

# Off The Back Wall

Here we are nearly six months into the season and we are well on track to achieving the goals that we are setting ourselves.

Our talented Pathway Juniors welcomed back to our shores the energetic Garry Pedersen recently back from a coaching stint in India to join our Head Coach Terry White at the Pathways training camp at Parson's Squash Centre last weekend.

And what a weekend of training it was, fast hands, fast feet, court movements, racquet skills and yoga, this weekend had it all. Nothing was spared, no quarter given, it was a full-on program that may have left us exhausted but gave us the knowledge we've been craving.



*Future Champions*



*So Much Concentration*



*Who says we don't have fun?*



*Don't Worry, It Won't Hurt*



*In The Sweat Box*



*Now I've Got a Headache*



*Where Did That Go?*

Congratulations to our two Pathways Juniors, Toby Moore and Grace Pattison on their selection into the National Junior High-Performance training camp which was held in Canberra in January. This was a great achievement for our two youngsters and a thrill for them to work with the National Coaches at the AIS. They both came away with loads of knowledge to help them on their squash journey.

Another pat on the back to our young Grace Pattison, receiving her selection to represent Australia again in the World Junior Championships to be held in New Zealand in July.

I must mention a huge congratulation to Ben Handley who was presented with the prestigious Kieron Burgess Encouragement Award at Wynyard Squash Club following their final's night. This award is given to young payers each year for their dedication and improvement. Ben has certainly shown with all his hard work on the courts that he is a worthy recipient.

It's a funny old game squash, you can never foresee how it's going to turn out. At Wynyard the other night, two teams were tied on points and games for 4<sup>th</sup> place, in contention to play in the semi-finals, so as one does a toss of the coin decided who should go through and would you believe the team that won the toss blitzed their way through to take out 1<sup>st</sup> place, winning 3 rubbers to 1 in the grand final.

What a great night and congratulations to Wynyard Squash Club for putting on another well-run pennant.

The highlight of the evening occurred when one player - and no names will be mentioned - forgot their shoes and had to borrow a pair, some 3 sizes too big. This of course did not deter the young Champ; whose class and skill came to the fore to help her team over the line.

I am not going to mention what brand of footwear they were, but what the heck they were a game changer for this youngster who was down 1-0 until Mr Salming came to the rescue.

So, the answer is, give your feet the treat that they deserve, get them into Salming footwear the shoes that Champions wear.

A big month coming up in June with some crucial tournaments for all our Junior Pathways Players.

**June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Tasmanian Junior Silver tournament* (State Team Selection event)

Entry forms out now.

**Venue:** Devonport Squash Centre.

**June 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** - *Victorian Junior Championships*, a must for all Junior Pathways Players.

Entry forms out on the Squash Victoria Calendar of events site.

**Venue:** Westerfolds Sports Centre, SwilkStreet. Templestowe.

**June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Devonport Open, for all Pathway Juniors a must.

Entry forms out now.

**Venue:** Devonport Squash Centre.

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Tasmanian Open (PSA) \$10K Men's event

**Venue:** Devonport Squash Centre.

The PSA tournament is a huge event with players from all 4 corners of Globe participating, there will also be a fundraiser with refreshments and food for sale on semi-finals night. So you can tuck in to some good grub while watching quality squash.

Let's all get behind this event and support our local entrants: -

Jayden Wadd

Paul Brewtnall

Toby Moore

Harry Palfreyman

Jack Hudson

Jamie Pattison

Jesse Youd

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We will also be welcoming back to our shores one of Tasmania's homegrown professional payers, World Ranked Darcy Evans who will again be a strong competitor.

Finally, no doubt some of the players may be seeking a billet, if you can help please let Leon know on 0488 546 040.

Don't forget, fast hands, fast feet and most of all self-practice.

See you around the courts.... Ed