

QUEENSLAND 2008

Queensland teams continued to dominate the National squash scene. The Sharks won their 5th Australian Junior title in succession whilst the Stingrays won their 3rd National Teams title in succession.

Squash Australia Awards:

Rodney Eyles: Hall of Fame

Our former 1997 World Champion has joined an illustrious list of Aussie greats when he was named in the Squash Australia Hall of Fame in March.

Australian Representative Honours:

Jacob Alexander: represented Australia at the World Junior Championships.

Matt Hopkin: represented Australia at the World Junior Championships.

Lisa Camilleri: represented Australia at the World Team Championships.

Queensland successes include:

Queensland Stingrays: *Overall senior team champions for the 3rd consecutive year. Congratulations to Zac Alexander, Samantha Davies, Sue Davis, Steve Finitsis, Brad Freeme, Peta Hughes and Coach Ian Freeme.*

Special Awards:

Zac Alexander: *Rod Eyles Achievement Award* **Peta Hughes:** *Rhonda Thorne Achievement Award.*

Queensland Sharks: *Overall junior team champions for the 5th consecutive year, Age group champions: 15YAG and 17YAG. Coaches Kasey Sinclair and Noel Forster guided the team to our greatest junior milestone.*

Australian Junior Champions:

Zac Alexander: 19YAG **Jacob Alexander:** 17YAG **Sam Fife:** 15YAG **Jessica Turnbull:** 13YAG

Special Awards:

Zac Alexander: *MC Hazell Award winner* **Tom Calvert:** *Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal* **Georgy Cumming:** *MC Hazell Award winner* **Julius Krauss:** *Supershark MVP Award winner* **Kelly Preston:** *Supershark MVP Award winner* **Lakeesha Rarere:** *Kay Barclay Achievement Medal.*

National Junior Series Champions:

1st Event: **Zoe Petrovansky:** 19YAG, **Dijo Sexton:** 15YAG, **Jessica Turnbull:** 13YAG

2nd Event: **Zoe Petrovansky:** 19YAG, **Sam Fife:** 15YAG **Dijo Sexton:** 15YAG,

Queensland Junior Champions:

Boys: **Will Mountford-Jones:** 11YAG **Jon Van Der Kreek:** 12YAG **Ben Somerville:** 13YAG **Karl Krauss:** 14YAG **Sam Fife:** 15YAG, **Lachlan Johnston:** 16YAG **Matt Hopkin:** 17YAG **Julius Krauss:** 19YAG and **Peter Taylor:** 23YAG.

Girls: **Lakeesha Rarere:** 11YAG & 13YAG **Sarah Cumming:** 12YAG **Bethany Brazier:** 14YAG **Dijo Sexton:** 15YAG **Georgy Cumming:** 16YAG **Kelly Preston:** 17YAG **Tayla Sinclair:** 19YAG and **Cassandra Harradine:** 23YAG.

Special Awards:

Sam Fife: *Peter Nance Achievement Award* **Ben Van Der Kreek:** *Chris Robertson Encouragement Award* **Georgy Cumming:** *Rachael Grinham Achievement Award* **Shemaiah Tahata:** *Rachael Grinham Encouragement Award.*

Top 100 Professional Players:

WISPA: **Rachael Grinham:** (3) **Lisa Camilleri:** (35)
PSA: **Brad Hindle:** (70) **Zac Alexander:** (100)

Whilst Queensland players enjoyed wonderful success on the court the administration of the game is still recovering and still faces many challenges.

Q Squash began 2008 without the financial support of the State Government.

As a result, the Board put together a plan to deliver 6 main components: collection of affiliation; delivery of the Brisbane Southside Competition, delivery of the Queensland Junior and Q Open Championships, organization of the Sharks participation at the Australian Junior Championships and organization of the Stingrays participation at the National Team Championships.

All components were delivered with great success. Q Squash also managed to organize and send two coaches to assist a squad of Queensland players at the National Junior Series in Ballarat.

In March 2008 our President and Vice President held critical discussions with the centre operators from the Northside of Brisbane. It was agreed that the administration of this competition transfer to Q Squash and that all parties involved begin a process of unification in the best interest of our sport.

A new entity called Brisbane City Squash was formed as a committee of Q Squash charged with the responsibility of overseeing the competition.

Q Squash delivered the first season of competition and is currently midway through delivering the second season.

Most importantly Q Squash has delivered and been financially responsible in the process. Q Squash ended the year in positive territory.

Late in 2008 Q Squash held a State Workshop. It was acknowledged at that workshop that there was still work to be done to ensure a unified and viable competition remained.

Another Workshop is planned for the 21-22 February 2009.

Our motto for 2009 is ... onwards and upwards.

Q Squash aims to deliver 9 components in 2009. Added to the list will be the delivery of the Northside competition, the organization of a Queensland squad to participate at the National Junior Series and finally, the successful hosting of the National Junior Series in Rockhampton in April 2009.

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