool 1) (3rd Pool 2)

All above qualifying matches are played at Sutton Coldfield Squash Club. →

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP POOL A (Seedings in brackets)

PAKISTAN (1)
WEST GERMANY (8)
SWEDEN (9)
GREECE (16)
MALAYSIA

(Winner playoff 1)

DATE TIME VENUE MATCH BETWEEN	INDIVIDUAL TIE	SCORE	MATCH RESULT
Thur Oct 22 14.00 Cannons PAKISTAN V W. GERMANY	1 2 3		
Thur Oct 22 14.00 Cannons MALAYSIA V (winner playoff 1)	1 2 3		
Thur Oct 22 18.30 South Bank SWEDEN V GREECE	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 14.00 Princes PAKISTAN V SWEDEN	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 18.30 South Bank W. GERMANY V MALAYSIA	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 14.00 South Bank GREECE V (winner playoff 1)	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 Lambs PAKISTAN V GREECE	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 Lambs W. GERMANY V (winner playoff 1)	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 Lambs SWEDEN V MALAYSIA	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 South Bank PAKISTAN V MALAYSIA	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 South Bank W. GERMANY V GREECE	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 South Bank SWEDEN V (winner playoff 1)	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 14.00 Lambs PAKISTAN V (winner playoff 1)	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 18.30 Princes W. GERMANY V SWEDEN	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 18.30 Princes GREECE V MALAYSIA	1 2 3		

POOL A FINAL POSITIONS			
COUNTRY	PLAYED	WON	PROGRESS TO
1	5		Quarter-finals: Match No.....
2	5		Quarter-finals: Match No.....
3	5		9/16 playoffs: Match No.....
4	5		9/16 playoffs: Match No.....
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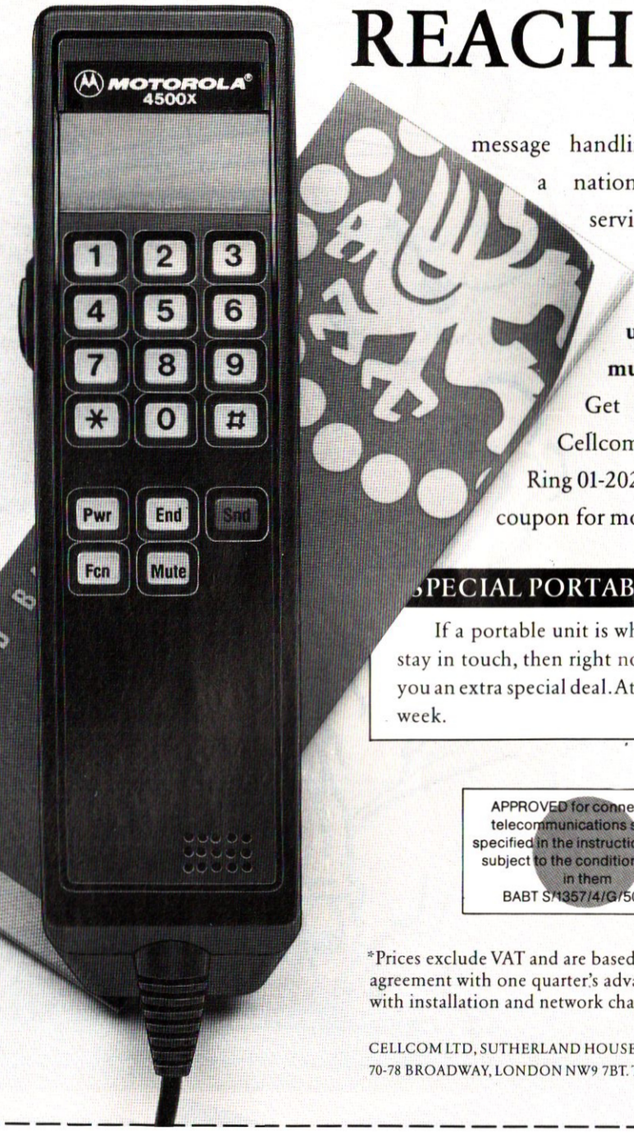

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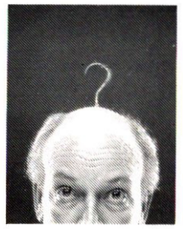

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WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP POOL B (Seedings in brackets)

NEW ZEALAND (2)
CANADA (7)
FINLAND (10)
USA (15)
WALES

(Winner Pool 2)

DATE TIME VENUE MATCH BETWEEN	INDIVIDUAL TIE	SCORE	MATCH RESULT
Thur Oct 22 14.00 Lambs NEW ZEALAND V FINLAND	1 2 3		
Thur Oct 22 14.00 Roehampton USA V (winner Pool 2)	1 2 3		
Thur Oct 22 18.30 Roehampton CANADA V WALES	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 14.00 Roehampton NEW ZEALAND V USA	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 18.30 Roehampton CANADA V (winner Pool 2)	1 2 3		
Fri Oct 23 18.30 Lambs FINLAND V WALES	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 South Bank NEW ZEALAND V WALES	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 Roehampton CANADA V USA	1 2 3		
Sat Oct 24 15.00 South Bank FINLAND V (winner pool 2)	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 Princes NEW ZEALAND V (winner Pool 2)	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 Roehampton CANADA V FINLAND	1 2 3		
Sun Oct 25 15.00 Princes USA V WALES	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 14.00 Cannons NEW ZEALAND V CANADA	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 14.00 Cannons WALES V (winner Pool 2)	1 2 3		
Mon Oct 26 18.30 Lambs FINLAND V USA	1 2 3		

POOL B FINAL POSITIONS

COUNTRY	PLAYED	WON	PROGRESS TO
1	5		Quarter-finals: Match No.....
2	5		Quarter-finals: Match No.....
3	5		9/16 playoffs: Match No.....
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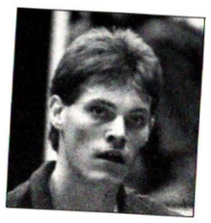
AUSTRALIA

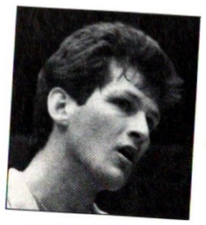
(SEEDED 3, POOL C)

CHRIS DITTMAR
Born Alberton; 16.1.64
World number 5. Fine junior career included winning Australian and British Open titles and finishing runner-up in world championship. Runner-up in World Open 1983, semi-finalist 1986, quarter-finalist 1984. Runner-up British Open 1985, semi-finalist 1987, quarter-finalist 1983. Reached world number 2 before serious knee injury in summer '85 kept him out of the game for 12 months.
Left-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interests: Australian football, cricket, music.

RODNEY MARTIN
Born Sydney; 17.10.65
World number 6. Winner British U23 Open 1986, 1987. Winner Hong Kong Open 1986. Same year runner-up in Finnish, Malaysian Opens, quarter-finalist British, European Opens. Winner New South Wales Open 1987 (where he defeated Jahangir Khan from 0–2). Also runner-up Finnish Open semi-finalist Swedish, British Open (led Jahangir 2–0 in latter), quarter-finalist Belgian Trophy, Cannons International, Monte Carlo Open.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single



CHRIS ROBERTSON
Born Brisbane; 24.10.65
World number 8. Australian junior champion 1984, 1986. World junior champion 1984.
1985: Semi-finalist Finnish, Swedish, Singapore Opens.
1986: Runner-up NZ Open; semi-finalist Spanish Open, World Open, Swiss Masters; quarter-finalist German, Monte Carlo, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, US, Al Falaj Opens.
1987: Winner Monte Carlo Open, Australian Open, semi-finalist Spanish Open, quarter-finalist British Open.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Golf, music, football



ROSS THORNE
Born Aspley, Queensland; 7.11.57
World number 11. Won South African, Monaco and Australian Opens in 1983. Also quarter-finalist French, British Opens. Has not won major title since but in 1984 was runner-up in Swiss Masters, quarter-finalist British open.
1985: runner-up German Open, PIA Masters; semi-finalist Swiss Masters, Al Falaj and Pakistan Opens; quarter-finalist World, US, French Opens. 1986: runner-up Pakistan Open; semi-finalist Spanish, Monte Carlo, Singapore, US Opens.
Quarter-finalist World, British, Canadian, Al Falaj Opens and Swiss Masters.
Family bereavement has curtailed his 1987 appearances and may be considered a slightly surprising choice for the Australian side.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interets: Golf.

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **3rd**, 1983 **3rd**, 1981 **2nd**, 1979 **3rd**, 1977 **5th**, 1976 **3rd**, 1973 **1st**, 1971 **1st**, 1969 **1st**, 1967 **1st**.

General information: Squash in Australia began with the building of the Melbourne Club in 1913. The Squash Rackets Association of Australia was founded in 1935, and the country's first official team, comprising Ken Hiscoe, Owen Parmenter, Dick Carter and Doug Stephenson, toured Britain in 1961 and won every match. Australian squash was on the map and the Aussies reigned supreme between 1967 and 1975 when they won the world team championship four times in succession. The world individual title went 'down under' seven times in a row between 1967 and 1977 while Geoff Hunt still holds the British Open record with eight wins. Hunt's involvement at the Australian Institute of Sport looks about to launch Australia into another golden era.

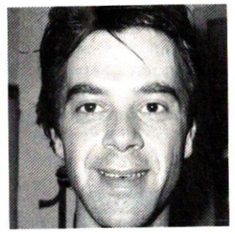
1987 Prediction: Australia has the best pedigree of any competing nation, being ever-present at the world team event, winning the first four titles and only finishing outside the top three on one occasion. They now have marvellous strength in depth—they have omitted from their squad world number 10 Tristan Nancarrow—and, on their day, have the ability to win the title. If they are to carry off the trophy, however, they will have to record wins at first or second string against Pakistan or New Zealand . . . possibly both! But that is not beyond the bounds of possibility, and they are the tentative tip for the title. →

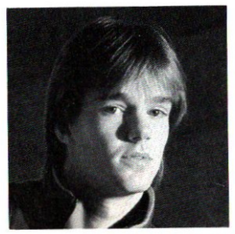
BELGIUM

(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL 1)

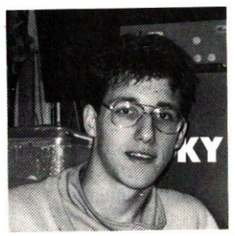
NICOLAS BRANICKI
Born 1963
National number 1 and champion
Right-handed.
Student/Squash professional
Single
Interests: Aviation

ERIK DE VIS
Born 1962
National number 15
Right-handed.
Squash Professional
Single





ERLAND SCHONBERGER
Born 19.11.66
National number 11
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Power training, jogging



THOMAS SONNENSCHEIN
Born 15.11.69
National number 3,
Junior champion
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Science, electronics, athletics

Manager/Coach
DONALD VEALE
Born Durham, England; 18.7.58
National number 12
Captain and number 1,
Kent U23s 1978
Right-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interests: Volleyball, Squash management

Previous World Championship Performances: Not previously entered.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **12th**, 1986 **13th**, 1985 **15th**, 1984 **17th**, 1983 **12th**.

General Information: Around 400 courts in 120 centres represent something of a plateau after a Belgian squash boom in the early 1980s. National grading scheme already features around 6000 players. Douwe Egberts Trophy and Ucon International Open has brought the world's best to Belgium.

1987 Prediction: Should squeeze through to main draw from qualifying Pool 1.

BRAZIL

(UNSEEDED, POOL D)

MARIO DE OLEVEIRA
World ranked =145

RICARDO FERRERA
World ranked 83

FRANCISCO FRISONI
World ranked 73

RODRIQUEZ SUAREZ

Previous World Championship Performances/ Not previously entered.

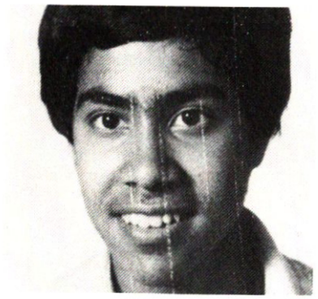
General information: Squash in Brazil has continued to grow throughout the 1980s and the latest ISPA list of 192 players contains no less than 13 Brazilians.

1987 Prediction: Little is known of the Brazilian players but experience is all they are likely to pick up from a group in which Ireland are the next weakest link. However, let us reserve a warm welcome for the first South American team to visit the World Championships.

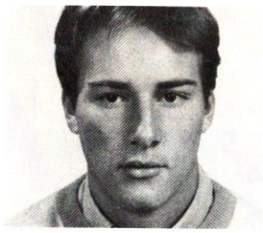
CANADA

(SEEDED 7, POOL B)

SABIR BUTT
Born Nairobi, Kenya; 20.4.69
National number 2, World number 30, Canadian Junior Champion '81, '82, '84, '86, '87, member of Canadian team which finished fourth in 1986 World Junior Championships. British U19 Open semi-finalist in 1986.
Coached by Rahmat Khan
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Music, coin collecting, travelling.

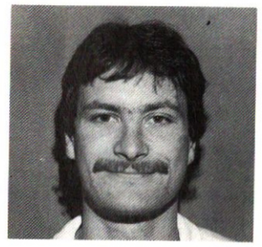


JAMES CROMBIE
Born Vermont USA
National number 4
Played number 1 for Canada at the 1984 World Junior Championships
Right-handed
Studying economics at University of Western Ontario.
Single
Interests: Soccer

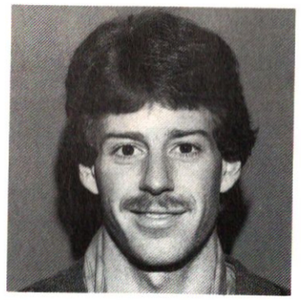


JOHN FLEURY
Born Montreal; 8.6.59
Played for Ireland from 1979–82, including number 1 at 1982 European Championships. Played number 1 for Ireland at 1978 World Junior Championships.
Squash club manager

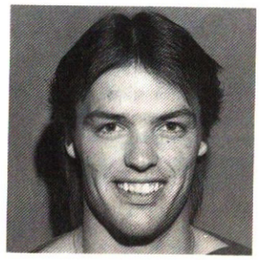
Married
Interests: Soccer, tennis, cards



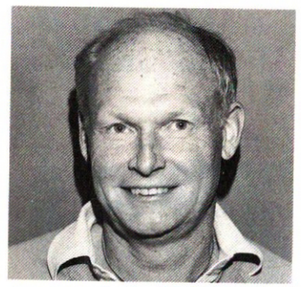
DALE STYNER
Born Alberta; 9.11.61
National number 1, ranked 75 in the world. National champion '84, '85, '87. Former winner of Swiss Open, Kent Open. Obtained Bachelor of Commerce from University of Calgary in 1985.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Skiing, unicycling, running



GENE TURK
Born Winnepeg; 5.10.61
National number 3, member of Canadian team which won 1985 Inter- continental cup.



Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Tennis, golf,



Coach
ANTHONY SWIFT
Born Liverpool, England
Canadian Women's National Coach 1978–81. Canadian Men's National Coach 1984–date. CSRA Coach. Master Coaching Course Conductor, Toronto National Training Centre Coach, Chairman ISRF Rules Committee
Right-handed
Teaching professional
Married
Interests: Photography, music, golf

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **7th**, 1983 **8th**, 1981 **9th**, 1979 **8th**, 1977 **7th**, 1975 **8th**, 1971 **7th**.

General information: Canadian squash has a remarkably long history. The country had its first national champion in 1912, the Canadian SRA was founded in 1913, 15 years before the English equivalent, and the Lapham Cup was contested with the USA as early as 1922. Until the early 1970s, the vast majority of players practised the 'hardball' version but the roles have since been reversed with an estimated 95% of squash played in Canada now being of the 'international' variety.

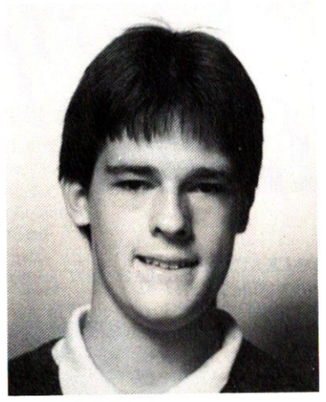
1987 Prediction: No Canadian team can be treated lightly in international competition but they would do very well to improve on the 7th position achieved at Cairo in 1985. The absence of the suspended Gary Waite is a definite handicap.

DENMARK

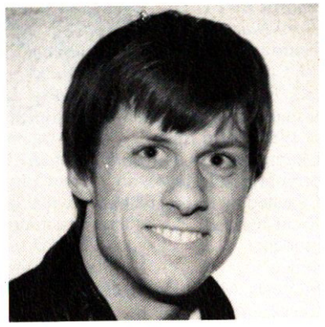
(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL 2)

DAN LLMARI CHRISTENSEN
Born Copenhagen; 18.12.61
National number 3
Right-handed
Printer
Single
Interests: Fishing, music, history, politics

PETER HANSEN
Born Copenhagen; 25.9.63
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Running, cycling, darts



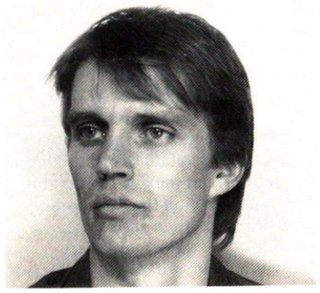
ANDERS JAMES
Born Melbourne, Australia; 14.10.70
National number 3, last season's national under-16 and under-19 champion.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Tennis, computing

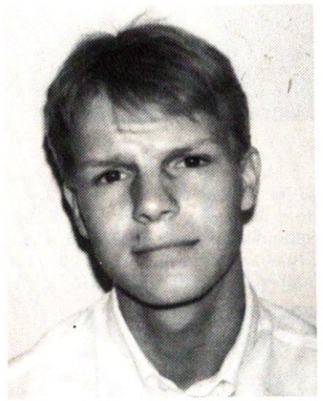


MICHAEL JUST
Born 23.10.61
Left-handed
Engineer
Single
Interests: Sports

FINN MAKELAINEN
Born Copenhagen; 3.9.58
National number 2
Right-handed
Clerk
Single
Interests: Music, films, writing, travelling

ARTHUR JACOBSEN
Born Copenhagen; 20.7.59
National number 1, national champion for the last nine years.
Ranked 101 in the world.
Right-handed
Squash Professional
Married
Interests: Music, tennis, sea biology, reading





PETER JUEL
Born Copenhagen; 19.11.65
National number 4
Right-handed
Bank clerk
Single
Interests: Reading

Manager
OLUF JORGENSEN
Born 19.2.43
Represented Denmark in rugby. Also accomplished squash, tennis and hardball player.

Previous World Championship Performances: Not previously entered.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **14th**, 1986 **11th**, 1985 **11th**, 1984 **15th**, 1983 **14th**.

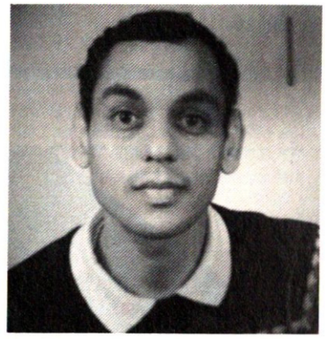
General information: Denmark boasts only 36 courts but they are all busy enough to suggest that the number must soon increase.

1987 Prediction: Could get on court with the Australians by winning Qualifying Pool 2.

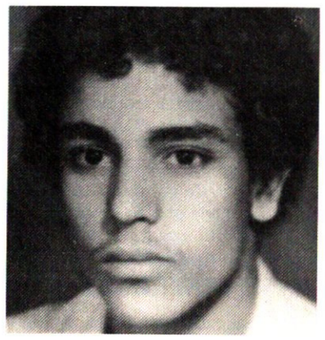
EGYPT

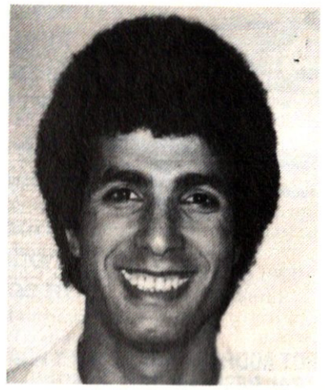
(SEEDED 5, POOL D)

GAMAL AWAD
Born Alexandria; 9.8.55
Ranked 34 in the world, has represented Egypt since winning the national championship in 1976.
British Amateur champion '77 and '78, semi-finalist World Amateur '77, World Open '83; R/Up British Open 1983. Played longest squash match in history, 2 hours 46 minutes, against Jahangir Khan at Chichester in 1983.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interests: Running

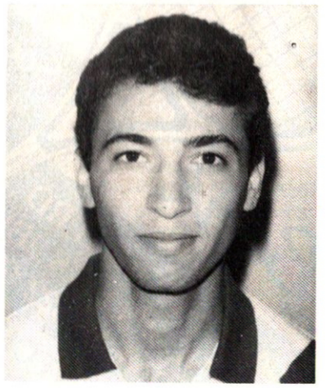


GAMAL El AMIR
Born 1960
Ranked 48 in the world.
Represented Egypt at 1983 and '85 World Championships.
Won Egyptian Open 1983.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Swimming



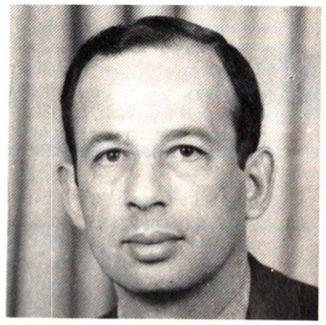


MAGDI SAAD
Born 1954
Ranked 33 in the world
Represented Egypt at World Championships in 1983 and '85, semi-finalist British Amateur 1979; R/Up South African Open 1982.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interests: Tennis



AHMED TAHIR
Born Alexandria; 29.8.68
Represented Egypt at 1986 World Junior Championships. Egyptian Open champion 1986 and '87.
Represents Village Leisure in American Express Premier League.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Swimming, music

AMIR WAGIH
Born Cairo; 24.8.67
Represented Egypt at 1986 World Junior Championships in Australia.
Cairo Open champion 1986
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Music, dancing



Manager
SHERIF ALY LAKY
Born Cairo; 2.1.44
Egyptian number 1 and captain at 1976 World Championships in England. Won Egyptian Open 1974.
Right-handed
Engineer
Married
Interests: Swimming

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **5th**, 1983 **4th**, 1981 **3rd**, 1979 **4th**, 1977 **3rd**, 1976 **4th**, 1971 **4th**, 1969 **6th**.

General Information: It is hoped that the hosting by Cairo of last year's World Championships will have helped to popularise squash in a country where it is far from a major sport, despite producing a string of world-class players through the years. Only Pakistani players, with 20, have lifted more British Open titles than the 13 that Amr Bey, Mahmoud Karim and Abou Taleb combined to take back to Egypt.

1987 Prediction: Egypt should certainly reach the quarter-finals but much will then depend on the draw if they are to emulate last year's performance in Cairo.

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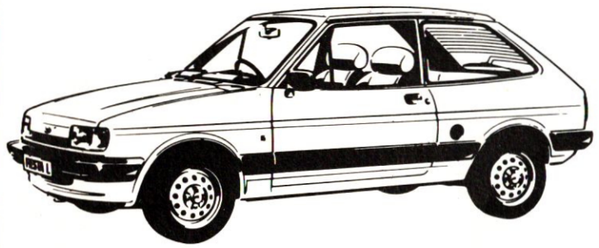

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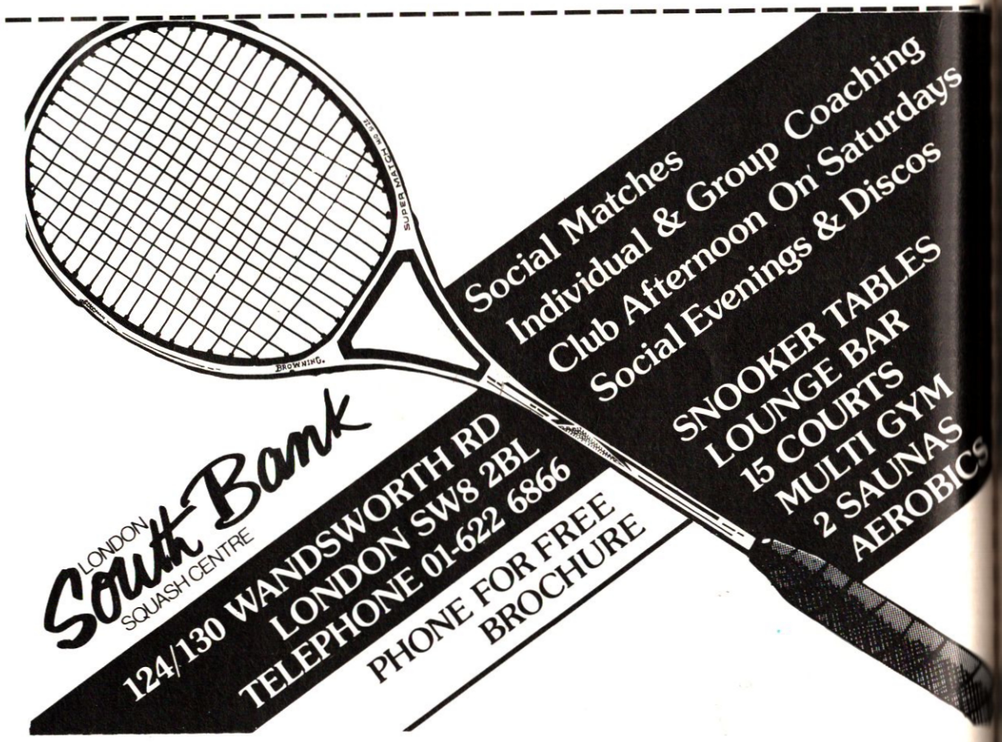

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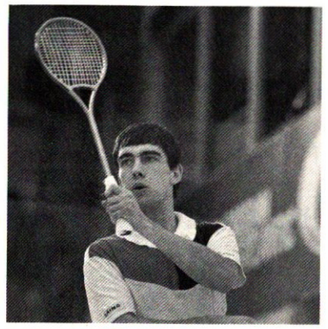
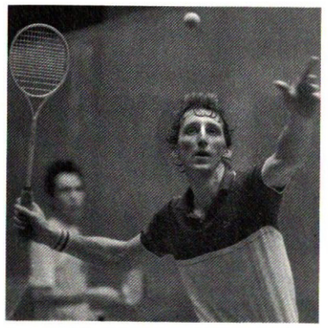
ENGLAND

(SEEDED 4; POOL D)



BRYAN BEESON
Born Northumbria; 26.7.60
National number 6 and champion, ranked 29 in the world. First represented England in 1985 but this will be his first world team championship. Helped England to the European team title in 1985 and '86. Recorded wins last season over Jansher Khan and Chris Robertson (twice)
Left-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: All sports, home improvements



GAWAIN BRIARS
Born Witney, Oxfordshire; 4.4.58
National number 4, ranked 13 in world. Won national title in 1979 and '82. Played for England 45 times before these championships began. Reached the semi-finals of the 1985 World Open in Cairo and the quarter-finals last year in Toulouse.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Music, reading

PHILIP KENYON
Born Blackpool; 7.5.56
National number 1 and England captain, ranked 7 in the world. Won national title in 1977, '81, '83 and '85. Was a member of the GB side which won the 1979 World Team event and has been capped 37 times before these championships began. Was runner-up to Jahangir Khan in the 1979 World Amateur; and lost to the same opponent in the quarter-finals of the 1982 and 1983 World Open and the 1983 World Individual.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Married
Interests: Surfing, water-skiing, tennis, cars

GEOFF WILLIAMS
Born India; 21.11.57
National number 2, ranked 16 in the world. Made his England debut in 1982/83 and comes to these championships with 14 caps. In April '84 became the first unseeded player to reach the British Open semi-finals. National champion 1984.
Left-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Windsurfing, golf, music

Manager
CHRIS STAHL
Born Hemel Hempstead; 1.5.41
Manager of GB side which won the World Team Championship in 1979. England team manager since 1980, including five victories in European Championship. Reached number 8 on British ranking list in 1974.
Manager International Accounts, ICL
Married
Interests: Management of and by six children, use of information technology in Financial Services Market, selling computers to multinationals, sport and travel

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **4th**, 1983 **2nd**, 1981 **4th**, 1979* **1st**, 1977* **4th**, 1976* **1st**, 1973* **2nd**, 1971* **2nd**, 1969 **2nd**, 1967* **2nd**.
**1979 and previously as Great Britain*

Last Five European Championship Performances: 1987 **1st**, 1986 **1st**, 1985 **1st**, 1984 **1st**, 1983 **2nd**.

General information: The origins of squash can be traced back to London in the early 19th century and many of the game's greatest innovations have taken place in this country. The game is still growing in England and it is now the base for many of the world's greatest players, including Jahangir Khan and Ross Norman. Indeed, this winter sees 16 of the world's top 20 competing in England's top club competition, the American Express Premier League. So there will not be as many strangers at these World Championships as might at first be envisaged!

1987 Prediction: England's experienced squad should take the host country to the semi-finals. Further progress will be much more difficult but the support of home crowds could act as a spur.

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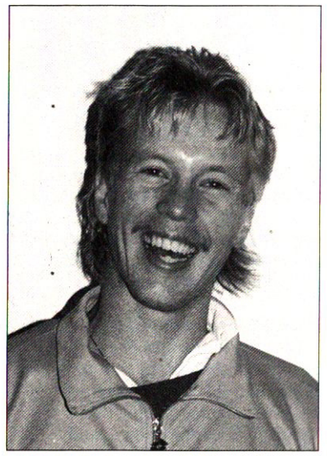
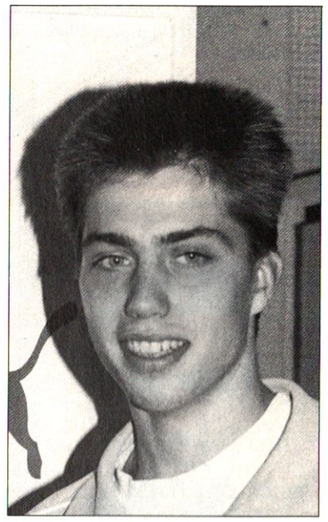
FINLAND

(SEEDED 10, POOL B)

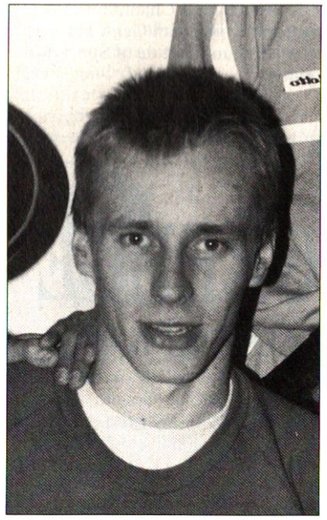
MATTI SAARELA
Born 9.12.60
National number 3.
1986 national champion, 1984 Kenyan Open champion, ranked 80 in the world.
Right-handed
Student
Married
Interests: Films, reading, music



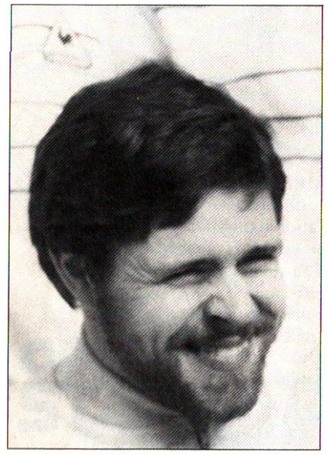
SAMI ELOPURO
Born 22.11.64
Current national number 1 and champion, ranked 52 in the world.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Sport



PENTTI PEKKANEN
Born 11.6.64
National number 2, ranked 63 in the world.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Music



MARKO PULLI
Born 18.12.64
National number 4
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Singing, music, sports



Manager/Coach
MARKKU HYRSKE
Born 2.7.53
Finnish SRA Chief of Schooling and Coaching.
National number 58
Interests: Reading, playing piano

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **10th**, 1983 **13th**, 1981 **10th**.

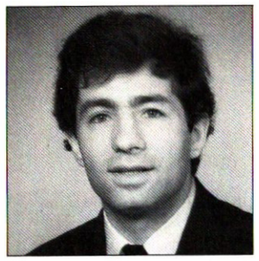
Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **3rd**, 1986 **3rd**, 1985 **3rd**, 1984 **3rd**, 1983 **5th**.

General information: Squash continues to grow in Finland with around 50 courts being built in the last year to take the number to 550 in 82 clubs. Last season the country staged its first Grand Prix event, the IVO International, which attracted over 2000 people to the finals, received daily television coverage and 15,000cms of newspaper and magazine space. Finland will stage the European Championships in 1988 and has applied to host the World Championships in 1991.

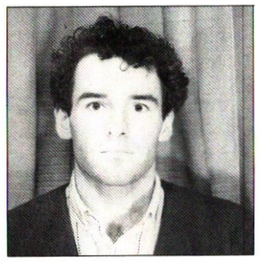
1987 Prediction: Could cause Canada a few problems in the chase for second place in Pool B.

FRANCE

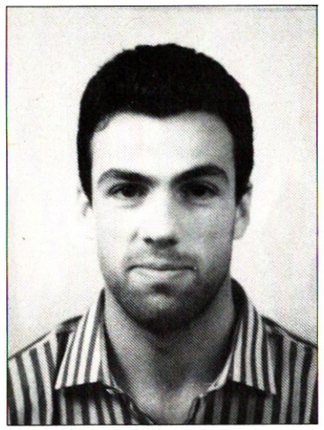
(SEEDED 14, POOL C)



FREDERIC CANOT
Born Bayonne; 10.10.62
National number 3, ranked=145 in the world. Has represented France 37 times in five years.
Left-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Music, sport, triathlon, movies



ERIC CLAUDEL
Born Paris; 20.12.65
National number 2, ranked=125 in the world. French champion 1985.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Computer science, surfing



PATRICK GASTON
Born Nimes; 13.10.66
National number 8. Ranked=125 in the world. French junior champion 1983, French U 21 Champion 1987. Spent some time with Geoff Hunt at the Australian Institute of Sport this summer.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Sport, travel, music, girls.

Manager/Coach
PATRICE CHAUTARD
Born Cognac; 30.11.59
National Technical Director, French champion 1983, '84. French number 1 1984, '85. Five years in national team.
Left-handed
Married
Interests: Sport, music, films

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **14th**, 1981 **17th**.

Last five European Championship performances: 1987 **8th**, 1986 **8th**, 1985 **10th**, 1984 **9th**, 1983 **9th**.

General information: Last year was a particularly important one for French squash with the number of players and clubs increasing, Aix-En-Provence staging the European Championships, and Toulouse the World Open.

1987 Prediction: The draw makes it virutally impossible for France to improve on the 14th placing gained in Cairo.

GREECE

(SEEDED 16, POOL A)

DEMITRIUS PEILIZES
Captain

NICOS MOUSTROUFIS
Current national champion

NICOS KOUMENENOS

PERICLES NOMICOS

PANAVIODIS VASSILIOU
National champion five times in last seven years.

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **16th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **15th**, 1986 **15th**, 1985 **14th**, 1984 **10th**, 1983 **11th**.

General information: The Greek Squash Committee, part of the Hellenic Tennis Federation, has only nine affiliated courts and the game has progressed little in recent years.

1987 Prediction: The Greeks will do well to retain a place among the 16 seeds.

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IRELAND

(SEEDED 13, POOL D)

NOEL RYAN
Born England; 19.12.67
National number 2. Has won seven Irish caps before these championships.
Right-handed
Language student at Trinity College Dublin.
Single
Interests: Golf, videos

KEN FLYNN
Born Dublin; 5.5.66
National number 3. Represented Ireland seven times prior to these world championships.
Right-handed
Squash coach
Single
Interests: Most other sports

DAVID GOTTO
Born Belfast; 25.12.48
National number 4. Holds a record 114 caps for Ireland before participating at these championships.
Right-handed
Sports retailer
Married
Interests: Gardening, natural history

PETER KAVANAGH
Born Waterford; 21.9.63
National number 5. Four appearances for Ireland prior to these championships.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Weight training

JOHN MCKAY
Born Mullinger; 30.5.64
National number 1, world ranked 56. Has represented Ireland 32 times before these championships.
Right-handed
Civil Engineer
Single

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **13th**, 1983 **10th**, 1981 **13th**, 1979 **10th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **7th**, 1986 **5th**, 1985 **8th**, 1984 **4th**, 1983 **6th**.

General information: Ireland's international results have been somewhat disappointing in recent season's but the development of younger players, of whom Noel Ryan is the first to come through, is looked to as a source of improvement in future years.

1987 Prediction: A lot will depend on the discipline of the squad, but consolidation is probably the best that can be hoped for.

ITALY

(UNSEEDED; QUALIFYING POOL 1)

Team details not supplied. Editor's 'possible' line-up:

National champion
EDOARADO POSSATI

Supported by
STEFANO CALIZZA

VINICIO MENEGOZZI

DAVIDE SISTI

BATTISTA VACCHI

Previous World Championship Performances: Not previously entered.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **17th**, 1986 **16th**, 1985 **16th**, 1984 **14th**, 1983 **16th**.

General information: Squash became popular in Italy around the mid 1970s and has continued to grow steadily ever since. Playing standards, although not yet very high, are improving all the time and most of the country's main cities now possess squash courts.

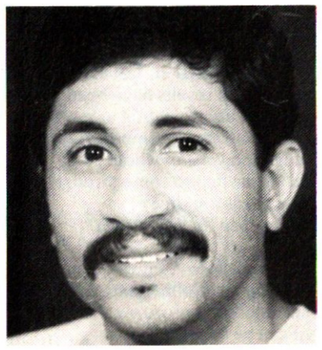
1987 Prediction: Unlikely to qualify for main draw.

KUWAIT

(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL 2)

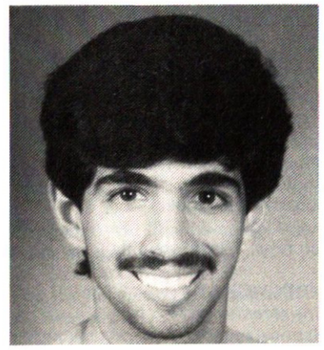
ADEL AL-GHAREEB
Born 17.6.66
Student

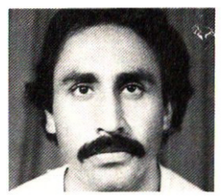
TAREQ AL-OWAISH
Born 2.3.55



FAKHER AL-SAYED
Born 23.11.66
Student

OSAMA AL-SAYED
Born 20.5.71
Student





Coach
FAHIM GUL
Born Pakistan; 12.8.56
Brother of Pakistani professionals Rahim and Jamshed. Now Kuwaiti National Coach.

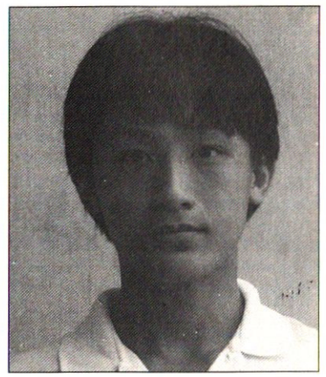
Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **20th**, 1983 **18th**, 1981 **18th**, 1979 **14th**, 1976 **10th**.

General information: Since the Kuwait Tennis, Table Tennis and Squash Federation was formed in 1968, no effort has been spared to increase the popularity and standard of squash in the country. National television has even been persuaded to screen referee/marker courses along with a series of exhibitions featuring top players.

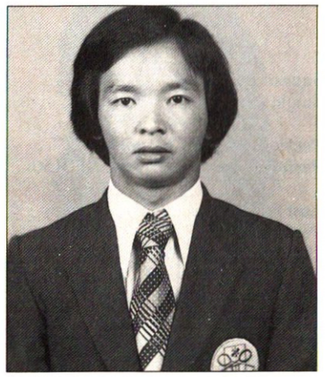
1987 Prediction: Kuwait have won only one match in five World Championships, against Hong Kong in 1983. They could add to that solitary victory in Qualifying Pool 2 but elevation to the main draw seems beyond them on this occasion.

MALAYSIA

(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL A)

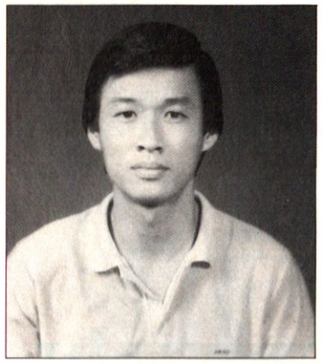


CHRISTOPHER CHAN YAN KIN
Born Kuala Lumpur; 17.3.71
National number 5. Represented Malaysia at the 1986 World Junior Championships and 1987 Asian Junior Championships. Winner Hong Kong Junior Open 1985, Scottish Junior Open 1986, Malaysian Junior Open 1986 and 1987.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Sports

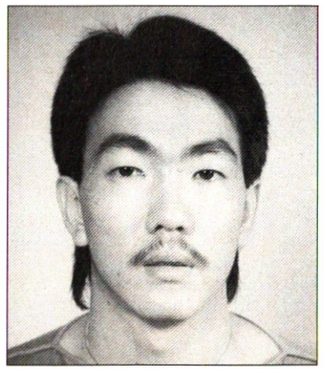


CHONG SOW LOONG
Born Johure Baru; 4.1.56
National number 3. Represented Malaysia at World Championships 1983 and '85. Asian Championships 1982, '84, '86 East Asian Championships 1980 to '86
Right-handed
Civil engineer
Married
Interests: Golf

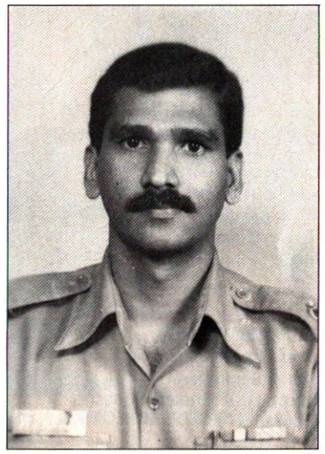
TAN KONG LAM
Born Johure Baru; 18.10.58
National number 1 and national champion 1986 and '87
Represented Malaysia at World Championships 1983 and '85. Asian Championships 1984 and '86 East Asian Championships 1985 and '86
Right-handed
Club manager
Married
Interests: Golf



LIONEL LAU KUAN YEW
Born Ipoh; 28.2.64
National number 6. National Junior Champion 1982 and '83, U23 champion 1985-'87. Represented Malaysia at World Junior Championships 1982. Asian Junior Championships 1983. World Championships 1985. East Asian Championships 1981-'86. Asian Championships 1986
Right-handed



Squash Coach
Single
Interests: Sports, Reading



Coach
MAJOR S. MANIAM
Born Kuala Lumpur; 11.3.54
National Squash Coach on secondment from Ministry of Defence. Malaysian national champion 1983, '85. Player of the Year 1981, '83, '84, '85. Represented Malaysia at World Championships 1979, '81, '85. Asian Championships 1982, '84, '86, East Asian Championships 1979 to '86
Right-handed
Married
Interests: Golf, scuba-diving

Previous World Championship performances: 1985 **17th**, 1983 **15th**, 1979 **12th**.

General information: The first public courts were built in Kuala Lumpur in 1978 and since then squash has been Malaysia's fastest growing sport. The country hosted the World Junior Individual Championship in 1982 and the support of Magnolia has allowed Malaysia to attract the best players in the world to its Open Championship.

1987 Prediction: Malaysia will be looking to edge their way back into the top 16 by finishing above Greece in Pool A. Even that may be beyond them.

MONACO

(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL 2)

LEE SOUTH
Born Paington, Dorset, England; 18.5.57. Moved to Monaco 1984
National number 1, national champion 1985–1987
Right-handed
Coach
Single

HOWARD SMITH
Born London; 3.7.51
Moved to Monaco in 1980
National number 2
Right-handed
Squash club manager
Single

PHILIPPE GAMBA
Born Monaco; 28.12.56
National number 3
Secretary of Monaco Squash Federation
Left-handed
Civil Servant
Single

ERIC GROSFILLER
Born Monaco; 4.3.58
National number 4
Vice-president of Monte Carlo SRC
Right-handed
Optician
Single

FABIEN PREVOST
Born 30.12.59
National number 5
Right-handed
Consultant
Married

Manager
XAVIER NOTARI
Born Monaco; 28.12.47
National number 6. Swiss champion in 1977, vice-president of Monaco Squash Federation, President of Monte Carlo SRC
Left-handed
Financial executive
Married

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **19th**, 1981 **20th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **19th**, 1986 **18th**, 1985 **19th**, 1984 **19th**, 1983 **17th**.

General information: Monaco is the smallest squash country in Europe with only six courts. Prince Rainier's love and support of the game has enabled the Monaco Open to become a major international event.

1987 Prediction: Will gain valuable experience but are unlikely to qualify for the main competition.

THE NETHERLANDS

(SEEDED 11; POOL C)

HANS FRIELING
Born Castricum; 20.6.64
National number 2, world ranked 88. National Junior champion 1981, '82, national champion 1986.
Represented The Netherlands at the European Championships in Vienna earlier this year.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Music, golf, surfing, modern art

RAYMOND SCHEFFER
Born 25.5.65
National number 3, world ranked 142. Represented The Netherlands at the 1987 European Championships.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single

ERIK VAN DER PLUYM
Born November 1962
National number 1, world ranked 63. National Champion 1984, '87. Represented The Netherlands at the 1987 European Championships in Vienna.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **11th**, 1981 **15th**.

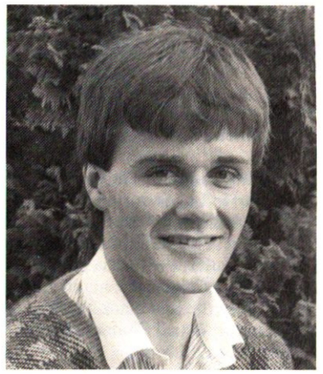
Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **6th**, 1986 **6th**, 1985 **4th**, 1984 **5th**, 1983 **4th**.

General information: Although the country has only 540 courts, there are estimated to be 200,000 players in The Netherlands. Warmond played host to the European Junior Team Championship early this year and the same centre will stage the 1988 European Championships as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of The Netherlands SRA.

1987 Prediction: Will be doing well to repeat their performance in Cairo where they finished 11th.

NEW ZEALAND

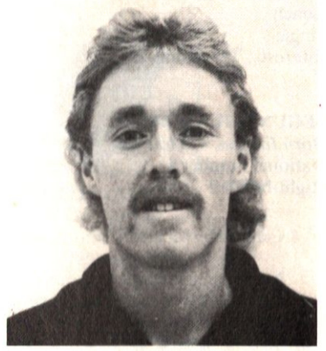
(SEEDED 2, POOL B)



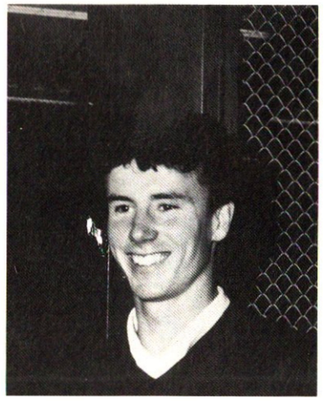
STEPHEN CUNNINGHAM
Born Thames; 16.10.64
National number 4, world ranked 55. NZ national champion 1986, represented NZ juniors 1983. Has not appeared in the NZ senior team before these World Championships.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Fishing, reading

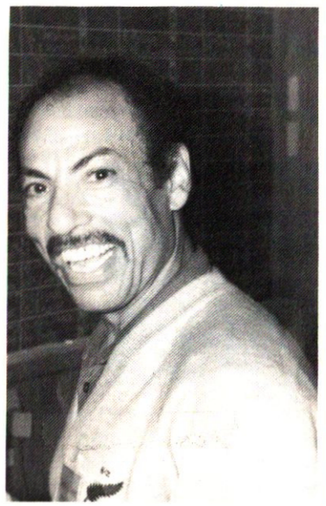
STUART DAVENPORT
Born Auckland; 21.10.62
National number 2, world number 3. Represented New Zealand at World Championships in 1983 and '85. Reached the semi-finals of both World Open and World Individual in 1983. French Open runner-up 1985, '86, British Open semi-finalist 1984, '85, '86, Winner US Open 1986.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Golf, tennis

ROSS NORMAN
Born Whitianga; 7.1.59
National number 1, world ranked number 2. Has represented NZ since 1979. Ended Jahangir Khan's 5½ year unbeaten run in 1986 World Open final. Runner-up World Open 1985, semi-finalist 1984. Winner of 15 major open titles since 1984.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Tennis, golf, scuba diving, flying



RORY WATT
Born England; 22.4.66
National number 3. NZ U 23 champion in 1986 but has never before represented the country.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Golf, tennis





Coach **DARDIR El BAKARY**

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **2nd**, 1983 **5th**, 1981 **5th**, 1979 **5th**, 1977 **2nd**, 1976 **5th**, 1973 **4th**, 1971 **5th**, 1969 **5th**, 1967 **3rd**.

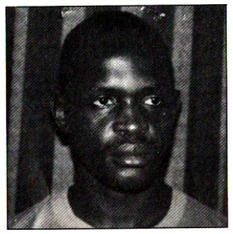
General Information: New Zealand is one of only three countries to have played in all ten previous World Team Championships—Australia and England/Great Britain are the others—and has hosted the event twice. On the second of these, in 1983, NZTV screened an unprecedented 27 hours of coverage from the Henderson courts in Auckland.

1987 Prediction: New Zealand have twice finished second in the World Team Championship, and on both occasions had reason to feel somewhat frustrated. In Canada in 1977, they scored a 2–1 victory over eventual champions Pakistan but lost out on a countback of ties when the sides finished level at the end of the round-robin competition. In Cairo, in 1985, the absence of a genuine third string proved too great a handicap in the end and they lost the final 1–2 to Pakistan. That problem has still not been solved satisfactorily and frustration could again be the name of the game.

NIGERIA

(UNSEEDED, QUALIFYING POOL 1)

ILIYA MANGE
Born Kaduna; 6.6.60
National number 1
Right-handed
Civil servant
Single
Interests: Swimming, photography



SANNI WASIU
Born Lagos; 6.3.66
National number 2
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Reading, fishing, dancing

TUNDE YAHAYA
Born Ilorin; 22.8.61
National number 4
Right-handed
Coach
Single
Interests: Travelling

SEGUN OGUNJIMI
Born Ibadan; 4.2.63
National number 5
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Travelling, music

Previous World Championship Performances: 1981 **14th**, 1979 **11th**.

General Information: The game was first played in Lagos during the 1940s and 1950s but it was not until the 1970s that it achieved a level of genuine popularity. Nigeria joined the ISRF in 1975 and the country's women were the first black side to appear in the World Championships, in Canada in 1981.

1987 Prediction: When Nigeria last appeared in the world championships, in 1981, they scored a win over West Germany, seeded eighth this year. Reproduction of that form would see them qualify from Pool 1.

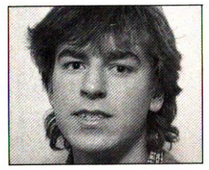
NORWAY

(UNSEEDED, POOL D)

PER CHRISTIANSEN
National champion 1984, '85

JOHAN ABYHOLM
National champion 1980–'83, '86.

MORTEN KRISTENSEN



HANS MERKOLL

Previous World Championship Performances: 1981 **19th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **10th**, 1986 **10th**, 1985 **12th**, 1984 **12th**, 1983 **18th**.

General information: Norwegian squash has gone through a quiet year with no new courts being added to the existing 144 but new centres are due to be completed in the next 12 months. Stavanger hosted the European Champion of Champions but the Norwegian SRA has decided not to seek other European events for the time being because it is hoped to concentrate on staging a world event in the future.

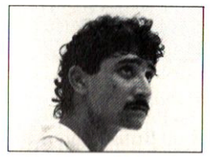
1987 Prediction: Norway should qualify for the main draw.

PAKISTAN

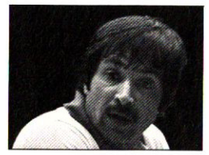
(SEEDED 1, POOL A)

JAHANGIR KHAN
Born Karachi 10.12.63
World number 1. Aiming to lead Pakistan to a record fifth victory in the World Team Championship. Won World Amateur title in 1979, but not selected for Pakistani side which finished second to Great Britain in team event. Since then has helped Pakistan to three team titles and has won six further world individual championships, World Open 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and ISRF World Individual 1983. Was beaten for the first time in 5½ years by Ross Norman in 1986 World Open final at Toulouse. Only other defeat since April 1981 was by Rodney Martin in final of New South Wales Open, July 1987. Winner of six British Open titles in succession, 1982–87, and collector of another 50 major titles during the 1980s including: French Open (six times), World Masters (four), Swiss Masters (six), Pakistan Open (six) and has also found time to become the world's best exponent of the hardball game, winning the code's North American open in 1984 and 1985.
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Cricket, tennis, music, sport on television

JANSHER KHAN
Born Peshawer; 15.6.69
Brother of Mohibullah Khan. World ranked number 4. Won individual title at Asian Championships in 1985 but really came to prominence the following year when winning the World Junior title in Australia, beating Rodney Eyles for five points in the final. Also won Singapore Open and De Carneux tournament in 1986, reached quarter-finals of Hong Kong Open and last 16 of World Open.
Won Open de Paris earlier this year, but made particular impact at the Spanish Open, where he took a game from Jahangir Khan in the final, and at the British Open where he finished runner-up to the same opponent after defeating Gawain Briars, Ross Norman and Chris Dittmar.
Right-handed
Single



UMAR HAYAT KHAN
Born Peshawar; 28.7.64
World ranked 19. Played number 2 behind Jahangir Khan in the Pakistan side which won the 1985 World Team Championship in Cairo. This time around could rank as the event's best reserve. Won Asian Junior Championship in 1981; reached quarter-finals of British U23 open in 1984. Quarter-finals Winsport Classic, Canadian Open, Pakistan Masters. Best performances to date in 1987. Quarter-finalist Finnish Open, Spanish Open. Last 16, Belgian Trophy, French Open.
Right-handed
Single
In National Service
Interests: Tennis.



QAMAR ZAMAN
Born Quetta; 11.4.51
One of the most talented players in the history of the game but the presence of first Geoff Hunt and then Jahangir Khan has denied him the level of success his ability deserves. Won British Open in 1975 but finished runner-up on four occasions, losing to Hunt in '78, '79, '80 and to Jahangir in '84. Has reached four World Open finals, only to lose to Hunt in '77, '79, '80 and to Jahangir in '83. Also lost the last ISRF World Individual final to Jahangir in '83.
1976 won Pakistan Masters; 1977 won Pakistan Masters ISPA Championship; 1978 won World Masters, r/u ISPA Championship; 1979 won World Masters, r/u ISPA Championship; 1980 won Pakistan Masters; 1981 r/u World Masters; 1982 r/u French Open; 1983 r/u ISPA Championship, World Masters; 1984 won Asian Championship, r/u French Open, Pakistan Open.
After a relatively poor year in 1985, in which his best performances were to reach the semi-finals of the PIA Masters and the quarter-finals of the Al Falaj Open, he has regained his place among the world's best this year by winning the Malaysian Open, finishing runner-up in the Singapore open, reaching the semi-finals of the Al Falaj Open and Pakistan Masters, and the quarter-finals of the Pakistan Open and Winsport Classic.
Right-handed
Married
Interests: Tennis

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **1st**, 1983 **1st**, 1981 **1st**, 1979 **2nd**, 1977 **1st**, 1976 **2nd**, 1971 **3rd**, 1969 **4th**, 1967 **6th**.

General information: Pakistan continues to defy the odds by producing competitors capable of becoming the best in the world from a very small playing population. Jahangir Khan extended this list of legends during the early 1980s and Jansher Khan looks likely to add his name in the latter years of the decade.

1987 Prediction: Pakistan will be very anxious to outdo Australia by winning a fifth World Team title, and a side that can field Jahangir and Jansher backed up by either Qamar Zaman or Umar Hayat Khan will be most difficult to beat. Australia will be the biggest threat to another Pakistani success.

SCOTLAND

(SEEDED 12, POOL D)

FRANK ELLIS
Born Scotland; 20.7.66
Scottish U16 Open and Closed champion 1981/82. Scottish U19 champion 1982/83, 1983/84. Received sports bursary from Stirling University. Represented Scotland's juniors at Home International, European and World Championships. 1986/87 won West Midlands U23 Open.
Right-handed
Single

COLIN KEITH
Born Glasgow; 31.8.68
=145 on world ranking list. Scottish U14 champion 1981/82. Scottish U16 champion 1982/83, 1983/84. Led Scotland's U16 squad in 1984, played U19 side same season. Selected as Player of Tournament at 1987 European Junior Team Championship. Took Del Harris to five games as Scotland finished runners-up to England. Won 1987 German Junior Open. Spent period of summer at Australian Institute of Sport in Brisbane.

MARK MACLEAN
Born London; 8.11.63
National number 1, world ranked 77. Scottish U19 champion 1981/82. National senior champion 1982, 1986. First appeared for Scotland in 1981; represented country at 1983 and 1985 World Championships. 1985/86 r/up Scottish Open, won 11 of 16 matches for Squash Leicester in American Express Premier League 1986/87. Runner-up British National Championship, North of England Open; won Scottish Open, Knolls Invitation, Middlesex Open; semi-finalist Irish Open; won 9 of 16 matches for Visco Monroe in Premier League.

ALAN THOMSON
National champion 1985. Lives in London where he plays for Cannons Club in Middlesex League. Represents West of Scotland at Inter-County level.

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **12th**, 1983 **12th**, 1981 **8th**.

General information: Scottish squash has had a difficult financial period recently and failed to send teams to the European Championships earlier in the year. Squash club membership is on the decline but the introduction of a national grading scheme may help to halt the slide. Mark Maclean's emergence should also help to generate interest and a good World Championship showing would obviously do no harm.

1987 Prediction: Scotland could improve marginally on the 12th position attained at the last two World Championships but is highly unlikely to climb as high as the 8th place achieved in Sweden in 1981.

SPAIN

(UNSEEDED; QUALIFYING POOL 1)

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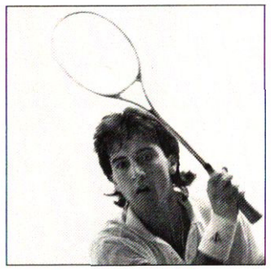


AUSTIN ADARRAGA
Born Brisbane, Australia; 28.12.66
1986: semi-finalist Swedish, Finnish, Australian Opens. 1987: last 16, Finnish and Monte Carlo Open
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Music, golf, fishing

Supported by
PEDRO RIVIERE
National champion

SANTIAGA NEITO

EDUARDO PALANCA

ALBERT TORRAS

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **18th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **13th**, 1986 **12th**, 1985 **9th**, 1984 **11th**, 1983 **13th**.

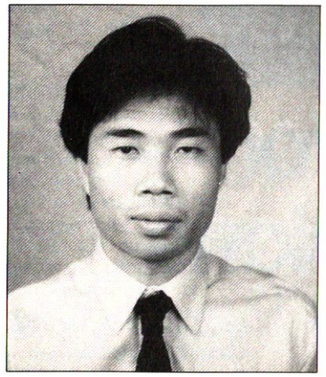
General information: Interest in squash is still growing throughout Spain. New clubs are being opened and this year's Spanish open attracted a superb world-class field from which Jahangir Khan emerged to beat Jansher Khan 3–1 in a final lasting one hour and 50 minutes. The game is sure to become even more popular with the likely introduction of squash as a demonstration sport at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

1987 Prediction: Should be touch and go between Spain and Belgium for the top spot in Qualifying Pool 1.

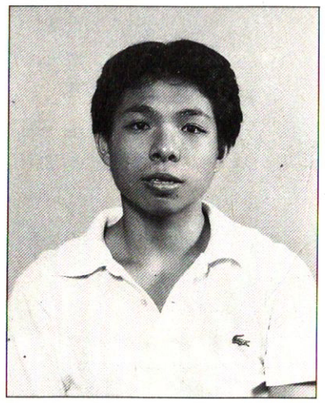
SINGAPORE

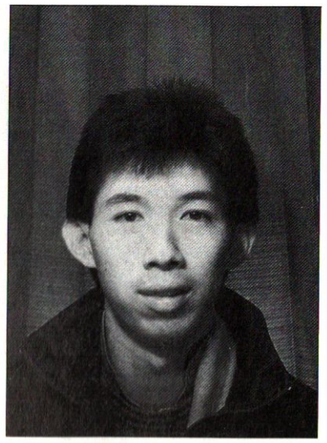
(SEEDED 6, POOL C)

ZAINAL ABIDIN
Born Singapore; 19.12.57
National number 2. Represented Singapore at World Championships 1981, '83, '85. East Asian Games 1979–87. East Asian champion 1980–83, 1985–87. Japan Open champion 1984–86, National Squash Coach/Businessman. Voted 1986 Singapore Sportsman of the Year
Right-handed
Married
Interests: Music, snooker

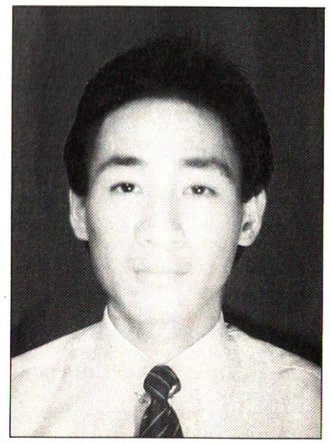


ANTHONY CHUA HOOD KIAT
Born Singapore; 13.7.63
National number 3. Represented Singapore at 1985 World Championships and 1986 East Asian Games
Right-handed
Technical Officer
Single
Interests: Sport, music

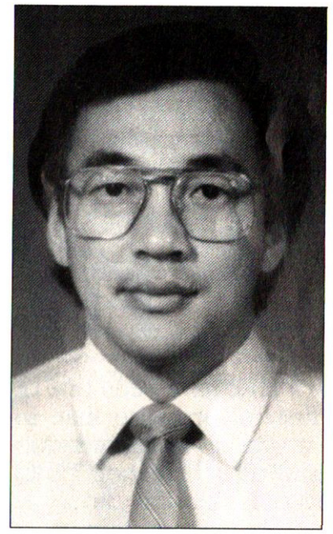




PETER HILL
Born Singapore; 1.7.63
National number 1, world ranked 42. Represented Singapore at World Championships 1983, '85, Asian Games 1984, '86, East Asian Games on several occasions. Last season won Penang Open, Japan Open, Wimbledon Cup.
Left-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Travelling, beaching, water sports



ALEX TAY YEN SHIN
Born Singapore; 8.10.59
National number 4. Represented Singapore at 1985 World Championships and 1986 Asian Championships.
Right-handed
Hotel Management Trainee
Single
Interests: Jazz



Manager
BENNY SEE BOON TIONG
Born Singapore; 23.2.47
Vice President SSRA
Insurance Broker
Married
Interests: Running

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **6th**, 1983 **9th**, 1981 **12th**.

General Information: Squash was first introduced to Singapore by the police force and then strengthened by the involvement of the Armed Forces. The squash boom continues with television keeping abreast by regularly covering the National and Open Championships.

1987 Prediction: Singapore have improved positions dramatically on each visit to the World Team Championship but they should be happy to settle for consolidation on this occasion.

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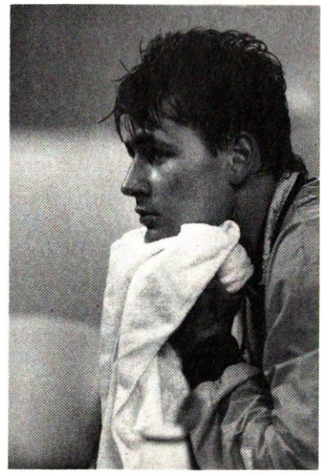
SWEDEN

(SEEDED 9, POOL A)

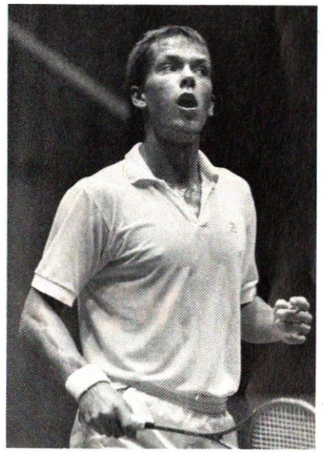
JONAS GORNERUP
Born Malmo; 5.12.61
National number 4, world ranked 39. Represented Sweden, World Junior Championships 1978. Member of Swedish team which won 1983 European Championship, has represented country ever since. Won Italian Open 1979, semi-finalist Swedish Open 1985, quarter-finalist European Open 1986, semi-finalist Belgian Trophy 1987.
Left-handed
Single
Interests: Books, Japan, films

FREDRIK JOHNSON
Born Linkoping; 31.5.63
National number 2, world ranked 28. Won Swedish Junior Championship 1982, member of Swedish side which won European Junior Championship. Member of senior Swedish side which won 1983 European Championship, has represented country ever since. Won Swedish Open 1984, quarter-finalist NZ Open, won Spanish Open 1985, runner-up British U23 Open, Finnish Open, semi-finalist Indonesian Open, quarter-finalist Malaysian Open. Won Swiss Open 1986, semi-finalist British U23 Open, quarter-finalist Singapore, Monaco, US Opens, Winsport Classic (Perth). Quarter-finalist Swedish Open 1987.
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Watersports, music.



JAN ULF SODERBERG
Born Stockholm; 20.2.59
National number 1, world ranked 22. National champion 1983. Swedish Open champion 1983, 1985. Runner-up 1984, 1986. Semi-finalist French, Hong Kong, Singapore, German Opens 1985. Quarter-finalist Canadia Open. Quarter-finalist World, French, Malaysian Opens 1986. Represented Sweden, European championships; semi-finalist Open De Paris 1987, quarter-finalist Swedish Open, Cannons International
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Art, sports promotion with Advantage International

ANDERS WAHLSTEDT
Born Stockholm; 17.7.64
National number 3, world ranked 23. Swedish junior champion 1982–84. Represented Sweden World Junior Championships 1982, senior side since European Championships 1985. Reached semi-finals Spanish Open, quarter-finals Singapore Open 1985. Won Brazil Open 1986, quarter-finalist French Open, Belgian Trophy. This year reached quarter-finals of Belgian Trophy, Cannons International
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Music, backgammon, windsurfing.



Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **9th**, 1983 **6th**, 1981 **6th**, 1979 **6th**, 1977 **6th**, 1976 **6th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **2nd**, 1986 **2nd**, 1985 **2nd**, 1984 **2nd**, 1983 **1st**.

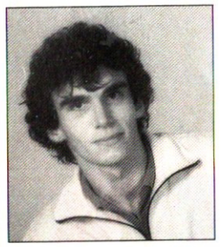
General information: After several quiet years, Swedish squash is expanding again, with a steady growth in the number of tournaments and players. This year's Swedish Open attracted the first television coverage in the country and the Swedish Association, together with their Nordic counterparts, are hoping to finance a portable glass court on which could be played a 'Scandinavian Tour' as part of the World Grand Prix.

1987 Prediction: After its emergence as a leading force in world tennis, Sweden is now one of the most rapidly developing squash nations. There are currently five Swedes in the ISPA top 50 and Fredrik Johnson's victory in last year's Swiss Open was the first Grand Prix triumph for a Swedish player. In line with this progress, Sweden should edge Germany out of the second Pool A quarter-final place and could go close to emulating the sixth position they achieved before 1985.

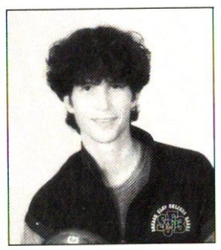
SWITZERLAND

(UNSEEDED, POOL C)

DOMINIQUE CHIQUET
Born Switzerland; 3.3.68
National number 5, Swiss junior champion 1986.
Right-handed
Student
Single

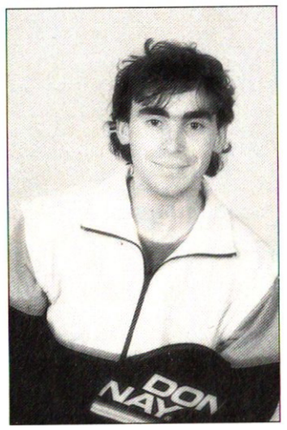


CHRISTOPH FREY
Born Switzerland; 17.12.62
National number 1, world ranked 144, national champion 1986.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: studying

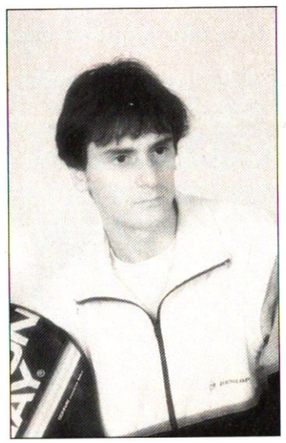


STEFAN GRUNDMANN
Born Switzerland; 10.3.68
National number 4, National champion 1985
Right-handed
Lawyer
Single
Interests: Windsurfing, snowskiing

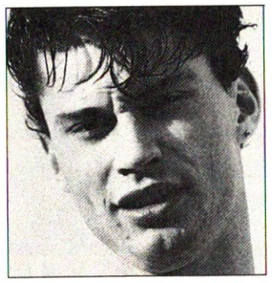
GIORGIO SORIO
Born Switzerland; 28.7.63
National number 6, world ranked 122
Right-handed
Single



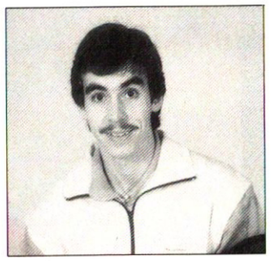
MARCEL SCHRANZ
Born Switzerland; 18.9.62
National number 3
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Healthy cooking



THOMAS STRASSLE
Born Switzerland; 14.12.64
National number 2, Swiss champion 1987
Left-handed
Coach
Single
Interests: Disco



Manager/Coach
ANDREW MARSHALL
Born England; 20.10.62
Squash coach
Married



Previous World Championship performances: Not previously entered.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **9th**, 1986 **9th**, 1985 **13th**, 1984 **13th**, 1983 **10th**.

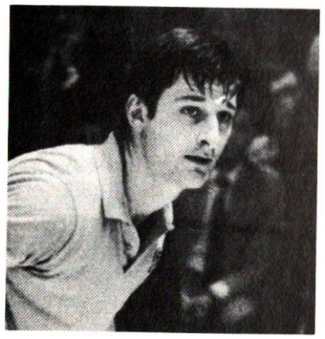
General Information: Squash is still developing quickly in Switzerland where there are now around 550 courts in 80 centres. Highspot of this year's competitive season was the re-match of Jahangir Khan and Ross Norman in the final of the Swiss Masters just days after the New Zealander had won the World Open. The gallery was packed to see Jahangir gain his revenge in a 100-minute match.

1987 Prediction: The newcomers will gain experience but little else from their outings in Pool C which is headed by Australia and Singapore.

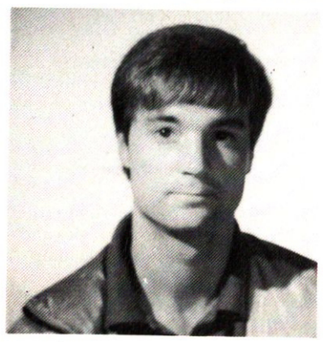
USA

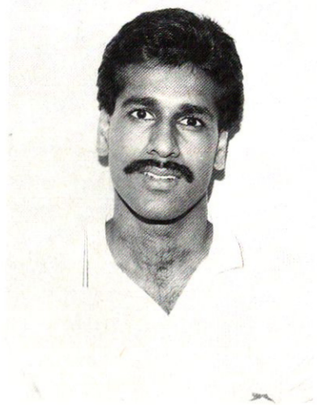
(SEEDED 15, POOL B)

EDWARD (Ned) EDWARDS
Born Philadelphia; 22.5.58
Number 2 on world hardball rankings, world ranked 97 by ISPA. Has represented USA at every World Team Championship since making his debut in 1979. North American Open champion 1987, Boston Open champion 1985, '86.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Spokesperson for Juvenile Diabetes Association, tennis, soccer



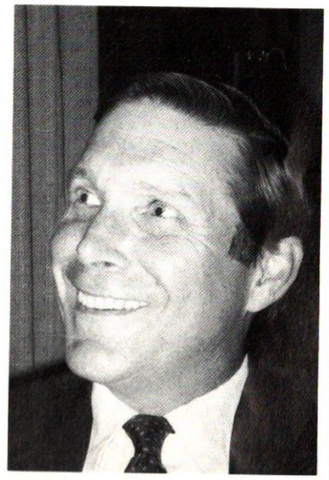
KENTON JERNIGAN
Born New York; 26.1.64
Number 5 American on world hardball rankings, =145 on ISPA world list. Represented USA at 1983 World Championships in New Zealand. US Amateur Junior Hardball champion 1982, US Amateur Hardball champion 1983–85, US Amateur Softball champion 1984–86.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Cycling, running, triathlon





AZAM KHAN
Born India; 23.7.65
Number 17 American on world hardball rankings. Represented USA at 1984 World Junior Championships in Canada, 1985 World Championships in Egypt.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Watching films, basketball

HUGH LABOSSIER
Born Seattle; 3.3.64
Number 13 American on world hardball rankings, =145 on on ISPA world list. First appearance for USA. US Amateur Hardball champion 1986.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Fishing, hiking, skiing, photography



Manager
JOHN F. HERRICK
Born Cleveland, Ohio; 21.7.38
President USSRA 1982–84.
Director, International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island.
USA team manager at World Championships, 1983, '85.
Businessman-Attorney.
Married
Interests: Motor sport, tennis, golf.

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **15th**, 1983 **7th**, 1981 **7th**, 1979 **9th**, 1977 **8th**, 1976 **9th** 1973 **5th**.

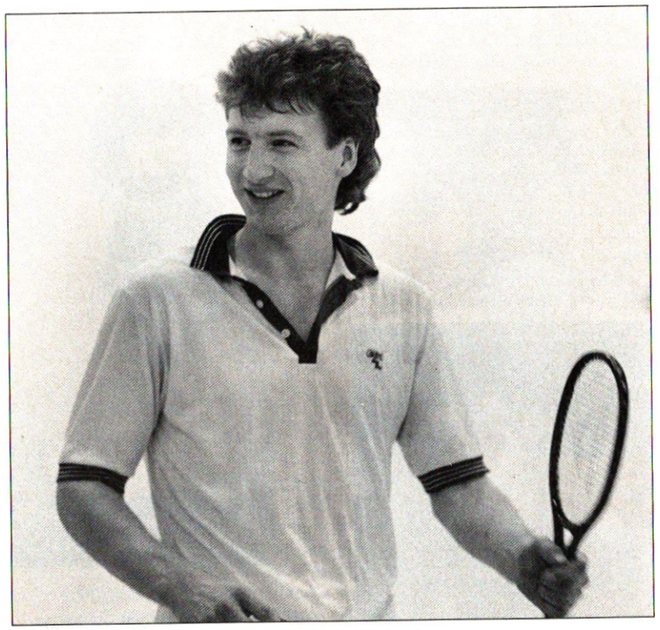
General information: There are apparently in excess of 500,000 squash players in the USA but the vast majority play the game's 'hardball' variety with only a handful of 'international' courts being used regularly.

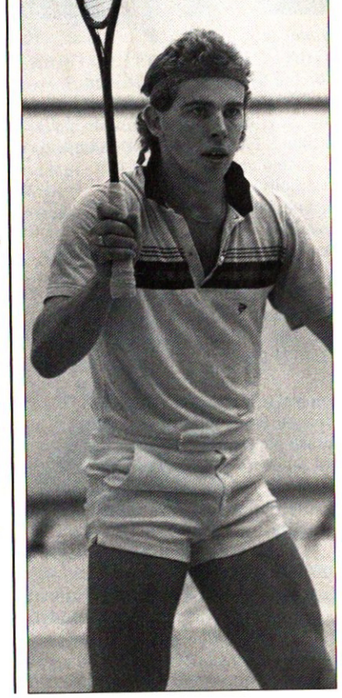
1987 Prediction: By their own standards, the USA had a disappointing World Championship in 1985. They will want to improve on that showing but it will not be easy to climb very far in the order.

WALES

(UNSEEDED, POOL 3)

ADRIAN DAVIES
Born Carmarthen; 6.1.66
World ranked 47. In 1985 won Staffordshire Open, Knolls Invitation, Welsh Closed; runner-up Welsh Open; semi-finalist British U23 Closed. In 1986/7 finished runner-up Warrington Invitation. Played 52 times for Welsh juniors, over 30 times for the senior side. Has represented Lancashire for the last two years. Won 1987 European Champion of Champions. Has played three seasons for Manchester Northern in the American Express Premier League, winning 34 of his 51 matches.
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Motor racing, gambling, music, tennis.





CERRYG JONES
Born Aberystwyth; 17.4.62
Lives Coventry, represents Warwickshire. World ranked 40. Had his best season in 1985/86 when he won the Donnay Festival; was runner-up in Kent Open; semi-finalist International Frankfurter, Wessex Open, European Champion of Champions, Welsh Open, Staalbankiers Open. Represented Edgbaston Priory in American Express Premier League in 84/85 and 85/86, winning 15 of 29 matches, and was ever-present for West Country in 86/87 when he won eight of 18 outings.
Right-handed
Single
Interests: Current affairs.

ANDREW EVANS
Born Usk, Gwent; 10.8.60
National number 3. Won first cap in 1983, goes into these championships with 17. Current Welsh U19 team manager/coach.
Engineering planner with British Steel Corporation
Interests: All sports, especially football, golf, tennis.

TEIFION SALISBURY
Born Sheffield; 11.9.61
Lives Sheffield, represents Yorkshire. Won seven of eleven matches for Manchester Northern in inaugural American Express Premier League season.

Previous World Championship Performances: 1983 **11th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **5th**, 1986 **did not compete**, 1985 **5th**, 1984 **7th**, 1983 **3rd**.

General information: It is good to see Wales back in the international arena after a 1985/86 season in which lack of funds caused the country's absence from both World and European Championships.

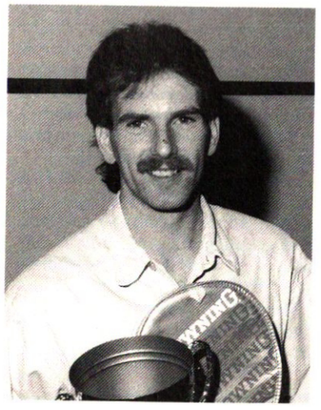
1987 Prediction: Wales finished 11th of 19 in 1983, and Adrian Davies and Cerryg Jones are capable of leading them into the top 12 again by surprising seeds USA and Finland in Pool B.

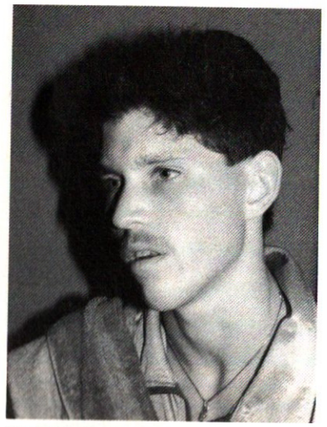
WEST GERMANY

(SEEDED 8, POOL A)

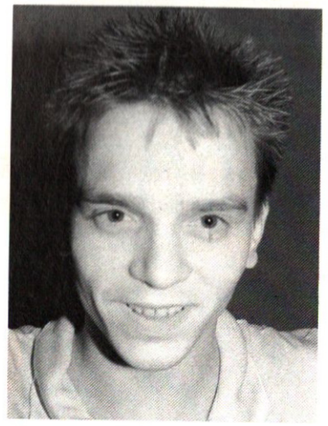
JOCHEN ARNDT
Born Leverkusen; 16.3.68
National number 4, world ranked =145. Has won five national junior titles in various age groups.
Represented Germany in 1986 World Junior Championships in Australia.
Right-handed
Soldier
Single
Interests: Music, tennis, Mickey Mouse.

WILFRIED BUCKER
Born Munster; 28.4.56
National number 3. Has represented Germany ten times prior to these world championships.
Right-handed
Retail trade merchant
Single
Interests: Tennis, Golf



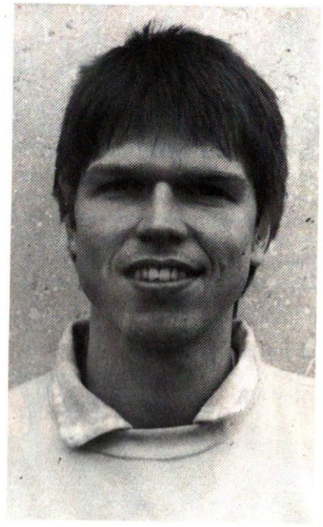


MICHAEL EHLERS
Born Hamburg; 14.6.63
National number 1, world ranked =145. National champion 1986. Runner-up 1985, 1987.
Right-handed
Airplane mechanic
Single
Interests: Tennis, surfing, girlfriend



CAROL MARTINI
Born Hamburg; 4.7.64
National number 1, world ranked 62. National champion 1980, '81, '82, '83, '85, '87. Has represented Germany for ten years.
Left-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Music, surfing, skiing, travelling

RALF SCHULDT
Born Hamburg; 16.4.63
National number 6.
National champion 1984.
Right-handed
Student
Single
Interests: Tennis, languages, car, studying



FRANZ SCHWERER
Born Munich; 16.8.64
National number 5, world ranked =145. National U23 champion
Right-handed
Squash professional
Single
Interests: Football, tennis, swimming

Previous World Championship Performances: 1985 **8th**, 1981 **16th**.

Last five European Championship Performances: 1987 **4th**, 1986 **4th**, 1985 **6th**, 1984 **8th**, 1983 **8th**.

General information: Germany's 600 clubs and 3800 courts continue to grow in popularity and there are now estimated to be over 1½ million players in Germany.

1987 Prediction: Germany will face tough opposition from Sweden for a quarter-final place out of Pool A.

The Royal Albert Hall, venue of this year's World Team Championship, has long been famous for staging memorable events. D. Cameron McNicol, General Manager, records its colourful history.

A FITTING CLIMAX

THE SITE ON which the Royal Albert Hall stands was bought by the Royal Commissioners for the 1851 Exhibition out of the proceeds of that event; and Albert, Prince Consort and husband of Queen Victoria, had the idea in 1853 of building a Hall. Sadly he died in 1861 before his ideas could be executed. However, when a National Memorial to him was considered it included a statue in Kensington Gardens with a Great Hall opposite.

In 1864, Henry Cole and General Grey, the Queen's private secretary, invited the Prince of Wales to become President of the committee considering this project. They showed him drawings by Captain Francis Fowke, R.E., and a scheme was drawn up under which the Royal Commissioners granted a lease for 999 years, at a nominal rent, and offered £50,000 towards the building of the Hall in return for 500 seats within it.

The public was asked to subscribe in units of £100. Thus subscribers of £1,000 were granted a Grand Tier Box with ten seats, those of £500 a Second Tier Box with five seats, and those of £200 two Stalls seats. These subscribers formed the Corporation of the Royal Albert Hall. The private seatholding arrangements still exist although the rights of the seatholders have been greatly reduced over the years and an increasing annual levy has been imposed.

Unfortunately Captain Fowke died suddenly and in his place the Committee appointed Colonel (later General) H.Y.D. Scott, also of the Royal Engineers. He made some alterations and designed the famous roof, which was the largest unsupported roof in the world in 1871. The organ was designed and built by Henry (Father) Willis and is still one of the largest in the world with four manuals, 146 speaking stops and over 10,000 pipes.

In 1867 Queen Victoria signed the Royal Charter under which the hall was to operate, and laid the foundation stone. She opened the Hall on 29th March 1871, making one of her rare public appearances; the Prince of Wales actually had to deliver the oration as his mother was so overcome by the occasion.

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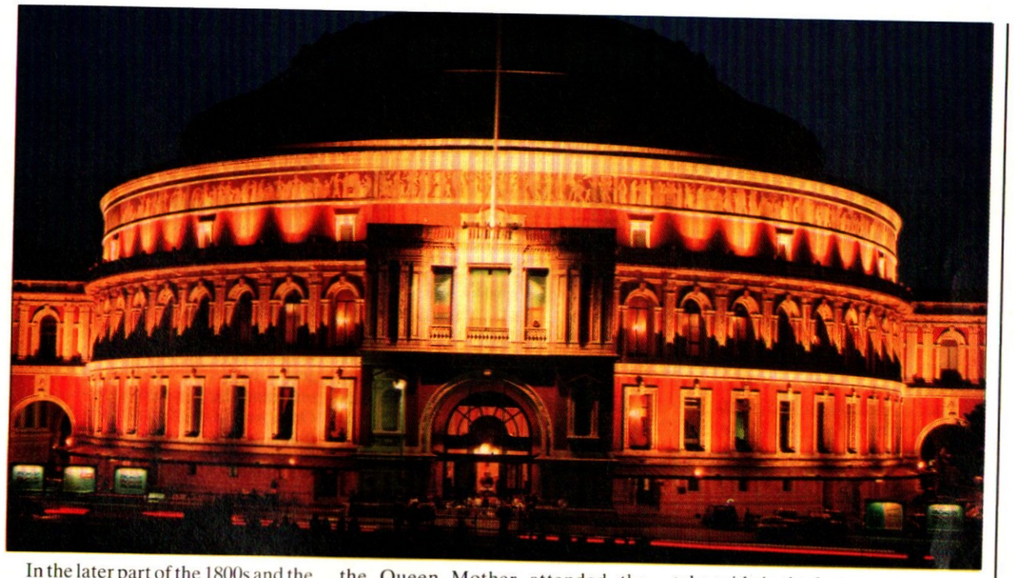


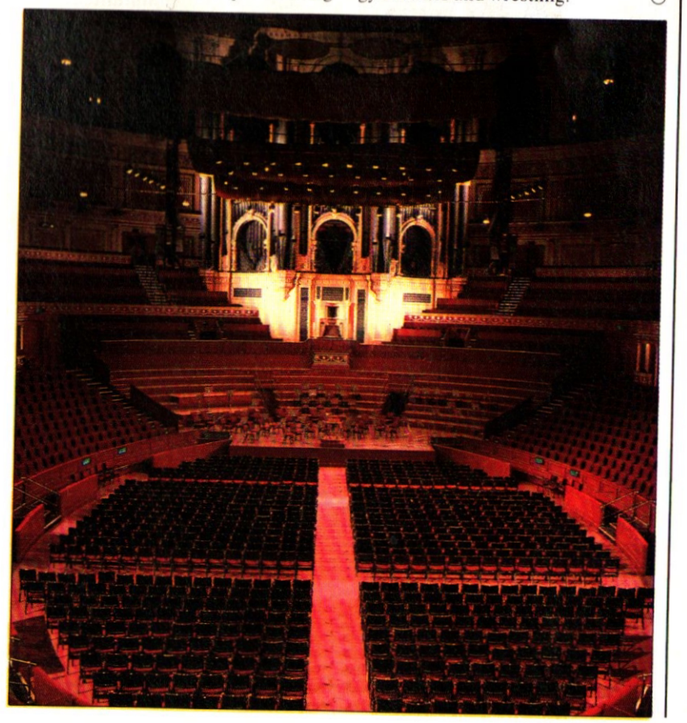
In the later part of the 1800s and the early 1900s many celebrities appeared at the Hall, including Adelina Patti, Clara Butt, Gounod, Bruckner, Wagner and Verdi. During the course of the twentieth century different types of functions were introduced including films, meetings, religious services, sporting events and of course celebrity concerts. In the 1930s Maurice Chevalier, Beniamino Gigli, Sir Edward Elgar and Yehudi Menuhin appeared at the Hall. Ford held their own Motor Show featuring the £100 car.

In 1941, following the bombing of the Queen's Hall, the BBC Henry Wood Promenade Concerts came to Kensington.

After the war, light and pop music were introduced and for a time there were many trade exhibitions and seasons of Folk Dance Companies.

Through the artist's entrance in recent years have passed a roll call of world celebrities, including Frank Sinatra, Sir George Solti, Barry Manilow, Leonard Bernstein, Julie Andrews, Petula Clark, Birgit Nilsson, Dame Janet Baker, Nana Mouskouri, Andy Williams, Henry Cooper, Rod Laver, John McEnroe and many, many more.

Towards the end of the 1960s, and with the Hall's centenary imminent, a public appeal for funds was made, enabling the outside to be cleaned, the auditorium and corridors to be decorated, new lifts to be installed and the acoustics, which had been a serious problem since the opening, to be regulated with the the installation of 135 glass fibre diffusers below the roof.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother attended the Centenary Concert conducted by Sir Adrian Boult and Sir William Walton on 29th March 1971, exactly 100 years after Queen Victoria had opened the Hall, and its second century commenced with as glittering an occasion as the first.

Renovations and improvements still continue and the Hall is busier than it has ever been. All those connected with this unique building take pride in the fact that it continues without financial help from either local or national government and that it plays a considerable part in the life of London, Britain and the international community. Squash joins a list of sporting events which have recently been held at the Hall, including World Championship boxing and doubles tennis, as well as basketball, ice-skating, badminton, gymnastics and wrestling.