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WORLD SQUASH PRESIDENT UPBEAT IN TOKYO



World Squash Federation (WSF) President N Ramachandran, who led the Squash presentation at August's Olympic Games 2020 Additional Event Panel Presentation in host city Tokyo, was upbeat in comments made at the press conference which followed.

"We were delighted to have a further opportunity to show the exciting journey of change and innovation that squash has been on," said Ramachandran. "Also to explain how we would be a low-cost addition with small athlete numbers.

"We have further scrutiny at a Q&A tomorrow, then can only hope we receive a nomination from the Tokyo Organizing Committee to the IOC. It will be a hard wait, but if Squash achieves the dream for our athletes it will be well worth it."

Questions asked and answered

The WSF party had the opportunity to deal with questions asked by the 2020 hosts straight after the formal presentation. Subsequent to it, on the following day there was a second interactive Session which was more technical in nature. It focused on venues, seating specifications, court building, along with ticketing and Japanese Squash background.

At this Session, the WSF presented the Technical team with the Presentation Video as well as with the power point segments which highlighted Squash's simplicity and the fact that it could be played in an iconic location.

Satomi Watanabe and Ryunosuke Tsukue, two Japanese teenagers who have already had significant success on the international Squash stage, both spoke of their desire to compete in their home country and how a positive decision will be a great boost for the sport.

"This has been such a wonderful day," said Watanabe, the US Junior Open Under 17 champion. "To have a chance to play at the Olympic Games in my own country makes me shake with excitement."

David's message

Nicol David, the Malaysian world number one reinforced the message that competing in the Olympic Games would be the pinnacle of any player's career - and repeated that she would give up all her eight World Squash titles for just one Olympic Gold.

David commented: *"The road has been a long one but like all of my fellow players I am so pleased that*

Squash is in the fight now. We keep saying that Squash would bring something special and new to the Olympics."

Japan Squash Association President Kazuya Kasahara and WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley completed the presentation party.

The Tokyo Organising Committee submit the sports that they would like added to the IOC on 30th September, after which the IOC review the nominations and decide which they wish to put to a vote by the IOC membership when they meet at the time of the Olympic Games in Rio next year.

We are trying our hardest to be on the ticket.



Picture shows presentation team (L to R) Andrew Shelley, Satomi Watanabe, President Ramachandran, Nicol David, Kazuya Kasahara & Ryunosuke Tsukue

REMINDERS:



45TH WORLD SQUASH
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NICE 2015
NOVEMBER 4-6

WSF AGM

The 45th WSF
Conference &

AGM takes place 4-6 November 2015 in the French city of Nice, hosted by the French Squash Federation.

Full details can be seen at: www.ffsquash.com/agm-wsf-2015/ where there are forms to book attendance.

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WSF REFEREES CONFERENCE 2015

Please ensure that your referees are aware that the next WSF World Referees Conference is taking place in Kuwait on 10 - 11 December (immediately prior to the WSF Men's

World Team Championship there). Bookings are already being taken, and details of the package are available at: <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/2015-conference>

GLASS COURT USAGE GROWS AS SQUASH REACHES OUT



The staging of next month's International Masters Squash Open in Orlando, USA, highlights the growing use of all-glass squash courts by event promoters around the world.

The new event, which has attracted wide interest from the worldwide Masters fraternity, will be staged on a four-glass-walled court erected alongside the Orlando Eye at i-Drive 360, Orlando's new \$250 million entertainment destination which attracts more than 120,000 visitors per week (see artist's impression).

The Orlando Masters is the latest international squash event to exploit the multiple benefits of using a portable all-glass court which can be erected almost anywhere - not only providing greater spectator access and enhanced broadcast potential, but also the



unique opportunity to showcase a location or city.

"Glass courts have revolutionised the presentation of our events to the point that we are no longer limited to conventional squash facilities as we were in the past," said World Squash Federation President N Ramachandran.

"One of the first such presentations, with the court alongside the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt, made headline news around the world - since when we have seen glass courts in the main square in Seoul in South Korea; overlooking the waterfront in Hong Kong (pictured below); by the iconic Ferry Building in San

Francisco; and on the Bund waterfront in Shanghai - all spectacular settings.

"Furthermore, there is a large array of inside options from arenas to other exciting sites. We have taken squash into Frankfurt airport, New York's Grand Central Terminal as well as some of world's biggest shopping malls.

"There are various iconic locations in Tokyo where television and still images of a state-of-the-art all-glass court showcasing the Japan capital would be seen around the globe should squash join the 2020 Olympic Games programme.

"Whether courts are located inside or out, innovations such as sidewall entry that enhances broadcast still further, LED out-of-court lines, cool air ducting, SquashTV production and general presentation, have ensured that squash can now be considered a mainstream media sport," added Ramachandran.

SQUASH SOUTH AFRICA CO-HOSTS WSF COURSE

The WSF Coach Education Programme (CEP) got underway in Africa when Squash South Africa co-hosted a highly successful and productive WSF Tutors' and Level 1 Coaching Course at the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg in July.

CEP Coordinator Michael Khan mentored, facilitated, and guided his diversified group through 3 days of thought-provoking presentations.

Some of South Africa's most experienced coaches will become Tutors and be able to present courses to aspiring coaches in South Africa as well as the African continent as a whole.

Coaches from Botswana were part of the initiative too, and were able to take home a great learning experience as well.



Photo: left to right: Back: Gary Wheadon, Tumi Tsalaesele, Graham Prior, Michael Khan, Moses Tshiamonyana, Liz McKenzie, Alan Stapleton, Munro Montanus, Kago Matlapeng, Jason le Roux, Lady Leburu. Front: Koketso Ntshabe, Mike Bester, Simon Magogwe, Sally White, Gary Plumstead, Ravi Govender, Mike Tootill.

TRIPLE GOLD FOR PNG'S LYNETTE VAI



Just four days before her 17th birthday, Lynette Vai clinched her third Pacific Games Squash gold medal for hosts Papua New Guinea in the country's capital Port Moresby to deny New Caledonia a repeat of the clean sweep of all seven gold medals in the 2011 Games in Noumea.

Vai thrilled the packed crowds at the Port Moresby Racquet Club firstly by leading PNG to a 2/1 win over New Caledonia in the Women's Team Championship final, before taking gold in the Women's Singles event following an 8-11, 11-1, 11-3, 11-1 final victory over compatriot Eli Webb.

"It wasn't a good start - my nerves took over," Vai (pictured far right, with her PNG team-mates) explained after the win her over fourth-seeded team-mate. "It was more of a challenge than the last time we played and I wasn't expecting it.

"But I had a break, calmed myself down and tried again. I became more patient, settled in and got used to her game."

Vai, whose squash prowess has been boosted since being based in Penang in Malaysia, then celebrated her Pacific Games gold medal hat-trick by partnering Madako Junior Suari to title success in the Mixed Doubles championship, the final event of the Games.

In an all-PNG final, the second seeds beat fourth-seeded Robin Morove & Eli Webb 11-9, 11-5.

Medals for New Calendonia

New Caledonian Nicolas Massenet also returns home with three gold medals to his credit. A Team gold medallist in the 2011 Games in his home country, 25-year-old Massenet led New Caledonia to a successful defence of the Men's Team title in Port Moresby, then doubled his count by taking gold in the Men's Singles, courtesy of an 11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 11-7 final win over the hosts' Madako Junior Suari.

It was in the Men's Doubles that Massenet celebrated his third gold, pairing up with Fabian Dinh to defeat Fiji's Marika Matanatabu & Romit Parshottam 11-7, 7-11, 11-4.

RESULTS:

Men's Team Championship Final: NEW CALEDONIA bt FIJI 3/1,

Nicolas Massenet lost to Justin Ho 9-11, 11-9, 10-12, 11-13, Gael Gosse bt Marika atanatabu 11-5, 8-11, 11-6, 11-4, Laurent Guepy bt Romit Parshottam 11-5, 11-2, 11-8, Fabian Dinh bt Andrew McGoon 12-10, 11-4, 11-3.

Bronze medal play-off: PAPUA NEW GUINEA bt TAHITI 4/0

Madako Junior Suari bt Ridge Chung 13-11, 11-8, 11-8, Robin Morove bt Phillippe Rougier 11-9, 11-3, 11-4, Schubert Maketu bt Laurent Ferruci 11-6, 11-9, 11-7, Moreaina Wei bt Yann Lo 11-5, 11-9, 11-1

Women's Team Championship Final: PAPUA NEW GUINEA bt NEW CALEDONIA 2/1.

Lynette Vai bt Claire Faucompre 11-7, 11-3, 11-8, Eli Webb bt Kareen Hamou 11-7, 11-3, 4-11, 8-11, 11-4, Sheila Morove lost to Christine Deneufbourg 11-9, 11-13, 13-11, 4-11, 5-11

Bronze medal play-off: FIJI bt TAHITI 2/1

Andra Whiteside bt Heimana Chung 11-4, 7-11, 7-11, 11-6, 11-2, Gabriella Wong lost to Agnes Chantre 7-11, 9-11, 8-11, Danielle Whiteside bt Isabelle Olite 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-13, 11-4.

Men's Singles Women's Singles Final: [1] Lynette Vai (PNG) bt [4] Eli Webb (PNG) 8-11, 11-1, 11-3, 11-1.

Bronze medal play-off: [2] Claire Faucompre (NCL) bt Sheila Morove (PNG) 11-5, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5

Men's Doubles Final: [2] Fabian Dinh & Nicolas Massenet (NCL) bt Marika Matanatabu & Romit Parshottam (FIJ) 11-7, 7-11, 11-4. Bronze medal play-off:

[1] Gael Gosse & Laurent Guepy (NCL) bt [3] Justin Ho & Andrew McGoon (FIJ) 11-10, 8-11, 11-6

Women's Doubles Final: [3] Sylvaine Durand & Christelle Nagle (NCL) bt [4] Nicole Gibbs & Sheila Morove (PNG) 11-7, 11-9.

Bronze medal play-off: [1] Lynette Vai & Eli Webb (PNG) bt [2] Claire Faucompre & Kareen Hamou (NCL) 11-10, 11-8

Mixed Doubles Final: [2] Madako Junior Suari & Lynette Vai (PNG) bt [4] Robin Morove & Eli Webb (PNG) 11-9, 11-5.

Bronze medal play-off: [3] Laurent Guepy & Kareen Hamou (NCL) bt [1] Fabian Dinh & Sylvaine Durand (NCL) 11-10, 10-11, 11-6

CALENDAR UPLOADED

The WSF World Calendar featuring World, Regional, PSA and National open Championships is updated monthly, and can be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar>. To add your national championships to it please go to <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/national-event-registration>

WORLD SQUASH DAY ON THE BALL WITH UNICEF



World Squash Day 2015 promises to be one of the biggest, most action-packed events on the sport's calendar with National Squash Federations and clubs all over the world are busily making plans to promote the sport on Saturday 10th October.

A major development this year sees everyone involved in World Squash Day joining forces to raise funds for Unicef, the world's leading children's organisation.

This popular annual event, which takes place against a backdrop of the sport bidding for a place in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, is endorsed by the World Squash Federation.

WSF President N Ramachandran said: *"Squash must always be looking to the future. While this includes our cherished dream of a place on the Olympic Games programme to showcase our sport and top players, a primary aim is always to secure the future by attracting new players of all ages, especially the young. We know that they will enjoy our great sport once they try it so I encourage all our national federations, clubs and vital passionate supporters to take part in World Squash Day this year as clubs and centres open their doors to their communities."*



"There is also an added reason to take part this year, with the day being in aid of Unicef, the largest children's organisation in the world, doing great work for young people who need help in so many ways. We look forward to the world of squash uniting again on our annual Day."

Helping protect children

World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher, from England, added: *"We are delighted to be fundraising for Unicef on World Squash Day to support their work helping to protect millions of children from danger."*

"Squash has a massive collection of student and junior players all over the world and we aim to tap into all that energy to encourage our younger players to get involved in creating new events to support Unicef's work for children. We already have pledges of support from major national federations, who we hope will encourage all of their clubs to get involved on this special day."

"We would love to see every club on the planet open their doors to show the world what a great sport we have, and to raise as much money as possible for Unicef."

Event organisers can make donations online with a special World Squash Day Giving Page here: www.justgiving.com/WorldSquashDay

Full details on how to get involved can be found on the WSD website www.worldsquashday.com

WSF REFEREES & ASSESSORS 2015



The current list of WSF Referees is below. They, together with Regional and National Grade referees provide a service that is often undervalued but is absolutely vital in ensuring that elite level matches are well managed.

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Glenn Carson (New Zealand)
Mohammed Fayyaz (Hong Kong, China)
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Wayne Smith (Canada)
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Graham Waters (Canada)
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Chris Sinclair (Australia)
Graham Waters (Canada)
Nasser Zahran (Egypt)

WSF APPROVED BALLS



ELIAS & GOHAR ARE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONS



Diego Elias and Nouran Gohar were crowned the champions of the 2015 WSF World Junior Individual Squash Championships after triumphs in the finals in the Netherlands last month - Peruvian Elias overcoming Egypt's Youssef Soliman at the Squashtime Centre in Eindhoven to retain the title he won for the first time last year in Namibia, and second seed Gohar upsetting top seed Habiba Mohamed in the other final to deny her Egyptian compatriot a second successive women's title.

Top seed Elias, who last year became Peru's first world squash champion, was in imperious form throughout the week. The 18-year-old from Lima reached the final without conceding a game - then took on surprise finalist Youssef Soliman, a 3/4 seed from Egypt.

Elias - ranked 43 in the world, 133 places higher than his opponent - was forced to battle for 51 minutes before overcoming Soliman 11-6, 11-9, 11-8.

The win sees the South American squash star become only the fourth player in history to win the men's world junior title twice, after Egyptians Ramy Ashour, Mohamed Elshorbagy and Marwan Elshorbagy.

"I feel very happy to win this title," the triumphant Elias said. "It's what you work for. It's thanks to my supporters, trainers, and family - especially my Dad who pushed me and worked with me - making this happen."

"This has been an important month for me, with the Pan American Games where I played well to reach - and almost win - the final, and now this. It's an honour to join the list of people who have won this title twice and I hope I can continue to progress as they have."

Gohar gets revenge

After winning the women's title for the first time last year at the age of 15 - beating Gohar in the final - Alexandria-born Habiba Mohamed had in her sights the potential to win the title an unprecedented four times.

Honours were shared after the first two games, but from five-all in the third Gohar burst ahead to take a 2/1 lead. The fourth game was an epic - 30 minutes of unrelenting effort and tension. Mohamed led at 4-1 but Gohar levelled at 6-all. 7-all, 8-all, and 9-all. The

favourite had four game-balls, and Gohar had two match-balls before finally converting her third with a low drive that former champion Mohamed had no chance of reaching.

"I can't feel anything right now, I'm so happy," said the delighted Gohar after her 11-6, 7-11, 11-7, 17-15 title triumph in 69 minutes.

"In the second game she played very well and I lost concentration, but then I played well again in the third. I didn't think of last year at all, I know I played badly then and I didn't want it to affect me. The fourth was so tough, if I'd lost that I don't think I would have had anything left, I was so pleased to finish it in four, I really don't know what happened at the end!"

Egypt Retain World Junior Team Title

Favourites Egypt beat USA 2/0 in the final of the WSF Women's World Junior Team Squash Championship to claim the World Squash Federation title for a record seventh time - and fifth time in a row - at the Squashtime Centre in Eindhoven in the Netherlands.

It was the third successive final between the two nations - Egypt celebrating their seventh in a row since 2003 and second seeds USA looking to win the trophy for a first time after appearing in all 16 championships since 1985.

In the opening clash between the countries' two top strings, Habiba Mohamed started well for the defending champions against USA's Sabrina Sobhy, building up a 6-1 lead before taking the first game. The American fought back to take the second, but Mohamed was in commanding form in the next two games as she powered Egypt into the lead 11-7, 8-11, 11-6, 11-1.

Egypt again took the early lead in the next match



between the number threes, Salma Hany Ibrahim taking the first game against USA's Kayley Leonard. There was little to choose between the two teenagers in the next three games - but Ibrahim, in her last day but one as a junior, fought back from 7-9 down in the fourth to complete her 11-7, 11-13, 11-8, 11-9 victory in 53 minutes to the delight of herself and her teammates.

So, so, so, so happy!

"We are so, so, so, so, so happy to win this title," Nouran Gohar, the world individual champion who was grateful not to be called on to play the decider, told the event website www.wsfworldjuniors.com later.

Ibrahim, who turns 19 on the 5th, was relieved and happy: *"I was so under pressure - some thought I was going to win easily but I knew how tough it would be. I really didn't want to put Nouran under the pressure of playing a decider, so I didn't think about anything, just tried to play one point at a time, and when the referee said 'stroke' on that last point I just exploded, and then I cried my eyes out".*

Despite being disappointed to lose, the US players were pleased with their performances: *"We thought we played pretty well,"* said Sobhy and Leonard. *"We think we got them a little rattled when the games were so close. We put it all out on there and we're proud of the way we played, it's a good end to our junior careers."*

INDIVIDUAL FINAL RESULTS:

Men's final:

[1] Diego Elias (PER) bt [3/4] Youssef Soliman (EGY) 11-6, 11-9, 11-8 (51m)

Women's final:

[2] Nouran Gohar (EGY) bt [1] Habiba Mohamed (EGY) 11-6, 7-11, 11-7, 17-15 (69m)

TEAM FINAL RESULTS:

Final:

[1] EGYPT bt [2] USA 2/0.

Habiba Mohamed bt Sabrina Sobhy 11-7, 8-11, 11-6, 11-1, Salma Hany Ibrahim bt Kayley Leonard 11-7, 11-13, 11-8, 11-9.

3rd place: [3] ENGLAND & [5] MALAYSIA, 5th place play-off: [8] CANADA bt [6] NEW ZEALAND 2/0, Chloe Chemtob bt Eleanor Epke 6-11, 11-8, 11-5, 14-12 Maddie O'Connor bt Juee Bhide 11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5. 7th place play-off: [4] HONG KONG CHINA bt [7] INDIA 2/1, Choi Man Shan bt Adya Advani 12-10, 9-11, 11-3, 12-10, Lui Hiu Lam Bubble lost to Nikita Joshi 11-13, 7-11, 8-11, Ho Ka Wing bt Harshit Jawanda 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 11-7. 9th - 12th place play-offs: [9] SWITZERLAND bt [11] FRANCE 3/0, Cindy Merlo bt Laura Gamblin 11-8, 15-13, 11-8 Marija Shpakova bt Elise Romba 6-11, 11-4, 11-0, 2-11, 12-10 Celine Walser bt Julie Rossignol 11-4, 12-10, 11-6 [10] AUSTRALIA bt [12] GERMANY 2/1, Lakeesha Rarere bt Saskia Beinhard 11-7, 11-7, 11-7, Victoria Leow bt Ramona Bauer 15-13, 11-9, 11-7, Samantha Calvert lost to Nele Hatschek 11-5, 1-11, 7-11, 9-11 *Final positions: 9 Switzerland, 10 Australia, 11 France, 12 Germany.* 13th place play-off: [13/16] FINLAND bt [13/16] SOUTH AFRICA 2/1, Riina Koskinen bt Mariska Wiese 7-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5, 11-3, Henrietta Huuhka bt Cassey Preece 11-7, 8-11, 11-5, 5-11, 11-7, Maarit Ekholm lost to Faith Sithole 11-9, 13-15, 1-11, 7-11. 15th place play-off: [13/16] BELGIUM bt [13/16] NETHERLANDS. 2/0, Tinne Gilis bt Elena Wagenmans 4-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-3, Anouk Feys bt Joy Half 11-8, 12-10, 11-8. 17th place play-off: [17/18] GUYANA bt [17/18] ZIMBABWE 3/0 Akeila Wiltshire bt Carley Barton 11-1, 11-4, 11-2, Gabrielle Fraser bt Kuzivakwashe Madungwe 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, Larissa Wiltshire bt Shannon O'Donovan 11-4, 11-1, 11-0.

THREE GOLDS FOR AMANDA SOBHY AT PANAMS

New York squash star Amanda Sobhy made Pan American Games history by becoming the first player to win three gold medals in a single event when she led USA to victory in the Women's Team championship at the PanAmerican Games at the Exhibition Centre in Toronto.

The women's final - an all-USA clash - saw Sobhy facing US team-mate Olivia Blatchford, a fellow 22-year-old, also from New York, who secured her surprise place in the final after upsetting No.2 seed Samantha Teran, the defending champion from Mexico.



(Sobhy, pictured [2nd left] with [L to R] Blatchford and bronze medallists Samantha Cornett & Samantha Teran)

Sobhy, making her Pan Am Games debut but playing her third match of the day after two doubles battles in the event, brushed aside Blatchford 11-8, 11-3, 11-3 in just 22 minutes.

Absolutely thrilled

"I am absolutely thrilled to have won the Gold Medal in the singles!" said Sobhy "This is my first PanAmerican Games, so to be able to win a gold medal for not only myself, but for the US and squash in the United States is a huge honour. While the PanAmerican Games is a huge event for us, a real dream come true would be to stand up there with an Olympic Gold Medal around my neck!"

USA faced Canada, champions in both 2007 and 2011, in the Women's Team final. Squad number two Olivia



Blatchford put the second seeds ahead with an 11-4, 12-10, 11-8 victory over Canadian Hollie Naughton before Sobhy reclaimed the title for USA with a powerful 11-3, 11-2, 11-8 win over top-ranked Canadian Samantha Cornett in a repeat of the individual gold

medal match.

The triumphant New Yorker (pictured with her three gold medals) later exclaimed to her Twitter followers: *"What a great way to end an unforgettable*

PanAmerican Games! 3 golds, 1 silver, and 2 bronzes for Team USA"

Meanwhile, Men's top seed Miguel Angel Rodriguez, claimed gold in the squash singles final, becoming the first squash player to successfully defend a PanAm Games title.

Rodriguez defends

Rodriguez, a 29-year-old from Bogota in his 11th year as a squash professional, faced rising star Diego Elias, the 18-year-old from Peru who became his country's first ever world champion after winning the World Junior Championship title last year.

It took the experienced Colombian 88 minutes to see off underdog Elias, a 3/4 seed who upset second-seeded Mexican Cesar Salazar in the semi-finals.

"Diego is a very good player who is beginning to excel on the circuit," said Rodriguez. I know him well. He played like a champion.

"Everybody expected me to win gold again - it was not easy," added the highest-ranked South American player of all-time. "I felt all the pressure of Colombia on me - but fortunately I finished with gold."



(Rodriguez pictured above, in yellow, with [L to R] Elias, and bronze medallists Shawn Delierre & Cesar Salazar)

USA & Canada Strike Team Gold

Hosts Canada thrilled the packed crowd by upsetting favourites and defending champions Mexico to win their first gold medal of the Games in the Men's event.

Silver medallists in the past two events, Canada were eager to make amends in a repeat of the 2011 final against Mexico, this time before a partisan home crowd. In the opening match, Calgary-based Andrew Schnell faced Mexico's experienced Eric Galvez - against whom he had lost in straight games in two previous PanAmerican Championship clashes. 23-year-old Schnell battled for 37 minutes to overcome Galvez, eight years his senior, 11-9, 11-7, 11-8 to give the hosts the lead.

Team number one Shawn Delierre, a veteran of three PanAm Games campaigns, then lined up against higher-ranked Cesar Salazar. The 27-year-old Mexican, winner of their clash in the 2011 team final, took the opening game - but 33-year-old Delierre regained the upper hand thereafter and stormed

through to a 7-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-7 triumph in 57 minutes to clinch the long-awaited gold medal for Canada.

"I'm at a loss for words!" tweeted Schnell later. "Canada Wins GOLD at the PanAm Games!!!! Couldn't have done it without my teammates, coaches, family, or friends."



While attending the event, IOC President Thomas Bach made time to visit the squash, where he was shown the facilities by WSF Vice President Linda MacPhail (pictured). One of the players he spoke to, Samantha Cornett, said 'with so many

sports to watch, how exciting to have IOC president Thomas Bach at the squash courts today! I am honoured he watched me play, happy to have met him, and I can only hope he enjoyed the match enough to consider squash for 2020. I will still be young for that one!'

RESULTS:

Men's Singles. Men's Final: [1] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [3/4] Diego Elias (PER) 11-9, 3-11, 12-10, 11-8 Women's Final: [1] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [3/4] Olivia Blatchford (USA) 11-8, 11-3, 11-3.

Men's Team Championship: Semi Finals: [1] MEXICO bt [3/4] USA 2/0, [2] CANADA bt [3/4] ARGENTINA 2/1, Final: [2] CANADA bt [1] MEXICO 2/0. Andrew Schnell bt Eric Galvez 11-9, 11-7, 11-8, Shawn Delierre bt Cesar Salazar 7-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-7.

Women's Team Championship: Semi-finals: [1] USA bt [5/6] COLOMBIA 2/0, [2] CANADA bt [3/4] MEXICO 3/0, Final: [1] USA bt [2] CANADA 2/1. Olivia Blatchford bt Hollie Naughton 11-4, 12-10, 11-8 Amanda Sobhy bt Samantha Cornett 11-3, 11-2, 11-8 (28m), Natalie Grainger lost to Nikki Todd 9-11 ret.

PanAm images courtesy of Paige Stewart

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT

The current WSF World Junior rankings can be seen at:

<http://wsf.tournamentsoftware.com/ranking/ranking.aspx?rid=101>.

Forthcoming events on the World Junior Circuit during September and October are:

Sept/Oct '15

September

11 – 13 Welsh Junior Open

25 – 27 Slovak Junior Open

October

02 – 04 Head Danish Junior Open

02 – 04 Serbian Junior Open

09 – 11 Nordic Junior Open

16 – 18 Hungarian Junior Open



CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2015

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Dunlop 	Dunlop I-ARMOR
Grays 	Grays GT Eyewear
Harrow 	Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR
i-Mask 	i-Mask
Karakal 	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
Reydon (Mantis) 	Mantis Protective Eyewear
Oliver 	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
Prince 	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2)
Salming 	ASTM F803
Tecnifibre 	R615

MALAYSIA GO FOR COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GOLD

Malaysia is expected to strike double singles gold when Squash makes its debut as one of the nine sports featured in the 5th Commonwealth Youth Games this week in Samoa. Players from 19 nations will compete in five events - men's and women's singles, and men's, women's and mixed doubles - which will take place at the Tuana'imato Sports Facility in Apia from 5-11 September.

Three-time British Junior Open champion Eain Yow Ng, 17, from Kuala Lumpur is top seed in the men's singles championship - while compatriot Sivasangari Subramaniam, a 16-year-old who won the British Junior U15 Open title last year, is favourite to take gold in the women's singles.

There are further gold predictions for Malaysia in the doubles events where Marcus Wei Jie Sim & Mohd Farez Izwan are top seeds in the men's championship, and Andrea Lee & Eain Yow Ng are favourites for the mixed title - but it is the New Zealand pairing of Abbie Palmer & Eleanor Epke which is seeded to take top honours in the women's doubles event.

Men's singles 1st round draw:

[1] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) bye, Richard Hollins (SCO) v Fook John Shackley (FIJ), Velavan Senthilkumar (IND) v Jason Doyle (SVG), [3/4] Luke Jones (NZL) v Aidan Rowston (NFK), [3/4] Israr Ahmed (PAK) v Benjamin Mekdeci (GUY) Alex Eustace (AUS) v Robin Morove (PNG), Stephen Hearst (NIR) v Thomas Da Silva (GIB), [2] Patrick Rooney (ENG) v Mohammed Saiful Mia (BAN)

Women's singles 1st round draw:

[1] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) v Storm Walker-Glenny (NFK), Larissa Wiltshire (GUY) v Ellie McVeigh (NIR) Carrie Hallam (SCO) v Mihiliya Methsarani (SRI), [3/4] Mari Taylor (ENG) v Kimberley Galea Cauchi (MLT), [3/4], Harshit Jawanda (IND) v Susanna Armano (BER), Rachael Gibson (AUS) v Sadia Gul (PAK), Lynette Vai (PNG) v Kelsey Manuatu (SAM), [2] Eleanor Epke (NZL) v Thandi Myers (SVG)

Men's doubles entrants:

[1] Marcus Wei Jie Sim & Mohd Farez Izwan (MAS); [2] Alex Eustace & Joseph White (AUS); [3] Mohammed Saiful Mia & Rakeen Aziz (BAN); Fook John Shackley & Neil Vakacavu (FIJ); Aidan Rowston & Curtis Buffett (NFK)

Women's doubles entrants:

[1] Abbie Palmer & Eleanor Epke (NZL); [2] Andrea Lee & Zoe Foo Yuk Han (MAS); [3] Alexandra Haydon & Lauren Aspinall (AUS); Larissa Wiltshire & Taylor Fernandes (GUY); Mya Evans Swynenburg & Storm Walker-Glenny (NFK)

Mixed doubles entrants:

[1] Andrea Lee & Eain Yow Ng (MAS); [2] Mari Taylor & Patrick Rooney (ENG); [3] Sadia Gul & Israr Ahmed (PAK); [4] Abbie Palmer & Luke Jones (NZL); Rachael Gibson & Jesse Keegan (AUS); Taylor Fernandes & Benjamin Mekdeci (GUY); Harshit Jawanda & Velavan Senthilkumar (IND); Mya Evans Swynenburg & Marc Kalsrapp (NFK); Lynette Vai & Robin Morove (PNG); Carrie Hallam & Richard Hollins (SCO); Thandi Myers & Jason Doyle (SVI)

RANEEM EL WELILY - NOW WORLD NO.1

Egyptian Raneem El Welily has ended Nicol David's unprecedented nine-year run as the uninterrupted World No.1 by topping the September 2015 PSA Women's World Rankings – **becoming the first Egyptian female star in any sport to be crowned No.1.**

The 26-year-old from Alexandria, who had previously occupied the World No.2 ranking for eight months, has been in sublime form so far in 2015 claiming a hat-trick of major wins at the J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions, Guggenheim Partners Windy City Open and Alexandria Open which have seen her become the first player since 2006 to overtake the Malaysian atop the rankings.



El Welily becomes just the 13th person ever to hold the No.1 ranking after bringing David's 109-month reign as World No.1, which began in August 2006, to an end and she admits that the reality of being World No.1 is yet to sink in.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to have become the new World No.1," said El Welily, who was named PSA Women's Player of the Year in 2015.

"Nicol has been number one for so long and the gap between her and all of us has been so huge that to get close to her is an achievement in itself. To be the person to finally overtake her is huge for me".

Elsewhere inside the top ten England's Alison Waters (No.4), Egyptians Omeya Abdel Kawy (No.6) and Nour El Sherbini (No.7) and Hong Kong's Annie Au (No.10) all enjoy upwards progression in September while Delia Arnold is the biggest riser inside the top 20, rising five places to World No.12.

PSA Women's Rankings – September 2015

1	Raneem El Welily	EGY	2,979
2	Nicol David	MAS	2,853
3	Camille Serme	FRA	1,759
4	Alison Waters	ENG	1,425
5	Laura Massaro	EGY	1,417
6	Omeya Abdel Kawy	EGY	1,210
7	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	1,126
8	Nour el Tayeb	EGY	1,001
9	Low Wee Wern	MAS	843
10	Annie Au	HKG	727
11	Emma Beddoes	ENG	617
12	Delia Arnold	MAS	571
13	Nouran Gohar	EGY	571
14	Rachael Grinham	AUS	556
15	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	545
16	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	544
17	Dipika Pallikal	IND	539
18	Emily Whitlock	ENG	489
19	Amanda Sobhy	USA	456
20	Salma Hany Ibrahim	EGY	454

CASTAGNET CRACKS TOP TEN

Frenchman Mathieu Castagnet has moved up two places to a career high ranking of World No.9 in the September PSA Men's World Rankings – joining the elite top ten for the first time in his career.



The 29-year-old from Aix-en-Provence has steadily progressed through the rankings over the last twelve months, having been ranked at World No.19 in September 2014, with back-to-back quarter-final finishes at the Grasshopper Cup and Allam British Open in May seeing him move up into the illustrious top group.

"Making the top ten has been one of my goals and ambitions and it is a great achievement for me because it shows that anything can happen if you keep training hard," said Castagnet.

Mohamed Elshorbagy remains on top of the rankings for the 11th consecutive month as part of an unchanged top five while fellow Egyptian Omar Mosaad moves up to a career high World No.6 while the retirement of four-time World Champion Amr Shabana means Tarek Momen holds the No.10 position.

Elsewhere in the top 20 there's upwards movement for Egypt's Karim Abdel Gawad, up three places to a career-high No.11, South Africa's Stephen Coppinger, up three places to No.14, Indian's Saurav Ghosal, up four places to No.15 and Australian Cameron Pilley, up four places to No.16.

Rising Egyptian talent Mazen Hesham rounds out the top 20 after moving up two places to a new career high.

PSA Men's Rankings - September 2015

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1432
2	Nick Matthew	ENG	1174
3	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1017
4	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	656
5	Ramy Ashour	EGY	582
6	Omar Mosaad	EGY	522
7	Simon Rösner	GER	516
8	Peter Barker	ENG	513
9	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA	430
10	Tarek Momen	EGY	415
11	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	395
12	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY	374
13	Borja Golan	ESP	353
14	Stephen Coppinger	RSA	332
15	Saurav Ghosal	IND	328
16	Cameron Pilley	AUS	315
17	Daryl Selby	ENG	315
18	Max Lee	HKG	301
19	James Willstrop	ENG	295
20	Mazen Hesham	EGY	281

SPIN INFORMATION



For players, all players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Events and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. Their SPIN (Squash Personal Identification Number)

stays with them for life.

For individual events where national federations enter their players they will do so using the SPIN of the players. Similarly, in those events where players enter themselves e.g. World Masters, they will do so using their SPIN.

For team events of all ages in World and Regional Championships, Member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions can also be made on-line.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Any player, irrespective of age, can register themselves - or their federation can do so on their behalf - by completing the on-line registration form. They should also let their national federation know that they are doing so.

The current SPIN registration fee - paid on-line - is a once only lifetime fee of GBP10.00 (not annual).

Notes: Half of all the fees paid by the players (or Member Nations on their behalf) are split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Opens, with players at U19 level able to claim World Junior ranking points.

WHERE DO PLAYERS REGISTER?

Simply go to **www.worldsquash.org/spin**

MEMBER NATION LOGIN

Separately, all WSF Member Nations have their login so that they can view all registrations from their country, enter WSF Championships and do so for WSF individual events.

PROTECTED DATES 2016

In conjunction with PSA, next year there will again be designated protected dates when it is highly recommended that Regional and National Championships are held - allowing hosts more confidence when making arrangements; giving regions and nations certainty about player participation - that is not possible at other times - and players the opportunity to commit knowing that there will be no conflicting events.

The 2016 protected weeks are:

National championships:

7 days from second Monday in February and June

Regional championships:

7 days from the last Monday in April*

*Where there is regional agreement that one of the designated National Championship weeks is not used then an additional Regional Championship can be held then, of course.

COURT ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION



The WSF Accreditation scheme ensures that centre operators know that they are buying courts of a good standard, and their users will be playing in the right conditions. Full information on WSF Court Accreditation can be found at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/150206_WSF-ACCREDITATION-INFORMATION-2015.pdf

For all World, Regional, PSA Tour and Junior Circuit events using newly built courts, and expanding to other events run under the auspices of national federations, there is a requirement that they are Registered as being Complete Court Accredited (CCA) i.e. that all the main components are Accredited and are appropriate for competitive use.

Details of this, are at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/accreditation/complete-court-accreditation-cca/scheme

Court Registration is at:

www.worldsquashcourts.org/addAccredited.aspx

Recognising that there will be occasions where the court owner does not wish all or some of the courts to be *Registered*, where they are not intended for national and international competition, in these circumstances they can *List* their courts using the same form but without paying a fee. The *List* will not be published but will be on our database making it easy to upgrade in the future from 'non-competition' to 'competition' use if required.



WORLD MASTERS 2016

If you are thinking of entering the World Masters next year, and so many players will, here is a link to the latest newsletter on the event:

<http://wsfworldmasters.com/wm16-newsletter01/>

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EUROPEAN MASTERS MEDALLISTS MINGLE



For full results of the European Masters in Malmo, Sweden, go to: <http://europeansquashmasters.com/>

AND ASIAN JUNIORS JOIN



While Malaysia celebrated six golds including the women's Junior Team (*see above photo*), hosts Iran won their first medal, *see below*. For full details go to: <http://www.squashsite.co.uk/2009/asianjuniors2015.htm>



SNIPPETS

PSA TRIAL TIN HEIGHT CHANGE



The Professional Squash Association (PSA) will be conducting a four month trial, beginning in September, into the suitability of reducing the height of the tin in Women's Tour matches from 19" to 17" - the current standard in the men's professional game.

The trial will take place across the professional game with some of the sport's most prestigious events to feature an all-glass show-court, such as the Women's World Championship, taking part in the trial with September's 2015 China Open becoming the first event ever to see the world's top female players compete with the lower tin.

MIGUEL MEETS Mr PRESIDENT

One person who wanted to congratulate Miguel Angel Rodriguez when he won singled gold at the pan American Games was the President of his country of Colombia, Mr Juan Manuel Santos. Or was he asking for coaching lessons from the court showman?



.....SO DOES CAMILLE!



British Open winner Camille Serme was personally congratulated by French President M. Francois Hollande at a recent reception. Quentin Urban, also pictured, is a French kayaker who hopes to go to the Olympic Games in Rio.

KOUKAL CONJURES UP RECORD

Czech squash star Jan Koukal became the first PSA World Tour player to record a 12th successive year of title success when he won the Open Squash Provence Château-Arnoux in France recently.

Second seed in the PSA M5 event in its third year at Squash Moyenne Duranc in Château-Arnoux, world

No.148 Koukal battled back from 2/1 down to beat English favourite Chris Fuller 11-8, 8-11, 6-11, 11-4, 11-7 in the final.

It was the Prague-based 32-year-old's first Tour title success of 2015 - which extended a remarkable run in which the former world No.49 has won Tour titles each year since 2004.

The country's highest-ranked player of all-time has gone on to make 56 final appearances and secure 32 titles. The success puts Koukal in fourth place in the list of title winners on the current PSA Tour, behind Ramy Ashour (36), Nick Matthew (33) and Amr Shabana (33).



SHABANA RETIRES



Egyptian four-time World Champion Amr Shabana, the man known as the 'Maestro' on the PSA World Tour, has retired from competitive professional squash with immediate effect, bringing to an end an illustrious 20-year career.

The 36-year-old, who turned professional in 1995, hangs up his racket as one of the most decorated players in the history of the sport, claiming a total of 33 PSA World Tour titles and having topped the World Rankings for a total of 33-months - the fifth longest reign in history.

Competing in over 180 tournaments and playing over 500 matches, Shabana has been a consistent face inside the world's top ten for 140 consecutive months but will now dedicate his time to other pursuits within the squash community.

"After spending 20 years as a competitive pro athlete in the beautiful sport of squash I have decided that this is the perfect time for me to step down and relinquish my spot in the top 10 and retire from the PSA," said Shabana.

"I am now going to focus on my other passion which is to help people worldwide realise their hidden potential and find their inner strengths.

SQUASH AND SPORTING SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP



Squash Australia has launched its' Sporting Schools programme, a Federal Government/Australian Sports

Commission initiative that will hopefully lead to thousands of kids around the country trying squash as a sport.

This program has allowed squash to become a priority sport in the participation sector," Squash Australia's

National Development Manager, Trevor Smith, said. *"It's more about planting the seed to allow it to grow. We've got to look at the long-term approach for squash, and build our foundation back up. Sporting Schools along with our OzSquash programme will allow us to do this."*

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GUYANA CELEBRATE SPLENDIDLY!

The Guyana Women's team showed their joy in beating Barbados 3/2 in the Caribbean Championships on Cayman.



The Men's Title went to Jamaica who beat Trinidad and Tobago 4/1. Individual titles went to Jamaican Chris Binnie (beating home player Cameron Stafford 3/2), while Barbadian Karen Meakins saw off the final challenge of Bermuda's Runa Reta 3/1.



Official WSF Magazine

The PSA's leading officials answer five key questions about how to reduce the number of stoppages in the professional game.

Also, Australian no. 1 Cameron Pilley talks about his game and Dominic Bliss speaks to squash court floor expert Tommy Smith.

For these features and more, please click here:
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