



Squash stars return home to help develop new talent

Former Adelaide-based, squash professionals James & Danielle Rogers (nee Davis) are returning to Adelaide to take up 2 new positions at Squash SA. Both Danielle & James will be employed as Development Officers with the Association.

Grant Norman, current Australian Squash Volunteer of the Year, has been appointed as Regional Development Officer. Grant will be based in Adelaide but will spend most of his time visiting country areas working on junior development. With many of Australia's current crop of promising youngsters hailing from country areas, Grant is sure to unearth some serious talent around the state.

Squash SA is currently in a re-building phase for the sport, which was once one of the top 5 participation sports in the country. During the 1960's and through to the 1990's, Australians dominated at all levels of international squash. Sporting legends and Sports Hall of Fame inductees include Heather McKay, Geoff Hunt and Vicki Cardwell, all of whom remain involved with the sport at an elite level.

South Australia has produced many world-class players including Doug Stephenson, Glen Brumby, Jan Miller, Chris Dittmar and Cardwell. Currently, local player Mike Corren is the holder of the most wins of current players on the international PSA tour with 28 titles, & is aiming to have 30 under his belt by the end of the year.

Danielle & James have represented Australia and achieved success on the world tour but, like many before them, moved overseas to pursue their squash careers. For the past 5 years they have been based in the USA involved with the coaching and development of the sport at all levels.

Danielle has a passion for the advancement of women's squash and will be working particularly closely with our young female players. She & James have also nominated to play in the upcoming Spring Pennant, which begins in early August, further strengthening the popular local competition.

With Squash SA having recently appointed 4 senior staff members in Marketing, Membership, Development and Competitions, the addition of Danielle, James and Grant working at the sports 'grass roots' is vital. Squash has a healthy participation rate at primary & secondary school level but, as is the case with many sports, the transition to senior competition can be problematic when trying to retain talented athletes. Danielle, James & Grant take up their positions on Monday August 2nd.

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