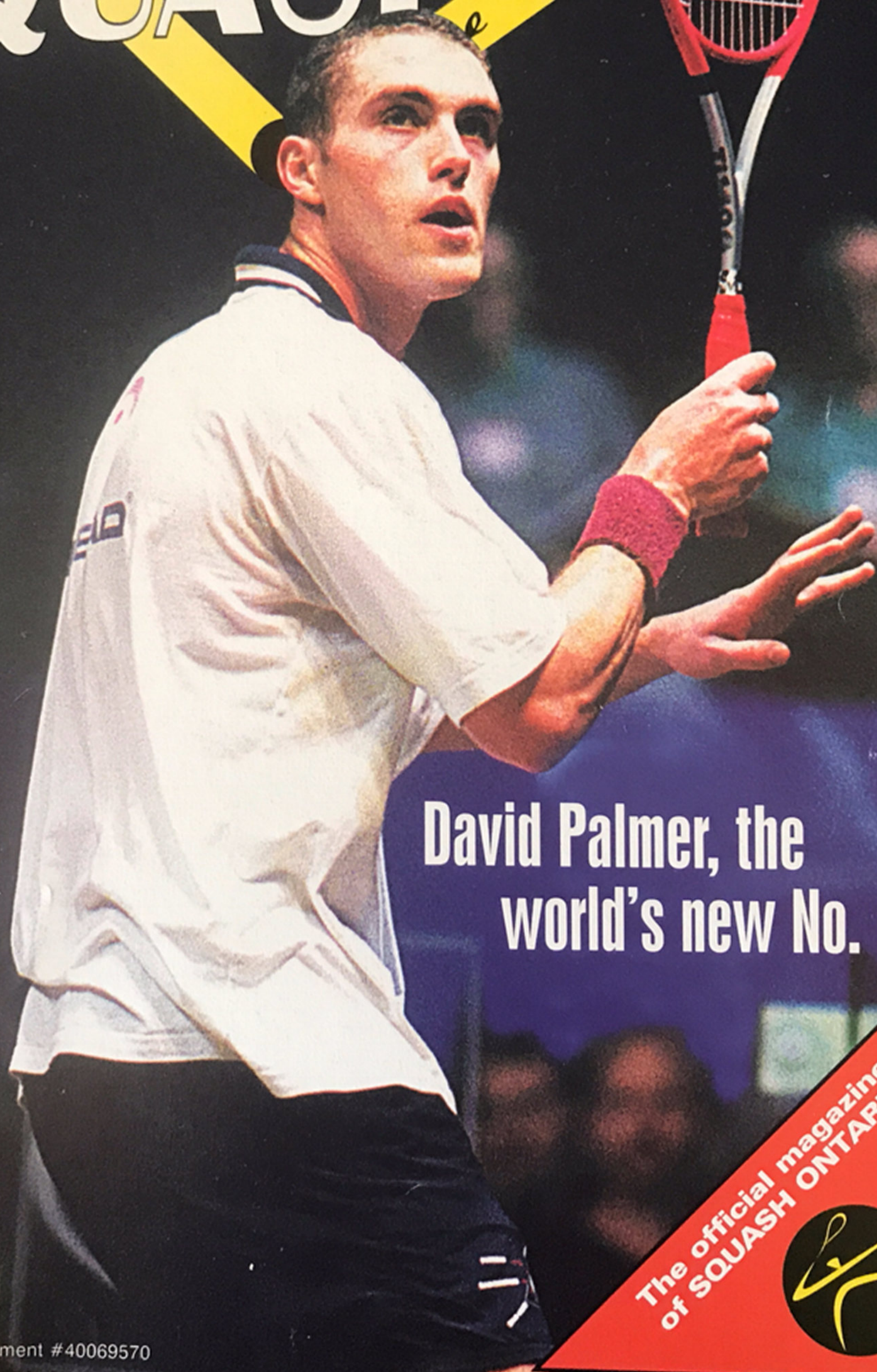


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THEY'RE BACK!

World's top squash players return for YMG Classic

November 18-23 BCE Place, Toronto

IF LAST YEAR'S YMG CAPITAL CLASSIC was considered a huge success, this year's event has all the earmarks of being better still. Not only are twelve of the top twenty players in the world ready to challenge Canada's Jonathon Power for the title he won in YMG's inaugural Classic last December but, added to the mix, this time there's a women's invitational field that will showcase world number one and three time world champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald of Australia and Canada's top ranked player, Melanie Jans.

Again this year, John Nimick of EventEngine, promoter of the YMG Classic, has assembled the cream of the squash world who will once again compete in the glass-walled portable court on the Galleria level at BCE Place in the heart of Toronto's financial district.

Highlighting this year's YMG Classic is defending champion Power, ranked number two in the world. Last year, Power won the event by defeating the world's top player then, Peter Nicol of England. Well, a lot has happened in the last twelve months. Power is no longer number one. He has dropped to third position in the global rankings behind Nicol, now number two and recently crowned number one, David Palmer of Australia. Palmer solidified his hold on top spot in the October rankings after ascending to that position in September. The 25-year-old Palmer is considered a strong contender for this year's YMG title not only because of his world ranking, but also because of the intense rivalry between him and Power. The two very nearly came to blows during their 2000 match at BCE Place. The mini-fracas last year resulted in no more than a pushing match but, tempers did flare and there definitely is a rivalry there.

When it comes to the competition, there's very little separating the top four players in the world. Palmer earned his way to the top with a number of key victories this year. Yet in the recent Qatar Classic in early October, Palmer and the eventual champion Nicol duelled in the final with Nicol winning and in the process boosting his chances of an early return to the top spot in the world rankings. That's one rivalry. Add Power and Palmer to the mix and there's another. Then there's Power and Nicol, last year's YMG finalists. That's been an ongoing rivalry and the two



Jonathon Power and Peter Nicol at last year's Classic

have battled for top spot the past few years. Nicol won this year's Tournament of Champions at New York's Grand Central Terminal in early February with a dramatic fifth game victory over Power.

Almost overshadowed by the top three players is David



<< Jonathon Power

Graham Ryding >>



<< Ong Beng Hee



Peter Nicol >>



Evans of Wales. Evans is ranked number four in the world and is a serious contender to win the 2001 YMG Classic. Evans, at 6-feet-3 is an imposing figure on the court and has a definite reach advantage over many of his smaller opponents.

Canada has a second competitor in the main draw. Graham Ryding, who is ranked number 20 in the world, plays his first match against number five seed, Paul Price of Australia.

The 2000 YMG Classic drew sell-out crowds for each of the five days of competition last year. The 2001 event adds an extra day with the expectation of standing room only again.

The first session of play begins on Sunday, November 18th with four men's first round matches. Among those scheduled to play on opening day are top seed David Palmer; David Evans, number 4; Mark Chaloner of England, number 6 and Scotland's Martin Heath, the number 7 seed.

The women's matches will be played Tuesday through Friday with the final set for Friday evening, November 23rd.

One of the highlights of the week is the daily noon-hour corporate challenge which benefits a major charity. The 2000 Challenge raised a substantial donation for the Terry Fox Fund.

The YMG Capital Classic is produced by John Nimick and EventEngine, promoter of the three major professional squash tournaments in North America, including the Tournament of Champions in New York City's Grand Central Station and the U.S. Open in Boston. The YMG Capital Classic is the largest professional tournament in Canada and tenth most lucrative tournament on the \$1.5 million USD 2001 PSA World Tour. More than 300 professionals from 30 countries compete year-round on the 60-event international pro circuit.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

BY SHERRY FUNSTON

CANADA NOW HAS ONE MILLION fewer volunteers today than it had in 1997, according to new Statistics Canada data. The dramatic decrease is being attributed to profound societal changes that leave workers increasingly pressed for time and volunteers burned out by dizzying demands as governments make cutbacks. One would have been hard-pressed to see any burnout on the part of the 60 or so volunteers who attended the recent Squash Ontario annual meeting in Toronto.

Traditionally, as the first blush of colour touches the trees and the heady scent of newly fallen leaves tantalizes the ole factory sense, Squash Ontario convenes its annual meeting. It is not so much a meeting as a gathering of friends...a time to look back at accomplishments and plan for future endeavours. But, this year was a truly special one.

Squash Ontario was celebrating its 25th anniversary and there is no better way to celebrate a special occasion than with friends and particularly friends who were instrumental in helping you reach that 25 year mark.

In September, the association not only recognized and honoured its present but looked back with respect and gratitude at its past, particularly to those people who worked tirelessly for a fledgling organization that, in the beginning, had more challenges to surmount than successes to boast about. These were the past presidents of Squash Ontario all of whom share a number of commonalities - a passion for the game, unique skills, and firm and inspired leadership.

Absent but, fondly remembered, Iain Milne, President 1978-1979; Jon Lett, President 1983-1984; Bob Smart, President 1984-1985; Anne Smith, President 1985-1987; John Boynton, President 1987-1988; Alan Scott, President 1990-1991; and Lauren Doig, President 1991-1993.

The past impacts the present and because of these people and many, many more who served with them on Boards of Directors and other committees, 2001 is a celebrated milestone. And, in this present, we also honoured those who came after, who

picked up the gauntlet and carried the association and its programmes on to even greater heights.

Black Knight Coaching Achievement Award

Several years ago, the Board of Directors searched for a meaningful way to identify and recognize outstanding coaches in the province. It wanted to provide an answer to the often-asked question, "What makes a good coach?" Not an easy task but, essentially the Board narrowed the criteria down to four important principles. First, they not only teach but consistently demonstrate respect - for one's opponent, for the official, for oneself and for the game. Second, they have integrity - they are honest, sincere and honourable and they encourage and support their athletes to be the same. Third, they teach and abide by the principles of fair play. And, last but by no means least, they are a role model for the profession of coaching itself.

The recipient of this year's Black Knight Coaching Achievement Award was presented to Thunder Bay's, Bob Shine, who has put in countless hours of group coaching, team building (in an often individual sport), individual coaching, fund raising and promotion of our sport across Northwestern Ontario.

Bob Shine has been involved with Squash at the local level for more than ten years and has worked immeasurably in that time to help develop local athletes to national standings. Two such examples are Robert Nigro and Jill Skogberg.

Bob assists at local tournaments and Bingos, which are the main source of funding for Northwestern Ontario. Bob Shine is known well

across Northwestern Ontario and in the Squash community across Ontario as a fair and respected player and coach. He was asked to stand on the Junior Advisory Committee to Squash Ontario, which set the direction for Junior Squash in our province for years to come. He was selected by Squash Ontario based on reputation, performance as a coach, and playing/player values.

Bob has attained Level 2 with NCCP and is currently working on Level 3.

There can be no greater accolade than to be honoured by one's peers.

Certificates of Achievement

These certificates are awarded annually by the Board to those volunteers, coaches, officials or corporations who have been particularly supportive of the game at the regional and provincial level.

The 2001 Certificates of Achievement were awarded to Wes Shaver, Chris Loat, Eleanor O'Gorman and...



Clockwise from top: Toronto Men's League Association comprised of (L to R) Dave Tullis, John Varley, Gord Robertson and Jim Adam; Gary Delavigne (left) and Mark Sachvie; Ajay Gupta (left) and Mark Sachvie



Jim Mason Fair Play Awards

The name Jim Mason is synonymous with junior squash in Ontario and this award was named in his honour. It is presented to one male and one female junior athlete who displays the principles of fair play both on and off the court. The 2001 recipients are Thunder Bay's, Jill Skogberg and Toronto's Greg Hutner. Both are a credit to their

parents and to the game of squash and are wonderful role models for all the young junior players in Ontario.

Special Achievement Award

This is Squash Ontario's highest honour, awarded by the Board at its discretion, to a volunteer, coach, official or player who has made an outstanding contribution to the game of squash at the regional, provincial and national level.

The 2001 recipient is Ottawa's, Jennifer Birch-Jones. Jennifer has been involved in squash for over 20 years. As a player, she has a number of provincial and national championships to her credit. She is an A-1 certified official and is a member of the Squash Ontario officiating committee.

Jennifer also served for several years as Squash Canada's Vice President, High Performance.

And, so we come to the future and it is indeed in good hands beginning with the 2001-2002 Board of Directors. Guiding the Association will be President, Peter Ward, Regional Development Vice President, Dawn Sommerville, Membership Services Vice President, Jim Adam, Marketing

Vice President, Linda Stewart, Finance Vice President, Rob Brooks and Junior Development Vice President, Mark Sachvie. Rounding out the Board is Ann Gray as Past President, a role tailor-made for her facilitation experience and wry sense of humour.

The Board is ably assisted by the nine regional representatives or presidents who, with their own executive committees, deliver and administer many of Squash Ontario's programmes and services. Lending more support in specific areas are the chairs of the various standing committees and their own membership.

Squash Ontario divides the province into nine regions and as a player, whether it be at the houseleague level or the competitive level, these volunteers touch your squash life in some form or another. And, they are always looking for help. They know your time is at a premium but, more hands make less work

and your assistance, as a volunteer, would be gratefully accepted.

The day ended for everyone on a very positive note - enthused and keen for the season to begin - and with the wonderful group of volunteers all across the province, squash in Ontario and Squash Ontario are well positioned to take the game to the next level.



Your 2001-2002 Board of Directors, front row, Rob Brooks, Ann Gray, Peter Ward, Dawn Sommerville-Picotte and, back row, Linda Stewart, Jim Adam and Mark Sachvie

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Jim Mason Enlightens Squash Players

BY ROB BROOKS

A visit with Jim Mason in Meaford is exactly what the doctor orders for Ontario squash players in need of a fresh outlook on awakening their passion for the game of squash.

Recently, John Jones, Gordon Robertson, Jim Adam and I drove to Jim and Jean Mason's home to celebrate Jim's 90th birthday. The four wandering squash players were rewarded by having the opportunity to absorb the enthusiasm and knowledge that can only come with so many years of dedication and passion to the game of squash and all the players met during those years. It was comparable to gaining a credit in a university course entitled, "Squash 101", gently instructed by Professor Emeritus, Jim Mason.

Jones, Robertson, Adam and Brooks also returned with a new knowledge of Tai Chi which will make them factors on the masters tournament scene. Jim Mason did caution the four novitiates to start slowly and not try to do the regimen that he does every day.

As always, a visit with Jim Mason left the visitors with a new enthusiasm and increased knowledge that only

prised of five players, with a minimum of two girls and two boys on each team.

The Championship, sponsored by Black Knight, offers a day of fun and competition, lunch, prizes and a tournament souvenir.

Talk to your school friends - your physical education teacher - and put together a team to represent your school.

For further information, call Rob Brooks at 905-851-8542.

2002 Ontario Winter Games

The Games are being hosted by the city of Guelph on the weekend of March 15-17. Each of the 9 regions will send a team comprised of 8 - a boy and girl under 19, under 17, under 15, and under 13 along with a coach and a manager.

Each region will host a tryout for the team on Sunday, January 6th and notices will be circulated to all member clubs as well as on our website.

You can also contact your regional

president or regional representative at: Northern Ontario, Barry Farstad at barryf@shcc.com; Northwestern Ontario, Shawn Donohue at sdonohue@tbaytel.net; Southwestern Ontario, Leslie Forsbrey at galleria@goodlifefitness.co; Western Ontario, Jill Taylor at jill@compar.com; Huron, Bob Townes at hstrong@bconnex.net; Ottawa, Brenda Fawcett at bfawcett@sympatico.ca; Toronto, Patrick Hartunian at phartunian@home.com; Central, Rebekha Avery at info@countrysquiresort.com; Niagara, Tim Loat Sr. at tloat@interpc.com.

Participating in the Ontario Games is a wonderful experience, both for the players and the coaches and managers. They are fashioned after the Olympic Games, with the parade of athletes, athletes' village and events going on in sixteen different sports.

WELCOME TO NEW JUNIOR PARTNERS

Squash Ontario is extremely pleased to announce a number of new part-



Jim Mason, Mr. Junior Squash, turns 90

Professor Mason can provide. Happy 90th birthday, Jim. Already looking forward to next year's visit.

Jim Mason High School Teams Championship

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nerships, all of which will enhance the tournament experience for juniors or introduce new juniors to the game.

Dunlop has expanded its support of the Power Tour Bronze events. Each club hosting a Power Tour will receive a specially designed Dunlop t-shirt for every participant. McDonald's will also continue to provide big mac coupons for each and every junior attending.

Black Knight has become the official sponsor of the School Squash programme, including our newest venture, "courting schools". This is a programme which will provide clubs with all the tools they need to market their courts and facility to neighbouring schools. Black Knight has offered special equipment rates for all participating schools.

Wilson will make a strong presence on the junior scene with its sponsorship of the Silver Events, providing specially designed t-shirts for all participants. This support has enabled us to lower the entry fees for Silver

Events in order to encourage more participation at the grassroots level.

And, Nesbitt Burns and John Sekher are the title sponsors of the Ontario Junior Closed Championships for 2001 and 2002.

Activities to date

Wilson Junior Jamboree, hosted by Pine Valley Racquet Club. Winners: Jennifer Pelletier, Simon Tersigni, Alex Braff, and Robert Hong.

Others...

Gold Event #1, hosted by Granite Club and Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club

Winners: Greg Hutner, Jonathan Madruga, Alexander Braff, Miranda Ranieri, Alex Cornett, Amar Gupta, Matt Wheeler, Jennifer Pelletier, Kim Watts, and Chrissie Arnold.

Wilson Silver Event #1, hosted by Cedar Springs

Winners: Geoffrey Handley, Simon Tersigni, Keeley Levitt, Christy Hanna, Chris Kelly and Andrew McReynolds

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The Lee Hanebury Junior Fund was established in the memory of Lee Hanebury a number of years ago. Lee was the mother of two young junior players, a player herself at the Pickering Squash Club and an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of junior squash in Ontario.

Lee's family asked that Squash Ontario establish this fund in her memory and to use all monies donated to support junior squash in the province. If you are a player, a parent of a player, a coach, an official, or a past player, squash has touched your life for the better. Help us provide that same opportunity for our junior players.

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- larger head for more power

QUARTZ-CARBON	CARBON 4	GRAPHITE
TITANIUM	H.M. GRAPHITE	S-2 GLASS FIBRE

RIGIDITY**	89
WEIGHT (FRAME)	<140g
AREA (CM ²)	500
STRING	Kevfibre

5140Ti Rebel

- Intermediate to advanced
- large head for more control

QUARTZ-CARBON	CARBON 4	GRAPHITE
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TITANIUM	H.M. GRAPHITE	ALUMINIUM

RIGIDITY**	78
WEIGHT (FRAME)	<165g
AREA (CM ²)	500
STRING	Crossfibre

3460 GR-460

- Graphite / Aluminum fusion
- Novice players

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pros on the move

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Adam Walker to the Fitness Institute Mississauga

Taylor Fawcett to Club Markham

Ossie Osborne to Glenway Country Club

RE-LOCATED

Ramon Chan-a-Sue to the Ontario Racquet Club

Darryl White to Cedar Springs

Jeff Deverill to Club Meadowvale

Nicole Carroll to Pickering Squash Club

Jeff Sneyd and Jim Martel to the United States

Into the 'real' world, Peter Ward and Nigel Gleeson

palmer holds off nicol

to keep world no.1 ranking

Australia's David Palmer maintains his hold on the world No1 position in the new November Dunlop PSA Men's World Rankings, announced today (31st October) by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) - but England's world champion and former world No1 Peter Nicol moves up to No2 and is now just two points behind his Antipodean rival.

Nicol, who lost his world No1 ranking to Palmer in September, has beaten the British Open champion in their five PSA Tour meetings since April, including the final of the Qatar Classic, the richest event of the year, at the beginning of October.

Canada's Jonathon Power, a quarter-final casualty in Qatar, slips to No3 in the new list - finding himself outside the world top two for the first time since December 1998. Scotland's Australian-born John White leaps to a career-high No4 in the November rankings, boosted by his semi-final berth in Qatar following his shock straight games victory over Power.

Qatar Classic semi-finalist Stewart Boswell becomes Australia's second highest-ranked player for the first time after jumping five places to make his top ten debut at No6. The 23-year-old from Canberra was unbeaten in seven matches as he helped Australia win the Men's World Team title (a non-ranking event) in Melbourne last week.

Olli Tuominen, 22, from Helsinki, celebrates a career-high No19 position to become the first Finn to appear in the PSA top twenty since Sami Elopuro in 1996.

1	[1]	David Palmer	AUS
2	[3]	Peter Nicol	ENG
3	[2]	Jonathon Power	CAN
4	[7]	John White	SCO
5	[5]	Thierry Lincou	FRA
6	[11]	Stewart Boswell	AUS
7	[9]	Martin Heath	SCO
8	[8]	Mark Chaloner	ENG
9	[10]	Ong Beng Hee	MAS
10	[4]	David Evans	WAL
11	[6]	Paul Price	AUS
12	[12]	Simon Parke	ENG
13	[14]	Chris Walker	ENG
14	[13]	Alex Gough	WAL
15	[15]	Paul Johnson	ENG
16	[16]	Lee Beachill	ENG
17	[17]	Del Harris	ENG
18	[19]	Kareem Darwish	EGY
19	[21]	Olli Tuominen	FIN
20	[18]	Omar Elborolossy	EGY

squash strengthens doping stance

Delegates from 32 nations attended the 31st World Squash Federation Annual General Meeting & Conference in Australia in October, held in conjunction with the Melbourne International Festival of Squash, the World Coaching Conference and the World Refereeing Conference.

Among the motions passed were two which strengthen the WSF Doping Code and make the implementation of WSF Doping Policy at national level a condition of new and continued membership of the Federation. It was also agreed that the WSF will use the Court of Arbitration for Sport to settle all disputes.

WSF President Susie Simcock stated, "We carry out exhaustive dope testing at all events and from this evidence we know that Squash is dope free. But, we are not complacent about this and are determined to wage war on drugs right down to national level."

At the General Meeting there were successful World Squash Championships bids from Qatar to host the Women's World Open in 2002 and for Netherlands to stage the event in 2004. Pakistan secured the rights to host the Men's World Team Championship for the second time in 2005, while India will stage the World Junior Men's Championship in 2002, followed by Colombia in 2004 and Argentina in 2006. The 2004 World Doubles Championships will be held in the USA.

Squash legends Michelle Martin and Jansher Khan were admitted to the WSF Hall of Fame. Michelle, sister of Australian internationals Brett and Rodney Martin, amassed more than 50 WISPA World Tour titles during her career, including three world and six British Open trophies - while Pakistan's Jansher Khan recently announced his retirement just one victory away from 100 PSA Tour titles, which include six British Open trophies and a record eight World Open crowns.

a bitter blow for canadian team

Australia Takes 7th World Team Title...Canada Finishes 8th

Australia won a record seventh men's world team squash title in Melbourne but, its first since 1991, while Canada, without second ranked Jonathon Power, finished a disappointing 8th. Canada's team, one of the strongest ever, included Jonathon, Graham Ryding, Shahier Razik and Kelly Patrick. The Canadians, seeded 4th, started the tournament with four consecutive wins but, ended it with Power, who aggravated a hamstring injury during earlier play. The Canadians met 8th seeded Malaysia and lost 2-1. Australia beat Egypt 3-0 to take the title.



Melanie Jans

jans in top form in ottawa

Toronto's Melanie Jans defied the seedings but, endorsed the latest WISPA world rankings when she upset top seed Madeline Perry in the final of the Ottawa Women's Squash International in Canada.

The twice national champion from Toronto, the second seed, moved one place ahead of Ireland's Perry on the October list - and justified her elevation by twice coming from behind to clinch a 2-9 9-4 5-9 9-4 9-0 victory in 44 minutes and claim her third WISPA World Tour title.

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Rob Brooks (left) with Everett Roseborough

squash a lifetime sport

Rob Brooks, convenor of the 2001 Ontario Masters Championships presents Everett Roseborough (88 years young) with a special trophy

to celebrate his number 1 ranking in the new 85+ Masters category. He earned the honour by attending most of the matches and playing vicariously through his son-in-law, Gaetan Godin.

Everett was heard to say that he was, "...looking forward to the challenges from fellow competitors in his category." While walking to the car, his enthusiasm was also obvious as he remarked, "With these canes, I am feeling muscles in my arms that I didn't know I had." Statements worthy of any squash player!

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beijing in 2008?

The World Squash Federation continues to work to secure a place for squash in 2008. The IOC has said that work on revisions to the programme for 2010, and possible inclusion of new sports, is scheduled to begin before the 2004 Games in Athens. Many other sports are making the same efforts as squash and, although squash has the strongest claim, it has a long and hard struggle ahead to gain a deserved space on the programme.

reunion

Kitchener-Waterloo Racquet Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday, April 20, 2002 and will host a 40th anniversary dinner dance at Westmount Golf Club in Kitchener.

Past members and friends of the club interested in attending should contact the following for more information: Sue Morgan at 519-576-5876; Mike Taylor at 519-743-8132 or mikesquash@webtv.net

what makes a good coach?

BY MIKE WAY



AS PLAYERS BEGIN their traditional migration from summer sports and outdoor activities back to the squash courts, they may find themselves just a little rusty and perhaps in need of some coaching. But how does one choose a coach? And what makes a coach "good"?

1. **ENTHUSIASM:** When you first meet the coach, use your own instincts to tell you whether this coach is into teaching or is he burnt out from too many lessons over too many years. Avoid a bored teacher at all costs!

2. **KNOWLEDGEABLE:** Most coaches have completed at least one level of

the National Coaching Certification Programme (there are 5 levels). These courses help develop the necessary skills required to teach different shots and to become aware of strategy, tactics, training and mental skills required for competition. These courses can only do so much.

Any coach of ten years or more in this profession looks back with humour at their early coaching style. A good coach develops over years from being in the trenches; learning from other coaches; watching top players to analyze innovative styles or techniques; is, in the truest sense, always a student of the game.

Any coach who believes there is

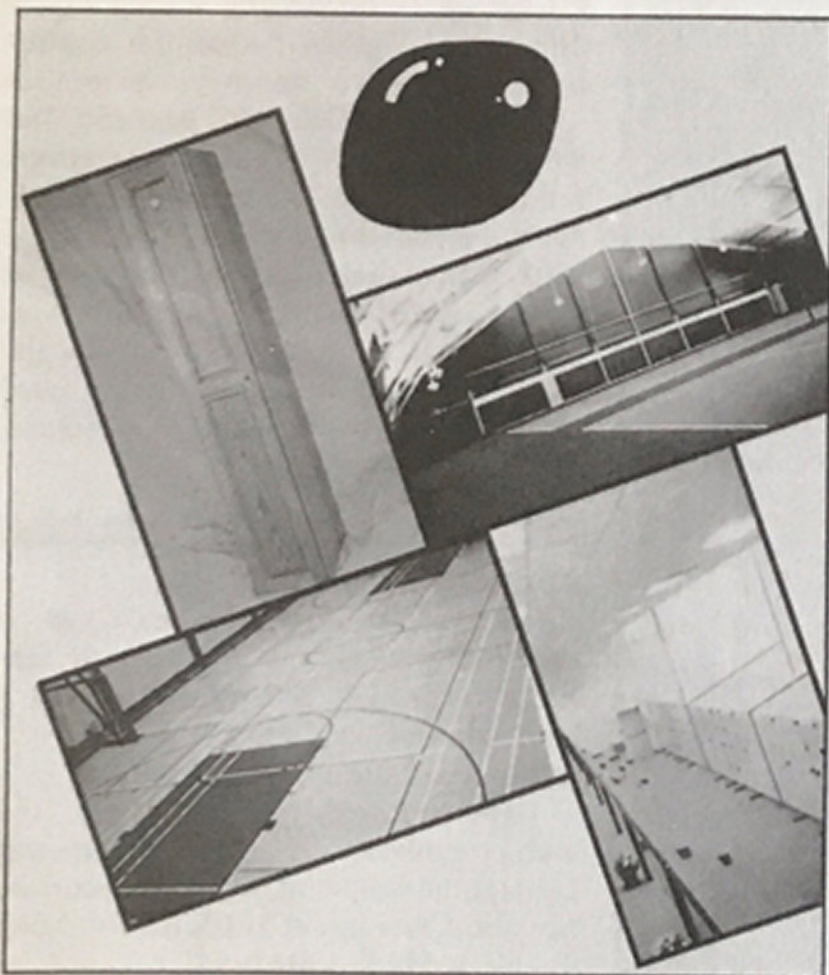
only one way to hit the ball, one way to play tactically, one way to train or practice, is to be avoided. The tunnel vision of cloning players only leads to frustration - for the student and the coach.

3. **FLEXIBLE:** Good coaches will work with what you have - technically, athletically, etc.; it doesn't mean they won't try and change your technique but, experience tells the coach where the lines are in trying to attain perfect textbook technique as opposed to your own perfect technique within your capabilities.

4. **COACH'S GOOD TECHNIQUE:** This is important so that the best demonstration can be given to the stu-

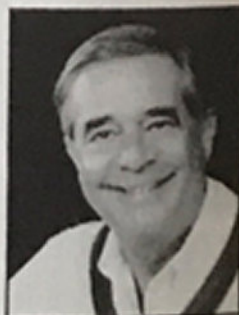
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dent. Coaches with weak techniques tend to steer away from demonstrating certain shots out of embarrassment. The coach doesn't have to be able to hit a perfect volley kill - but good mechanics still show through in any demonstration and are a must for a good teacher.

5. GOOD PLAYER = GOOD COACH: This is not a prerequisite; it just helps. An older, experienced coach (all things being equal) will gain respect for their age and on court manner. A young coach who is a weak player probably won't. I know many coaches who can hardly play due to injuries but their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm make them respected by all they instruct.

Being a good player can help in applying pressure in drills and games; some players have good technique when there is no pressure but, this goes out the window when they have less time. However, an experienced coach, good player or not, can create pressure in a drill or conditioned game.

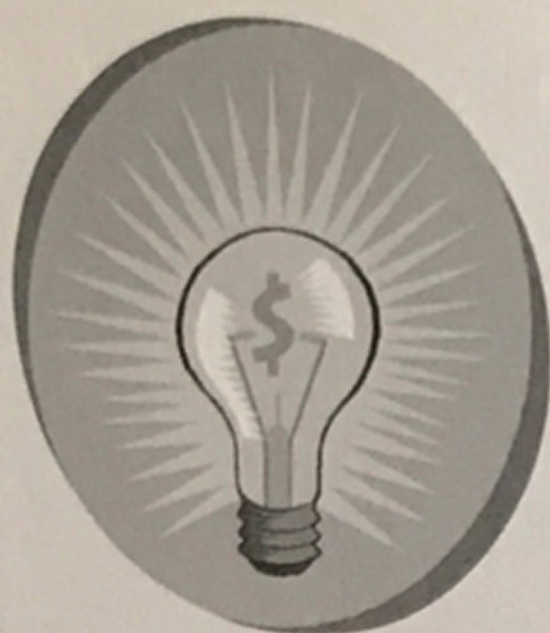
6. AGE, LEVEL, GENDER: Some coaches have strengths for a particular group - for example, juniors, women's league, beginners, advanced, etc. Where possible, find the coach whose reputation suits your level or group.

7. THE BLEEDING OBVIOUS!: Cost - does the coaching fit your budget? Punctuality. Personality. Safety in the coaching environment. Fun (did you enjoy the lesson?) and finally, did you learn anything?

Just remember that improvement may not happen immediately after the first lesson. Try different coaches now and again; but usually stick with the one you trust. Good coaches encourage their students to get a second opinion occasionally. Sometimes a different eye or terminology can do wonders. All the players at the National Training Centre are encouraged to seek advice from different coaches - the only criterion is that they educate ME on the other coach's insight or I talk to the latter directly. I become a better teacher and the player's skills are evaluated openly which helps everyone.

Ask other players who have had lessons what their experiences have been. The personal reference is probably the most important factor when a player is making a decision as to "what makes a good coach". ☉

Mike Way is the squash professional at the Toronto Racquet Club, home of the National Squash Training Centre.



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Canadian university championships back in 2002

We are pleased to announce that Squash Ontario, in partnership with Squash Canada, will be hosting the second "Canadian University and College Squash Championships." The event will be held March 1-3, 2002, at a venue in Toronto.

The 2001 Canadian University and College Squash Championships offered only an open draw for men and women. The numbers were small, with 16 men and 8 women registered, representing eight universities in four provinces. The champions were: Trevor Borland (University of Manitoba) and Marnie Baizley (York).

The 2002 Canadian University and College Championships will have an expanded format. In addition to the men's and women's open draw, we will be adding B, C and D events for men and women to the tournament. The tournament will then have both a

high performance component with the open draw - with the winners of the men's and women's events earning a berth on the Canadian team to the 2002 World University Squash Championships; August 11-17 in Linz, Austria [providing the athlete meets the FISU eligibility requirements] and a recreational component with the B/C/D draws - as we encourage these university recreational players to participate in an enhanced competitive event, and hopefully draw some of these players to become squash club members in the future.

We are working with the CIAU and the CCAA on this event. Presently, squash is not a national sport of either institution; though squash is a recognized sport of the OUA. Our inaugural event was a successful partnership with the CIAU and the CCAA as a pilot program, and we are keen to build on this success for the 2002 event. Eligibility criteria for the event will be confirmed in the near future, but will minimally require that the athlete be in attendance at a Canadian university

or college in the winter term, carrying at least nine credit hours or full-time equivalent as defined by the institutions registrar.

The Canadian University and College Squash Championships will once again be supported by The Jesters, a group with a long history in the game of squash, dating back to 1928 in England. Originally, it's name was "The Jokers" but, fortunately (and unbelievably) there was another group which had already laid claim to that moniker and so was born, The Jesters.

The Club was a 'wandering' club of squash players whose credo was and remains, "To play squash in a spirit not unworthy of the name of the Club." This happy group of squash warriors played against teams from other clubs, schools and universities, all of whom were happy to welcome the missionary visits of the Jesters.

In 1934, the Club sent a squash team to the United States and Canada, and participated in both the Atlantic Coast Championship as well as the Canadian Championships. In that same year, HRH, the Prince of Wales became a member of the Club. He had been an active squash player and remained a member throughout his life, and as King Edward VIII, was the Club's patron during his reign which was brief! In 1948, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh accepted Honorary Membership of the Club, becoming its Patron in 1954 and continues as its Patron today.

The Canadian 'branch' of the Jesters was formed in 1948 and in the years since then, it has spread across the country: Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, and Quebec City have had strong Jesters representation with branches eventually opening in British Columbia, Alberta and the East Coast. The Canadian Jesters had truly become a 'coast to coast' group of squash players.

The Jesters commitment to the Canadian University and College Squash Championships in essence takes the Club back to its English roots of challenging schools and universities, offering their teams the experience of competing against first class players with often a lesson thrown in for good measure.

Squash Ontario and Squash Canada are extremely grateful for the support of the Ontario Jesters and hope that the other chapters across the country reach out to their provincial squash association and take up the university challenge. ©

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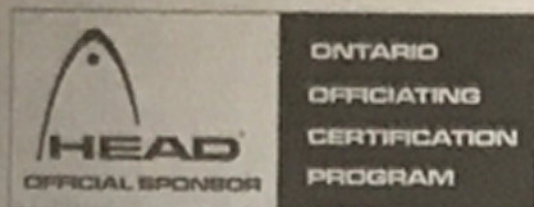
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New rules for 2001 by Barry Faguy

HEY! WHAT ABOUT TURNING?

Turning is the action of the striker when the ball is followed around and the striker physically turns, or the ball passes around the striker who, in either case, strikes (or refrains from striking) the ball to the right of the body after the ball has passed to the left or vice versa. The significance is that if there was 'turning' and there is a stoppage in play, the rules have specific provisions to cover the various resulting situations.

THE USUAL SCENARIO

Typically, it happens on the backhand side when a wide shot hits the side wall, then goes to the back wall, passing the backhand side of the striker, who then turns the body to follow the ball, which then comes into the centre of the court and is ready to be hit on the striker's forehand side. (Or vice versa, of course). Take note also that the striker doesn't actually have to follow the ball around. Often referred to as 'mental turning', and usually done by experienced players, the striker simply allows the ball to go around without following it. It still passes by on one side of the body, and is hit on the other - so the decisions outlined below are still the same.

If the striker turns and hits the ball which hits the opponent:

- it's **STROKE TO OPPONENT** in all cases, if the shot would not have been a good return
- it's **STROKE TO OPPONENT** if the opponent was hit by the ball travelling either towards the front wall or a side wall
- it's **STROKE TO STRIKER** if the opponent was hit by the ball but this time because of the opponent's deliberate movement to intercept it.

If the striker turns, refrains from hitting the ball, and appeals for a let:

- it's a **LET** if there was a reasonable fear of the ball striking the opponent providing the striker could have made a good return
- it's a **NO LET** if the opponent was well clear and there was NOT a reasonable fear of striking that opponent
- it's a **NO LET** if the striker could NOT have made a good return
- it's **STROKE TO STRIKER** if the opponent did not make every effort to clear for the striker's swing on turning. However, since this is generally a quick surprise action, the rules demand a penalty only if there was time to

move and the opponent didn't.

THE WALLS?

Although the ball usually hits the back wall and/or side wall, it isn't a necessary condition. Occasionally, a player is quick enough to wheel around a shot that has passed by, then get behind it before it reaches the back wall. And yes, sometimes it doesn't touch the side wall either. The fact that the ball does not touch a wall has no bearing on the decisions.

MUST I STOP PLAY?

It isn't obligatory to stop about turning. The striker has the option of striking it or not, but this should only be done if convinced that there is no danger to the opponent. Should the player strike the ball and endanger the opponent, the referee should penalize the striker for dangerous play.

UNNECESSARY TURNING AND STOPPING?

Sometimes a player will want to avoid hitting a difficult shot and will turn on the ball, then ask for a let. If the referee judges this to be a deliberate attempt to stop play rather than a legitimate attempt to play the ball, then a **NO LET** is the correct decision. The intent here is to keep the game continuous as much as possible.

FINAL TIP

When your opponent hits such a wide shot, be alert for it, and **DON'T** follow it round. Quickly back away from it, keeping it on the same side of your body. This avoids the 'turning' movement, and if your opponent is now interfering and not clearing for the shot, it's **STROKE TO STRIKER**.

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