



Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

May 2005

Hello SESRA:

Grant Thornton Atlanta Masters:

Andre Maur's Atlanta Open pulled a record 168 participants May 13 through 15, making it the largest tournament of the year in SESRA.

By all accounts, the play was exemplary, the food was outstanding, and the Saturday evening club gathering was great although memories still seem a bit foggy about what happened between midnight and 4 a.m.

Results from the amateur draws:

Junior

1. Kadir Ismail
2. Simran Vasani

Ladies draw

1. Carla Pineda
2. Miriam Karnajova

Level 3.0

1. Jeff Cooper
2. Ryan Delaney

Level 3.5

1. Tim Osbourne
2. Alan Weiner

Level 4.0

1. Romain Coirault
2. Aleksei Brown

Level 4.5

1. Erik Urre
2. Jeff Tomberg

Level 5.0

1. David Hetherington
2. Craig McCready

Level 5.5

1. Conor O Malley
2. Jamie Jamison

Level 6.0

1. Michael Joint
2. Diniar Alikhan

Pro results: From the PSA website:



Andre and the two finalists

Galifi Grabs Grant Thornton Glory In Atlanta

By Howard Harding

Fourth-seeded Frenchman **Stephane Galifi** grabbed the glory in the US state of Georgia when he beat Welshman **Gavin Jones** in straight games in the final of the **Grant Thornton Atlanta Open** in Atlanta.

The 26-year-old world No46 from Rouen toppled fifth seed Jones 11-9 11-10 11-3 to secure the third **PSA Tour** title of his career.

Galifi, who dropped only one game throughout the \$10,000 PSA Tour event, lifted the title without meeting any player seeded higher – while Jones, 25, from Maesteg, made his breakthrough in the quarter-finals by upsetting second seed **Borja Golan**, then despatched third seed **Alister Walker** in the next round.

Final:

[4] Stephane Galifi (FRA) bt [5] Gavin Jones (WAL) 11-9, 11-10 (4-2), 11-3 (50m)

Semi-finals:

[4] Stephane Galifi (FRA) bt [6] Matthew Giuffre (CAN) 11-3, 11-4, 11-3

[5] Gavin Jones (WAL) bt [3] Alister Walker (ENG) 11-8, 11-9, 11-9

Quarter-finals:

[6] Matthew Giuffre (CAN) bt Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) 11-10 (2-0), 4-11, 11-10 (2-0), 4-11, 11-4

[4] Stephane Galifi (FRA) bt [7] Mark Heather (ENG) 11-0, 11-6, 11-5

[3] Alister Walker (ENG) v [8] Jean-Michel Arcucci (FRA) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

[5] Gavin Jones (WAL) bt [2] Borja Golan (ESP) 2-11, 11-8, 11-10 (3-1), 6-11, 11-5

1st round:

Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) bt [1] Mohamed Essam A Hafiz (EGY) 11-9, 11-7, 11-3

[6] Matthew Giuffre (CAN) bt [Q] Dylan Bennett (NED) 11-6, 11-6, 6-11, 11-4

[4] Stephane Galifi (FRA) bt [Q] Ben Gould (AUS) 11-7, 7-11, 11-5, 11-7

[7] Mark Heather (ENG) bt [Q] Bradley Hindle (AUS) 11-10 (2-0), 11-8, 4-11, 11-5

[8] Jean-Michel Arcucci (FRA) bt Martin Heath (SCO) 11-10 (2-0), 9-11, 11-7, 11-5

[3] Alister Walker (ENG) bt [Q] Shawn De Lierre (CAN) 11-5, 11-6, 11-8

[5] Gavin Jones (WAL) bt Viktor Berg (CAN) 11-7, 3-11, 11-7, 11-3

[2] Borja Golan (ESP) bt Robert McFadzean (USA) 11-1, 11-9, 11-9

Qualifying finals:

Dylan Bennett (NED) bt Julian Illingworth (USA) 7-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-10 (2-0)

Bradley Hindle (AUS) bt Karim Yehia (EGY) 11-4, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6

Shawn De Lierre (CAN) bt Beau River (USA) 11-7, 11-9, 11-10 (2-0)

Ben Gould (AUS) bt Niall Rooney (IRL) 11-8, 11-8, 11-10 (2-0)

1st qualifying round:

Julian Illingworth (USA) bt Ian Power (CAN) 5-11, 11-8, 5-11, 11-5, 11-6

Dylan Bennett (NED) bt Ben Howell (ENG) 11-2, 11-5, 11-9

Bradley Hindle (AUS) bt Lefika Ragontse (BOT) 11-10 (3-1), 11-2, 7-11, 11-3

Karim Yehia (EGY) bt Dylan Patterson (USA) 11-6, 11-2, 11-8

Shawn De Lierre (CAN) bt Patrick Chifunda (ZAM) 11-10 (3-1), 5-11, 11-8, 11-7

Beau River (USA) bt Patrick Bedore (CAN) 9-11, 11-2, 11-2, 4-11, 11-8

Niall Rooney (IRL) bt Robin Clarke (CAN) 11-8, 11-9, 11-6

Ben Gould (AUS) bt David Phillips (CAN) 11-9, 8-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7

JUNIORS PROGRAM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED:

Under the guidance of juniors chair Murray Gilman, the SESRA Board has developed the following guidelines for support of and contribution to junior's programs in Atlanta. As always, we would be grateful for your thoughts and comments:

SESRA Junior Squash

The overall mission is the development of junior squash above and beyond individual club level programs in the region served by SESRA.

Funding proposals for junior squash will be reviewed by the juniors subcommittee of the SESRA board and may include, among other initiatives:

1. Providing funding to support introductory junior squash programs that reach beyond individual clubs, their members and families.
2. Providing funding for citywide, regional, national or international junior squash tournaments, but not for tournaments open only to the members of one club.
3. Providing for partial or full individual player travel expenses for selected national junior events, to be determined on a case-by-case basis.
4. Providing partial or full funding enabling junior coaching clinics and experiences that are beyond individual club level programs, such as visiting professionals.
5. Providing need-based assistance for elite U.S. national team members or prospective members as determined by national ranking.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The board is working to complete two events before mid-summer: the annual SESRA juniors golf tournament to raise funds for the initiatives listed above, and a social dinner and gathering of SESRA members, spouses, and prospective members. If practical, the two events may be combined. More to come when we have specifics.

The golf event is being organized under the capable direction of past SESRA president Bill Kujawa with support from Keith Clemens, Diniar Alikhan, Michael Gough, Andy Brzozowicz, and Bob Burton.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob