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WSF ELECTS NEW BOARD

The 44th World Squash Federation AGM and Conference, held this year alongside the US Open in Philadelphia, included a two-day conference which featured presentations from key people from outside squash to provide interesting insights and their experiences from the wide world of sport and related organisations.

These included diverse topics such as governance, digital marketing, interacting with communities and assessment solutions amongst others.

These included an exciting new film-based programme for referee assessment and education which was demonstrated by Indian National Coach Major Maniam to the great interest of delegates.

Along with general business the centrepiece of the AGM was the Vice Presidential elections for the three positions. Hong Kong's Heather Deayton completed her maximum term and so stood down - after being warmly



acclaimed for her service to the WSF Board.

Meanwhile, Hugo Hannes (Belgium) and Mohamed El-Menshawly (Egypt) were re-standing and both were re-elected. The third Vice-President place went to Canadian Linda MacPhail, Secretary General of the Pan-American Squash Federation *[pictured with (L to R) Mohamed El-Menshawly, President Ramachandran and Hugo Hannes]*.

WSF President N Ramachandran, commented: "Heather Deayton *(pictured with Ramachandran)* has been a wonderful member of the WSF team and I am very sorry to lose her. However, Linda MacPhail is a great addition, and it is a pleasure to welcome back Hugo and Mensh.

"These are exciting times for squash and having spent the last few days with delegates representing member nations from around the world, I know that they share our intention to provide leadership for the sport at all levels." Delegates also had the opportunity to watch matches at the Delaware Investments US Open, also superbly hosted by US Squash at Drexel University where Egyptian Mohamed ElShorbagy claimed the world number one position for the first time along with the title, while Nicol David dominated proceedings in the women's event.



THE OLYMPIC GAMES POSITION

The squash bid for a place on the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020 concluded in Buenos Aires in September 2013 when wrestling was voted back in. However,



that gathering also saw the election of Thomas Bach (pictured) as President of the IOC, taking over from retiring Jacques Rogge. Since then there

has been change in the air.

Last December 'Olympic Agenda 2020' was put in place so that all elements of IOC business could be reviewed. There have been IOC Commission and Olympic Summits, as well as an IOC Session where discussions have been had and fourteen Working Groups were set up to bring forward recommendations.

These Working Groups' findings were presented to the IOC Executive Board during October and will be voted upon by the membership during the IOC Extraordinary Session in Monte Carlo on 8 / 9 December, having been reviewed by the IOC Executive Board on 23 / 24 October.

The relevance for squash is that amongst the reported forty recommendations which are understood to broadly cover sustainability, credibility and youth, are the way that the programme of sports and events are developed and how access will take place in the future.

We don't know what they are at present as they will not be made public for some weeks, but it is thought that the emphasis will change from a cap of events to a cap of athletes, and that additional sports could still be added to increase flexibility.

It is also clear that given host city approval the sports programme for 2020 can be altered despite it already having been fixed.

Due to the assiduous efforts of WSF President Ramachandran throughout this period, our case for inclusion has been vigorously made and the strength of it recognised by key IOC people.

The door is now ajar again. If it opens further in Monte Carlo in advance of a final decision next year squash is ready to walk through it.

TENDER DEADLINES

The deadline for receipt for World Championships tenders is 31st December two years ahead of the event year i.e. for 2017 events (e.g. World Men's Teams and World Juniors) is 31st December this year.

The opportunity to host the World Juniors 2016 is still available. Interested members should contact the WSF immediately for details.

WSA AND PSA JOIN FORCES

The Professional Squash Association (PSA) and Women's Squash Association (WSA) are set to join forces in an historic merger that will see the professional ranks in the sport of squash administered by one unified governing body for the first time ever.

Following a lengthy consultation process involving the sport's major stakeholders over the past ten months, which included inviting both memberships of the PSA and WSA to vote on the proposed merger, a decision was reached that will see the Professional Squash Association operate as the governing body for both from January 1, 2015.

Continuing to operate under the existing PSA name, the re-formed organisation will be responsible for running the men's and women's professional game with the strategic aims of increasing the level of equality and parity in prize money and playing opportunities across the professional game.

"We have been in discussion with the WSA since the beginning of 2014 regarding a potential merger between the two associations," said PSA Chief Executive Alex Gough.

More Unified Base

"Both parties felt that a merger would provide a more unified base from which to grow the sport of squash across the globe and to proactively increase the levels of equality and opportunity for both genders at the elite level.

"We are committed to driving the sport forward and have long-term plans in place to achieve parity in prize-money across the sport and ensure that equal opportunities are available for both male and female squash players.

As a result of the merger the WSA will now begin a wind-down process, set to be completed by December 31st 2014, when squash will usher in an exciting new era of joint-responsibility and unified governance.

"The WSA members are very excited to merge with the men and form one unified governing body for professional squash," said WSA Chief Executive Tommy Berden. "Over the past ten months we have been able to discuss in depth how the merger will benefit our sport and we really feel this is the right time to move things forward for both the men's and the women's tour.

It's encouraging to see that more promoters are following the example set by the US Open to pay equal prize money and we are expecting more events to follow suit in the upcoming year".

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE COACHING / REFEREEING COMMITTEES BY WSF

On a recommendation from the Development and Coaching Committee, the World Squash Federation has appointed an experienced coaching manager Michael Khan (*left*) as the *WSF Coach Education Programme Coordinator*. He will report to the Director of the Development and Coaching Committee and will assist with the delivery of the WSF Coach Education Programme. The programme is developing standard coach and tutor courses, beginning with Level



1, at the start of next year.

A former Austrian team player, Khan has been Director of the European Squash Federation Coaching Committee since 2005 and has tutored coaches for the past ten years. Khan will help develop materials, coordinate 'technical' elements, and liaise with nations and regions. "Developing a Coach Education Programme for World Squash is an extremely exciting challenge, and I am delighted to be part of this new project which will be very beneficial to the sport and coaches worldwide," said Khan.

Meanwhile, Welsh referee Roy Gingell (*below*) has taken on the role of *WSF Referees Committee Director*, and is charged with supporting and developing the WSF Referee qualification, education and assessment programmes.

Gingell said: "I am delighted to be joining the WSF as Director of the Referees at such an exciting time for our sport. I look forward to drawing on my experience and begin working with all member Nations, Regions and, of course, our referees to take forward the development and promotion of refereeing."

The highly-respected Welshman brings thirty years' experience which has seen him referee at the highest level and handle an array of major events around the world including numerous World Championship finals. In addition to assessing and tutoring, Gingell has been heavily involved in developing, delivering and reviewing various strategies and pathways in relation to different aspects of the game.

On the launch of these two major initiatives, WSF President N Ramachandran commented: "The World Squash Federation has reinforced its commitment to progressing the management and standards in the refereeing and coaching fields by bringing Roy and Michael into the teams, and I am sure that the addition of their expertise and experience will prove invaluable to the sport."



CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

When buying new products, look for the WSF Certified Tested logo. Brands that become certified will be added to the WSF website and featured in Instant Updates.

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

WSF EYEWEAR POSTERS

To help promote awareness of eye protection, don't forget that the scalable-poster is available that can be downloaded by centres and placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms.

It can be found at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/eyewear-poster



THE VOICES

Jonathon Power of Canada and Netherland's Vanessa Atkinson will spearhead the broadcasters and match presenters voicing at the **Shop.ca Women's World Team Squash Championship** between 1 – 6 December 2014 at White Oaks

Resort & Spa in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada.

Atkinson captured the World Open in Kuala Lumpur in 2004 and the year after reached the number one ranking in the world for the first time. Since her retirement in 2011, Atkinson has been busy working as a Master of Ceremonies and commentator at a number of squash events including the 2011 World Open in Rotterdam, the 2012 Hong Kong Classic, the World Series of Squash finals in 2011 and 2012 as well as the 2013 and 2014 British Opens.



Power, one of the most iconic names in squash worldwide, is Canada's most decorated squash professional. He captured 36 Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Titles in 58 finals, as well as winning the World Open (1998), the British Open (1999), the Super Series Finals (2003 and 2005), the PSA Masters (2001, 2002 and 2005), the Tournament of Champions (1996, 1999, 2000 and 2002), men's singles Gold Medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games during his career.



Power and Atkinson will serve as broadcast commentators during the quarterfinals, semi-finals and final round matches (4 – 6 December) on SquashTV's broadcast. They will be joined by Squash Canada Performance Director Jamie Hickox a former World #15 and the former coach of the Malaysian National Team as well as Women's World Team Squash Championship Master of Ceremonies Don Goodwin who was recently inducted into the Rogers Cup Tennis Hall of Fame.

Goodwin has often been called the 'the voice of squash' in North America with his over 35 year association with major tennis and squash events in Canada, the US and in England including the Pace Canadian Classic and the Tournament of Champions in New York.

The Championship will be streamed by Sportscanada.tv and Squash TV around the world on the <http://wsfwomensteams.com> website.

THE HONORARY CHAIR

The Women's World Team Squash Championship, featuring the world's leading women from 20 nations, has been boosted by former IOC Vice President Dick Pound accepting the role of Honorary Chair. Pound is one of Canada's most-recognized figures in international sport. In his distinguished career, Pound

has been a two-time Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Chancellor of McGill University and founding Chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency.



"I am very honored to accept this position in such an important event. I love the game of squash and played it competitively for a quarter of a century. My particular hope is for squash to become part of the Olympic Games – it has all of the elements of skill, fitness, excitement and fair play that make it a natural addition to the Olympic programme."

THE SPONSORS

SHOP.CA, the leading Canadian online retailer, has been named the title sponsor of the WSF Women's World Team Squash Championship.

"SHOP.CA is extremely proud to be associated with the pinnacle event in women's team squash" said Drew Green, Founder, CEO and Chairman of SHOP.CA. "The team at SHOP.CA identifies strongly with national pride, elite talent, and to commitment and dedication in the pursuit of excellence. We wish our Canadian team the very best in their quest for victory and offer all the participants a warm welcome to Canada."

"We are very pleased to have SHOP.CA on board as title sponsor of the World Team Squash Championship and we look forward to working closely with them to mutually collaborate to promote our properties and the event", said Danny Da Costa, Championship Director and Squash Canada Executive Director.

THE CENTRE

White Oaks Resort & Spa has honoured the memory of Mark Sachvie by renaming its squash facility "The Mark Sachvie Squash Centre @ White Oaks".

Sachvie who spent 32 years at White Oaks, died suddenly on 30 November 2013 of a heart attack. Mark was the President of Squash Ontario at the time of his death, and both the Racquets Director at White Oaks and the Women's World Team Squash Championship Director.

"What a fitting tribute to one of the games great squash builders. Mark built a thriving junior squash culture at White Oaks, he developed numerous Canadian squash champions, developed three generations of players and touched thousands of squash players from all around the world with his love of the game", said Da Costa.



QATAR WORLD DRAW IS OUT

The draw for the 2014 Qatar PSA World Squash Championship has been made and will see current Champion Nick Matthew, the Englishman from Sheffield (*below*), begin the defence of his title against a qualifier when the 2014 competition gets underway at the Khalifa Tennis and Squash Complex in Doha on 14 November.

34-year-old Matthew faces a tricky route to the final if he is to defend his title, with potential encounters against four-time World Champion Amr Shabana, who knocked him out of the US Open at the semi-final stage and Mohamed Elshorbagy, the 23-year-old Egyptian who now tops the PSA



World Rankings for the first time in his career, standing in his way.

Elshorbagy, will go into the tournament as one of the favourites, having recently claimed his fourth consecutive PSA World Tour title at the 2014 Delaware Investments US Open to extend his current unbeaten streak to 18-matches. Elshorbagy and Matthew are seeded to meet in the semi-finals when a place in the final will be up for grabs, with either four-time runner-up Gregory Gaultier or two-time champion Ramy Ashour seeded to await them in the decider.

Elshorbagy is determined to keep up his rich vein of form. "The World Championship is coming up in three weeks and I'm really looking forward to it," he said. "Hopefully I can make it very tough for all the other players every time I go on court and keep my momentum going to win it. I'm feeling very confident at the moment but I'm not fooled by that and know I still need to keep focused and work even harder to keep my game at the top. Many people think that when you get to World No.1 you have reached the end of the ladder but for me this is just the beginning - I don't just want to get to this level, I want to extend it and I'm going to be working even harder ahead of the World Championship."

EGYPT AWARDED 2015 WORLD JUNIORS

The title-holders will defend the WSF Women's World Junior Team Squash Championship on home soil following the decision to award Egypt the right to host the 2015 Championships in Cairo.

Egypt, winners of the title for the fourth time in a row in Poland in 2013, last hosted the event in 2003.

The Men's and Women's World Junior Individual Championships precede the Women's World Junior Team Championship, and while Egypt won the



female Individual Championship again this year in Namibia, when Habiba Mohamed triumphed, they will be keen also to regain the men's crown after the title went to Peru's Diego Elias in Windhoek.

Welcoming the 2015 Championship to Cairo, subject to facility finalisation, Egyptian Squash Federation



President Assem Khalifa (*pictured, left*) said: "We are proud of the achievements of all our juniors and it will be our great pleasure for them to have the opportunity to compete for the World Junior titles in our own country."

"We are also delighted to be able to welcome all the best young overseas players so that they can experience Egyptian hospitality."

WSF President N Ramachandran added: "Egypt not only has a rich and long tradition of squash excellence but this is coupled with their formidable production line of juniors. We are delighted that they will again be hosting a WSF event and look forward to an excellent edition."

The planned dates are 25-30 July 2015 for the World Junior Individuals, followed by 31 July - 4 August for the Women's Junior Team Championship.

....And the Women's World Championship 2014

The 2014 Women's World Squash Championship will take place in Egypt in December following an agreement reached this week between the Women's Squash Association and Wadi Degla Holding.

Offering a USD \$150,000 prize-fund, the 2014 championship will be hosted by the Wadi Degla club in Cairo from 15-20 December, following three days' of qualifying. The 30th edition of the premier tournament on the WSA World Tour will be staged in Egypt for only the second time since the inaugural event in 1979.

Boasting 48 courts, Wadi Degla is the biggest chain of squash clubs in Egypt - and one of the biggest groups of sporting clubs in the world, with a combined membership worldwide in excess of 500,000. The Wadi Degla Maadi branch is also the training base of world No3 Raneem El Welily.

WSA CEO Tommy Berden added: "We are delighted to take the Women's World Championship to Egypt in December. Squash is one of the most popular sports in Egypt and there a lot of young Egyptian players coming up rapidly, so it will be great to see them in action on home soil."

The Women's World Championship title, currently held by England's Laura Massaro is owned by the World Squash Federation (WSF) and managed by the Women's Squash Association.



INDIA AND MALAYSIA SHARE ASIAN GAMES TEAM GOLD

For the first time ever, India and Malaysia contested both team finals in the 17th Incheon Asian Games Squash Championships in the Republic of Korea, with honours ultimately shared - Malaysia retaining the women's title and India clinching men's gold for the first time.



It was double gold for the second time in four years for world number one Nicol David, who followed her record fourth

individual gold medal in Incheon by leading Malaysia to success in the team event.

Third string Delia Arnold put the favourites into the lead with an 11-9, 12-10, 11-2 victory over India's Anaka Alankamony before David despatched Indian number one Dipika Pallikal 11-7, 11-6, 11-3 to give Malaysia the title.

India's men plotted their Incheon campaign to perfection. The third seeds made it to the final after defeating Kuwait in the semi-finals - a tie in which top string Saurav Ghosal avenged his surprise defeat to Kuwaiti number one Abdullah Al Muzayen in the individual gold medal match.

And revenge was the order of the day in the final when India beat Malaysia 2/0 - Harinder Pal Sandhu



first overcoming Malaysian No3 Mohd Azlan Iskandar 11-8, 11-6, 8-11, 11-4 before world No16 Ghosal survived a dramatic clash with vastly experienced Malaysian Ong Beng Hee to beat the former world No7 6-

11, 11-7, 11-6, 12-14, 11-9 in 88 minutes.

TEAM RESULTS:

Men's semi-finals:

[3] INDIA bt [4] KUWAIT 2/0. Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Ammar Altamimi 11-4, 11-3, 12-10, Saurav Ghosal bt Abdullah Al Muzayen 11-8, 7-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-3

[2] MALAYSIA bt [5] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0. Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan bt Leo Au 11-8, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7, Ong Beng Hee bt Max Lee 2-11, 11-6, 13-11, 11-8

Final:

[3] INDIA bt [2] MALAYSIA 2/0. Harinder Pal Sandhu bt Mohd Azlan Iskandar 11-8, 11-6, 8-11, 11-4, Saurav Ghosal bt Ong Beng Hee 6-11, 11-7, 11-6, 12-14, 11-9

Women's semi-finals:

[1] MALAYSIA bt [2] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0. Low Wee Wern bt Joey Chan 11-5, 11-5, 11-7, Nicol David bt Annie Au 4-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-6

[3] INDIA bt REPUBLIC OF KOREA 2/0. Joshana Chinappa bt Park Eun Ok 11-6, 13-11, 11-8, Dipika Pallikal bt Song Sun-Mi 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-5

Final:

[1] MALAYSIA bt [3] INDIA 2/0. Delia Arnold bt Anaka Alankamony 11-9, 12-10, 11-2, Nicol David bt Dipika Pallikal 11-7, 11-6, 11-3

David & Al Muzayen Strike Individual Gold

While Malaysia's Nicol David celebrated a remarkable fourth Asian Games gold, it was a historic first gold for Kuwait when underdog Abdullah Al Muzayen recovered from 2/0 down to topple top seed Saurav Ghosal in the men's final at the Yeorumul Squash Centre in Incheon.

David, in her fifth successive final, but the first all-Malaysian, the 31-year-old from Penang recovered from a game behind to beat fellow Penangite Low Wee Wern, the No2 seed, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 12-10 in 60 minutes.

"They are all very different," David told *Reuters* of her Asian Games gold medal haul. "Every medal had a different significance to it."

Al Muzayen was making only his second appearance in the Asian Games after reaching the quarter-finals in 2010. The 26-year-old 5/8 seed began his giant-killing Incheon run in the quarter-finals, beating Malaysia's 3/4 seed Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan before removing Hong Kong's second seed Max Lee in a 75-minute semi which went the full distance.

In his first victory over Ghosal for more than six years, the Kuwaiti left-hander fought back from two games and match-ball down in the third to beat the world No16 from India 10-12, 2-11, 14-12, 11-8, 11-9 in 87 minutes.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Men's quarter-finals:

[1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [5/8] Nasir Iqbal (PAK) 11-6, 9-11, 11-2, 11-9, [3/4] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) bt [5/8] Leo Au (HKG) 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-7, [5/8] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt [3/4] Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) 11-7, 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, [2] Max Lee (HKG) bt [5/8] Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (QAT) 11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 8-11, 11-2

Semi-finals:

[1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [3/4] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) 11-9, 11-4, 11-5, [5/8] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt [2] Max Lee (HKG) 6-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-6, 11-8

Final:

[5/8] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt [1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 10-12, 2-11, 14-12, 11-8, 11-9

Women's quarter-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [5/8] Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7, [3/4] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [5/8] Joshana Chinappa (IND) 7-11, 11-9, 11-8, 15-17, 11-9, [3/4] Annie Au (HKG) bt [5/8] Maria Toorpakai Wazir (PAK) 11-3, 11-4, 11-4, [2] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [5/8] Joey Chan (HKG) 11-6, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5

Semi-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [3/4] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-4, 11-4, 11-5, [2] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [3/4] Annie Au (HKG) 11-9, 11-5, 11-5

Final:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [2] Low Wee Wern (MAS) 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 12-10

HESHAM AND TOMLINSON TAKE WORLD UNIVERSITY INDIVIDUALS

While Egyptian favourite Mazen Hesham won the men's title in the 8th World University Squash Championships in India as predicted, there was a major upset when Great Britain's Millie Tomlinson, a 5/8 seed, toppled top seed Olga Ertlova in the other final to take the women's title at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai against expectations.

Hesham, a 20-year-old from Cairo who is already ranked 34 in the world, dropped just one game en-route to the men's final - where he faced No2 seed Zahed Mohamed in the event's third all-Egyptian final since 2002.

The top seed needed just 35 minutes to overcome Mohamed, 22, from Alexandria, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6.

Hesham becomes the third Egyptian men's Champion, following in the footsteps of illustrious former Champions Karim Darwish (2002) and Ramy Ashour (2008) - both of whom went on to top the PSA World Rankings.

Tomlinson, a 22-year-old from Duffield in the English county of Derbyshire, enjoyed a distinguished career as a junior, winning the British Junior U13, U15 and U19 titles before moving to the USA to study at Yale University.



(Tomlinson and Hesham)

seeded Egyptian Farah Abdel Megid 10-12, 11-9, 11-3, 11-7 in 55 minutes.

In her first meeting with Ertlova, the world No59 from the Czech Republic, Tomlinson despatched the 28-year-old 11-8, 11-6, 11-1 in 38 minutes to clinch the title.

Tomlinson becomes the first British women's Champion since England's Jenny Tranfield in 1998.

EGYPT RECLAIM WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAM TITLE

After a dramatic final in which all three matches went the full distance, it was Egypt that prevailed to win the 8th World University Team Squash Championship - beating defending champions Great Britain 2/1.

The newly-crowned women's Individual World University champion Millie Tomlinson put Britain into the lead, stemming a brave fight-back by Farah Abdel Megid to beat the Egyptian 11-9, 11-7, 11-13, 8-11, 11-5.

Mazen Hesham then had to show why he'd won the men's individual title when he repeated his semi-final victory over Eddie Charlton to beat the Briton 10-12, 11-5, 5-11, 12-10, 11-4 and level the tie.

Equally close was the deciding match between Zahed Mohamed and Welshman Joel Makin. Twice the Egyptian led, and twice Makin drew level. But Mohamed ultimately prevailed, winning 11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8 to give the title to favourites Egypt.

The win denied Great Britain the chance to become only the second team in the event's history to retain the title.

But the victory also established a unique record for Egypt (*left*), who have now won the trophy three times - in 2002, 2008 and 2014 - on the only three occasions in which they have participated in the championships!



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

MEN'S

Q-finals: [1] Mazen Hesham (EGY) bt [5/8] Sanjay Singh (MAS) 8-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-8, [3/4] Eddie Charlton (GBR) bt [5/8] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-8, 11-9, 8-11, 7-11, 11-5, [3/4] Muhammad Saqib Yousaf (PAK) bt Andrew Martin (RSA) 11-8, 9-11, 15-13, 8-11, 11-3, [2] Zahed Mohamed (EGY) bt [5/8] Joel Makin (GBR) 12-10, 11-8, 11-8

Si-finals: Hesham bt Charlton (13-11, 11-7, 11-9, Mohamed bt Yousaf 11-6, 7-11, 11-1, 11-7
Final: Hesham bt Mohamed 11-8, 11-9, 11-6

WOMEN'S

Qr-finals: [1] Olga Ertlova (CZE) bt [5/8] Chloe Mesic (FRA) 8-11, 11-9, 11-2, 11-6, [5/8] Alexandra Fuller (RSA) bt [3/4] Zulhijjah Binti Azan (MAS) 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 13-11, [5/8] Millie Tomlinson (GBR) bt [3/4] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) 11-2, 7-11, 11-3, 11-4, [2] Farah Abdel Megid (EGY) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-3, 11-5, 10-12, 11-4

S-finals: Ertlova bt Fuller 11-7, 11-3, 11-5, Tomlinson bt Abdel Megid 10-12, 11-9, 11-3, 11-7

Final: Tomlinson bt Ertlova 11-8, 11-6, 11-1

TEAM RESULTS:

Final: [1] EGYPT bt [2] GREAT BRITAIN 2/1

Farah Abdel Megid lost to Millie Tomlinson 9-11, 7-11, 13-11, 11-8, 5-11, Mazen Hesham bt Eddie Charlton 10-12, 11-5, 5-11, 12-10, 11-4, Zahed Mohamed bt Joel Makin 11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8

3rd place play-off: [3/4] MALAYSIA bt [3/4] SOUTH AFRICA 2/1

Zulhijjah Binti Azan lost to Alexandra Fuller 11-8, 2-11, 11-13, 12-10, 11-13, Sanjay Singh bt Andrew Martin 11-3, 9-11, 3-11, 11-7, 11-5, Addeen Idrakie bt Nell van der Merwe 8-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – WSF WEBSITE!

It may seem like the internet has been around forever, but it hasn't of course, and WSF were pathfinders as our website was one of the first Federation ones.

According to initiator Paul Baggott he reckons he typed the UNIX command 'chmod a+r*.*' to make the site public at 11.11pm on 18th October 1994!

Here is an extract from the WSF Executive Committee Report in 1996 as background. Happy 20th birthday to our website!



Executive Committee Report 1996

Squash and the Internet.



The Internet Squash Federation came onto the World Wide Web in October 1994 as the brainchild of a computer and Squash enthusiast at Newcastle University, England - Paul Baggott - and was officially endorsed by the WSF in early 1996.

The ISF is a top level site, acting as a focal point for all Squash on the World Wide Web. After accessing the Internet on <http://www.worldsquash.org/> the subscriber will find the ISF's menu of topics, including Club addresses in many countries, Coaching Tips, the Rules, the World Calendar, results of events, World Rankings etc. These can all be accessed by clicking a button at the side of the page and these sites, in turn, contain a route back to the ISF and onwards to other sites.

The ISF has been accessed by over 30,000 visitors in the past seven months and is growing rapidly. It has received glowing reviews in many specialist Internet publications and has been described as the best sports site on the World Wide Web. 40 WSF Member Nations are already on the Internet, have a link with ISF and are enjoying the benefits which come from this rapidly growing communication medium. The WSF actively encourages Members to cooperate in this valuable publicity vehicle for the sport and will be pleased to offer advice. Paul has worked tirelessly on this mammoth project and the WSF is truly grateful to him for his dedicated support.

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT: Nov/Dec 14

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World Champion Nick Matthew talks to Rod Gilmour in detail about his extraordinarily rapid comeback from a knee operation to retaining his Commonwealth singles title at Glasgow 2014.

Also, Ian McKenzie interviews Keir Worth, the new Chief Executive Officer at England Squash and Racketball, about the challenges facing the association.

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WORLD'S LARGEST CENTRE?



When the Hasta La Vista Club in Wroclaw, Poland, hosted the WSF World Junior Championships in 2013 it featured 18 courts plus a three sided glass court. When it hosts the squash competition at the World Games in 2017 and any other events before then it will boast 28 courts with a further nine built by CourtTech during October.

Is it now the world's largest squash complex?

Owner Zenon Waniak explained the expansion saying, "The decision of building new courts was made when I saw that the 19 courts we had, had full reservation lists. I was lucky having the possibility to buy 1000 m2 just next to us. We made a new door and everything has been connected."

All our squash promotion projects are successful - working with juniors, seniors, students, teachers, businessmen and any other social groups we can see that the power of squash is magical."

Although the whole gamut of people are catered for, as Zenon Waniek says, the emphasis is on youngsters with many Wroclaw schools using learning squash at Hasta La Vista as part of their sports lessons there as part of their sports lessons, in



conjunction with the city authorities, led by Jarosław Delewski, Director of the Department of Education.

It is anything but Hasta La Vista (i.e. so long), but instead bienvenida (welcome) to the enlarged centre!

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WORLD SQUASH DAY SPEED THRILLS

World Squash Day 2014 was a resounding success, with thousands of players taking part in challenging and creative events all over the World.

In a trans-Atlantic speed challenge, Australia's world No.22 Cameron Pilley (*right*) attempted to improve on his world record of 176mph during a competition at the US Open in Philadelphia. This time his feared forehand was slightly off his best as he registered 163mph in a head-to-head with former world record holder John White, head coach at Drexel University, which hosted the Delaware Investments US Open Championships.



England's world No.14 Sarah-Jane Perry recorded 144mph, which sets a benchmark for future women's challenges.

In England, Team Winchester squad member Steve Wykes outgunned the top pros by recording an impressive 168mph during a World Squash Day doubles tournament at The Mote Squash Club in Maidstone, Kent.



Two English squash enthusiasts, James Roberts and Mark Davey, completed a magnificent marathon by playing seven matches at seven local clubs in the space of seven hours, finishing up at their home club of Lichfield in Staffordshire.

While in Australia, squash players gathered for a rally outside Parliament House in Canberra before dispersing to open-day events at clubs across the city. Meanwhile, in Poland and India, new media was embraced as players were encouraged to upload "squash selfies" and Tweet the reasons why they loved squash so much.

The biggest social enterprise took place in New Delhi, India, where a group of volunteers staged an open day for orphans and homeless children to enjoy a day of squash.

A spokesperson said: "These children train for free at the Academy run by Dr. Bharatinder Singh and we are happy to let these fellow citizens be the poster boys and a girl.

"They were invited to participate in the popular annual handicap tournament for the Merchants Cup. Each of them showed immense character to step on to the court and play, and also won some points against more experienced opponents.

"The events of World Squash Day would have been celebrated at more glamorous venues, and in the presence of great stars, but, thankfully for us, these 16 Children - 13 in the picture - who played on four



teams were quite frankly the stars of World Squash Day in New Delhi."

Across the globe, reports emerged of numerous fun events to promote the game, including fancy dress doubles, thousands of free lessons for juniors and coaches cycling from club to club to offer free classes. Numerous clubs simply opened their doors to hold open days to show that squash is one of the best sports for all-round fitness, with an hour of activity on the court burning around 900 calories.

World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher was delighted with the response. He said: "I have been inundated with reports of clubs and federations staging some amazing events to promote the sport. Squash is on a real high at the moment, with some fantastic presentation of the sport in the Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games and the Asian Games.



"It was wonderful for World Squash Day to be featured so prominently during one of the world's leading tournaments, the US Open, and we are already looking at some

novel ideas for next year."

WSF APPROVED BALLS



SPIN INFORMATION

For players, all players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Championships and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. They will then be provided with their SPIN (Squash Player Identification Number), which 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 competing in World and Regional Championships, Member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions would 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) is split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Open events, with players at Under-19 level able to claim World Junior Circuit 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.

MIKE GREENWOOD

Squash lost one of the most widely known figures in Asian Squash when Mike Greenwood died in September aged 87.

English-born, Greenwood took a job in Bangkok with the Borneo Company in 1960 (apparently not even knowing at the time where Thailand was!), eventually running his own trading and engineering company.



Not only did he play squash for around sixty five years, mostly at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club or Polo Club, but managed the Thailand Squash Association, helped the Asian Squash Federation and was a member of the WSF Technical Committee for seven years. SEA (South East Asian) Games and Asian Championships and Asian Games - he had stints involved with them all. Along with this he inaugurated the Chiangmai Cup Doubles Tournament. Mike Greenwood leaves wife Nora, Alex and Coco, his children with Nora, as well as family from his two earlier marriages.

MEXICO WIN TRIPLE PAN AMERICAN GOLD

Hosts Mexico claimed three of the gold medals - and featured in all but two of the finals - in the 2014 Pan American Squash Championships in the country's fifth largest city Toluca.

Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez overcame local hope Alfredo Avila 11-8, 11-6, 13-11 in the Men's Singles final to win his fourth successive PanAm squash title.

"I'm very pleased to get the fourth Panamerican gold medal in a row," said the world No13 from Bogota, the highest-ranked South American of all-time. "The tournament was very difficult, as it was a big draw and very hard matches - playing Avila, (Cesar) Salazar, (Eric) Galvez and (Diego) Elias. I was very prepared, and am just enjoying playing."

The 28-year-old Colombian went on to claim a second gold after partnering Catalina Pelaez to success in the Mixed Doubles - where the pair beat Maria Elena Ubina & Chris Hanson of the USA in the final.



Mexico's first gold came in the Women's Singles, courtesy of the country's highest-ever ranked player Samantha Teran. The former world No11 from Mexico City claimed a remarkable seventh PanAm title triumph after beating top-seeded Canadian Samantha Cornett 9-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-3 in the final.

"I am very happy for the win," said the 33-year-old Mexican star. "After being injured, it was very difficult to get back - but it was important because

the event was in Mexico, and the competition was very tough due to the qualification process for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

"I just took the draw step by step. This was the seventh Panamerican Women's Individual title that I've won, and I'm looking forward to defend the title in Toronto next year."

A second gold came Mexico's way when second seeds Karla Urrutia & Nayelly Hernandez beat Colombians Karol Gonzalez & Laura Tovar 4-11, 11-5, 11-7 in the Women's Doubles Final.

A final between the top two seeded pairings in the Men's Doubles produced Argentina's sole gold when favourites Leandro Romiglio & Robertino Pezzota defeated Mexicans Arturo Salazar & Eric Galvez 11-9, 8-11, 11-6.

USA Win North American Battle

USA fulfilled their seeding in the Women's Team Championship, beating third seeds Canada 2/1 in the final. Canada denied second seeds Mexico a place in the final after a 2/0 upset in the semis - with Samantha Cornett gaining revenge over fellow 'Sam' Teran in four games.

It was in the Men's Team event that Mexico clinched their third gold medal, the No2 seeds beating surprise finalists Canada, 3/4 seeds, 2/0 in the final.



RESULTS:

Men's Singles semi-finals: [1] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [3/4] Cesar Salazar (MEX) 12-10, 11-8, 11-2, [2] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [9/16] Arturo Salazar (MEX) 11-2, 11-1, 11-3

Final: [1] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [2] Alfredo Avila (MEX) 11-8, 11-6, 13-11

Women's Singles semi-finals: [1] Samantha Cornett (CAN) bt [3/4] Olivia Blatchford (USA) 11-9, 11-5, 11-9, [2] Samantha Teran (MEX) bt Danielle Letourneau (CAN) 11-2, 11-9, 11-6

Final: [2] Samantha Teran (MEX) bt [1] Samantha Cornett (CAN) 9-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-3

Men's Doubles semi-finals: [1] Leandro Romiglio & Robertino Pezzota (ARG) bt [3/4] Alonso Escudero & Diego Elias (PER) 11-10, 11-8, [2] Arturo Salazar & Eric Galvez (MEX) bt [3/4] Edilson Ribeiro Nunes & Vinicius Costa (BRA) 11-2, 11-1

Final: [1] Leandro Romiglio & Robertino Pezzota (ARG) bt [2] Arturo Salazar & Eric Galvez (MEX) 11-9, 8-11, 11-6

Women's Doubles semi-finals: [5/8] Karol Gonzalez & Laura Tovar (COL) bt [3/4] Aline Evelyn & Thaisa Serafini (BRA) 11-4, 11-8, [2] Karla Urrutia & Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) bt [5/8] Danielle Letourneau & Nikki Todd (CAN) 11-6, 11-3

Final: [2] Karla Urrutia & Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) bt [5/8] Karol Gonzalez & Laura Tovar (COL) 4-11, 11-5, 11-7

Mixed Doubles semi-finals: [1] Catalina Pelaez & Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [5/8] Pilar Etchechoury & Rodrigo Pezzota (ARG) 11-3, 10-11, 11-9, [2] Maria Elena Ubina & Chris Hanson (USA) bt [3/4] Diana Garcia & Alfredo Avila (MEX) 8-11, 11-9, 11-6

Final: [1] Catalina Pelaez & Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [2] Maria Elena Ubina & Chris Hanson (USA) 11-4, 11-7

Men's Team semi-finals: [3/4] CANADA bt [1] ARGENTINA 2/0, [2] MEXICO bt [3/4] USA 2/1

Final: [2] MEXICO bt [3/4] CANADA 2/0, Alfredo Avila bt Shawn Delierre 11-6, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10

Eric Galvez bt Graeme Schnell 11-8, 4-11, 11-6, 11-2

Women's Team semi-finals: [1] USA bt [4/6] BRAZIL 3/0, [3] CANADA bt [2] MEXICO 2/0

Final: [1] USA bt [3] CANADA 2/1, Sabrina Sobhy bt Samantha Cornett 11-6, 11-7, 11-13, 11-7, Maria Elena Ubina lost to Nikki Todd 11-3, 9-11, 9-11, 5-11, Olivia Blatchford bt Danielle Letourneau 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-6

PROTECTED DATES 2015

In conjunction with WSA and 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 2015 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.

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NOVEMBER RANKINGS NEWS



ELSHORBAGY BAGS TOP SPOT

Mohamed Elshorbagy, 23, becomes one of the youngest players ever to hold the World No.1 position, joining an illustrious list of stars that includes Pakistani legends Jahangir and Jansher Khan and fellow Egyptian maverick Ramy Ashour.



The Bristol-based powerhouse, who moved to England to work under the guidance of legendary squash star Jonah Barrington aged just 15, sealed his rise to the top after winning the Delaware Investments US Open, beating Gaultier in the semi-final en-route to title glory.

"It is unbelievable to be the World No.1," said Elshorbagy. "It has been a dream to get to that spot and I can't believe I am there now."

Elsewhere in the rankings, German Simon Rösner (right) celebrates his highest ever ranking, breaking into the elite top 10 for the first time in his career to occupy the World No.10 slot.

"This has been a dream and a goal of mine since I was a junior and it is very special and something I have been looking forward to for quite a while. The journey is not over yet though, I will be working hard to keep on improving my ranking for sure."

Rösner is joined in the top 10 by Tarek Momen, who moves back to the No.9 position he occupied in September while four-time World Champion Amr Shabana, who lost the US Open final to Elshorbagy, moves above Ramy Ashour to hold the No.4 ranking – his highest position since 2011.

November top 20 (inc. points average):

1	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1549.000
2	Nick Matthew	ENG	1368.500
3	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1336.500
4	Ramy Ashour	EGY	821.500
5	Amr Shabana	EGY	758.500
6	Borja Golan	ESP	660.455
7	James Willstrop	ENG	628.000
8	Peter Barker	ENG	523.000
9	Tarek Momen	EGY	474.545
10	Daryl Selby	ENG	468.182
11	Karim Darwish	EGY	463.000
12	Simon Rösner	GER	447.727
13	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	411.000
14	Omar Mosaad	EGY	409.545
15	Laurens Jan Anjema	NED	314.500
16	Saurav Ghosal	IND	313.636
17	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY	302.727
18	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	285.000
19	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA	282.000
20	Max Lee	HKG	270.000



NICOL DAVID CELEBRATES CENTURY

Malaysia's Nicol David marks a unique achievement in the history of squash tomorrow (1 November) when she tops the Women's World Squash Rankings for the 100th consecutive month - becoming the first woman or man to hold the world number one ranking unopposed for more than eight years.



David first reached the top of the Women's Squash Association (WSA) world rankings in January 2006, aged 22. After slipping to No.2 in April, the 31-year-old from Penang (*pictured above after winning the 2014 US Open*) reclaimed pole position in August 2006 and, following a run which now boasts 77 WSA World Tour titles including a record seven World

Championship titles, David reaches the latest milestone in her remarkable career.

Fellow Malaysian HRH Prince Tunku Imran, President of the Commonwealth Games Federation and President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, said: "What a great achievement. Nicol continues to be a great inspiration for Malaysian sport. Her attitude, commitment, sportsmanship and professionalism has made her a living legend in our country. Many congratulations to a great champion and wonderful human being."

Liz Irving, the former world No2 from Australia who is David's coach, said: "It has been an amazing journey working with Nicol. Her preparation and professionalism stand alone. I feel very privileged to be a part of it. Being 100 months as world No1 is a real testament to her drive and dedication to the sport."

Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the former world No1 whose five-world-title record David bettered in 2011, added: "Nicol ... what an amazing champion this young lady is 100 months and still going strong! If records aren't crashing, she's creating them!"

While England's Laura Massaro retains second place in the November WSA rankings, ahead of third-placed Egyptian Raneem El Welily, it is another Egyptian Nour El Sherbini who leaps five places to take over the No4 position. The 18-year-old from Alexandria who is the youngest player in the world top 20, celebrated her return to the WSA Tour after a knee injury layoff by reaching October's Delaware Investments US Open final as the seventh seed.

November top 20 (inc. points average):

1	Nicol David	MAS	3,666
2	Laura Massaro	ENG	2,310
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY	2,030
4	Joelle King	NZL	1,171
5	Camille Serme	FRA	1,091
6	Alison Waters	ENG	1,026
7	Low Wee Wern	MAS	970
8	Nour El Tayeb	EGY	944
9	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	906
10	Amanda Sobhy	USA	806
11	Annie Au	HKG	795
12	Dipika Pallikal	IND	750
13	Madeline Perry	IRL	691
14	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY	647
15	Rachael Grinham	AUS	619
16	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	591
17	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	570
18	Kasey Brown	AUS	509
19	Sarah Kippax	ENG	465
20	Emma Beddoes	ENG	463

SNIPPETS

Asian Squash Federation

President David Mui is seen here with IOC President Thomas Bach, pictured at a Japanese Olympic Committee reception during the Asian Games in Incheon, Korea.



Squash Malawi, host of a WSF Ambassadors Programme visit, has received financial support from mobile service provider TNM to support the Malawi Open which is taking place in Lilongwe, the capital city. The event targets players from several surrounding countries.



SQUASH IS IN, Squash will be part of the South East Asian (SEA) Games when it takes place in Singapore next June. The event, held 5-16 June features Individual and Team events and is held between eleven countries in the region.



Kasey Brown, President of the Women's Squash Association (WSA), retired from the WSA World Tour after the Delaware Investments US Open in Philadelphia. She will continue to serve on the WSA Board until the end of her term of office.

29-year-old Brown reached 24 Tour finals and collected 11 titles including the Australian Open and went on to achieve a career-high world No5 ranking in December 2011.

So Does Karim Darwish. Former World No.1 and winner of 23 PSA World Tour titles Karim Darwish, the 33-year-old Egyptian, has announced his immediate retirement from professional squash.

The man from Cairo first joined the professional ranks in March 1999 at the start of a career that would see him go on to contest 42 tournament finals and compete in 500 world tour matches.

He reached the top ten for the first time in 2003, where he would remain for a combined 118-months, with the crowning moment of his career coming in January 2009 when, after winning the PSA World Series Saudi International in December, upsetting Amr Shabana, Nick Matthew and Gregory Gaultier en-route to the title, he topped the world rankings for the first time.

He held on to the World No.1 ranking for 11-months during 2009, a year which also saw him crowned PSA Player of the Year.



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