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FROM WSF EXECUTIVE BOARD - WSF REGIONS AND NATIONS UPDATE

Last week the WSF Board met in London.

In addition to the general and ongoing business of managing the affairs of WSF, there are a few specific areas that it is timely to update upon.

One is the appointment of a Chief Executive to follow Andrew Shelley who stepped down at the end of June. The WSF Board initiated a process to handle filling this key position, which led to an initial shortlist of candidates being evolved all of whom were interviewed by the Board as a whole via a conference call. They were then reduced to a final selection who were met and interviewed in person during the meeting. An announcement on the appointment can be expected shortly.

Another important element of the London meeting was to receive an initial progress report from James Sandwith, the British brand and marketing consultant, appointed to gather opinion and insight from squash federations around the world, and those within the broader squash community including the PSA, to determine what the sport's strategic future should look like.

His plans for the coming weeks and arrangements for his report to be received by delegates for discussion at the WSF AGM & Conference in Cape Town at the beginning of November were covered too.

Also central to the there was a review of draft reports, forward plans, motions, accounts and budget Reports for inclusion in the AGM papers that will be circulated this month. Planning for the Delegate Conference Day was also refined.

The Board hope that many delegates from Regions and nations will participate in general discussions that will help shape our future in Cape Town.

Jacques Fontaine
WSF President



EGYPTIAN BUSINESS AS USUAL!

Top seeds Mostafa Asal and Hania El Hammamy rose to the occasion in the finals of the CIMB Foundation WSF World Junior Squash Championships in Kuala Lumpur, claiming an Egyptian double in the premier World Squash Federation junior event for the third year in a row.



Defending champion Asal follows in the illustrious footsteps of Ramy Ashour, Mohamed Elshorbagy and Marwan Elshorbagy by becoming the fourth Egyptian to win the men's title twice in a row, while El Hammamy, runner-up for the past two years, finally claimed the title at third time of asking - just as distinguished compatriot Nour El Tayeb had done eight years ago.

Ending a junior career on a high

Now competing in her fifth and final world junior championships, it was clear that world No.15 El Hammamy was desperate to end her junior career on a high. The 18-year-old from Cairo had to be at her best against Jana Shiha, however, to see off the challenge of her second-seeded compatriot at the Bukit Jalil National Squash Centre.



But despite trailing for most of the first game, Hania found her composure as she converted the big points to take the first game 11-9. From there on the Cairo native never looked back and Jana - who was looking a little more weary after a gruelling five-game semi-final 24 hours earlier, committed too many errors.

"This win is really important for me because I've been watching all my favourite players on the PSA Tour and they've all won the title at some point", said El Hammamy. "I was angry that I didn't win this before and for the past three years I've been really hoping to win it. There was a lot of pressure on me too and I was also nervous to start because I didn't want to lose in my last world juniors," added Hania.

In the boys' final, top seed Asal delivered a showman's performance as he put down compatriot Moustafa El Sirty (*both pictured below*) 3/0 for his second straight world junior title.



The Cairo native Asal got back into the first game and despite being 10-7 down went on to take the game 12-10. After that it was a one-sided affair as Asal simply exerted his influence while El

Sirty looked a spent force. The world No.29 would eventually wrap up the win after 41 minutes to be the fifth player since 2006 to win two world junior crowns.

Azman goes down

In the women's semi finals a thrilling encounter in front of a partisan saw Malaysia's 3/4 seed Aifa Azman go down 3/2 to Jana Shiha. Meanwhile, El Hammamy, who despite dropping the third game, still proved too hot for compatriot Farida Mohamed.

In the first men's semi-final, 3/4 seed Moustafa El Sirty stole the show as he rallied from 2/1 down to upset second seed and his best friend Omar El Torkey 3/2 in 63 minutes. In the other half the superb run of unseeded Englishman Lewis Anderson came to an end as Asal powered through to a comfortable win.

Full credit should be given to 18-year-old left-hander Anderson, however, who came into the event with little expectations but took out three seeded players, including 3/4 seed Viktor Byrtus of Czech Republic, en-route to becoming the first unseeded player for 15 years to reach a world junior semi-final!

Men's: quarter-finals: [1] Mostafa Asal (EGY) bt [5/8] Siow Yee Xian (MAS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-1, Lewis Anderson (ENG) bt [9/12] Veer Chotrani (IND) 11-8, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7, [3/4] Moustafa El Sirty (EGY) bt [5/8] Sam Todd (ENG) 11-6, 11-7, 8-11, 11-5, [2] Omar El Torkey (EGY) bt [5/8] Yehia Elnawasany (EGY) 11-6, 11-2, 11-3. **Semi-finals:** Asal bt Anderson 11-5, 11-5, 11-2, El Sirty bt El Torkey 11-8, 6-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-7. **Final:** Asal bt El Sirty 12-10, 11-3, 11-6

Women's: quarter-finals: [1] Hania El Hammamy (EGY) bt [5/8] Chan Sin Yuk (HKG) 14-12, 11-3, 12-10, [3/4] Farida Mohamed (EGY) bt [5/8] Chan Yiwen (MAS) 3-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-9, [3/4] Aifa Azman (MAS) bt [5/8] Elise Lazarus (ENG) 12-10, 11-8, 11-5, [2] Jana Shiha (EGY) bt [5/8] Marina Stefanoni (USA) 7-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-7. **Semi-finals:** El Hammamy bt Mohamed 11-8, 11-6, 4-11, 11-3, Shiha bt Azman 10-12, 14-12, 2-11, 16-14, 11-7. **Final:** El Hammamy bt Shiha 11-9, 11-6, 11-8

Egypt Secure World Junior Team Crown Too

It was seven in a row for Egypt after the favourites denied hosts Malaysia a fierce comeback in the final of the CIMB Foundation WSF Women's World Junior Team Squash Championship which followed the Individual Championships.



The defending champions needed every bit of firepower in their arsenal, and a bit of luck as they rode the strong resistance of Malaysia for a 2/0 win at the Bukit Jalil National Squash Centre.

With a 1-3-2 order of play, recently crowned world junior champion Hania El Hammamy gave the Egyptians the start they needed when she overcame Aifa Azman 3/1.

Aifi fires home crowd

It didn't always go Egypt's way as Aifa gave the home crowd something to dream about by taking the first game 11-6. Hania however proved her mettle by storming back to take the second 11-6 and then came from behind to take the third 11-9. That swung the momentum as Aifa had the wind knocked out of her with Hania eventually romping home for the win.

"I never wanted to be the reason why the team loses so I went in there and I wanted to push hard for my teammates," said Hania. "Winning the third game was big for me as it certainly gave me a lot more confidence and I'm really pleased to finish my junior career this way."

Trailing 1/0, the hosts then turned to 17-year-old world junior debutant Ainaa Ampandi to save their title hopes. And the KL youngster played the match of her life as she had individual bronze medallist Farida Mohamed (pictured right) by the throat several times.

Aina's shaky start

After a shaky start, Ainaa had the crowd on the edge of their seats as she led 2/1 and was 8-6 up in the fourth. Unfortunately, a cracked racquet forced her to change equipment and that ruined her momentum. And Farida duly seized the initiative to nail the game, before stepping it up in the fifth.

Egypt's success means they have sealed their seventh successive world team title - and their ninth overall since winning their first in 1999 - and have lived up to their status as the world's best.

It is however full credit to the gutsy Malaysian team who left everything on court with this final being one of the closest contested one in recent years.



The loss means Malaysia finish as bridesmaids for the second straight edition. Bronze medals were shared by Hong Kong China & England. Meanwhile in the playoff for fifth, India finished strongly by beating the higher seeded USA 2/1 - thereby celebrating their best finish since 2011.

Switzerland finished seventh after edging Australia 2/0 to mark their most successful run in the championships for 20 years. Meanwhile Canada finished ninth, ahead of New Zealand, South Africa and France. Further down, Japan finished 13th after beating Sweden 2/0 while Republic of Korea took 15th after beating Ireland 2/1.

Finishing positions:

Final: [1] EGYPT bt [2] MALAYSIA 2/0 Hania El Hammamy bt Aifa Azman 6-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-3. Farida Mohamed bt Ainaa Ampandi 11-9, 8-11, 4-11, 11-9, 11-4. 3rd place: [3] HONG KONG CHINA & [4] ENGLAND. 5th place play-off: [6] INDIA bt [5] USA 2/1. 7th place play-off: [8] SWITZERLAND bt [10] AUSTRALIA 2/0. 9th - 12th place play-offs: [7] CANADA bt [9] FRANCE 2/1. [11] NEW ZEALAND bt [15] SOUTH AFRICA 2/0. Final positions: 9 Canada, 10 New Zealand, 11 South Africa, 12 France. 13th place play-off: [14] JAPAN bt [17] SWEDEN 2/0. 15th place play-off: [12] REPUBLIC OF KOREA bt [13] IRELAND 2/1. 17th place play-off: [16] SINGAPORE bt [18] CHINESE TAIPEI 2/0.

WSF AGM & CONFERENCE 2019

Squash South Africa will host the Meeting this year in Cape Town.

Dates are Tuesday 5 (conference) & Wednesday 6 November (AGM). Full details [here](#)

Work continues apace on the development of WSO (World Squash Officiating), in partnership with PSA, with the launch of WSO on track for later this year.

A key element is the platform that will host all the resources needed by WSO. This website build continues with the design of the pages complete, and back end functionality development now underway.

Assessment criteria for each level and modules within the levels nearly finalised, and overall most of the content is assembled, ready to be added as and when required by the platform developers.

The Rules section will contain video examples wherever possible, largely from SquashTV but also from SquashSkills to help the printed rules come to life.

When completed the site will become the worldwide resource, education and assessment portal for all levels of referee.

It is also planned to add a shop section to make WSO materials and merchandise available.

Everyone who registers will have their own account where they can track progress and take online tests to progress to the next level. This will make the refereeing pathway clearer and more accessible for everyone.

BARBADOS TOP MEDAL TABLE

When the 37th CASA (Caribbean Area Squash Assoc) Junior Championships took place in Port Of Spain, Trinidad, it was Barbados who edged out Guyana in the overall table.

Individual finals: G11: Phoebe Gittens (Bar) bt Christiana Fernandes (Guy) 3/0. B11: Jayden George (SVG) bt Owen Roserea (Ber) 3/0. G13: Eboni Atherley (Bar) bt Maher Trehan (Jam) 3/0. B13: Seth Thong (TTA) bt Mohryan Baksh (Guy) 3/2. G15: Kirsten Gomes (Guy) bt Sumairaa Suliman (Bar) 3/2. B15: Michael Alphonso (Guy) bt Nicholas Verwey (Guy) 3/0. G17: Abosaide Cadogan (Guy) bt Madison Fernandes (Guy) 3/0. B17: Shomari Wiltshire (Guy) bt Darien Benn (Bar) 3/1. G19: Meagan Best (Bar) bt Jade Pitcairn (Cay) 3/0. B19: Khamal Cumberbatch (Bar) bt Taylor Carrick (Ber) 3/0.

Girls Team: 1.Barbados, 2.Jamaica, 3.Guyana. **Boy's Team:** 1.Guyana, 2.Guyana, 2.Barbados, 3. Bermuda. **Overall Team:** 1.Barbados, 2.Guyana, 3.Jamaica, 4.Bermuda, 5.Cayman Is, 6.Trinidad & T, 7.St Vincent & G, 8.British VIs

PSA SETS A RECORD

PSA recently announced that a record prize money total of \$7,569,706 was on offer on the PSA Tour during the 2018/19 season, in which the organisation's new tour structure came into effect.

The 2018/19 season saw the PSA launch the PSA Challenger Tour alongside the PSA World Tour as part of the organisation's new vision for professional squash, while the WSF & PSA Satellite Tour was also created in partnership with the WSF in order to help up-and-coming players transition from junior tournaments to the professional circuit. This has resulted in a 10% increase in prize money compared to the season before.

Prize money on the women's tour amounted to \$2,937,248 – a 6.6% increase – while the men's has increased by 12.2% to \$4,631,000.

The top earning female player on the tour earned \$209,998 last season, an 84.9% increase since the

integration of the women's tour into the PSA in April 2015, with her male counterpart earning \$257,153,

which is up 59.0% over the same time period. Average earnings for the men's and women's top 25 totalled \$76,245 and \$61,567, respectively.

639 events took place across the PSA World Tour, PSA Challenger Tour and WSF & PSA Satellite Tour (405 men's and 234 women's) – 15.5% more than the previous season – with 65 countries hosting a PSA event, including key territories such as United States, Egypt, England, Hong Kong and Canada.



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NEW PRESIDENT FOR PANAM REGION



At the AGM of the Federacion Panamerica De Squash (FPS) held during the PanAm Games in Lima, the election for President resulted in victory by Francisco Paradisi (left) over incumbent Federico Serna from Mexico. Vice Presidential elections were also held and Canadian Lolly Gillen was elected to follow Paradisi as Secretary General.

The elected officers:

President: Francisco Paradisi (Venezuela)
 Sec Gen: Lolly Gillen (Canada)
 Vice President: Sergio Becerra (Colombia)
 Regional VPs: Dent Wilkins (USA - N. America), Janet Sairsingh (Cayman - Caribbean), Esteban Casarino (Paraguay – S America), Italo Bonatti (Guatemala – Central America)

WSF HALL OF FAME INTERVIEWS



Our sport has its legends, the players who have been dominant multi-titled and ranking topping individuals. The 'greats'.

You can view a full list [here](http://www.squashsite.co.uk), where you can also click on recent interviews with Heather McKay and Jahangir Khan.

Now, the interview with Australian eight times British Open Champion Geoff Hunt has been added, so you can read his story too.

Next will be another Australian star, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, to be added shortly.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The WSF Development Commission have collected details of several national development programmes as a resource for all National Federations. They are on our website [here](http://www.squashsite.co.uk).

More programme details are welcomed.

US NATIONAL CENTER BUILDING BEGINS



Interior demolition and ground breaking at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center is officially underway. The Specter Center, planned to open in fall 2020, will be located in the historic Amory building just blocks from 30th St Station in Philadelphia.

The Specter Center will feature 18 singles courts and two doubles courts.

ISRAELI STUNNER



A showcourt at the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem, was the iconic city walls setting for a week of promotional events, the Israel Nations Cup and an exhibition match between Colombian Miguel Angel Rodriguez, and Borja Golan from Spain.

Israeli Jewish & Arab families had the opportunity to see and try squash in a special place with an atmosphere all of its' own.

As Aviv Bushinsky, Chairman of the Israeli squash association reported, 'In the spirit of Jerusalem, the eternal city of peace, we want to call for friendly cooperation with our Arab neighbours. We hope that they will be willing to come to Israel and join us in competition'.

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BINNIE EXTENDS STREAK

Jamaica's Chris Binnie has extended his record breaking-run of Caribbean titles when he won his 9th, beating Cayman Islander Cameron Stafford 11-8, 11-2, 11-5 in the final. He last lost in 2010!














Meanwhile, Nicolette Fernandes won her 6th title in front of a home Guyana crowd, beating defending champion Meagan Best 9/2 9/2 9/5 in the Women's final.

WSF APPROVED SQUASH BALLS

Dunlop provide the WSF Adopted Ball, which is used for all WSF World and Regional Championships.

A number of manufacturers make balls that have been tested to conform to the WSF Squash Ball Specifications and so are quality assured.

They are all listed here:

	Dunlop XX Yellow Dot Championship Ball
	Eye Squash Ball
	HEAD Sport AG Yellow Dot Ball
	Huashen Double & Single Yellow Dot Balls
	Karakal Squash Ball
	MR Price Sport Maxed Squash Ball
	Opfeel SB 990 Squash Ball
	Prince Rebel Pro Ball
	Taiball Yellow Dot Ball
	Tecnifibre Squash Ball
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So, the dog chewed up your copy of Squash Player magazine and you had meant to photocopy Derek Ryan's Dynamic Warm-Up Routines plus save the Tactics articles. Don't fret, there is Squash Player digital, back issues and all recent content is there

FEATURES

MARWAN OUT OF SHADOWS

Revisit important features from previous issues like Marwan's profile (SP174)

TIPS FROM A LEGEND

What did Ramy Ashour say that is relevant to your game (SP184)?

HALL OF FAME

How good really was Peter Nicol. Richard Eaton explains in Hall of Fame (SP173)

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EDITORIAL & COLUMNS: Racketball and the rebound sports family (SP165)

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HALL OF FAME

Rachael Grinham, a different type of player (SP184)



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DREW'S DIAGNOSIS: Lee Drew analyses Camille Serme's early short shot (SP192)

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

JULY

Australia's Donna Lobban and Cameron Pilley won *Squash Player's* Player of the Month Awards after claiming two gold medals each, at the WSF World Doubles Championships

AUGUST

Joshna Chinappa is crowned Indian national champion for a record 17th time while Diego Elias wins Peru's first squash gold at the Pan American Games



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The World Squash Coaching (WSC) Panel will be holding a meeting before the WSF Coaching Conference in Cairo (see below). The panel consists of Chair Sarah Fitz-Gerald, members Jason Fletcher, Maniam Singaraveloo Maniam, Colin White, and WSC Programme Manager Michael Khan.

The group will review the WSC Programme and especially the new Level 3 Syllabus and discuss possible fine-tuning and updates for which they will be joined by WSF Level 3 Tutors Ronny Vlassaks and Renato Gallego. Other items on the agenda are future courses and training of additional tutors.

During 2019 WSC courses have been scheduled worldwide, including Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Fiji, Finland, Hong Kong China, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, Malaysia, Netherlands Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Russia and Sri Lanka.

WSF World Coaching Conference 2019 is alongside the Women's World Championship

Egypt are hosting the WSF Coaching Conference alongside the Women's World Championship in Cairo.

The annual WSF event, hosted by the Egyptian Squash Federation, takes place from 31 October to 2 November. The sessions on the first two days will precede the semi-finals and final of the CIB PSA Women's World Championship and accompanying Men's Platinum event.

The conference has been held in Malaysia, Colombia and Australia over the last three years and now comes to the country that leads the way in the elite player scene – providing an opportunity for international coaches to learn more about what is behind the success from their coaches, as well as to hear from internationally-known squash personalities.

Confirmed presenters already include Malaysian star Nicol David, Egyptian celebrated coaches Omar ElBorolossy and Ashraf Hanafi, together with England's Joey Barrington.

For registration details, visit: [here](#)

IMPORTANT READING FOR COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

Please go to the World Squash website to read information about player protection. Titled *Safeguarding Athletes from Harassment & Abuse in Sport*. It can be found [here](#)

WSF CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2019

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

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	i-Mask
	2500 (9903Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43) Overspec (KA642)p
	Mantis Protective Eyewear
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
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	P360(1-5)
	Split Vision Type II
	R615

SPREAD OF SUCCESS IN LIMA

USA's Amanda Sobhy and Peruvian Diego Elias, both ranked eight in the world, celebrated historic individual Squash success in the XVIII Pan American Games in the Peruvian capital Lima.

Harvard graduate Sobhy became the first woman to win individual gold in successive Pan Am Games when she beat her US team-mate Olivia Blatchford Clyne in a repeat of the 2015 final in Toronto.



The 26-year-old from New York (*pictured above on the podium*), the highest-ranked US-born player of all-time, dismissed world No.19 Blatchford Clyne 3/1 in 33 minutes in the gold medal playoff at the Villa Deportiva Nacional Videna in Lima.

It was a historic first squash gold medal in the Games for hosts Peru when top seed Diego Elias defeated Colombia's defending champion Miguel Rodriguez 3/1 in 65 minutes in the men's final.



The triumph - before a jubilant and packed partisan crowd (*pictured above*) - was revenge for Elias's defeat in the 2015 final, when Rodriguez won his second successive singles gold medal.

Bronze medals went to Mexican Cesar Salazar and Argentina's 5/8 seed Robertino Pezzota, a 36-year-old from Rosario who was the only player to be making his fifth successive Games appearance since making his debut in 2003 in the Dominican Republic.



(*Medallists pictured, L to R: Rodriguez, Elias, Pezzota & Salazar*)

Men's: Individual Semi-finals: [1] Diego Elias (PER) bt [3/4] Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-1, 11-9, 11-8, [2] Miguel Rodriguez (COL) bt [5/8] Robertino Pezzota (ARG) 9-11, 16-14, 11-6, 11-7. Final: [1] Diego Elias (PER) bt [2] Miguel Rodriguez (COL) 11-6, 7-11, 12-10, 11-8)

Women's Individual Semi-finals: [1] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [3/4] Hollie Naughton (CAN) 11-6, 12-10, 11-8. [2] Olivia Blatchford Clyne (USA) bt [3/4] Samantha Cornett (CAN) 11-7, 11-5, 11-6. Final: [1] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [2] Olivia Blatchford Clyne (USA) 7-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-8.

USA Doubles Delight

After success in the women's singles USA added two further Squash gold medals to its Lima haul after title triumphs in both the Men's and Women's Doubles.

US women's No.1 Amanda Sobhy added to her personal gold collection by partnering her younger sister Sabrina Sobhy to a straight games victory in the women's doubles final.



The top-seeded Sobhy siblings (*pictured left*), successfully retained the title won four years ago in Toronto by Amanda and former world No.1 Natalie Grainger when they beat Canadian pair Samantha Cornett &

Danielle Letourneau.

USA then struck Men's Doubles gold when Chris Hanson & Todd Harrity overcame Canadians Shawn Delierre & Nick Sachvie.

Colombia claimed their first squash gold medal of the 2019 Games when Catalina Pelaez & Miguel Rodriguez justified their top-seeding in the Mixed Doubles by seeing off Diana Garcia & Alfredo Avila 11-10, 11-4 in the final.

Men's Doubles Semi-Finals: [5/8] Shawn Delierre & Nick Sachvie (CAN) bt [1] Arturo Salazar & Cesar Salazar (MEX) 9-11, 11-7, 11-5, [3/4] Chris Hanson & Todd Harrity (USA) bt [2] Diego Elias & Alonso Escudero (PER) 11-8, 11-8 Final: Hanson & Harrity (USA) bt Delierre & Sachvie (CAN) 6-11, 11-5, 11-8 **Women's Doubles** Semi-Finals: [1] Amanda Sobhy & Sabrina Sobhy (USA) bt [3/4] Giselle Delgado & Anita Pinto (CHI) 11-5, 11-3, [3/4] Samantha Cornett & Danielle Letourneau (CAN) bt [2] Laura Tovar & Maria Tovar (COL). Final: A Sobhy & Sa Sobhy (USA) bt Cornett & Letourneau (CAN) 11-10, 11-8 **Mixed Doubles** Semi-Finals: [1] Catalina Pelaez & Miguel Rodriguez (COL) bt [3/4] Hollie Naughton & Andrew Schnell (CAN) 11-10, 11-5, Diana Garcia & Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [3/4] Olivia Blatchford Clyne & Andrew Douglas (USA) 11-6, 11-5. Final: Pelaez & Rodriguez (COL) bt Garcia & Avila (MEX) 11-10, 11-4.

Sobhy Celebrates Triple Gold Double

Against expectations, USA clinched both team gold medals, becoming the first country to achieve the team double since Canada 20 years ago in 1995.

Furthermore, by leading the country to a successful defence of the women's team title, world No.8 Amanda Sobhy clinched a third Games gold medal - added to her individual and women's doubles title triumphs - thereby replicating her historic triple gold medal success in the 2015 PanAm Games in Toronto.

The top-seeded US women opened proceedings on the final day of squash action with a 3/0 victory over 3/4 seeds Mexico to set up a repeat of the 2015 final against No.2 seeds Canada.

The finals were poised with two rematches of the women's singles semi-final match ups. Amanda Sobhy put Team USA on the scoreboard first with a win over Hollie Naughton. Olivia Blatchford Clyne then sealed gold courtesy of a marathon victory against Samantha Cornett.

Blatchford Clyne, joined Amanda Sobhy in earning three medals, including the team gold, women's singles silver and mixed doubles bronze.

While the women decisively fulfilled their top seeding, the 3/4 seeded US men had to put in two breakthrough performances against respective gold and silver medal favourites Mexico and Colombia.

Douglas wins decider

Team debutant Andrew Douglas, a 20-year-old making his first appearance in the Games, stepped up in the biggest match of his career to date, coming back from 2/1 down against former world No. 35 Alfredo Avila in the semi final decider against Mexico to punch Team USA's ticket to its first ever men's team final.

The final against second seeds Colombia had a similar rhythm as Harrity lost against 2015 gold medallist and world No.9 Miguel Angel Rodriguez in a close four games. Once again, Hanson gave the US new life with a 3/0 win over Juan Camilo Vargas to level the score at one-all. Douglas then sealed the historic result by defeating Andres Felipe Herrera.

Harrity and Hanson celebrated their second gold medal run of the tournament, following up their men's doubles success as 3/4 seeds.

Men's Team Semi-Finals: [3/4] USA bt [1] Mexico 2/1 [2] Colombia bt [3/4] Canada 2/0. Final: [3/4] USA bt [2] Colombia 2/1. Todd Harrity lost to Miguel Rodriguez 10-12, 12-10, 7-11, 7-11 Chris Hanson bt Juan Camilo Vargas 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 Andrew Douglas bt Andrés Herrera 11-4, 6-11, 11-6, 11-8. 3rd place: Mexico & Canada. **Women's Team** Semi-Finals: [1] USA bt [3/4] Mexico 3/0 [2] Canada bt [3/4] Colombia 3/0. Final: [1] USA bt [2] Canada 2/0 Amanda Sobhy bt Hollie Naughton 11-9, 11-8, 11-7, Olivia Blatchford Clyne bt Samantha Cornett 15-13, 21-19, 11-7. 3rd Mexico & Colombia.



Photo: The jubilant US squad celebrates.

JUNIOR & MASTERS TOUR INFORMATION



The published calendar with event contact listings that will enable players to plan their competing from information all in one place has now begun and can be seen [here](#).

The components are:

Tier 1. *WSF World Masters Championships.*

Tier 2. *Regional Open Championships.* (It is hoped that each Region will run a Regional Masters Open annually or biennially)

Tier 3. *Regional Closed and National Open Masters Championships.*

Events may be registered [here](#)

These events form part of the WSF and PSA Satellite Tours.



≈ *WSF World and WSF Regional Junior Championships*

≈ *National Senior & Junior Championships*

≈ *National Junior Opens*

≈ *Satellite Tournaments*

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General details and event registration [here](#)

World Junior ranking lists can be seen [here](#)

PSA SEPTEMBER RANKINGS



EL WELILY STAYS TOP IN SEPTEMBER



Egypt's Raneem El Welily has stayed at World No.1 for a 10th successive month after the PSA Women's World Rankings for September were released.

El Welily leads an unchanged top 20, while Nour El Sherbini (No.2), Camille Serme

(No.3), Nouran Gohar (No.4) and Nour El Tayeb complete the top five.

New Zealand's Joelle King stays at No.6 ahead of England's Sarah-Jane Perry (No.7), Amanda Sobhy (No.8), Tesni Evans (No.9) and Annie Au (No.10).

England's Alison Waters stays at No.11, with Victoria Lust (No.12), Joshna Chinappa (No.13), Salma Hany (No.14) and Hania El Hammamy rounding out the top fifteen.

The rest of the top 20 contains Yathreb Adel (No.16), Joey Chan (No.17), Nele Gilis (No.18), Olivia Blatchford Clyne (No.19) and Zeina Mickawy.

The biggest riser on the women's tour was Dutchwoman Elena Wagenmans, who rose 72 places to World No.213 after reaching the quarter-finals of the South Australian Open.

PSA Women's Rankings – September 2019

1	Raneem El Welily	EGY
2	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
3	Camille Serme	FRA
4	Nouran Gohar	EGY
5	Nour El Tayeb	EGY
6	Joelle King	NZL
7	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG
8	Amanda Sobhy	USA
9	Tesni Evans	WAL
10	Annie Au	HKG
11	Alison Waters	ENG
12	Victoria Lust	ENG
13	Joshna Chinappa	IND
14	Salma Hany	EGY
15	Hania El Hammamy	EGY
16	Yathreb Adel	EGY
17	Joey Chan	HKG
18	Nele Gilis	BEL
19	Olivia Blatchford Clyne	USA
20	Zeina Mickawy	EGY

FARAG TOPS UNCHANGED TOP 20



Egypt's Ali Farag heads up an unchanged top 20 after the PSA Men's World Rankings for September.

Farag, the 27-year-old from Cairo, has now held onto the World No.1 spot for a seventh successive month, while Mohamed ElShorbagy (No.2),

Tarek Momen (No.3), Karim Abdel Gawad (No.4) and Simon Rösner complete the top five.

They are joined in the top 10 by Paul Coll (No.6), Mohamed Abouelghar (No.7), Diego Elias (No.8), Miguel Rodriguez (No.9) and Saurav Ghosal.

Marwan ElShorbagy stays at No.11 ahead of Joel Makin (No.12), Omar Mosaad (No.13), Zahed Salem (No.14) and Fares Dessouky (No.15).

Gregoire Marche (No.16), Declan James (No.17), James Willstrop (No.18), Daryl Selby (No.19) and Ryan Cuskelly complete the top 20.

India's Yash Fadte is the biggest mover in the men's rankings. The 17-year-old moved up 223 ranking spots to World No.337 after reaching his first ever PSA semi-final at the SRFI Indian Tour.

PSA Men's Rankings – September 2019

1	Ali Farag	EGY
2	Mohamed ElShorbagy	EGY
3	Tarek Momen	EGY
4	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
5	Simon Rösner	GER
6	Paul Coll	NZL
7	Mohamed Abouelghar	EGY
8	Diego Elias	PER
9	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL
10	Saurav Ghosal	IND
11	Marwan ElShorbagy	EGY
12	Joel Makin	WAL
13	Omar Mosaad	EGY
14	Zahed Salem	EGY
15	Fares Dessouky	EGY
16	Gregoire Marche	FRA
17	Declan James	ENG
18	James Willstrop	ENG
19	Daryl Selby	ENG
20	Ryan Cuskelly	AUS

WORLD SQUASH DAY 2019 APPROACHES



World Squash Day returns on Saturday 12 October with ambitious plans to attract one million new players to the game over the next decade.

The theme for 2019 is for every club on the planet to open their doors and hold a free taster session called **The Big Hit**.

Clubs and federations will be supported by social media campaigns and a new WSD website www.worldsquashday.net has been set up to provide further ideas and promotional material which can be downloaded for free.

WSD founder Alan Thatcher has said: "Our aim is to attract 100,000 new players to the game this year.

"Every squash facility is invited to host a Big Hit taster session to promote the health benefits that squash has to offer, alongside the fun and friendly social atmosphere that is a universal part of our great game.

WSD posters are downloadable [here](#)

"Each club can create their own pathways to look after those newcomers, including weekly group sessions, mentors to help them on their way, and social evenings to complement the huge fitness buzz that squash is guaranteed to deliver."

World Squash Day is endorsed by the WSF, PSA, and national federations across the globe.

"World Squash Day is a wonderful annual initiative," said WSF President Jacques Fontaine. "It provides such a great opportunity for clubs everywhere to show the public who have not yet experienced it just what makes our sport so popular around the globe."

Further information from Alan Thatcher: alan@squashmad.com

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WASHINGTON WELCOMES WSF MEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONS



Defending champions Egypt are likely to be favourites for the 2019 WSF Men's World Team Squash Championship title in December when the USA hosts the biennial World Squash Federation event for the first time in its 52-year history in Washington DC.



23 nations will compete in the 26th edition of the championship which will be held, under the auspices of US Squash, at Squash On Fire, the new state-of-the-art membership-free eight-court facility in the U.S. capital from 15–21 December.

Hosts USA will be joined by teams representing Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong China, Ireland, Jamaica, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland & Wales.

Hosts hopes

USA will be making their 23rd consecutive appearance in the championships since 1973. The 2019 hosts finished in 10th place in the 2017 championship in Marseille, France – where Egypt claimed the title for the fourth time, beating defending champions England in the final.

South American interest will be led by Colombia (featuring 2018 British Open champion Miguel Rodriguez) who will be making only their third appearance in the championship – as will be Republic of Korea, who last competed in 2011.

Welcome back

Whilst 1987 runners-up New Zealand and eight-time champions Australia are two nations which have competed in all previous 25 events, Jamaica will be celebrating only their second appearance after making their debut two years ago in Marseille.

The 2019 championship will also be marking the long-awaited returns of Nigeria and Singapore, who last entered in 1999 and 1997, respectively!



Commenting on hosting the international championship for the first time, Squash On Fire Co-Founder Philippe Lanier said:

"Hosting the WSF Men's World Team Championship at Squash On Fire, is an honor - and that it's is happening in DC is also very exciting. We want to make DC the squash capital of the US, and we can't wait to welcome players from around the world to our game-changing facility."

Come and Watch

Tickets are on sale [here](#):

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- World Masters Tour Registered Event entries
- All PSA members

2. TEAM OFFICIALS:

All designated Team Officials attending with teams or individual players at World / Regional Championships (this requirement covers anybody with access to the playing area, so, primarily, managers, coaches, physios – binding them to the Code of Conduct).

3. WSF REGISTERED COACHES AND TUTORS

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PYRAMIDS PRIZE MONEY INCREASED



The prize money for October's CIB PSA Women's World Championship will now total \$430,000 after title sponsors CIB pledged an additional \$100,000 into the prize fund.

The 2019-20 CIB PSA Women's World Championship is the most prestigious women's squash tournament and will be held in front of the iconic Great Pyramid of Giza - the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World - between October 24 - November 1.

The increase in prize money means that the 2019-20 CIB PSA Women's World Championship becomes the second most lucrative professional squash tournament of all time, with only the 2018-19 PSA World Championships presented by the Walter Family boasting a higher prize fund.

WSF EYEWEAR POSTER

In order to minimise the small danger of eye injury to youngsters WSF makes the wearing of suitable protective eyewear mandatory for juniors, as well as encouraging players of all ages to consider doing so.

To help promote awareness of eye protection still further we have a scalable poster that can be downloaded by centres and placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms.

It can be found [here](#)

GB DOMINATE WORLD TRANSPLANT MEDALS



Great Britain dominated the squash competition at the 22nd World Transplant Games held in the North Eastern English conurbation of Newcastle and Gateshead in August.



The entrants have had organ or tissue transplants, and live donors.

The squash, staged at the Northumberland Club saw GB take seven Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze medals, while other medal winning nations included Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Iran, New Zealand and South Africa.

Squash 57 Poster & Video

The new WSF Squash 57 Abridged Rules poster is available for downloading and printing [here](#).

An introductory video produced in conjunction with England Squash is also in the Squash 57 section of our website. The direct link is [here](#).



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