



## Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

November 2005

Hello SESRA:

It's been a busy month.

### **Concourse Athletic Club takes Poole Cup:**

A dominant squad from Concourse handily captured the second Atlanta interclub team championship, renamed The Poole Cup after Keith Poole, a well known Atlanta squasher. Led by captain Oscar Arenas, the Concourse 15 won 25 of 30 matches, capturing both the 5.0+ and 4.0+ divisions. Windy Hill nipped the 3.0+ division, winning 8 of 10 matches and slipping past Concourse 3-2 in head-to-head play.

The Concourse squad was made up of:

#### **Concourse Athletic Club**

**2005**

**Capt. O. Arenas**

5.0+	4.0+	3.0+
D. Alikhan	C. Wise	J. O'Donnell
D. Perry	M. McAluney	A. Schnable
A. Votin	J. Mahorner	T. Yosslowitz
R. Jongmans	J. Mather	J. Penman
S. Sidhwani	P. Jolly	J. Clavijo

In the 5.0s, Concourse lost but one match as the Piedmont Driving Club's Eben Hardie defeated Attila Votin. Against Windy Hill, Votin and Rene Jongmans had their hands full, pulling out 3-2 victories over Windy Hill's Tom Delange and Craig McCready. PDC's Sandy Draper also came to play, defeating Windy Hill's Todd Knutson in three and Dallas Clement and Edgar Navas took Tom Rumpier and McCready to five games before succumbing.

In the 4.0s, Concourse put on an impressive display, winning nine of ten matches without losing a game. In the solo exception, Windy Hill's Paul Boyce defeated Pradeep Jolly by a 3-1 tally. In the Windy Hill-PDC match, Hugh Hailey squeaked by Chad Plumly, 3-2, but the other four matches went solidly to Windy Hill.

In the 3.0s, Windy Hill pulled out a 3-2 match nailbiter against Concourse as Paul Havey and Steve Odom took 3-2 wins over Andre Schnable and Trevor Yosslowitz. Playing at

14 and 15, Jim Penman and Jorge Clavijo notched Concourse wins, but Adrian Cronje at 11 sealed the Windy Hill victory with a win over John O'Donnell.

For the clubs overall, Concourse defeated Windy Hill 11-4 and Piedmont 14-1. Windy Hill defeated Piedmont 13-2.

The matches were played off at Sporting Club at Windy Hill on October 29, lending a Halloween atmosphere to the proceedings. But it was all treats and no tricks for Concourse. Thanks to captains Oscar Arenas, Dave Bridges, and Marty Hutchinson.

### **Atlanta takes to the British Open:**

Atlanta's Michael Gough and Andre Maur traveled to the British Open in October, carrying the battle flag of the Confederacy against the Union Jack.

Michael played his way to the semis of the 65s, losing to eventual winner Patrick Kirton in three. In the quarters, however, he played a marathon five-gamer against John Preston, winning the first two games 9-2, 9-2 then dropping the next two 7-9 and 9-10. It was overtime again in the fifth game, with our Mr. Gough winning the last point to take the match at 10-8. "It went on for 66 fucking minutes," he said at the press conference afterwards. "I thought: if I lose I can't face anyone."

Andre, who plays under the Irish flag at these events, met Britain's Peter Lonsdale in the second round. Andre took the first game 9-7, but dropped the next three, including a very tight 9-10 in the third game.

### **Westin Atlanta Masters:**

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Whereas both players endured 85-minute semi-final marathons to reach the final, it was Engy Kheirallah who clearly suffered the least as the Egyptian cruised to a straight games victory over favourite Latasha Khan to win the Women's Atlanta Squash Masters title in Atlanta, USA.

Khan, the six-times US national champion from Seattle, was stretched to the limit in her 9-7 1-9 9-5 3-9 9-5 semi-final defeat of England's fourth seed Rebecca Botwright. But despite a similar five-game scoreline in her victory over Mexico's third seed Samantha Teran, Kheirallah romped to a 9-0 9-2 9-2 victory over Khan in just 28 minutes. The 23-year-old from Alexandria joins an exclusive club of players who have been unbeaten in Tour finals. It was Kheirallah's fourth appearance in a WISPA World Tour final – and her fourth triumph!



Left to right: Engy Kheirallah, Andre Maur, and Latasha Khan

**Westin Atlanta Masters Skill Level results**

**Level 3.0**

1. Scott McClenahan
2. Afzal Jehanzeb

**Level 3.5**

1. Peter Baniulis
2. Ham Williams

**Level 4.0**

1. Mazher Shamshuddin
2. Michael Gough

**Level 4.5**

1. Bupe Mulumba
2. Pradeep Jolly

**Level 5.0**

1. Roman Couirault
2. Brent Harris

**Level 5.5**

1. Felix Alva
2. Rene Jongmans

**Level 6.0**

1. Dinair Alikhan
2. Adam Walker

**Upcoming events:**

Just a reminder that the Merrill Lynch Grand Masters is upcoming December 9-11 at the Sporting Club at Windy Hill.

**SESRA membership growing rapidly:**

SESRA total membership has reached 186 players, with more than 100 other players with currently expired memberships. The membership goal for the coming year is to top 250, which would be an all-time high.

**USSRA news:**

**2005 Pan American  
Squash Federation Cup**

October 24-30, 2005

USA Squash Team dominated the team competition as the women earned Gold and the men Silver the Pan Am Cup held in El Salvador. To read more about the team's experience visit the [US Team Blog](#) or their [Photo Gallery](#).

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob