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**to benefit junior squash at ATLANTA NATIONAL golf course**



## **Southeastern Squash Racquets Association**

February 2006

Hello SESRA:

First, a reminder that the Southeast Championships will be played February 24 to 26 at the Sporting Club of Windy Hill. Contact pro Tom Rumpler for entry forms and details.

I thought it might be of interest to focus on Atlanta's junior players for a month. They come from across the city, out of Concourse and Windy Hill and Westminster school. It's easy to underestimate the amount of hard training they put in with Tom and Andre in order to reach their level of proficiency, until you look at the tournament schedules they keep and the quality of players they meet. You probably pass these elite players regularly at the courts, as well as those trying to get to this level and on to the considerably tougher college ranks.

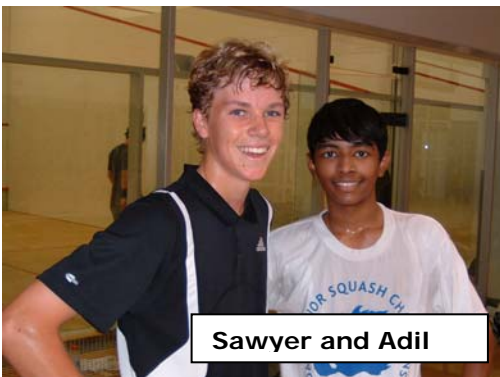
Give them all your encouragement, your time, and your best wishes. They've earned it.



**Bobby Elliott and Michelle Quibell**

Oh, and one more thought on juniors. I was once told of a convention called an "indirect" under which, if I beat you, then I get an indirect win over everybody you beat thereafter. There are a lot of indirects kicking around Atlanta from early wins over the likes of Kevin Orphan, Michelle Quibell, and Michael Gilman on their way up. My own best is over Tim Wyant, currently national #9, when he was 12 in Cincinnati (it went five). Think of all the folks I have an indirect over! Look for a chance to get another indirect on the books with an aspiring junior. They'll thank you for it.

**Adil Ismail**, 16, a sophomore at Riverside, is currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the USSRA Boys under 17s. Adil has played 6 gold-rated junior tournaments since last fall, including the



**Sawyer and Adil**

Dragon Doc in Atlanta (won), the Berwyn Junior Classic (3<sup>rd</sup>) and the Hunter Lott (12<sup>th</sup>) in Philadelphia, the Vassar Junior Classic (2<sup>nd</sup>) in New York, the Princeton Juniors, and the DeRoy Junior Invitational (won) in Detroit. He's also found time to win the recent Concourse Calcutta. His USSRA rating has increased from 3.9 to 4.6 over the past year.

**Sawyer Duncan**, 16, a junior at Westminster is currently ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in USSRA Boys under 17s.

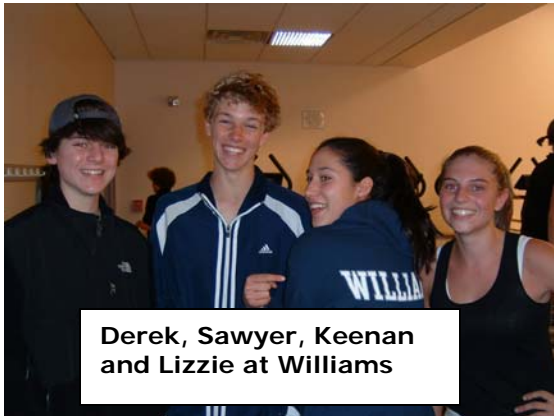
Sawyer has played three gold-rated tournaments and several Westminster team events since last summer, and lost a total of 3 matches. His tournaments include the Dragon Doc in Atlanta (2<sup>nd</sup>), the Purple Cow Open at Williams (lost to #2 ranked Will Hartigan), and the Philly Junior Championships (lost in the second round to #14 Danny Greenberg and won 4 successive matches). His team play included Westminster's annual trip to Mercersburg Academy, in Pa., where for the second year in a row Sawyer won all 3 of his matches at #1. This year he did not lose a game in his wins over Mercersburg, Shadyside, and Woodberry Forest. Sawyer has improved his USSRA rating from 4.2 to 4.5 over the past year.



**Kedira Ismail**, 14, an eighth grade student at Riverside, is currently ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> in the USSRA Girls under 15s. Kedira has played three gold-rated tournaments since the fall, including the Atlanta Dragon Doc, the Berwyn Junior Classic (lost to #10 Alexandra Sawin), and the Hunter Lott (lost to #17 Julie Koenig). Kedira's USSRA rating is 3.3.

**Keenan Fernandez**, 16, a junior at the Hill School, outside of Philadelphia, is currently ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the USSRA Girls under 17s.

Keenan has played six gold-rated junior tournaments since last fall, including the Westchester Junior Open (lost to #18 Lauren Gesswine), the Baird Haney (lost to #6 Katie Bellaine and won two backdraw matches against higher ranked players), the Hunter



Derek, Sawyer, Keenan and Lizzie at Williams

Lott, the Purple Cow Open at Williams, the Baltimore Junior Open (lost in the finals to #5 Alexis Saunders), and the US Junior Open (lost to #11 Katherine Giovinazzo). Keenan's USSRA rating is 3.6.

**Elizabeth Warner**, 15, a sophomore at the International School, is currently ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the USSRA Girls under 17s. Lizzie has played in five gold-rated junior events since last summer, including the California Junior Open, the Dragon Doc, the Hunter

Lott, the Purple Cow Open, the U.S. Junior Open, and the Massachusetts Junior Open. Her USSRA rating is 3.4.

**Derek Rowley**, 16, a junior at Lovett Academy, is currently ranked 77<sup>th</sup> in USSRA Boys under 17's. Derek has played 4 junior tournaments since last fall, including the DragonDoc (3<sup>rd</sup>), Chicago Juniors, Purple Cow Open at Williams, and the Philly Junior Championships. Derek has improved his USSRA rating to 4.0 this year.

### **And Atlantans in the college ranks include [Wow!]:**



Michael Gilman

- **Michelle Quibell**, #1 at #1 ranked Yale, #2 in U.S. women, and women's intercollegiate champion.
- **Michael Gilman**, #6 at #3 ranked Princeton and past U.S. Junior team member.
- **Catie Warner**, #3 at #8 ranked Williams.
- **Bradley Mosier**, #7 at #9 ranked Cornell.
- **Craig McCready**, #8 at #11 ranked Amherst.
- **Brian Warner**, #12 at #11 ranked Amherst.
- **Evan Burton**, #9 at #12 ranked Franklin and Marshall.
- **Charlie Johnson**, #8 at #13 ranked Bates.

### **New Ratings and Ranking System on USSRA's RailStation:**

From Kevin Klipstein, CEO of the USSRA: *"Tremendous progress and changes have been made in the USSRA Rating and Ranking System. Current members can now see their rating and ranking nationally or within their SRA by Age Group or Skill Level. Soon they will be available by State and even Club Level... The most significant change to the adult ratings is that **ALL players** receive a rating: the USSRA has implemented a method called "Newcomer Logic" for all players without an initial rating so the system retroactively rates a player after his/her first tournament. This has been tested and successfully used extensively in the junior rating and rankings. With this change, the numbers of rated and ranked players has dramatically increased, and as more results are entered, the accuracy of the ratings will pick up as well."*

#### **This means great things, right now, for SESRA**

First, below is a citywide ranking, including all active SESRA members. If your name is not on here, your membership may have expired recently or you may be a USSRA member but not affiliated with SESRA (this is a good reason to switch to SESRA; talk to your pro).

If you want to see the basis for your ranking, go to RailStation, click on Southeastern SRA, click on Rankings, and click on your name. Poof, all your reported scores are there! I'll be the first to say that these initial rankings aren't perfect, but they will get rapidly better as more recent scores are built in. **Kudos to the USSRA** for progress made on a longstanding knotty problem.

Second, the functionality for an interclub box league will be put in place by the USSRA later in the spring, allowing SESRA to sanction and report interclub matches beyond the current sanctioned tournament results. **We are very hopeful that we will be able to launch a SESRA interclub box league later this year.**

## **Here are the FIRST SESRA OVERALL RANKINGS:**

SESRA Rankings Pulled from RailStation February 11, 2006				
Rank	Name	Rating	City	Matches
1	Maur, Andre	5.9179	Alpharetta, GA	10
2	Alikhan, Diniar	5.8399	Atlanta, GA	16
3	Tham, Chris	5.6800	Tucker, GA	10
4	Kelly, Peter	5.6173	Atlanta GA	2
5	Perry, David	5.3995	Atlanta, GA	15
6	Rumpler, Thomas	5.2986	Kennesaw, GA	28
7	Quibell, Michelle	5.1432	Roswell, GA	6
8	Kilgallon, Michael	5.1042	Atlanta, GA	21
9	Gilman, Murray	4.9800	Atlanta, GA	4
10	Kingston, Ben	4.9433	Suwanee GA	4
11	Espinosa, David	4.7837	Atlanta, GA	14
12	Mitha, Alladin	4.7553	Marietta GA	23
13	Paris, Trey	4.7052	Gainesville, GA	13
14	Clemens, Keith	4.6856	Atlanta, GA	21
15	jongmans, rene	4.6838	atlanta ga	2
16	Knutson, Todd	4.6395	Atlanta, GA	8
17	jolly, pradeep	4.5234	atlanta ga	2
18	Dugois, Laurent	4.5000	Atlanta, GA	2
19	Rudisill, A.	4.4546	Charleston, SC	8
20	Deason, Charles	4.4200	Atlanta, GA	4
21	O'Donnell, John	4.4160	Atlanta, GA	2
22	crawford, john	4.4154	sullivans island, sc	14
23	Duncan, Sawyer	4.4149	Atlanta GA	18
24	Elliott, Bob	4.3913	Atlanta, GA	17
25	Clayton, Noel	4.3387	Owensboro KY	4
26	Lewin, David	4.3382	Charleston SC	25
27	lecomte, david	4.3368	atlanta ga	4
28	Coirault, Romain	4.3284	Atlanta GA	7
29	Granade, Erik	4.3065	Atlanta, GA	14
30	stimpson, mark	4.2584	mt pleasant sc	10
31	Ben-Hashal, Guri	4.2369	Marietta, GA	4
32	Collar, John	4.1086	Marietta, GA	11
33	Sade, Robert	4.0943	Charleston SC	28
34	Friedman, Richard	4.0694	Charleston, SC	18
35	Burton, Bob	3.9606	Atlanta, GA	24
36	Burton, Evan	3.9551	Atlanta, GA	3
37	Qualey, Joseph	3.9403	Charleston SC	2
38	Edmundson, William	3.9187	Alpharetta GA	16
39	Kassabian, Vahan	3.9052	Atlanta, GA	13
40	McCready, Craig	3.8807	Smyrna, GA	16
41	Jones, Scott	3.8557	Kiawah Island, SC	12
42	Basnett, William	3.8415	Acworth GA	22
43	Bridges, David	3.8383	Atlanta, GA	23
44	Bertram, Mark	3.8342	Atlanta, GA	23
45	Schachte, Matthew	3.8324	Cumming, GA	2
46	Gingrich, Paul	3.8236	Mt. Pleasant, SC	15
47	Osborne, Tim	3.7907	Atlanta GA	2
48	Draper, Alexander	3.7713	Atlanta, GA	14

49	Orphan, Nick	3.7350	Atlanta, GA	12
50	Molten, Beezer	3.7327	Sullivan's Is, SC	14
51	Shekhar, Chandra	3.6996	Kennesaw GA	9
52	Wellman, James	3.6917	Atlanta, GA	16
53	Dyson, Brian	3.5955	Atlanta, GA	2
54	Hammond, Lane	3.5658	Spartanburg SC	12
55	Daniel, Martin	3.5575	Memphis, TN	36
56	Popovich, Peter	3.5409	Charlotte NC	6
57	Ferrari, Pierre	3.5390	atlanta ga	5
58	Miley, Harry	3.5238	Columbia, SC	17
59	Stephens, Dudley	3.4900	Atlanta, GA	7
60	Barrett, Rush	3.4693	Atlanta, GA	11
61	Askin, Ahmet	3.4692	Smyrna, GA	12
62	McCready, L.	3.4661	Smyrna, GA	9
63	Morris, Matt	3.4501	atlanta ga	9
64	Palmgren, Michael	3.4500		10
65	Lidman, Wayne	3.4486	Alpharetta GA	6
66	Rhodes, Barry	3.4354	Decatur, GA	2
67	Emerson, Clark	3.4333	Atlanta, GA	7
68	Odom, Steven	3.4149	Atlanta GA	8
69	Fabbri, Facundo	3.4073	Atlanta GA	17
70	isolda, tony	3.4040	lilburn ga	4
71	Kaufman, Michael	3.4029	Marietta GA	2
72	Brooks, Ron	3.3878	Marietta, GA	4
73	Launden, Tom	3.3741		4
74	Mottley, Chris	3.3689	Atlanta, GA	9
75	Orr, Richard	3.3667	Highpoint, NC	2
76	Sibley, Jimmy	3.3469	Decatur GA	9
77	graddy, thomas	3.3409	atlanta ga	3
78	Thornton, Bob	3.3408	Atlanta, GA	15
79	Williams, Hamilton	3.3323	Atlanta, GA	16
80	Hutchinson, Marty	3.3308	Marietta GA	11
81	Danner, William	3.3293	Smyrna, GA	12
82	Levine, Karen	3.3002	Atlanta, GA	12
83	Warner, Catie	3.2737	Atlanta, GA	5
84	Cullen, Joseph	3.2675	Atlanta GA	18
85	Myerson, Gary	3.2588	Atlanta, GA	14
86	Wirth, George	3.1927	Atlanta, GA	9
87	Warner, Elizabeth	3.1615	Atlanta, GA	11
88	Fernandez, Keenan	3.1513	Atlanta, GA	12
89	Palmgren, Julie	3.1386	Atlanta, GA	17
90	Twiner, Mike	3.1352	Charleston SC	13
91	Delaney, Ryan	3.1316	Spartanburg SC	16
92	Taylor, Sheldon	3.1047	Atlanta GA	7
93	Handft, Bruce	3.1029	Atlanta ga	4
94	Ball, Syd	3.0757	Oak Ridge, TN	7
95	Pineda, Carla	3.0408	Atlanta GA	7
96	Warner, Robert	3.0140	Atlanta, GA	6
97	Garges, Kelly	2.9981	Atlanta GA	22
98	Hope, Daniel	2.9760	Atlanta GA	2
99	Asher, Joey	2.9709	atlanta ga	2
100	Bachman, Bob	2.9500	Atlanta GA	2
101	Higgins, Paynter	2.9456	Cumming, GA	19
102	crutchfield, Bryan	2.9451	Atlanta Ga	2

103	Cook, John	2.9376	Atlanta, GA	11
104	Blythe, Leslie	2.9346	Atlanta, GA	6
105	Giblin, Michael	2.9340	Atlanta, GA	2
106	Redd, William	2.9313	Atlanta ga	2
107	Clavijo, Jorge	2.9231	Lawrenceville, GA	13
108	Caipa, Alejandro	2.9222	Atlanta GA	7
109	Harding-Smith, Alistair	2.9188	Tuscaloosa AL	3
110	Wiita, Paul	2.9010	Princeton, NJ	18
111	Zahedi, Darius	2.8963		4
112	Goetcheus, Greg	2.8844	Smyrna GA	3
113	Woo, Kyungsoo	2.8816	Atlanta ga	5
114	Gordon, John	2.8645	Atlanta, GA	6
115	Mitchell, Wright	2.8579		5
116	Hoffman, Alex	2.8464	Atlanta GA	2
117	Muffley, Mikel	2.8425	Atlanta GA	4
118	Veysey, Cooper	2.8243	atlanta ga	10
119	Paul, Richard	2.7998	Stockbridge GA	4
120	Hope, William	2.7484	Atlanta GA	14
121	Armstrong, Rob	2.7394	Atlanta GA	7
122	Ip, Vinny	2.7295	Gaffney SC	4
123	Corballis, Paul	2.7024	Smyrna GA	9
124	Morrell, Billy	2.6744	Marietta GA	4
125	Drinkell, Steven	2.6578	Marietta, GA	18
126	Singh, Hardeep	2.5688	Tallahassee FL	6
127	Ray, Kevin	2.5000	Montgomery AL	2
128	Byrd, N. Richard	2.3790	Smyrna, GA	8
129	Warren, Edus	2.2255	Atlanta GA	2
130	Kappel, Justin	2.1908	Atlanta GA	3
131	Morin, Marc	2.1761	atlanta ga	2
132	Merrill, Keith	2.1250	Hollywood SC	8
133	Mainie, Inder	0.0000	Charleston SC	8
134	Easterbrook, Craig	0.0000	Charleston SC	16
135	Tinkey, Michael	0.0000	Mt. Pleasant SC	12
136	Grunstra, Donald	0.0000	charleston sc	14

Cool! Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob