



## SouthEastern Squash

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### **January 2008**

#### **WARNING WARNING WARNING:**

**The early bird \$150 registration for the Miller Zell Championships at Midtown Athletic Club expires January 31. Sign up online at U.S. Squash (link on SESRA.org) to get this very favorable rate! Goes to \$195 on Feb. 1!!!**

### **Hello SESRA:**

**New courts in town.** Life Time Fitness, Inc., a national operator of distinctive and large health and fitness centers, opened its second sports and athletic, family recreation, professional fitness and resort and spa center, Life Time Fitness Sugarloaf in November, joining their Alpharetta facility. Life Time Sugarloaf has 4 Anderson international squash courts. Life Time is expected to open two more Atlanta area facilities, also with squash courts, later in 2008.

### **Upcoming events:**

#### **The Calcutta**

The betting event returns February 8th to 10<sup>th</sup>. Bet night is Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 6:30 in the Courtside Grill at Concourse Athletic Club. Entry fee \$55, sign up by Jan 28<sup>th</sup> with Andre Maur.

#### **Team Leagues**

The Concourse program is seeking league teams from across the city for six week competition starting the first week of February. Play will be every Thursday night from 6:30 to 9pm. Food and beer to be served! Cost is \$65 per person for an 11 person team, each team needs a captain. Signup deadline is Jan 25th. The selection process will be a playoff. Levels range from 3.0 to 5.5. Contact Andre for more info.

#### **Ladies "Diva Night"**

Ladies Night social is intended to prepare women squashers for play in ladies draws in events. Free and open to women 18 and up. This event rotates between clubs and it is open to any of the ladies in our community. Next scheduled night is Wednesday January 23rd at 6:30pm at Lifetime Fitness Alpharetta. Contact Danielle Maur for more info.

#### **The Elite Games**

Hosted at the Concourse, this will pit 8 player teams, from 3.0 to 5.5 levels, against teams from other states, this year South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. Cost is \$75 per person. The event will be held February 29th to March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open to any players of Atlanta. Contact Andre for more info.



**ITS ALL ABOUT THE JUNIORS:**

**Westminster Wildcats nail 2<sup>nd</sup>, highest finish ever at Mercersburg:**

Traveling without returning letterman Jay Lively, (due to a baseball recruitment trip to Dartmouth,) the Westminster School squash varsity made it's annual trip to Mercersburg Academy, in Mercersburg, PA in mid-January.



Counting the traditional prep school 7 position line, Westminster finished 2nd out of 4 teams. On a nine-player basis, Friday night the Wildcats defeated Shadyside from Pittsburg, PA. 8-1 with Neel Swami, Harry Whelchel, and Gibbs Cullen each winning their first ever Varsity matches. Saturday morning the Wildcats lost to Gilman of Baltimore, Md. 3-6. the highlight was Alex Hoffman's grueling 3-2 win as number 3 racquet.

Saturday afternoon, the Cats experienced the ambivalent result of a disappointing 4-5 loss to AND 4-3 win over host Mercersburg.



Additional highlights: Kyungsoo Woo went undefeated 3-0. Neel Swami went undefeated 3-0. Alex Hoffman went 2-1. Will Redd went 2-1. Robby Ostrowski went 2-1. Special note must be taken of (Laura) Gibbs Cullen's playing on the Westminster's boys' varsity.

Wildcat Squash will be back on the road at the US High School Nationals Feb. 8-10 at Yale University.

**Emerging Junior(s):**

Arhum Saleem, a 13 year-old squash player from Atlanta, has notched several impressive wins over the past two months. First, he won both the 3.0 and 3.5 levels at the Grand Masters in early December. Most recently, he took second place in his first junior tournament at the Massachusetts Open in Boston in mid January.



Arhum was unseeded in the 32-person draw and won 4 consecutive matches, including beating the #2 seed in the first round. He beat the # 3 seed in the semi finals before losing to # 1 seed Anders Larson from Brooklyn in a close match.

Danial, Arhum, and Nabil Saleem



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After one event he is currently # 10 in the country. Coach Andre Maur is sure he will go higher when playing more events. In the same tournament, Arhum's brothers Danial and Nabil Saleem reached the semi-finals of the BU17 consolation draw and Vivek Markandan reached the quarterfinals for the BU19 consolation draw.

If you have some news, let us post it on SESRA.ORG:

We have a new website. Check it out and give us some feedback: [www.sesra.org](http://www.sesra.org). Our webmaster is Matt Morris (thanks Matt!) so if you have some suggestions or items to go up, forward them either to me or Matt ([matt@hotelpro.com](mailto:matt@hotelpro.com)) for inclusion.

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Bob