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Golden Dreams

By Sherry Funston

**WHITEHORSE
2007**



**—JEUX DU—
CANADA
—GAMES—**

The Hope Diamond, the Star of India, the Eugenie Blue - the crème de la crème of the world's most precious jewels. On a slightly smaller but no less significant scale, there are the Canada Games, the crown jewel of junior squash in Ontario and in Canada.

In 1999, six experienced and dedicated junior squash professionals met to create a blueprint for the development and growth of junior squash in Ontario for the next decade. The athlete competitive pyramid was crowned by the Canada Games program - it was then and continues to be the pinnacle of junior squash success in Ontario.

To some, it may seem crass to set our sights on winning gold medals - Squash Ontario strives to program for junior athletes at all age levels and at all stages of development - but a Canada Games gold medal in squash carries the same prestige and cachet as an Olympic medal.

In March of 2007 Squash Ontario will be sending an exceptionally talented and strong team to Whitehorse, Yukon along with coaches Mark Sachvie and Nicole Pirko.

Meet Squash Team Ontario 2007

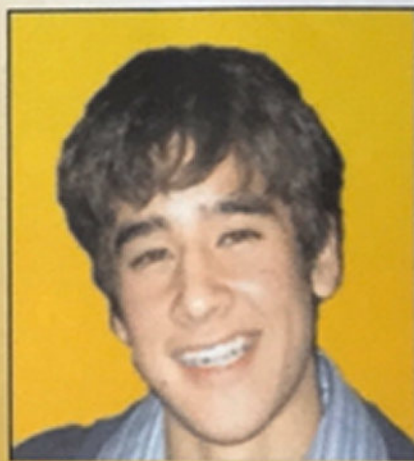
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MARK SACHVIE
Coach

HISTORY OF THE GAMES

The Canada Games were conceived as a major competitive vehicle which would bring together athletes from all Provinces and Territories in a multi-sport environment. In bringing together these athletes from all parts of the country, the Canada Games provide an opportunity to measure the development of amateur sport, to assess the training methods used by Canadian athletes, and hopefully to foster an incentive to excel.

Through the pageantry of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and through the social milieu of a

national multi-sport event, the Games help to strengthen mutual understanding among the athletes and encourage national unity through sport.

The Canada Games were first held in Quebec City in February 1967. Alternating Winter and Summer Games have been staged every two years since then. Over the years, the Canada Games have grown in scope, stature and prestige. The Games are a showcase for Canada's finest young athletes and have proven to be a stimulus for young athletes to achieve levels of high performance.



NICOLE PIRKO
Coach

SQUASH AT THE CANADA GAMES

Squash first participated in the Canada Games in 1991 when they were hosted by Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Since that time, the Canada Games program has represented the "crown jewel" of junior squash in Ontario.

Squash Team Ontario 1991

Prince Edward Island 2 Gold Medals

Taras Klymenko	Vicky Marrack
Duncan Peake	Patrick Ryding
Tara Sharpe	Johanna Thomas
Jan Wilson	Ian Power
Coaches:	Sue Smeaton
	John Power

Squash Team Ontario 1995 -

Grande Prairie, Alberta 2 Gold Medals

Carl Baglio	Stacey Bell
Nicole Carroll	Adriana DiMauro
Courtney Power	Kelly Vickers
Erik Zarembo	Josh McDonald
Coaches:	Kevin Inouye
	Jessica DiMauro

Squash Team Ontario 1999 -

Cornerbrook, Newfoundland 1 Gold/ 1 Bronze

Will Cheng	Cassie DiSerio
Chrissie Evans	Greg Hutner
Jacqui Inward	Ruchika Kumar
Andrew Jones	Rob Nigro
Coaches:	Jim Paton
	Jessica DiMauro

Squash Team Ontario 2003

Bathurst, New Brunswick 1 Gold / 1 Silver

Ryan Osbourne	Robert Hong
Jeff Lurie	Dane Sharp
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PACE Canadian Classic Joins World's Elite Tournaments Jan 9-12, 2007

The 7th annual PACE Canadian Squash Classic presented by Dundee Securities expands to the Super Series level, joining a roster of ten major international squash tournaments on the 2007 PSA World Tour schedule.

The Pace Canadian Squash Classic to held January 9-12th in the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre is expected to draw the world's top 32 players and prize money has escalated to \$90,000 CAD. World #1 Amr Shabana (Egypt) is expected to return to defend his 2006 Pace title and will likely meet major challenges from #2 David Palmer (AUS), #3 Thierry Lincou (France) and #4 James Willstrop (England).

Retired superstar, the 2006 Canada's Sports Hall of Fame inductee, former world #1 and 3-time Pace Canadian Squash Classic champion Jonathon Power, will be honoured during the tournament week and serves as Player Chairman.

The inaugural Canadian Teaching Pro Championships, sanctioned by Squash Ontario and managed by Squash Director Dennis Goodfellow of the Toronto Athletic Club, has been added to this year's event schedule. The semi finals and final of this 16 player draw will be played on the glass tour court in conjunction with the PACE Classic's semis and final.

An unforgettable opportunity for juniors at the PACE Canadian Squash Classic, the Junior Jamboree returns to the Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet and Fitness Club under the direction of resident pro, Nicole Pirko. Attracting over 60 kids from around the province, beginners experience an amazing hour on court with the world's top pros. Mayfair Lakeshore is considered one of Canada's premier squash facilities and is part of the successful Toronto based Mayfair Racquet & Fitness Clubs. These four state-of-the-art clubs are managed by resident and CEO Shirley Vedder who continues to support squash activities in Ontario.

A matinee session on Tuesday January 9th has been added bringing the total to five sessions played on the portable, see-through squash court with plush seating for 1,200 provided at the John Bassett Theatre, home of 'The Canadian Idol'.

The Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada continues to be

the recipient charity. Three Corporate "Pro-Am" Invitationals, scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons during the tournament, will allow Corporations to buy 'a once in a lifetime experience' for their executives and guests to play on the tour court with one of the world's top stars. All proceeds are dedicated to the Foundation.

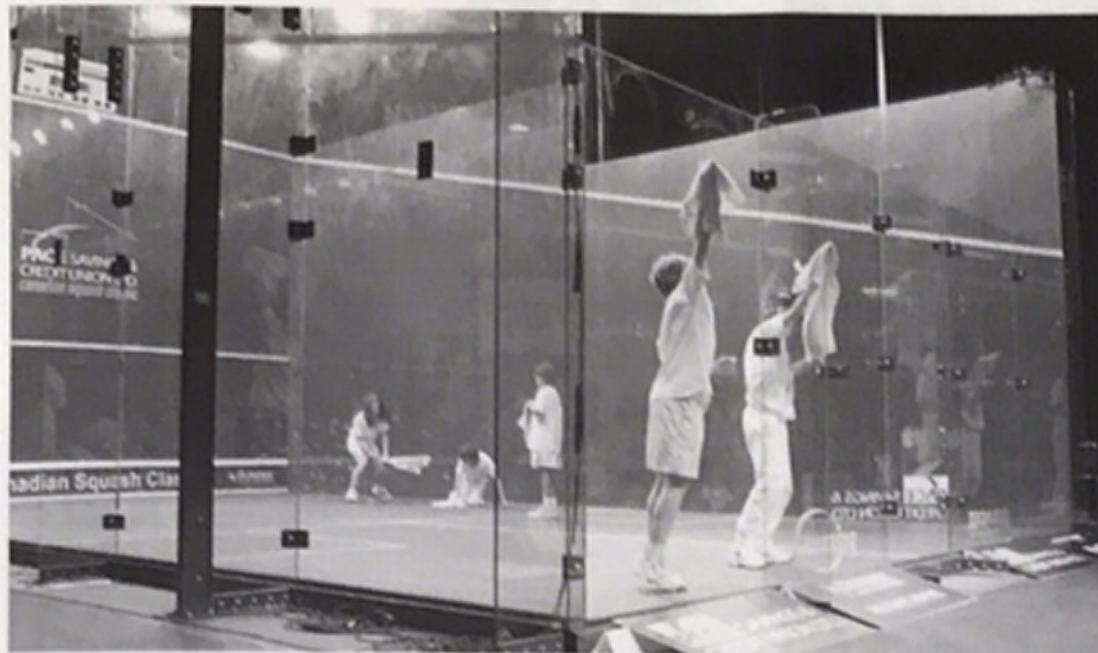
PACE Savings & Credit Union, entering its 4th year as the title sponsor, continues to set the pace of world class squash in Canada through this year's tournament expansion. Dundee Securities Corporation returns as presenting sponsor while TSN continues as the official host broadcaster with 60 minutes of primetime television coverage. TD Newcrest and The Globe and Mail return as co-sponsors, while FundServe joins returning associate sponsors: Primus, Cambridge Group of Clubs, Dunlop, AVW TelAv and Tom's Place.

Canada's premier international squash championship is once again being presented by 2006 U.S. Squash Hall of Fame Inductee, John Nimick, and his firm Event Engine, Inc. together with Toronto based Marketing Director Lolly Gillen. Together with the elevation of the U.S. Open in Boston to Super Series level and the continued presentation of the "Grand Slam" style Tournament of Champions in Grand Central Terminal, N.Y., Event Engine now presents three of the leading squash tournaments in the world.

Patron packages are now available for the entire event including the Tuesday matinee session, ranging from \$150.00 to \$600.00 + GST p.p. Individual session ticket prices range from \$20 to \$120 + GST p.p. Last year the event was totally sold-out!

Out of town visitors can enjoy the convenient location of the event, in the heart of downtown Toronto with accommodation at the Intercontinental Hotel, part of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre facility.

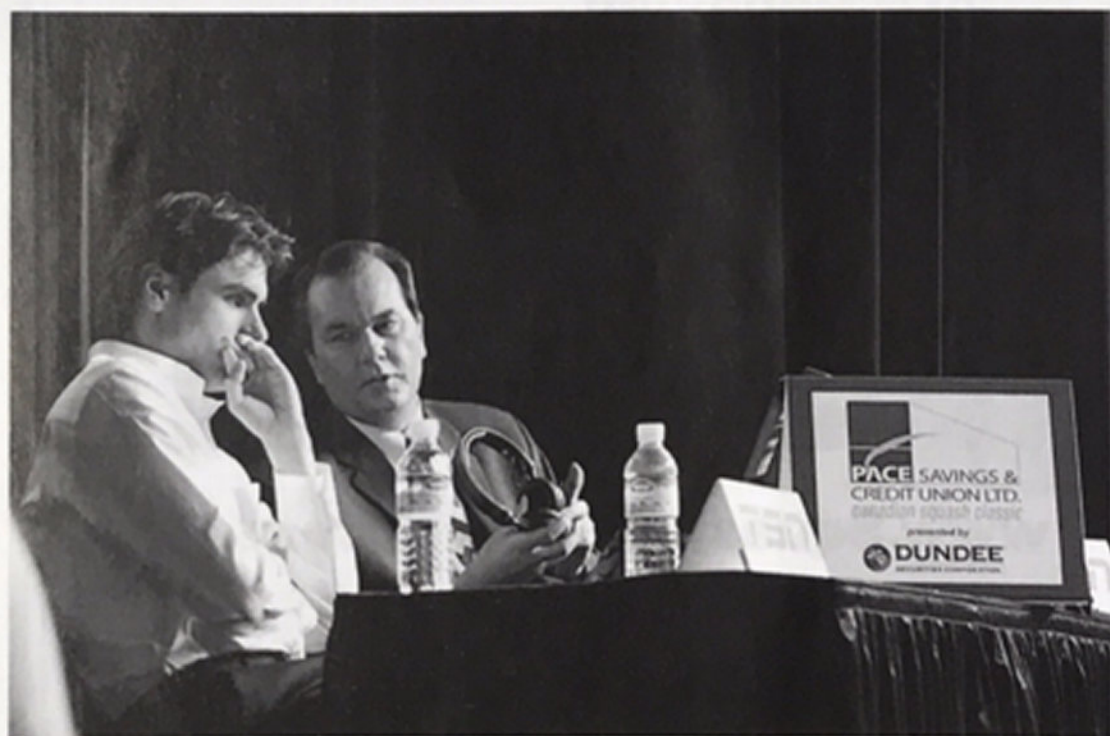
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ACTION AT THE 2006 PACE TOURNAMENT



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Badminton & Racquet Club, Toronto
December 1 - 3, 2006

Ontario Women's Veterans Doubles Championships

London Squash Club, London
January 12 - 14, 2007

Ontario Junior Doubles Championships (under 19)

Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sports Club, Burlington
February 9 - 11, 2007

Ontario Men's Veterans Doubles Championships

Toronto Racquet Club, Toronto
January 19 - 21, 2007

Ontario Men's and Women's Open Doubles Championships

Granite Club, Toronto
February 23 - 25, 2007

GATHERING OF THE CLANS

In June, members of Squash Ontario met in Toronto in what has become our traditional gathering of the clans. Squash players from Sarnia to Ottawa and Sault Ste. Marie to St. Catharines meet in committee to review the past season and map out strategies for the coming one.

One of the most important functions performed at the annual meeting is the election of the Board of Directors. Guiding the affairs of Squash Ontario this year, will be President, Stephanie Hewitt, VP Finance, Robbie Osher, VP Marketing, Lolly Gillen, VP Player Development, Taylor Fawcett, VP Technical Mike Bertin and VP Regional Development, Tom Craig.

The many committees of Squash Ontario are tasked with the responsibility of crafting and recommending policy to the Board. These committees are peopled with individuals who are incredibly dedicated and committed to improving the state of squash in Ontario and to ensuring it continues to grow. The chairs of these committees act as the "cabinet" of the Association and the Board would like to acknowledge Lorraine Tetreault, Chair Masters committee, Mark Sachvie, Chair Junior Advisory and Technical committees, Penny Glover Chair Officiating committee, Marnie Baizley Chair High Performance committee and Tammie Sangster Chair Doubles committee.

The June annual meeting is also the time when Squash Ontario honours the people who, as volunteers, make an enormous contribution to the health of squash in Ontario.

Recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards included Eric Baldwin of the Badminton & Racquet Club, Sally Braff who adopted junior squash a number of years ago and continues to give it unstinting support and Simon Warder who has been a long-time supporter of both the officiating program and junior squash in the Sarnia area. Bob Myers of our Western Region was also honoured with an Outstanding Achievement Award. Our Corporate Special Achievement Award was given to Dunlop Sports for its decades-long support of squash in Ontario. And the Coaching Achievement Award's recipient is a man whose name is synonymous with coaching ethics, skill, talent, and integrity - Rob Brooks of Fabulous Fitness Racquet Club.



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Top row (left) Taylor Fawcett, Mike Bertin, Rob Brooks, Tom Craig
Bottom row (left) Lolly Gillen, Stephanie Hewitt, Robbie Osher



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Taylor Fawcett, left presenting to Simon Warder



Stephanie Hewitt, left, with Sally Braff



Stephanie Hewitt, left with Seanna Keating, Dunlop Corporate Award Recipient



Mark Sachvie, left with Coaching Achievement Award recipient, Rob Brooks

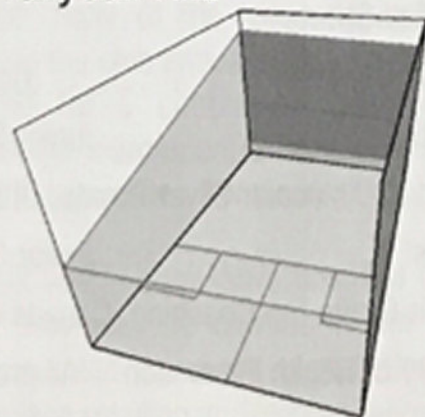


Lolly Gillen with award recipient, Eric Baldwin

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Five years ago, we created the Annual Charity Golf Classic with all proceeds dedicated to junior squash.

The 2006 version was an enormous success, raising almost \$7,000.00 which will help us train our Canada Games team competing in Whitehorse in 2007.

Many, many thanks to Mark Sachvie, Lolly Gillen, Rob Brooks and Geoff Johnson for their efforts. And a huge thanks to the Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club which combined its own annual golf tournament with Squash Ontario and that partnership ensured that junior squash benefited.



The Thomas foursome



Fantastic Cricket Club supporters!



Long-time junior squash supporter, Black Knight's Fred Reid, with Squash Ontario President, Steph Hewitt



Tom Nederpel, centre Low Gross Champion, with Rob Brooks and Steph Hewitt

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'K-W' - a name steeped in history. Photo Credit: Ralph Heinz

CELEBRATING THE PAST TO SECURE THE FUTURE

The Revival of the Kitchener- Waterloo Racquet Club

By Mike Costigan

There are few squash facilities like the one in downtown Kitchener. A virtual squash museum by today's standards, the Kitchener - Waterloo Racquet Club continues in its original facilities on Kitchener's Duke Street.

Founded in 1962, by Barney Lawrence, and modeled after the Toronto Racquet Club, Lawrence and other founding members purchased a house for \$13,000.00 building two hardball singles courts on the back. In 1968, a doubles court was added and this member owned club flourished as a businessmen's club for many years.

Lawrence's passion for the game and his friendship with some of the games greats brought the likes of Hashim and Sharif Khan to Kitchener for exhibitions on several occasions, much to the delight of members. Founding member Alan McCallum had a tournament named in his honour which attracted many of the top amateur squash players to the club annually to compete for the title and for a couple of years even a professional tournament existed. These were the glory days of the KW Racquet Club.

In recent years, cumulative financial burdens from previous renovations, an aging clubhouse, and increased competition in the marketplace resulted in declining membership

of the once prominent club. So much so, that its very existence was potentially at risk.

Mike Costigan, the club's newly elected President, and Jeff Deverill, the new club manager and squash professional, are drawing on their past experiences to revive the storied club and secure its future. Costigan, a member of KW Racquet club since 1973, and Deverill more recently, both had their passions for the game furthered by Barney Lawrence as members of the University of Waterloo squash team during the 1980's. Using the past history of the club and their respect for Barney as their motivation, a new vision was formulated beginning with renovating the "tired" clubhouse facilities. Thanks to a fundraising campaign led by the board of directors, and the skills and services of members, the club sports a fresh look. A newly renovated lounge, upstairs locker room and display case celebrating the clubs 45-year history are among the highlights of recent renovations that have instilled a renewed pride of membership.

In addition, Costigan and Deverill revived the invitational tournament of the past to the delight of members and many players. The newly named "KW Oktoberfest Invitational" which was held October 13-14th, 2006 showcased the newly renovated facilities. The tournament draw included many of Canada's

top doubles players, while many local singles players displayed their talents on the clubs two international softball courts. Obliging invitees included Alan Grant from Philadelphia PA., Paul Deratnay and Taylor Fawcett of Toronto, and reigning Canadian Open Doubles Champion Scott Stoneburgh.

The tournaments resounding success has led to the establishment of the "Sandy Morgan Junior Squash Development Fund", which will be used by the club to sponsor the development of junior squash players at KW Racquet Club. The once active junior program, run by long time squash professional Sandy Morgan, has also been revived by current pro Jeff Deverill. Deverill's past experience as a squash professional and his reputation in junior development has attracted 25 junior players who are actively participating in his clinics at the club.

Celebrating the past to secure the future is the vision for these two and the future looks brighter than ever for the Kitchener - Waterloo Racquet Club.

For more information on the benefits of membership call Jeff Deverill at (519) 745-6108.

TORONTO & DISTRICT MEN'S SUMMER LEAGUE FINALS By Ian Braff

On September 20 the 6 finalist teams in Divisions B,C and D came together at the Mayfair Parkway courts to celebrate the end of the 2006 T & D summer season.. The T & D league executive of Gordon Robertson, John Varley, Dave Tullis and Jim Rowland once again made certain that the league finals were a venue for the athletes. The participants in the finals worked hard all summer to represent their clubs at the finals. A contest must end with a winner. All participants were winners. The teams came from the width and breadth of the greater T & D district. In the B division the Curzon team of Chris Dinsdale, Dale Beesley, Mike French and John Grant were victorious over

the Barrie team of Jeff Munn, Sheldon Zimmerman, Dave Gratton and Chris Sadler. In the C division the team from Club Meadowvale of Usman Suhrwardy, Peter Defrenchesco, Omar Khan and Andrew Longwill beat the Dixie Cinderella team which had beaten the number one seeded team in the semis. The team consisted of Bill Prior, Charlie Watts, Pat Forest and Neil Thomas. Peter Defrenchesco and Charlie Watt's match may have been the longest of the evening. In the D division the team from Pickering of Greg Sweeney, Fred Dizig Steve Dizig and Dom Salvagna beat the Cedar Spring #1 team of Ryan Smith, Greg Rae, Rod Philip and Doug Piercy.

The six teams started their matches at seven o'clock as arranged by the T & D committee. The rules were enforced by a group of certified referees. Our thanks to Doug Lennox, Dave Howard, Wayne Smith and Les Homme. The enthusiastic fans were treated to the best the competitors could give. The level of sportsmanship was high as we expected it would be.

Jim Rowland ran a raffle during the evening for prizes donated by Dunlop which resulted in \$250.00 being donated to the Lee Hanebury Junior Squash Fundthanks to all who participated. Additional thanks go to Dunlop for donating the prizes & to Mayfair Parkway & its staff for all their assistance in ensuring the success of the evening.

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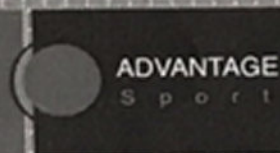
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CONGRATULATIONS JONATHON



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The inimitable style of JP

On Wednesday, November 1st at a gala evening in Toronto, Jonathon Power was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame - the first squash player to be honoured.

Few Canadian athletes have dominated a sport as Jonathon Power has the world of squash. He was the first Canadian to win a Super Series, was the highest-ranked North American player in the world in 1997, and two years later became the first Canadian to be ranked No. 1 in the world. As a Commonwealth Games competitor, he won silver in 1998 and gold in 2002. In March 2006, while ranked as the No. 1 player in the world, Power chose to retire.

CANADA A DISAPPOINTING 13TH AT WOMEN'S WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canada had high hopes of finishing at least to its 7th place seeding in the Women's World Teams Championship, especially as the event was being hosted on home turf - Edmonton.

The Canadian team, comprised of Runa Reta of Ottawa, Alana Miller and Carolyn Russell, both of Winnipeg, and Melanie Jans of Vancouver, were seeded seventh in the tournament. A loss to 10th-seeded France in the first round destroyed any hope for Canada of finishing in the top 8. That loss was followed by a win over Spain but losses to Egypt and in the consolation round, an agonizing and disappointing loss to Germany.

Squash Canada Names Junior Squads

Congratulations to Laura and Jennifer Gemmell and Samantha Cornett who were named to the Junior Girls Squad; Rebecca Hazell and Dan Sibley who were named to the Competitive Espoir Squads and Nick Sachvie, Brian Hong, Tyler Hamilton, Arjun Gupta and Fred Reid who were all named to the Junior Boys Squad.

Of note, Nick, Brian, Laura, Samantha and Rebecca are all members of the Squash Ontario Canada Games Team which will be competing in Whitehorse, Yukon at the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Canada at the Pan Americans

Jonathon Power wins gold at Pan Am Championships

Top-seed Jonathon Power of Montreal won the gold medal in men's singles at the Pan Am squash championships while Kyla Grigg of Calgary added a bronze in women's play.

Power, who retired from the professional circuit earlier this year as the number-one ranked player in the world, didn't lose a game in his four matches this week including a 3-0 sweep over Erick Galvez of Mexico in the final. He also defeated Miguel Rodriguez of Colombia in the semifinal, David Phillips of Beaconsfield, Que., in the quarterfinal and Ryan Donegan of the U.S., in his opening match.

Robin Clarke of Ottawa was eliminated in the first round.

"There was no question Jonathon was the best player out there and he played well," said Yvon Provencal of Montreal, Canada's head coach.

Tara Mullins of Pointe-Claire, Que., and Ruchika Kumar of Oakville, Ont., were both eliminated in the first round.

The team event closes out the competition which runs until Saturday. Graham Ryding of Toronto, ranked 20th in the world, has arrived here to help the men's squad while the other Canadian women's team member is Stephanie Edmison of Toronto.

The Canadian women are seeded second for the team event while the men are seeded sixth. Seedings are based on results at the last Pan Ams in 2004.

This year's tournament will determine the seedings for the squash competition at the Pan Am Games next year in Rio.

Canada wins silver and bronze in team event at Pan American squash championships

Canada won the silver medal in the men's team competition and bronze in the women's team event on Saturday at the Pan American squash championships.

In the men's team competition, Canada lost in the final 2-1 to Mexico. Graham Ryding of Toronto, ranked 20th in the world, opened the match with a 3-1 victory over Eric Galvez. Ryding lost to Galvez in the round robin.

David Phillips of Beaconsfield, Que., lost the second match 3-0 to Jose Becerill and in the deciding match Robin Clarke of Ottawa fell to Jorge Balthazar 3-1. It was the third straight day, Clarke had played a match that lasted more than an hour.

"We knew we had a 50/50 chance to win the men's tournament," said Canadian coach Yvon Provencal of Montreal. "It was a very close competition and for young players like David and Robin a great opportunity to get some international exposure."

Canada finished second in its pool to Mexico in round play then defeated the U.S., in the quarterfinal and Colombia in the semifinal.

In the women's final, the U.S., defeated Mexico 2-1 while Canada beat Brazil 2-0 for the bronze. Kyla Grigg of Calgary took Karen Redfern 3-1 and Tara Mullins of Pointe-Claire, Que., clinched the match with a 3-0 victory over Thaisa Serafini.

"We're happy to finish the tournament on a strong note," said Grigg, a bronze medallist in women's singles earlier this week. "We came into this tournament knowing that first place was up for grabs."

The Canadian women won their pool in the round robin then defeated El Salvador in the quarterfinal before losing to Mexico in the semi.

ABOUT THE RULES

Singles

By Penny Glover (Chair, Squash Ontario Officiating Committee)

I recently attended a number of international squash events and thought readers of Squash Life might like to know about some of the officiating talk that went on at the events.

The events were the Pan American Junior Championships in Guatemala City, the Pan American Senior Championships in Medellin, Colombia and the Women's World Team Championships in Edmonton. At Edmonton we had 3 World Squash Federation assessors (2 of whom also refereed) and one international referee in addition to referees from Canada.

One of the main themes through all of the tournaments and conveyed very strongly by the international officials was the importance of the players making every effort to play the ball and for referees not to award 'cheap lets' where players are 'lazy' in their search for the ball. As we know minimal interference does not warrant a let.

Another situation, sometimes difficult to handle, is where a player moves forward to cover a possible short shot and the opponent

plays a good length down the wall and the player must now go back to fetch it. In general, it is the player's obligation to get back to the ball unless there is major interference.

The other major topic of conversation was about the referee's ability to 'read the game' and stop players from blocking their shots. This is in particular reference to seeing what is happening on the court when a drop shot is played - does the outgoing player make a proper clearing effort so as not to block the incoming player. If you can see a player not clearing properly early in the game and award a stroke you will find that this really encourages the outgoing player to make a good clearing effort.

Swing interference was also a popular topic. Some players seemed to feel that if their racquet touches the opponent they are automatically entitled to a let. Not so. Backswing that merely interferes with preparation for a shot and does not 'prevent' the shot will generally be a let. Interference with a swing in progress (unless the swing is excessive) will be a stroke. Where a ball comes unexpectedly from the front wall crack towards the centre towards which the

outgoing player is general clearing, having thought he/she had played a parallel shot down the wall, a stroke is only awarded if the outgoing player prevents the incoming striker's swing. Many players react very quickly to the situation and clear the backswing although often the incoming striker isn't absolutely sure where the opponent is and a let will be justified.

The international assessors also emphasized the importance of marking - use of correct terminology, strong clear voice - as being a very important assistance to the referee and also to players who are not distracted by wrong words being used. Of course, in most situations we don't have the luxury of a separate marker, but even if you're performing both roles, it is important to have a high standard of marking.

These were some of the discussions. In future articles we will discuss various aspects of the rules and officiating. If there is any particular aspect of the singles game you would like to see discussed, please do not hesitate to contact Sherry Funston, editor at sfunston@squashontario.com and we will respond in future articles.

Doubles

Hey! What Happens when you Hit the Ball Back at Yourself?

By Brian Covernton (National Doubles Committee) and Craig Hall

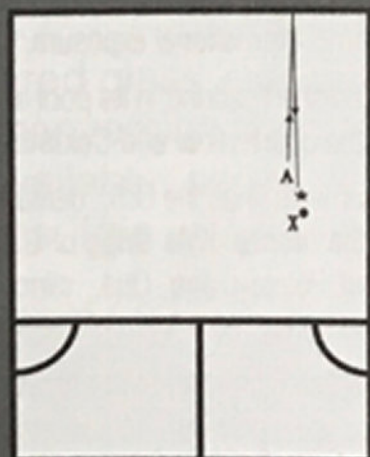
The guideline to the situation where a player hits the ball back to himself off a straight shot as opposed to a cross court return, is as follows:

If the obstructed player, had he played the shot rather than refrained from playing it, hits his opponent with the ball traveling directly to the front wall, then a "point" should be awarded to the obstructed player on appeal. (It is assumed that the ball would have hit the front wall above the tin.). The reason for awarding the point is that the opponent has NOT cleared, which he has to do. It does not matter how deep in the court this interference occurs.

Straight situation 1: Hitting the ball back to yourself on a straight shot

Player A plays ball back to himself. A does not clear from triangle and player X would have hit A or does hit A with ball going to front wall.

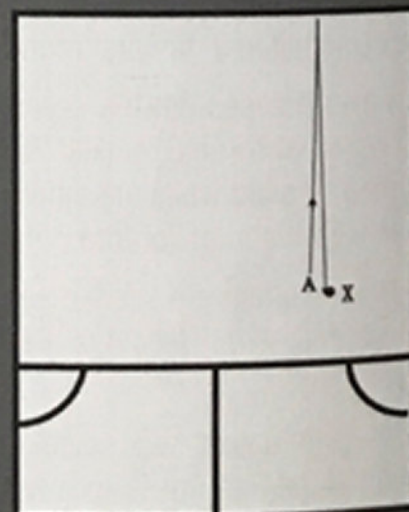
Decision: "Point" to player X.



Straight situation 2: Hitting the ball back close to yourself on a straight shot

Side by side situation. Player X asks for a "Let" hoping for a point.

Decision: "Let", with possible warning to player A if he/she was making no effort to clear.



COACHING CORNER

Coaching for the Next Generation...

By Marc Leger, Program Director

As our readers may or may not be aware, Coaching and the impact of quality coaching within our great country is in the process of being redefined and modernized to fit the needs of an ever changing society. This is the case with the Sport of Squash as with all sports within Canada.

A few years ago, the Coaching Association of Canada, approved a transition from the existing knowledge and course based program with five consecutive levels of certification to a competency based education and training approach (CBET). This new system basically has coaches trained and they can achieve a certification of competency to coach within a specific coaching environment. The transition to this new approach is an ongoing process as all sports are in the process of revising their coach training and certification.

A coach used to have to go through a Level system to attain certification (Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) similar to a ladder system; now a coach can choose from three streams and eight contexts, depending on their sport and what level of competition they wish to instruct.

The three Streams in question are as follows:

Stream 1 - Community Sport

Coaches in the Community Sport stream typically become involved on a voluntary (and often short-term) basis because their children participate in a sport. They tend to work with participants of all ages who are new to the sport. The Community Sport stream has two coaching contexts: Initiation and Ongoing participation.

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Stream 2 - Competition

Coaches in the Competition stream usually have previous coaching experience or are former athletes in the sport. They tend to work with athletes over the long term to improve performance, often in preparation for provincial, national, and international competitions. The Competition stream has three coaching contexts: Introduction, Development, and High performance.

Stream 3 - Instruction

Coaches in the Instruction stream must have sport-specific skills and training, whether coaching at the beginner or advanced skill levels. Many are former participants in the sport. The Instruction stream has three contexts: Beginners, Intermediate performers, and Advanced performers.

Squash Canada has decided to develop the Instruction stream first for the sport's new coaching vision and courses. Squash Ontario now offers the Coaching Foundations course for beginners with the Teachers and Instructors contexts. Squash Ontario will also begin offering the Intermediate course as of November 2006. Other contexts are being developed by Squash Canada and should be released within the next few years.

The new Squash Coaching models distinguish between training and certification. Coaches can participate in training opportunities to acquire or refine the skills and knowledge required for a particular coaching context as defined by the Squash Canada. However, to become certified in a coaching context, coaches must be evaluated on their demonstrated ability to perform in areas such as program design, practice planning, performance analysis, program management, ethical coaching, support to participants during training, and support to participants in competition.

Within this new system, a coach is now described as:

In Training - when a coach has completed some of the required training for a context;

Trained - when a coach has completed all required training for a context;

Certified - when a coach has completed all evaluation requirements for a context.

For more information on Squash Ontario courses and the changes now occurring within the system, please check out our website, www.squashontario.com/coaching

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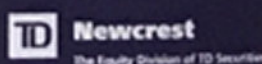
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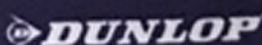
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