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FOURTH WSF AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME HAILED AS 'INSPIRATIONAL'



The recent WSF Ambassador Programme has "inspired" the impetus for Squash in Papua New Guinea, said the PNG Squash President Edmond Pereira at the end of the four-day visit to the capital Port Moresby in June.

Malaysia's world No7 Low Wee Wern and Australian number one Cameron Pilley spearheaded the World Squash Federation international promotional initiative devised to highlight the appeal of Squash in countries where the sport is at a developing stage. Launched three years ago, the programme was making its first foray into the Oceania region.

As well as the two leading players, the team also featured Australians Marc Forster and Nathan Turnbull, who provided coaching and refereeing workshops, respectively, and was led by WSF CEO Andrew Shelley.

The programme included a press conference at the Airways Hotel, a visit to the PNG NOC HQ in Port Moresby, plus a number of squash sessions at a variety of locations which included training with members of the PNG national squads, plus local school children and sponsors, as well as exhibition matches between Pilley and Wee Wern.

Growth & Sustainability

"The visit has been excellent for us in terms of promoting the game," said PNG Squash President Pereira. "It has inspired us to continue the development work that we have started for the growth of the sport in the country and its long term sustainability.

"Hopefully, in the future, we can produce some world class players in the sport. It's also been great to see some of our former players coming back - many now successful businessmen in the region - and seeing

what our new vision is, seeing what we're doing to promote the game.

"For the elite players, the 2015 Pacific Games here in PNG is what we're targeting - though we are also sending an eight-man squad to next month's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and two players to the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa in 2015.

"What this WSF Ambassador visit has given us can only lead to a better development strategy in the future.

"I thank you for making the effort in coming across the world to promote this wonderful sport," Pereira concluded.

Cameron Pilley (*below*), who was a finalist in the PNG International in both 2004 and 2005, was delighted to make his debut as a WSF Ambassador: "It's been an honour to represent squash on this WSF Ambassador Programme and help to spread the word about our great game around some of the smaller countries.



"It's been 10 years since I was last here - but the memories came flooding back," added the 31-year-old from New South Wales. "The people here are so great, really friendly with great hospitality.

"Getting on court with the kids - some of whom had obviously never seen squash before - was really good. And some of them were absolute naturals, taking to it like a duck to water!"

There are great expectations of local player Lynette Vai, a 15-year-old from Port Moresby who recently moved to Penang in Malaysia where she is educated at a local international school and trains with Wee Wern and her coach Aaron Soyza.

"This has been a great experience for all of us - we haven't seen play at this level here," said the teenager. "Cameron and Wee Wern are very strong."

"And the coaching and refereeing sessions with Marc and Nathan were also so helpful."

Low Wee Wern, a three-time Asian Junior champion, was also celebrating her first time on the WSF programme: "It's been a great experience. Playing with youngsters like Lynette so reminded me of when I grew up in Penang, knowing nothing about squash in the early days and playing in plaster-walled courts with no gallery!

"It was really good to see kids from the Gordon International School on the first day, most of whom had never been on a squash court before - then coming back on the next day because they enjoyed it so much! They were so keen."

The Malaysian Model

"Coming from Malaysia, where we now have such a good national development system going, it was quite an eye-opener to see the limited opportunities here, with few courts, availability of rackets, etc".

As a precursor to a Commonwealth Games Federation-funded WSF Coaching workshop in Papua New Guinea later in the year, Coaching and Refereeing workshops attracted significant numbers.

"Being part of my first promotional squash trip outside of Queensland was an amazing experience," said WSF Referee Nathan Turnbull. "There were some very keen referee prospects in PNG - and I will continue working with these referees over the next 12 months to help get them accredited."

"The hospitality from the whole squash community in PNG was amazing, seeing a new bunch of juniors some of whom had never played before."



Andrew Shelley summed up the WSF response: "The WSF Ambassadors Programme is intended to support the efforts of nations - but it really energises us too. You cannot help but be impressed by the national development work and our own desire to help is re-vitalised. PNG have done just that for us."

"We hope that the national TV and general media attention the visit enabled, coupled with governmental, business and squash community interest, will provide a real leg-up to the Federation in PNG."

The WSF Ambassador Programme first visited the Baltic country of Latvia in 2011, followed in 2012 by a trip to the African countries of Malawi and Namibia, before last year taking in Panama and Venezuela.

WORLD JUNIORS ENTRIES CLOSED



Entries for the World Junior Individual events closed a few days ago for both the stand-alone women's championship and the men's which precedes the World Junior Team Championship, which will be contested by 20 countries in Namibia's capital city of Windhoek.

Both holders, Egyptians Karim El Hammamy and Nour El Sherbini don't turn 19 until November 2014 and are defending their titles – and in the case of El Sherbini, she has won it three times already!

Seedings are being prepared as at present and will be announced soon.



Holders Karim El Hammamy & Nour El Sherbini can defend their titles

The full list of entered nations for the Men's Junior Championship is:

Argentina, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Kuwait, Malaysia, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, USA, Zimbabwe.

Namibian Squash have been supported by their Ministry of Sport and been able to acquire an all-glass court, which will be rigged at the well appointed Wanderers Club, which will also be hosting the matches on their fixed courts.

WSF APPROVED BALLS



WORLD UNIVERSITIES IN INDIA



The 8th World University Championships will take place at the National Squash Academy in Chennai from 1–7 September.

It features singles events followed by a mixed team event of two male and one female player.

Entries have yet to close so the details will not be known until the beginning of August, but if history counts for anything there will be some players who have a great future in the sport competing.

Examples include Frenchman and former World number one Thierry Lincou (*right*) who won it twice, another World number one Karim Darwish and another Egyptian who needs no introduction, Ramy Ashour. Meanwhile, another top Egyptian, Raneem El Welily is a past winner, as is Hong Kong's number one Annie Au.

On the team side Great Britain have three titles, while Egypt and France have two.

More details in the September WSF Instant Update.



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.*

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT: July/August:



July

10 - 13

13 - 19

29 - 02

August

10 - 15

07 - 08

23 - 27

Dutch Junior Open

Pan-American Junior Open

Hong Kong Junior Open

WSF World Junior Champs

Japan Junior Open

Indian Junior Open

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AMERICAN DEBUT

PSA have announced that the 2015 PSA World Men's Squash Championship will take place in the American city of Bellevue, Washington, on the edge of Lake Washington, in November 2015.

A major suburb of Seattle, Bellevue will become the first American destination to host the competition as 112 of the world's best squash players converge on the Bellevue Pro Sports Club to battle it out for the right to win the \$350,000 tournament and be crowned World Champion.

Bellevue will become the 24th city to host the tournament, only the third in North America after Toronto, Canada and Hamilton, Bermuda, in what will be the 37th staging of the week-long squash spectacular.

"We are delighted to confirm that the 2015 PSA World Squash Championship will take place in Bellevue and to welcome the city on-board as the latest world class destination to become associated with professional squash," said PSA CEO Alex Gough.

"The World Championship is the most prestigious title in squash and to be taking the sport's pinnacle event to an American audience for the first time in history is tremendously exciting for everyone involved."

The 2014 PSA World Squash Championship takes place in Qatar from November 14 - 21, the fourth time the Gulf nation has hosted the event, where Nick Matthew will be trying to defend the title he won in Manchester in 2013.

RANEEM AND TAREK TIE KNOT



Two of the most athletic, talented and popular professionals currently competing have married each other. Twice World Junior Champion and current WSA World number three Raneem El Welily wed top PSA talent Tarek Momen in an Egyptian pairing in June. Best wishes to them both.

Meanwhile, Raneem El Welily was recently selected as one of fifty most influential Arabian Women 2014 by Kuwaiti Magazine *Saidaty* - one of eight Egyptians included.

WSF APPROVED RACKETS



CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2014

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.

BRAND NAME	APPROVED MODEL
Black Knight 	Turbo (AC 114) Turbo Junior (AC 114 Jr) Lasers (AC 111) Sight Guard (AC 112) Kona (AC 119) Kona Junior (AC 119 Jr) Lynx (AC 122) Stiletto (AC 620)
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

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 forthcoming WSF individual events in due course.



Official WSF Magazine

Laura Massaro and her coach, David Pearson, outline the changes they made to her game that saw her become Britain's first world women's champion for 15 years.

Also, Richard Eaton looks back at squash's eventful journey through the Commonwealth Games since its debut in Kuala Lumpur in 1998 and forward to the 2014 Glasgow Games.

For these features and more, please click here:

<http://www.squashplayer.co.uk/features/features.htm>

MALAYSIA & PAKISTAN SHARE ASIAN TEAM SUCCESS



Pakistan retained the men's title and Malaysia reclaimed the women's title in the Buler Asian Team Squash Championships, the 17th staging of the region's most prestigious biennial event which was held at the Hong Kong Squash Centre in Hong Kong China.



After missing out in 2010 and 2012, Malaysia lived up to their top billing in the women's championship by defeating hosts Hong Kong 2/0 to secure the trophy for the eighth time.

Led by Nicol David and Low Wee Wern, ranked 1 and 7, respectively, in the world, Malaysia did not drop a match throughout the event – reaching the final after ousting second seeds India in the semi-finals.

Malaysia claimed an unexpected place in the men's final after upsetting top seeds India in the semis.

Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan gave the third seeds the lead in the final after surviving a five-game battle with Farhan Zaman – but No2 seeds Pakistan drew level when Nasir Iqbal beat experienced Malaysian number one Ong Beng Hee 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-7 before Farhan Mehboob sealed the title for the third time in a row with an 11-7, 11-5, 11-6 victory over Ivan Yuen.

Men's final:

[2] PAKISTAN bt [3] MALAYSIA 2/1

Farhan Zaman lost to Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan 12-10, 3-11, 11-9, 6-11, 8-11

Nasir Iqbal bt Ong Beng Hee 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-7

Farhan Mehboob bt Ivan Yuen 11-7, 11-5, 11-6

3rd place: INDIA & KUWAIT; 5th HONG KONG CHINA; 6th JAPAN; 7th SINGAPORE; 8th IRAN; 9th REPUBLIC OF KOREA; 10th IRAQ; 11th SRI LANKA; 12th QATAR; 13th CHINESE TAIPEI; 14th MACAU; 15th PHILIPPINES; 16th CHINA

Women's final:

[1] MALAYSIA bt [3] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0

Low Wee Wern bt Liu Tsz-Ling 11-5, 11-2, 11-7

Nicol David bt Joey Chan 11-3, 11-2, 7-11, 11-6

3rd place: INDIA & JAPAN; 5th REPUBLIC OF KOREA; 6th PAKISTAN; 7th SINGAPORE; 8th CHINA; 9th SRI LANKA; 10th IRAN

TENNIS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERRED?

Is some new tennis technology likely to make its way into squash?

French manufacturer Babolat have developed 'smart' rackets which feed technical information to players and coaches on every shot played via sensors in the handle.

Having originally required a backpack, the technology now fits into racket handles without affecting weight and balance, and having been previously outlawed by the ITF for competition use, has now been pronounced as allowable for review after rather than during matches.

It allows assessment of number of shots, type, power and spin to aid in shot selection, build up a picture of attack and defence balancebut would it work for squash? We shall see.

GLASGOW 2014 SQUASH SEEDS REVEALED



England's Nick Matthew is expected to repeat his double gold success in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Scotland next month according to the seedings for the five squash events at Glasgow 2014 announced today by the World Squash Federation.

The reigning and three-time World Champion from Sheffield struck gold in the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles in Delhi in 2010 – and is predicted to repeat his success with Londoner Adrian Grant in the doubles and become the first man to retain his title in the singles.

Matthew, ranked two in the world, is currently working through an intensive rehabilitation programme following minor surgery on his right knee earlier this week to repair a small tear in the meniscus.

The singles seedings predict a repeat of the all-English men's final between Matthew and fellow Yorkshireman James Willstrop, the world No6 from Harrogate – whilst the men's doubles seedings forecast the fifth successive England/Australia climax since the sport's Commonwealth Games debut in Malaysia in 1998.

The third seed in the men's singles is also an Englishman, Londoner Peter Barker – whilst Saurav Ghosal is in a strong position to become India's first ever Commonwealth Games squash medallist as the No4 seed.

Distinguished Australian David Palmer, a four-time British Open and twice World Open champion, has come out of retirement to make a rare fifth successive appearance in the Games in Glasgow. The US-based 37-year-old, winner of six medals, will be aiming for his first gold in partnerships with world No19 Cameron Pilley in the Men's Doubles and fellow former world No1 Rachael Grinham in the Mixed Doubles.

Fifth for David

Malaysia's Nicol David will also be celebrating a fifth Games appearance in Glasgow, where she is seeded to retain her Women's Singles gold medal. The 30-year-old from Penang, who has topped the world rankings since August 2006, is expected to face English rival Laura Massaro, the world No2 from Preston, in the final.

Australasia interest in the women's singles is led by Joelle King, the No3 seed from New Zealand, while India's Dipika Pallikal will make her debut in the event as sixth seed.

Massaro, silver medallist with Jenny Duncalf in the 2010 Women's Doubles, will again partner the former world No2 from Yorkshire in Glasgow – where they are seeded to strike gold in a final against Australians Kasey Brown & Rachael Grinham. Brown was a medallist in all three events in Delhi, whilst 37-year-old Grinham achieved the same on home soil in 2006, including gold in the Women's Doubles.

Australians Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley are seeded to hold onto their Mixed Doubles gold medal in a repeat of the 2010 final against New Zealanders Joelle King & Martin Knight.

The Singles events take place at the Scotstoun Sports Campus from 23–28 July, followed by Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles from 29 July to 3 August.

2014 Commonwealth Games Squash top 8 seeds:

Men's Singles:

- 1 Nick Matthew (ENG)
- 2 James Willstrop (ENG)
- 3 Peter Barker (ENG)
- 4 Saurav Ghosal (IND)
- 5 Cameron Pilley (AUS)
- 6 Alister Walker (BOT)
- 7 Chris Simpson (GGY)
- 8 Ong Beng Hee (MAS)

Women's Singles:

- 1 Nicol David (MAS)
- 2 Laura Massaro (ENG)
- 3 Joelle King (NZL)
- 4 Alison Waters (ENG)
- 5 Low Wee Wern (MAS)
- 6 Dipika Pallikal (IND)
- 7 Madeline Perry (NIR)
- 8 Jenny Duncalf (ENG)

Men's Doubles:

- 1 Nick Matthew & Adrian Grant (ENG)
- 2 David Palmer & Cameron Pilley (AUS)
- 3 Daryl Selby & James Willstrop (ENG)

- 4 Alan Clyne & Harry Leitch (SCO)
- 5 Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight (NZL)
- 6 Ryan Cuskelly & Zac Alexander (AUS)
- 7 Harinder Pal Sandhu & Saurav Ghosal (IND)
- 8 Stuart Crawford & Greg Lobban (SCO)

Women's Doubles:

- 1 Laura Massaro & Jenny Duncalf (ENG)
- 2 Kasey Brown & Rachael Grinham (AUS)
- 3 Emma Beddoes & Alison Waters (ENG)
- 4 Nicol David & Low Wee Wern (MAS)
- 5 Joshana Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal (IND)
- 6 Joelle King & Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)
- 7 Lisa Camilleri & Donna Urquhart (AUS)
- 8 Tesni Evans & Deon Saffery (WAL)

Mixed Doubles:

- 1 Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley (AUS)
- 2 Joelle King & Martin Knight (NZL)
- 3 Rachael Grinham & David Palmer (AUS)
- 4 Alison Waters & Peter Barker (ENG)
- 5 Dipika Pallikal & Saurav Ghosal (IND)
- 6 Sarah Kippax & Daryl Selby (ENG)
- 7 Amanda Landers-Murphy & Paul Coll (NZL)
- 8 Delia Arnold & Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS)

Complete draws will be published on 17 July.

AUSTRALIA DOMINATE WORLD MASTERS SEEDINGS



The impressive poster outside the Hong Kong Squash Centre

Whilst the South African Grainger family could walk away with three of the trophies, Australians are expected to take the lion's share of the titles on offer in this month's WSF World Masters Squash Championships, co-sponsored by Hill Dickinson Lawyers and Silverline Mobile, in Hong Kong, according to the seedings announced by WSF.

More than 750 players from all corners of the globe will compete in 18 events from 5-11 July - from Men's and Women's Over-35 through to Men's Over-80 categories - with action split between the Hong Kong Squash Club and Hong Kong Football Club.

Jean Grainger, one of three South Africans seeded to win titles, is favourite to claim the Women's Over-70 crown for the first time - to add to world titles she has won at O55, O60 and O65 since 1999.



Her husband Chris Grainger is the No3 seed in the Men's Over-65 category - while their daughter Natalie Grainger (*above*), a former world No1 now based in the USA, who retired from the WSA World Tour over three years ago, is seeded to win her maiden World Masters title in the Women's Over-35 championship.



Omar Elborolossy (*left*) is the top seed in the Men's Over-35 event in Hong Kong where the 38-year-old two-time British Open O35 champion is expected to be Egypt's sole champion.

Former world No2 Brett Martin, one of three

Martin siblings (with Michelle and Rodney) who dominated squash proceedings in the 90s, is making his World Masters debut as top seed in the Men's Over-50 championship. The 51-year-old is one of the eight predicted champions from Australia – possibly joined on the winner's podium by his wife Melissa Martin, No2 seed in the Women's Over-35 event.

Fitz-Gerald is Back

Distinguished Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald is also expected to add to her title haul in Hong Kong as top seed in the Women's Over-45 event. The five-time World Open champion from Melbourne is making her first appearance in the championships since lifting the Over-35 trophy in 2006.

Three players are anticipated to add a fifth World Masters trophy to their collections. South Africa's Craig van der Wath is expected to retain his Men's Over-45 title after two previous successes at Over-35 and one at Over-40.

With a pair of Over-45 and Over-50 titles already to his credit, Australia's Geoffrey Davenport is now fancied for success in the Men's Over-55 category.

But the player whose World Masters title success spans the greatest period is England's Averil Murphy, who is seeded to win her maiden Women's Over-65 crown. The 66-year-old from Essex claimed her first success at the Over-40 championship 25 years ago in 1989 - and went on to win the Over-55 trophy and two Over-60 titles!

Top World Masters seeds:

Men's Over 35: 1 Omar Elborolossy (EGY), 2 Morten W Sorensen (SWE), 3 Paul David Johnson (WAL), 4 Mick Biggs (ENG)

Men's Over 40: 1 Craig Rowland (AUS), 2 Craig Wapnick (RSA), 3 Glenn Hitch (AUS), 4 Stephen Cooke (NED)

Men's Over 45: 1 Craig van der Wath (RSA), 2 Michael Tootill (RSA), 3 Jean-Jacques Pineau (FRA), 4 Andrew Cross (ENG)

Men's Over 50: 1 Brett Martin (AUS), 2 Willie Hosey (IRL), 3 Trevor Wilkinson (RSA), 4 Peter Hill (SIN)

Men's Over 55: 1 Geoffrey Davenport (AUS), 2 Zainal Abidin (SIN), 3 Udo Kahl (GER), 4 Jeremy Goulding (ENG)

Men's Over 60: 1 John Macrury (CAY), 2 Peter Alexander (ENG), 3 Johnny Orsmond (RSA), 4 Stuart Hardy (ENG)

Men's Over 65: 1 Brian Cook (AUS), 2 Chris Goodbourn (ENG), 3 Chris Grainger (RSA), 4 Frederik Bester (RSA)

Men's Over 70: 1 Adrian Wright (ENG), 2 Gerry Poulton (CAN), 3 Desmond Sacco (RSA), 4 Ted Vale (AUS)

Men's Over 75: 1 Brian Phillips (WAL), 2 Barry Gardiner (NZL), 3 Michael Gough (USA), 4 Vincent Taylor (CAN)

Men's Over 80: 1 John Cox (ENG), 2 Trevor Coulter (NZL), 3 Eddie Delahunty (NZL), 4 Erkki Juslen (FIN)

Women's Over 35: 1 Natalie Grainger (USA), 2 Melissa Martin (AUS), 3 Farrah Fenner (RSA), 4 Sam Herbert (RSA)

Women's Over 40: 1 Amanda Hopps (AUS), 2 Karen Meakins (BAR), 3 Yoriko Michishita (JPN), 4 Becky Clarke (NZL)

Women's Over 45: 1 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS), 2 Sarah Nelson (AUS), 3 Amanda Kennedy (NZL), 4 Diana Parums (ENG)

Women's Over 50: 1 Leora Greenwood (RSA), 2 Bea de Dreu-Spitse (NED), 3 Susan Williams (AUS), 4 Kathryn McKay (NZL)

Women's Over 55: 1 Anne Richards (AUS), 2 Lisa O'Grady (RSA), 3 Mary Sceney (AUS), 4 Karen Hume (ENG)

Women's Over 60: 1 Sue Volkze (AUS), 2 Pauline Douglas (SCO), 3 Freda Walker (NZL), 4 Gaye Mitchell (AUS)

Women's Over 65: 1 Averil Murphy (ENG), 2 Bett Dryhurst (ENG), 3 Claire Bryars (FRA), 4 Marilyn Kennedy (AUS)

Women's Over 70: 1 Jean Grainger (RSA), 2 Barbara Sanderson (IRL), 3 Sheena Worwood (RSA), 4 Joan Witton (ENG)

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EGYPT TO DEFEND WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM TITLE IN CANADA



Defending champions Egypt will lead 20 nations in the Women's WSF World Team Squash Championship in Canada later this year when the 19th staging of the World Squash Federation championship takes place at White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa (*below*), Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario from 1-6 December.

The biennial Championship, the second edition of which was held in Toronto in 1981 and is now being hosted by Canada for the fourth time, will feature the top female players in the world from every continent.

Egypt claimed the title for the third time in the 2012 championship in France, where runners-up England were celebrating their 10th successive appearance in the final.

Guatemala will be marking their maiden appearance in the championship.

Joining hosts Canada in the 2014

championship will be: Australia, Austria, China, Colombia, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong China, India, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain and USA.

SquashTV will be covering the Championship, streaming will be part of the package, but what about watching it live and in person? If you want to go to White Oaks and watch the action, go to the Championship website: www.wsfwomensteams.com/ where from early July you will find ticketing and hotel package information.



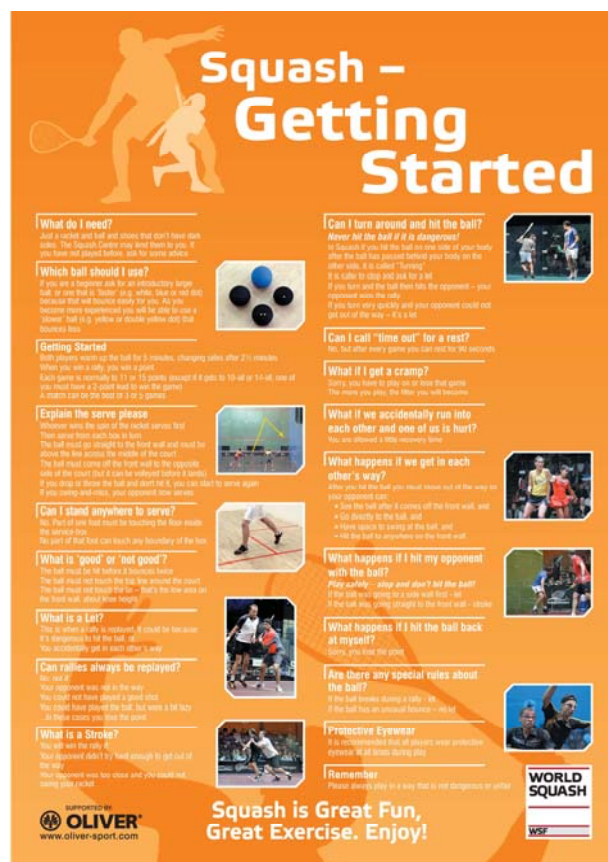
Accredited Companies that manufacture the full range of major court components can become WSF Complete Court Accredited Companies (CCAC); all new courts built by these companies using their components can be registered as CCA courts. Accredited Companies that manufacture only some of the major components can register the courts they build as CCA providing other components used are separately accredited.

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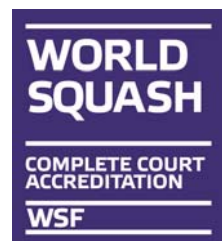
Already completed courts can be registered too, and for all registrations please go to:

www.worldsquashcourts.org/addAccredited.aspx

GETTING STARTED



COMPLETE COURT ACCREDITATION



New build courts are required to register for Complete Court Accreditation (CCA) in order for them to be eligible for use at international events, such as PSA and WSA tournaments and WSF World Championships. Regional and national federations have

been altering their regulations so that they also only play their events on courts that are CCA registered, thus all competition on new courts will take place with a high standard of playing conditions assured.

Of course this regulation does not apply to courts that are already built. Once registered, a certificate will be sent to the court operator and the courts are listed in the worldwide directory.

Following on from the production of a WSF eye protection poster, WSF has now developed a 'Getting Started' poster with support from Oliver that we are sure that centres will find useful when placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms. It will be a reference that players who are 'getting started' can use for their playing and general rule uncertainties.

To download it, go to the link on the WSF website: <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Getting-Started-Poster.pdf>.

It can also be produced in other languages. If you wish to translate it and add a national federation logo, please email Jasmine at the WSF office (jasmine@worldsquash.org) who can send the amendable version – this requires the inDesign programme to open it, which is widely used by designers and printers.

WORLD RANKINGS



Elshorbagy Junior Rises to Career High

After claiming his fourth career title by winning the VII Torneo Internacional PSA Sporta in Guatemala last month, Egyptian Marwan Elshorbagy has climbed to a career-high 17 in the July PSA World Tour Rankings.

The 20-year-old moves up three places from 20 to overtake Australian Cameron Pilley, Frenchman Mathieu Castagnet and fellow Egyptian Karim Abdel Gawad in the process.



Elshorbagy, from Alexandria (*left, in photo with brother Mohamed*), is the only player inside the PSA Top 20 to move up the rankings in July while Gregory Gaultier, winner of May's prestigious

Allam British Open, retains his World No.1 ranking for the fourth consecutive month ahead of England's Nick Matthew. Meanwhile, older brother Mohamed Elshorbagy remains in third spot.

Elsewhere in the rankings South African Christo Potgieter rises a remarkable 98 places, climbing from 275 to his highest ever ranking of 177 just two weeks after winning his first ever PSA World Tour title at the Maggie Beer South Australian Open.

July 2014 Dunlop PSA Men's World Rankings (including points average)

Pos	Player	Country	Average
1	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1440.500
2	Nick Matthew	ENG	1368.500
3	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1131.000
4	Ramy Ashour	EGY	821.500
5	Amr Shabana	EGY	758.500
6	James Willstrop	ENG	628.000
7	Borja Golan	ESP	615.500
8	Peter Barker	ENG	546.500
9	Karim Darwish	EGY	456.500
10	Daryl Selby	ENG	451.000
11	Simon Rösner	GER	415.000
12	Tarek Momen	EGY	411.000
13	Omar Mosaad	EGY	409.545
14	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	358.500
15	Laurens Jan Anjema	NED	314.500
16	Saurav Ghosal	IND	307.500
17	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY	296.500
18	Karim Abdel Gawad	FRA	285.500
19	Mathieu Castagnet	AUS	284.500
20	Cameron Pilley	EGY	276.000



Nicol David Heads Unchanged World Top 20

Malaysia's Squash Queen Nicol David is within touching distance of her 100th month at the top of the Women's World Squash Rankings after establishing her 96th month in a row - and her 99th of all-time - in the July list published by the Women's Squash Association (WSA).

The 30-year-old from Penang, who first reached No1 in January 2006, maintains a healthy lead of more than 1,000 points ahead of England's Laura Massaro, the reigning World Champion who is celebrating her 16th successive month as the world No2.

Egypt's Raneem El Welily is in third place while New Zealander Joelle King is at No4.



The highest ranking to change in the new list is No40 - the new incumbent being Egypt's Habiba Mohamed, the 15-year-old from Alexandria who in November became the youngest ever WSA World Tour title winner (at 14

years and 5 months) and last month won her third successive Tour final at the inaugural Paderborn Open in Germany.

July 2014 WSA Women's World Rankings (including points average)

Pos	Player	Country	Average
1	Nicol David	MAS	3,533
2	Laura Massaro	ENG	2,379
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY	1,754
4	Joelle King	NZL	1,171
5	Camille Serme	FRA	1,107
6	Alison Waters	ENG	1,036
7	Low Wee Wern	MAS	995
8	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	906
9	Annie Au	HKG	760
10	Dipika Pallikal	IND	750
11	Madeline Perry	IRL	648
12	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY	637
13	Amanda Sobhy	USA	598
14	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	575
15	Rachael Grinham	AUS	572
16	Kasey Brown	AUS	509
17	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	468
18	Sarah Kippax	ENG	465
19	Nicolette Fernandes	GUY	463
20	Emma Beddoes	ENG	448

COACHES CONVERGED ON KRAKOW



Coaches from all five continents were amongst the over seventy attendees of the WSF World Coaching Conference held in Krakow, Poland. Some of the most experienced and respected coaches in the world not only gave insights but also discussed techniques, approaches and issues during an invigorating four days that blended on-court practical sessions with seminars.



Malcolm Willstrop and son James took sessions, French star Gregory Gaultier was on court too with coach Renan Lavigne. Zainal Abidin (*left*) showed what deception really means, using a local rising star, as a great exponent himself. It was a real

thrill for the delegates to hear from legend Michelle Martin who had travelled from Australia to give an insight into her career and do an on-court training session.

Included in a whole range of presentations was a very detailed one on biomechanics from Argentinean coach Ignacio Parma; Bryan Patterson told of the workings of the Urban Squash Programmes Stateside; John Milton talked of the transition between junior and senior; Referee Roy Gingell on how the referee's mind works; Michael Khan on level standardisation; WSF Coaching Committee Director Major Maniam, Hadrian Stiff, Argentina's Ignacio Parma did too, and so many more.

Host organiser Maciej Klis and his Federation team



did a great job, and the bonus for delegates to watch the Polish league Finals played on a glass court placed outside in the centre of the historic and beautiful city featuring the top players mentioned and others besides.

Only two years to wait until the next one!

12TH URBAN INDIVIDUAL NATIONALS



390 urban squash players from all around USA have travelled to Amherst and Williamstown, Massachusetts for the 12th Urban Individual Nationals. Students hailed from 11 different states, with the largest contingent being SquashBusters from Boston and Lawrence, MA, and the newest addition being Oakland's SquashDrive. It was Williams College's ninth consecutive year as a host and Amherst College's first.

SNIPPETS

New President for Squash Oz

The Squash Australia AGM has seen Steve Bowen move up to become President. He is a former President of Western Australia Squash.

Squash Malaysia Too

Huang Ying How has moved up from Deputy President to become President of Squash Malaysia at their AGM after Datuk Syed Mustaffa Syed decided to step down after serving for two terms.

Canadian Wall of Fame



Former World number 10, Graham Ryding, the late Mark Sachvie, the Godfather of Canadian junior squash, refereeing's Penny Glover and Squash Canada's Men's National Coach Yvon Provençal (*left*) have been selected for Canada's Wall of Fame 2014.

Flying the Flag

World No. 1 Nicol David has been given the rare honour of leading out the Asian countries in the 20th edition of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, which begin on July 23.



Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) president Tan Sri Tunku Imran Tuanku Jaafar said that this is the first time in the history of the Commonwealth Games that a top athlete from Asia has been invited by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to be the flag-bearer for the eight Asian countries.

Masters Games in NZ

The Organising Committee of World Masters Games 2017 in New Zealand has confirmed that squash is among the 28 sports on the official programme.

The event takes place in April 2017 in Auckland. Find out more information by visiting:

www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz

With Age Comes Titles



rival on today's Tour.

Mike Corren (*left*) made history by becoming the oldest player ever to win a PSA World Tour title when the 40-year-old Australian won the Top End Open in Darwin on home soil. It was his 70th appearance in a Tour final since 1996 - 10 more than his nearest

Worth Takes Over



successful period, culminating in England's men becoming World Team Champions, before moving to a similar British Shooting role in 2013.

England Squash have announced the appointment of Keir Worth (*right*) as their new Chief Executive Officer. He re-joins having previously been employed as England Squash Head of Coaching and Performance during a very



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