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To: ALL WSF MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

cc: WSF Regional Vice-Presidents, WSF Committee Members, WSA, PSA, Accredited Companies

FROM HEADQUARTERS



ANTI-DOPING. The issue of doping is always with us; and while squash has an enviable record in this regard we have had failures too. As you will read further down, two players have received bans as a result of positive tests for so-called 'social' drugs.

The fact that they are not performance enhancing but are still banned by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) simply highlights the need for all member federations, coaches and players themselves to be fully versed on what is permitted.

Testing doesn't only take place at events; many countries have out of competition testing, as does WSF. For several of the top Tour players, not only might they be subject to testing at events, but a number also have the onerous responsibility of providing their whereabouts for one hour a day, every day. They complete this on-line, most choosing breakfast time at home or the hotel they may be at. They have to be diligent over this, and the same applies to all competition players.

We cannot stress highly enough that players need to be sure/check every substance/medication that they use. Even simple treatments such as cold remedies can have substances in them that would cause failure of a drugs test and so put a squash career on the line.

National federation can give guidance, and here is a useful site for self-checking: www.globaldro.org/

OLYMPIC GAMES. On the Olympic bid front our efforts to secure a place continue at a fast pace. The bid brochure has been published – presenting the main features of the squash case in booklet form to the Olympic movement. Arrangements are in hand for the production of the presentation video that will feature when we meet the IOC Programme Commission at the end of the year. This month sees the WSF, led by President Ramachandran, at the SportAccord Convention in Canada where there will be meetings with the IOC, plus other opportunities to present our case at a media round table and in the convention hall too.



Supporting the bid there will be World Champion Nick Matthew and Canadian based Pakistani Maria Toor Pakay, who will participate in the media round table and the convention demonstration.

We have already been fortunate to receive some very generous donations to help with the costs of mounting a fully rounded bid, and have also received some gifts in kind. John Roberds of Odyssey Print in Tulsa, USA sent over a supply of Back the Bid tin stickers; while Susan Pallikal kindly printed player bid flashes. To them and everybody else backing the bid in so many ways sincere thanks.

Andrew Shelley

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO QATAR

The 2012 Men's World Squash Championship will be held in Doha in December. The \$300,000 event, the second richest in the sport's history, will take place at the Qatari capital's Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex from 7-14 December.

Qatar will be hosting the event for the third time, having previously staged it in 1998 and 2004.

"We are delighted to be able to confirm that Qatar will host the 2012 PSA World Championship," said PSA Chief Operating Officer Lee Beachill. "We have been in discussions with the Qatar Squash Federation for several months and it was the event dates that took some extra time to confirm - but we are thrilled to finally confirm that our flagship event will once again be going to Qatar.

"QSF have been a huge support to PSA over many years, hosting smaller Challenger events as well as their annual World Series event, the Qatar Classic," added former world number one Beachill. "We would like to thank Nabeel Ali Bin Ali and his team for their continued enthusiasm and vision and we are confident that this year's PSA World Championship will be a spectacular occasion."

England's Nick Matthew is the reigning PSA World Champion after becoming the first player for 15 years to successfully defend the title last November in Rotterdam.



WSF AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME GOES TO MALAWI AND NAMIBIA



Malaysia's record six-time world squash champion Nicol David will lead this year's WSF Ambassador Programme visit to Malawi and Namibia, from 7-13 June, accompanied by Egypt's former world junior champion Mohamed El Shorbagy.



The Ambassador Programme international promotional initiative was launched by the World Squash Federation last year - taking two of the world's leading players, plus an international coach and referee to Latvia to highlight the appeal of Squash to the

public and media in the Baltic country.

While the players integrated with the local squash community, providing clinics and exhibition matches in the capital Riga, coaching and refereeing workshops attracted interested parties both from Latvia and neighbouring countries.

The 2012 WSF Ambassador Programme will visit Lilongwe, the capital and largest city of Malawi, before moving onto the Republic of Namibia capital Windhoek.

In Lilongwe, the players will be joined by South Africa national coach Richard Castle and WSF Referee Mike Collins, also from South Africa, who will conduct two-day coaching and refereeing workshops respectively for attendees who are likely to attend from several countries across southern Africa.

Jimmy Kawaye, President of Squash Malawi, anticipates a variety of benefits from the visit: "It will generate a number of positive developments, such as inspiring young players to choosing the sport of squash; motivating the senior players into competitive squash; improving the coaching and refereeing skills for the country; increasing awareness of the developmental effect the sport of squash; generating interest from the corporate world to provide funding for tournaments; and increasing funding from the National Sports Council and Malawi Olympic Committee for supporting the youth development programme."

Namibian Squash Association (NSA) Chairperson Adrienne Lambert is equally upbeat about the forthcoming visit: "The opportunity to host ambassadors from the World Squash Federation (WSF) will be a great honour for the Namibian Squash Association. Squash in Namibia is experiencing unprecedented growth and with the

proposed visit from such esteemed squash personalities, it will further boost the sport in the country.

"There is a lot of excitement regarding the proposed WSF ambassadors visit and this is a sure way to generate public interest in our sport locally. It will be the first time Namibia gets an opportunity to host WSF officials and we are looking forward to it."

WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley added: "Squash in Africa is a success story, and with the wonderful support from the players and instructors we can play our part, alongside the work of the national federations, in offering a little stimulus with the visit. For the players to meet the media as well as the squash communities, and for the coaching and referee fraternities to have the opportunity to learn and disseminate information and ideas - that is what these visits are all about, and we look forward to this next Ambassadors visit with great relish."

REFEREE REMINDER

Last October a notice was sent (see below), concerning referee hand signals being phased out and Referee Decision Cards or electronic consoles now mandatory for many events and used at others where possible.

While more member nations and events are using cards and thus preventing players targeting individual referees for example, along with PSA and WSA we would like all event hosts to be prepared so that they have cards available for events. These can be locally sourced as long as they conform to the standard size, specifications and colours, otherwise can be ordered via the WSF website.

Here is the direct link to the Referee Decision Card page: www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=4938.

Please give yourselves time for ordered cards to be delivered and to ensure that the referees are given time to become comfortable using them where they haven't previously.

Referee Hand Signals To Be Phased Out

14 October 2011.

From the start of 2012, the PSA and WISPA World Tours - along with WSF World Championships - are mandating that referee decision cards and electronic consoles are used at major events, rather than hand signals.

*The events covered initially will be **PSA World Series, WISPA World Series & Gold, and all WSF World Championships**. While there will be exceptions - where it is discretionary rather than mandatory, as notified, e.g. qualification rounds - the joint intention is that the use of hand signals used by the three referees to communicate their decisions will be entirely replaced by the standard size/colour four-spoke referee decision cards and approved electronic systems.*

The cards prevent players seeing the decision of individual referees, while the electronic console adds a new dimension to both the decision and its display for spectator and broadcast audiences on all-glass show courts.

2020 VISION – SQUASH’S OLYMPIC BID BROCHURE IS PUBLISHED

In the latest step in our campaign to have Squash included in the programme for the 2020 Olympic Games, the WSF has launched a Bid Brochure.

The 48-page full colour publication underscores Squash as an innovative and growing sport with a



global reach across all five continents.

"I am delighted that this brochure has captured the essence of our sport in a

striking way," said WSF President N Ramachandran. "It highlights our sport as highly dynamic, definitely athletic, global, growing and innovative too; and we are very happy to present details of the benefits our sport can bring to the Olympic Movement."

Chief Executive Andrew Shelley added: "Squash has the incomparable attribute of being able to be staged inside and outside, and showcase a host city in a compelling way. We can take our events to the public and show off the best of play and the best of presentation in innovative ways - a real positive for so many event hosts. The bid brochure hopefully captures this in a visually engaging style."

The WSF Bid Brochure has been distributed to interested parties around the world and can be viewed at www.squash2020.com

RACKET WATCH



As a result of the new WSF Racket Approval there is a new logo for racket buyers to look out for – one that confirms that the racket meets the WSF specifications and is one in which you can have confidence. Look out for it.

As can be seen from the logos below, top manufacturers are already taking part, with more to follow in the coming weeks.

Look out for the logo; know that you have a great racket in your hand when you play:



HARROW



DUNLOP



MANTIS

WSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

Regulations change, so to check the current version go to the WSF website to view them. The direct link is: http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=1837

SQUASH SURGES IN AUSTRALIA



A new four million (Australian) dollar squash centre close to completion in Darwin is yet another example of squash's resilience and growth in Australia.

The new 12-court facility has been developed through a partnership between the squash authority and the Northern Territory government.

"The Territory government is committed to supporting local clubs and developing home-grown talent, and that is why we have invested \$4 million in this facility," said Minister Daniel Knight.

"With 12 courts, a kiosk, changing rooms and ancillary offices, plus a caretaker's residence, our top level Squash players will be able to develop their skills in a world-class facility," added Knight.



COUNTRYWIDE

This investment is just one example of new courts being built across the country, as noted by former squash great Michelle Martin. "Ten centres went up around Australia last year and there are more on the horizon," said the three times world

champion.

Indeed, Squash Australia reports that dozens of courts are going up in Townsville, Bowen and Innisfail in Queensland, the Barossa Valley, Western Sydney, Port Hedland, and the Gold Coast for the 2018 Commonwealth Games - as well as in Darwin.

Martin believes it is also great news for the wellbeing of Australians: "I'm a big believer in teaching children hand-eye co-ordination," said the former world number one. "So if you get that taught as a child from a young age, they've got that for life and then they'll be able to develop any sport from there.

"The fact that people are time poor, that's helped. It's very much a positive for the sport because people just want a quick workout."

WORLD SQUASH DAY BACKS THE 2020 BID



World Squash Day takes place this year on Saturday October 20th in a global show of support for the sport's efforts to win a place in the 2020 Olympic Games. Events will be taking place all over the globe with one firm message: Back the Bid.

In announcing the date, World Squash Federation Chief Executive Andrew Shelley said: "The players want it, and squash enthusiasts all over the world are desperate to see the sport included in the Olympic Games.

"So it is essential that we stage events like World Squash Day to galvanise that global support on one fantastic day of activities to promote the bid. This is a great way for players of all ages and abilities to support the Olympic bid and have a lot of fun in doing so.

"We would love to see every squash club on the planet getting involved on this special day so that thousands of players take part. That kind of response would help to show the kind of support that exists for the 2020 bid, especially in an Olympic year like this."

Alan Thatcher, founder of World Squash Day, added: "The whole idea is for squash to create headlines all over the world to raise the profile of the sport and create awareness of the Olympic bid. Squash players are phenomenal athletes and thoroughly deserve to be showcasing their talents in the Olympic Games."



World champion Nick Matthew, an Ambassador for the Squash2020 campaign, explained that the opportunity to win an Olympic gold medal would be the pinnacle of any squash player's career.

After beating world number one James Willstrop to clinch a hat-trick of titles at London's prestigious Canary Wharf Classic, he said: "With two English players competing in London, I can only say that this would have made a great Olympic final. We are devastated not to be in the London Olympics, or the 2016 event, but we have to concentrate on 2020 and do all we can to get there this time."

Women's record six-time world champion Nicol David has stressed: "I would happily swap my six world titles for one Olympic gold medal."

Clubs and players from around the world should stand by for announcements of exciting participation events that will form the centre-piece to World Squash Day.

Back the Bid website: www.squash2020.com

Official WSD website: www.worldsquashday.com

REGIONAL RESULTS

European Junior U19 Championships

Oporto, Portugal

Men's final:

[1] Declan James (ENG) bt [3/4] Tom Ford (ENG) 11-8, 13-11, 11-6

Men's semi-finals:

[1] Declan James (ENG) bt [5/8] Jan van den Herrewegen (BEL) 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 12-10

[3/4] Tom Ford (ENG) bt [5/8] Damien Volland (FRA) 11-4, 11-7, 11-7

Women's final:

[1] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [2] Julia Lecoq (FRA) 11-1, 12-10, 11-3

Women's semi-finals:

[1] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [3/4] Melissa Alves (FRA) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5

[2] Julia Lecoq (FRA) bt [5/8] Caroline Sayegh (GER) 11-7, 11-3, 11-6

Team Final:

[1] ENGLAND bt [2] BELGIUM 3/0

Declan James bt Tom de Mulder 11-9, 11-6, 11-8

Emily Whitlock bt Nele Gillis 11-6, 11-7, 11-4

Tom Ford bt Jan van den Herrewegen 11-6, 11-7

3rd place play-off:

[3] FRANCE bt [11] SCOTLAND 2/1

Damien Volland lost to Douglas Kempzell 6-11, 6-11, 11-8, 8-11

Julia Lecoq bt Rosie Allan 13-11, 11-5, 11-4

Alexandre Cogno bt Christopher Leiper 11-8, 11-9, 11-8

African Junior Championships

Harare, Zimbabwe

Men's Final:

[1] Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (EGY) bt [3] Moustafa Bayoumy (EGY) 3/1

Semi-finals:

Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (EGY) bt Nell van der Merwe (RSA) 3/0

Moustafa Bayoumy (EGY) bt [2] Shehab Essam (EGY) 3/0

Women's Final:

[1] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt [2] Salma Hatem Youssef (EGY) 3/1

Semi-finals:

[1] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt Julie Lee (RSA) w/o

[2] Salma Hatem Youssef (EGY) bt [3] Elani Landman (RSA) 3/0



EGYPTIANS HEAD THE LATEST WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT RANKINGS



Marwan El Shorbagy and Nour El Sherbini made it an Egyptian double as they headed the April WSF World Junior Circuit Rankings.

El Shorbagy, the reigning world junior champion, clinched the British Junior U19 Open title in

January to extend his lead at the top of the men's rankings to more than 30 points. The 18-year-old from Alexandria has topped the rankings since their launch in October last year.

Title success in both the French Junior U19 Open in February and the German Junior U19 Open took England's Oliver Holland up to second place in the list.

Egypt's Mohamed Abouelghar retained third place and Indian Mahesh Mangaonkar dropped to four - while Richie Fallows, runner-up to fellow countryman Holland both in the French and German Opens, rose 12 places to No5.



El Shorbagy and El Sherbini won the British Under 19 Open titles.

Egypt's Nour El Sherbini leap-frogged Emily Whitlock to replace the English teenager at the top of the women's rankings. Alexandria-based El Sherbini, who is just 16 years old, celebrated her fifth British Junior Open success in January by winning the U19 trophy for the second time.

After a surprise semi-final British Junior Open exit in January, Whitlock successfully defended her European Junior Championship title in Portugal - with success in the Belgian and Swiss Junior Opens late last year also contributing towards her second place.

India's Anaka Alankamony slipped to third place - while France's Julia Lecoq jumped five positions to No4 after winning the French Junior U19 Open against expectations.

Nele Gilis became the highest-ranked Belgian in the list. The 16-year-old leapt 25 places to No6 after winning the Czech Junior U19 Open.

The WSF World Junior Circuit Rankings - based on the under-19 age grouping and launched last October - are issued quarterly, based on results achieved in national junior opens, regional championships and WSF World Junior Individual Championships.

Men's top 10:

1	(1)	Marwan El Shorbagy (Egypt)	108.33
2	(11)	Oliver Holland (England)	75.00
3	(3)	Mohamed Abouelghar (Egypt)	72.67
4	(2)	Mahesh Mangaonkar (India)	55.00
5	(17)	Richie Fallows (England)	55.00
6	(54)	Martin Svec (Czech Republic)	53.33
7	(92)	Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (Qatar)	51.00
8	(4)	Tom de Mulder (Belgium)	49.33
9	(7)	Declan James (England)	46.67
10	(8)	Tom Ford (England)	43.67

Women's top 10:

1	(4)	Nour El Sherbini (Egypt)	88.33
2	(1)	Emily Whitlock (England)	76.67
3	(2)	Anaka Alankamony (India)	75.00
4	(9)	Julia Lecoq (France)	58.33
5	(5)	Maria Elena Ubina (USA)	45.00
6	(31)	Nele Gilis (Belgium)	43.67
7	(6)	Lee Ka Yi (Hong Kong China)	42.67
8	(16)	Melissa Alves (France)	36.67
9	(7)	Caroline Sayegh (Germany)	33.67
10	(46)	Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (Egypt)	32.67

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Wear the bid! Go to the Olympic bid website <http://store.squash2020.com/> to see the range of clothing / colours available to you to show your support for the squash bid for a place at the Olympic Games. There are quantity discounts if you want to buy for your club, team or other group.

ANTI-DOPING RULES UPDATED

The World Squash Anti-Doping Rules have been updated and Version 1.2 uploaded to the WSF website at: www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=47.

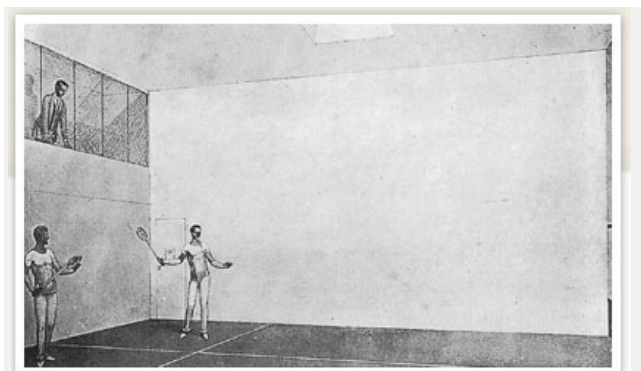
These technical changes were made at the request of the WSF Anti-Doping Commission and approved by the WSF Management Committee. Details of the changes made can be found in the Version Control on page 3 of the document.

SQUASH ON THE TITANIC!

Here is a short fascinating extract from <http://squashbloglife.com/a-squash-match-on-the-titanic/> Read more there.

On the 14th of April, 1912 RMS Titanic, the largest passenger steamship in the world, was four days into her maiden voyage from Southampton, England to New York City. At 2340hrs, 640km south of the Great Banks of Newfoundland, she struck an iceberg and sank at 0220hrs the following morning with the loss of 1,517 lives. The sinking of the Titanic is one of the most famous disasters in maritime history, if not world history. But what's less well-known is that down in the ship's lower deck, there was a squash court.

The Titanic's squash racquets court was available for use by first class passengers only. Players were charged two shillings each (50 US cents in those days) for the use of the court and playing sessions were limited to one hour if others were waiting.



The Squash Court on the Titanic

The court was 30ft long and 20ft wide compared to 32ft and 21ft respectively for a modern court. This was due to the structural design of the Titanic which also restricted the height of the court to 15ft 8inches as opposed to today's 18ft 6inches. Use of the lob was therefore limited. The door into the court was positioned in the left side of the back wall.

The court was under the supervision of Mr Frederick Wright of Great Billing, Northamptonshire in England. Wright was the Titanic's squash racquets professional. For a wage of £1 per week, Wright not only cleaned the court and ran the booking system but also supplied passengers with squash racquets and balls. He was also available to play as an opponent if required.

Much more at: <http://squashbloglife.com/a-squash-match-on-the-titanic/>

WORLD AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 DIGEST

WORLD

Men's & Women's World Junior Individual Championships

Doha, Qatar (7 – 12 July)

Men's World Junior Team Championships

Doha, Qatar (13 – 18 July)

World Masters

Birmingham, England (21 – 27 July)

Women's World Team Championship

Nimes, France (12 – 17 November)

Women's World Open

Cayman Islands (13 – 21 December)

Men's World Open

Doha, Qatar (7 – 14 December)

REGIONAL U19 + TEAM

Asian Team Championships

Kuwait (1 – 5 May)

European Team Championships

Nuremberg, Germany (1 – 5 May)

Asian U19 Championships

Tehran, Iran (19 – 23 June)

WSF AGM 2012

As notified to all member federations, the 42nd WSF AGM and Conference will take place in Stockholm, Sweden.

WSF Conference:

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September

WSF AGM:

Sunday 30th September

(The WSF Development Conference will be linked to the meeting – see below).

The Delegate Registration and hotel booking forms will be uploaded to the WSF website in a few days; the URL address will be emailed to all Members.

WSF WORLD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The first WSF Development Conference which will feature a variety of topics linked to introducing to and maintaining interest in squash will precede the WSF AGM & Conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

The conference runs for two days, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September, and finish at lunchtime on Friday 28th. On Friday morning the Development Conference delegates will join the WSF Conference attendees where topics of interest to both groups will be presented.

The agenda and presenter list will feature on the Conference web page in the coming weeks.

Conference registration and accommodation details will be distributed shortly.



ENTERED FOR THE WORLD MASTERS?

Time is running out for anybody wishing to join the hundreds of players already signed up for

the World Masters 2012 taking place in Birmingham, England between 20th and 27th July. Entries close on Friday 8th June, with entry form and accommodation option details available on the championship website:

<http://www.squashworldmasters.com/>

RACKETBALL IN GUERNSEY

In October 2010 Guernsey Squash & Racketball officially launched Racketball on the English Channel island calling it Racketball for All and included Racketball for people with special needs.

Coach Mick Mahy reports that to date he has taken 585 sessions and is teaching 29 special needs players every month, who suffer from conditions such as Autism, Aspergers, A.D.H.D. Learning Difficulties, Swan Syndrome and Down Syndrome.

Mahy explained "In my first year I managed to raise £13,600 to keep the sessions free of charge to all who attend and when a special needs player attends three sessions in a row I buy them a new racket and a ball to keep this makes them feel part of the programme.

All the special needs players are more than capable of playing every shot in the game and it's such a pleasure to see them having fun on court I run sessions on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays".

PLAYER ANTI –DOPING BANS

Two male players have failed anti-doping tests where an adverse finding of a cannabinoid was present. They are:

WSF Men's World Team Championship in Paderborn, Germany on 25th August 2011. Italian team member Stephane Galifi has been banned from competition for a period of two years, expiring at midnight on 18th December 2013. Second offence.

(As also mandated by the Rules, Italy were disqualified from the competition and placed last).

Bogota, Colombia, individual event on 4th September 2011.

Argentinean player Jorge Gutierrez was banned from competition for a period of four months, expired at midnight on 16th April 2012.

These penalties were imposed in respect of breaches of articles 10.2 and 10.4 of the World Squash Anti-Doping Rules.

LONG OR SHORT?



The Christchurch Club, on the corner of Worcester St and Latimer Square, had a court built in about 1907.....it proved extremely popular.

So says, *Long or Short?* Which is the story of New Zealand Squash, a beautifully produced 'coffee table' hardcover book, running to over

300 pages written in bite sized chunks much like newspaper articles; so superb to simply dip into. And not only for New Zealanders.

From way back Kiwi players travelled the world in search of success, and so many found it. Susan Devoy won the British Open aged 21, snagged a further nine as well as four World Open titles. Then there was Ross Norman who came back from a parachute accident to win the World Open after thirty losses to Jahangir Khan. But there are so many other names, past and present who feature in the articles and photographs. Dozens and dozens.

Written by Joseph Romanus, one of New Zealand's leading sports journalists, a great combination of research and presentation has been the result.

For information go to: www.nzsquash.co.nz/about-squash-nz/history-book.cfm



England again has the top two players in the Dunlop PSA Men's World Squash Rankings following

Nick Matthew's return to No2 behind fellow Yorkshireman James Willstrop in the new May list. A semi-final berth in the Red Sea resort was enough to move Matthew ahead of Frenchman Gregory Gaultier - but his Egyptian victor Ramy Ashour went on to beat Willstrop in the final and rises to fourth place in the list. *Nine nations are now represented in the world top 20.*

May 2012 (inc. points average):

1	[1]	James Willstrop	ENG	1,644
2	[3]	Nick Matthew	ENG	1,304
3	[2]	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1,296
4	[5]	Ramy Ashour	EGY	1,073
5	[4]	Karim Darwish	EGY	947
6	[6]	Amr Shabana	EGY	652
7	[7]	Peter Barker	ENG	627
8	[8]	Mohamed El Shorbagy	EGY	613
9	[9]	Laurens Jan Anjema	NED	508
10	[11]	Daryl Selby	ENG	432



While Malaysia's Nicol David has now reached seventy months occupying top spot, the

May WSA rankings Hong Kong's Annie Au has moved up to a career high of six while countrywoman Joey Chan is also at her highest ever ranking at sixteen.

England's Alison Waters, the former world number three who was out for over a year with injury won the Irish open last week and has re-entered the top thirty at twenty eight.

May 2012 (inc. points average):

1	[1]	Nicol David	MAS	3,283
2	[2]	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	1,615
3	[4]	Madeline Perry	IRL	1,312
4	[3]	Laura Massaro	ENG	1,295
5	[5]	Raneen El Weleily	EGY	1,286
6	[7]	Annie Au	HKG	951
7	[8]	Kasey Brown	AUS	884
8	[6]	Rachael Grinham	AUS	872
9	[9]	Natalie Grinham	NED	858
10	[10]	Camille Serme	FRA	849

SNIPPETS

AUSTRALIA DEBUTS

.....with almost 180 junior squash players from around Australia and the Asia-Pacific region descending on Canberra over Easter for the inaugural Australian Junior Open. The AJO was launched this year to be part of the WSF World Junior Circuit.

CIMB BANK HAS RENEWED

.....title sponsorship of two Malaysian squash events and its deal with number one women's player Nicol David.

The Asean-based bank will sponsor the Malaysian Open as well as the 2013 Kuala Lumpur Open, which has been renamed the CIMB Nicol David KL Open in honour of the Malaysian player. CIMB have sponsored David for seven years.

LAST NOVEMBER



.....the WSF Ambassador Programme went to Latvia. Such was the enthusiasm it generated that last month coach Ronny Vlassaks returned to Riga to deliver an ESF Level 1 coaching course for eighteen coaches.

SQUASH ON THE STREET

.....is Bloomberg TV's weekly squash segment, combining USA Wall Street financial sector guys playing a little squash and talking about stocks and funds. Here is an edition:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/video/90870833/>

A TWIN FIRST?



There was double delight for the Barnett family at the New Zealand Junior Open in Auckland when twins Jonny and Rebecca both won their events at the Remuera Rackets Club.

Emma and Kate Major were high fliers in the nineties but both being girls and the same age, of course, probably wouldn't have been national champions at the same time, so are there any boy/girl combos out there who have done something similar to the Barnetts?

HAPPY HUNDRETH



....the Canadian Squash Championships celebrates its 100th birthday at this week's event staged at White Oaks in Ontario.

An all-glass court will be used for the final rounds – which certainly wouldn't have been the case at the first one in 1912 at the Montreal Racquets Club!



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