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Hello SESRA:

Why we wear glasses: Atlanta's Brian Warner, playing #1 for the Amherst Lord Jeffs against Kush Mahan of the Bates Bobcats, catches a follow through in the head in a match on Feb. 6 at Trinity. Brian returned to play Tufts that afternoon. Ever wonder why we wear glasses and masks?



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...But wait a minute! What's the call?

Depends on whether Brian was, in the judgment of the referee, crowding too close to the striker and did not allow a reasonable swing. From the Guidelines to the 2009 rules of squash on a striker who *stops his swing*:

Rule 12.2.3 allows the striker “freedom to hit the ball with a *reasonable swing*”. If the striker stops play because the opponent did not grant this freedom and appeals, the Referee shall consider following options:

1. If the opponent is too close and has prevented the striker's reasonable swing and **is hit** or would have been hit with the racket, the Referee shall award a stroke to the striker.
2. If the striker stops play as a result of slight racket contact with the opponent, who is making every effort to clear, the Referee shall allow a let. The amount of contact must be sufficient to affect the player's swing, but insufficient to prevent it.
3. If the striker stops play for fear of hitting the opponent and the opponent, though close to, does not prevent the striker's reasonable swing, the Referee shall allow a let under rule 13.1.2 - reasonable fear of injury. **As long as the opponent does not prevent a reasonable swing**, a let is the appropriate decision.
4. If the striker stops play for fear of hitting the opponent and the opponent is well clear of the reasonable swing, the Referee shall not allow a let, as the striker has judged the opponent's position incorrectly.

AHA! So what happens next?:

The bleeding rule comes into play, together with the foregoing judgment as to whether Brian was at least partly responsible. In this case, it appears Brian had to concede the match. From the abbreviated Rules of Squash:

If an injury occurs which involves bleeding, the bleeding must be stopped before the player can continue. A player is allowed a reasonable time to attend to a bleeding wound. If the bleeding was caused solely by the opponent's action, the injured player wins the match. *[NOTE: since this did not happen, I infer that Brian was deemed to have contributed at least a little by being too close.]* If the bleeding recurs no further delay is allowed, except that the player can concede a game, using the 90 second period between games to attend to the wound and stop the bleeding. If unable to stop it, the player must concede the match.

For an injury **not** involving bleeding, it must be decided whether the injury was either caused by the opponent or self inflicted or contributed to by both players.

- If caused by the opponent, the injured player wins the match if any recovery time is needed.
- If self-inflicted, the injured player is allowed 3 minutes to recover and must then play on, or concede a game using the 90 second rest period between games to recover.
- If contributed by both players, the injured player is allowed an hour to recover.

A player who is ill must play on or can take a rest period by conceding a game and using the 90 second interval to recover. Cramps, feeling sick and breathlessness (including asthma) are considered illnesses. If a player vomits on court, the opponent wins the match.

Who says squash is a simple game?



Thus: SAVE THE DATE FOR: Richard Millman's Rules and Refs Clinics in Atlanta:

SESRA is sponsoring a Rules and Referees clinic with Richard Millman, five-time national champion in age groups and doubles and recently crowned British Men's 50 champion, the weekend of March 27 in Atlanta. Timing and details are being firmed up with individual clubs, but save some time to learn more about how to ref and exactly what you are entitled to (and not entitled to) on the squash court.

Current dates are:

- Midtown Athletic Club, Saturday March 27, 10 a.m.
- Concourse Athletic Club, as part of Andre's St. Paddy's Day tournament, Saturday March 27th, 4 pm
- LifeTime Fitness: TBD

Upcoming events:

Celebrate Andre's fourth Irish national title at his St. Paddy's Day tourney:

Andre Maur won his fourth Irish National Title in mid-February by beating # 1 seed Sean McKee in straight sets 9 -4, 9-0, 9-0 . Says Andre, "It was the perfect tournament and I went without dropping a game for the whole event. I was playing my best squash in the final and to beat the # 1 seed in 30 min. with everything falling into place for my fourth National Title was very pleasing and rewarding."

See Andre in full Irish regalia... Sign up for the St. Paddy's Day tourney at www.globalsquash.com or through www.sesra.org.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY OPEN

March 26th - 28th, 2010
at the
Concourse Athletic Club

USSRA/SESRA Event

Levels Welcome:
2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0

Junior Draw
Entry Fee: \$65

Includes: Shirt, food, beer & drinks, 2 matches,
consolation round and Saturday night party at
Meehan's Irish Pub!

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President of FLTC Robin Gibney presenting Andre Maur the 2010 Irish National Title trophy.



Charleston's Annual Doubles Bonanza to feature PSA players in early March:

From Richard Millman: On March 3rd, 2010, the Charleston Squash Club is hosting a Pro-Am doubles event at the Charleston Squash Club. This year the event will have a new spin. On Wednesday and Thursday, March 3rd and 4th, we will run a **PSA closed satellite event** with 16 players. On Wednesday we will have a Calcutta to auction pro players for the Pro-Am doubles which will begin Thursday evening. A percentage of proceeds for the Calcutta will go to the club and a proportion of the winnings will go to the pros. In addition to the featured PSA event and the Pro-Am doubles, we are including an open doubles and 50+ doubles.

The Charleston Squash Club has become recognized in as a serious destination for outstanding squash and we have had wonderful feedback from our last tournaments. The 4th Annual Charleston Open drew over 50 players coming from all over the country. Once again we would like to invite the traditional doubles fraternity to come and compete here in the South.

Online registration is available through Active.com .

And by the way: Richard Millman wins British 50s National Closed



From the UK website: Mens 50: [Ed. note: including a series of Balancing Notes from your SESRA editor, since the website author appears to be suffering from an anti-American fit of pique.]
...The unheralded Jeremy Golding from Avon, having duly removed all his more illustrious opponents on the way to the final, was probably still recovering from his semi-final win over Jon Evans the night before [not sure this is as complementary a start as Richard deserves, i.e.



the guy was exhausted? Your editor happens to know Richard was sick with the flu], as he was never allowed to settle by the master tactician **[that's better]** Richard Millman, who won in straight games.

Millman's minute analysis of every facet of his opponent's game means no-one is safe, and combined with a computer-like brain transferring all very quickly to his right hand means all shots played are normally the correct ones. **[What's "normally" doing in there, other than sticking in my craw? And not a word about right-brained poetic ability? For shame!]**

Considering he has been to India for a hip resurfacing at a fraction of the UK price, he still covers the court perfectly normally. **["Normally" again. Can you get more British than this? The U.S. equivalent is the better-forgotten punch line, "you don't sweat much for a fat girl." And the implication that anyone could be too cheap to pay for UK surgeons is both chauvinistic and kind of funny. Richard's actually in pretty terrific shape.]**

Golding, however, can feel very pleased at his performances here, which have virtually guaranteed his international selection. **[Another low backhand. Which is to say, Millman cannot feel very pleased, although he *has* been selected to play for England as the number one player against Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the end of April? Richard, if you ever decide to waive citizenship there, we would be happy to have you here.]**

From Richard's perspective: "It was a little anti-climactic when I won the last point as I had burdened myself psychologically with too much 'noise' such as the cold, the expectations and fears of winning/losing etc. But by the time the presentations took place on the all glass court, the light had dawned and a warm glow of satisfaction covered me as the master of ceremonies called out "And the winner of the 2010 National over 50 championships is, from Norfolk and the USA, Richard Millman."

M50 Richard Millman bt Jeremy Goulding

9/5, 9/0, 9/3 (25m) ... [Ed. Note: 'Nuff said.]

Past Events:

Southeasterns:

The 28th Grant Thornton Southeasterns pulled 90+ players to Midtown in late February, competing for free entry to the National Skill Levels in April and a generous travel stipend. Play was spirited throughout... standout performances from the entire Saleem family: Danial won the 4.5s, Nabil won the 4.0s and Arhum beat just about everybody in sight without getting a winner's trophy. Rob Burton played a good tournament, saving six match points against first seed John Mahorner in the 4.5s to get to the finals.

Results:

2.5: Mo Solis d. Paris Orfandis, 6,4,3

2.5 Con: Davis Gleaton d. Sameer Chervu, 9,7,4

3.0: Joe Cullen d. Roberto Trevino, 8,2,7



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3.0 Con: John Brumby d. Rick Byrd, 3,(10),2,9
3.5: Matt Morris d. Joe Cullen, 4,10,(4),6
3.5 Con: David Dean d. Pierre Ferrari, 6,9,(10),(10),7
4.0: Nabil Saleem d. Pritesh Patel, 10,(8),8,7
4.0 Con: Michael Yang d. David Bridges: 9,(9),7,(7),7
4.5: Danial Saleem d. Rob Burton, 5,11,1
4.5 Con: Neel Swami d. William Cloherty, (10),(9),3,4,10
5.0: Allen Post d. Tom Rumpler, 6,7,8
5.5: Chris Tham d. Justin Mather, 8,5,7

How about some pics?



TL: sponsors Andre Schnabl
and Keith Clemens. TR:
Pritesh Patel, Uzma Saleem,
Nabil Saleem, 4.0s. L: Justin
Mather and Chris Tham, 5.5s
R: Matt Morris, 3.5 winner



North Carolina Juniors take honors in Maryland and Virginia:

Junior squash in the Carolinas continues to gain momentum as a trio of players from Chapel Hill played both the Maryland Silvers on January 30th and the VSRA Salty Hawkins Open at the Country Club of Virginia in early February. Adrian Ostbye, currently 40th in the U19s, won both his divisions as did Jack Kagan, currently 38th in the U14s.

In the Salty Hawkins U19s, Adrian defeated Richmond's Willy Clarke in the final, 11,6,6. In the U13s, Jack came back from two down to defeat Duncan Joyce from Haverford, Pa. in five, (6),(9),7,9,5.



Jack Kagan 12, Zoe Kagan 14, and Adrian Ostbye, 18 at Country Club of Virginia

Other current SESRA Top 100 junior rankings (forgive any omissions):

U19: Danial Saleem (ATL), 69; Neel Swami (ATL), 89.

U15: Arhum Saleem (ATL), 8

U11: Hale Kilborn (Kiawah), 47; Whipp Kilborn (Kiawah), 66.

Of note: U13: Chloe Chemtob, Winter Park Fla, 1.

SESRA district-wide ladder reaches 53 participants:

SESRA has launched a district-wide squash ladder powered by US Squash technology for all SESRA members. The ladder will run from October to April with prizes for the most active participants. Challenges are issued and scores recorded online at the US Squash website. To sign up, email Bob Burton or Victor DiNubile...



SESRA Citywide Ladder – Rules

- 1) Ladder. The ladder will run fall and spring from October to April. Results will count toward each player’s US Squash ranking.
- 2) Eligibility. The ladder is open to all SESRA members.
- 3) Entry fee. None.
- 4) Structure. When a player issues a challenge to a player higher on the ladder and wins the challenge, he/she takes the position of that higher player on the ladder and others are adjusted downward. If the higher player wins, no change occurs.
- 5) Matches, scoring. Best 3 of 5 games, 11 point PAR scoring.
- 6) Match Play: ladder matches have NO club seniority or status. SESRA strongly recommends that ladder matches be played at non-prime court times. You are subject to local club rules and guest restrictions when playing a match. Guest restrictions vary over time and from club to club. Ladder participants are responsible for contacting their club pro to understand these rules.
- 7) Challenge matches will take place at the challenged players club, unless both players agree to play elsewhere. Guest fees are to be paid by challenger.

Status	Position	Player	Rating	Return	Number of challenges	Win	Loss	Total
-	1	Tham,Chris	5.35	-	1	1	-	1
-	2	Mather,Justin D	5.02	-	1	-	1	1
-	3	Mulumba,Bupe	4.59	-	-	1	-	1
-	4	Kilgallon,Michael	4.36	-	-	-	-	0
-	5	Post,Allen	4.36	-	1	1	-	1
-	6	Clemens,Keith R.	4.44	-	-	-	-	0
-	7	Mahorner,John	4.35	-	-	-	-	0
-	8	Holsclaw,Ken	4.16	-	2	2	1	3
2/11(2/23)	9	Dinubile,Victor	4.13	-	4	3	1	4
2/11(2/23)	10	Ben-Hashal,Guri	4.00	-	5	1	4	5
-	11	Paris,Trey	4.15	-	1	-	1	1
-	12	Draper,Alexander Y.	4.04	-	-	-	-	0
-	13	Havey,Paul	3.98	-	1	1	-	1*
-	14	Burton,Bob	3.60	-	5	1	4	5*
-	15	Cloherty,William	4.03	-	-	-	-	0
-	16	Boyce,Paul	4.02	-	1	1	-	1*
-	17	Elliott,Bob	4.04	-	-	-	-	0
-	18	Benedict,Billy	3.95	-	-	-	-	0
-	19	Burton,Robert S.	4.10	-	-	-	-	0
-	20	Osborne,Tim	3.96	-	1	1	-	1
-	21	KERR,JOHN P.	3.85	-	9	4	5	9
-	22	Patel,Pritesh	3.95	-	-	-	-	0
-	23	Myerson,Aaron	3.82	-	-	-	-	0
-	24	Freeman,Hunter C	3.80	-	1	-	1	1
-	25	Schnabl,Andre	3.69	-	-	-	-	0
-	26	Lecomte,David	3.59	-	-	-	-	0
-	27	Bridges,David L.	3.65	-	-	-	-	0
-	28	Sumners,Greg	3.60	-	1	1	-	1
-	29	Murphy,Todd N.	3.62	-	-	-	-	0
-	30	Moran,David	3.56	-	-	-	-	0
-	31	Clavijo,Jorge A.	3.58	-	-	-	-	0
-	32	Gough,Fraser	3.38	-	2	2	1	3
-	33	Emerson,Clark	3.79	-	1	1	-	1
-	34	Vargas,Fernando	3.54	-	-	-	-	0
-	35	Offutt,Richard	3.59	-	-	-	-	0
-	36	Edmundson,William	3.31	-	-	-	-	0
-	37	Morris,Matthew A.	3.24	-	2	-	2	2
-	38	Hickey,Patrick	3.39	-	1	1	-	1
-	39	Yang,Michael	3.57	-	-	-	-	0
-	40	Montfort,Michael	2.85	-	3	1	3	4
-	41	McMurry,Jonathan L.	3.27	-	3	1	2	3
-	42	Garcia,Ricardo	3.20	-	1	1	-	1
-	43	Muffley,Mikel	3.12	-	-	-	-	0
-	44	Nolan,David	3.28	-	-	-	-	0
-	45	Armstrong,Rob	3.15	-	-	-	-	0
-	46	Lenore,Ron	3.05	-	-	-	-	0
-	47	Higgins,Paynter	2.99	-	1	-	1	1
-	48	Monen,Scott H.	3.08	-	-	-	-	0
-	49	Borrelli,Marc A	2.84	-	-	-	-	0
-	50	Haliburton,David	2.85	-	-	-	-	0
-	51	Blythe,Leslie	2.70	-	-	-	-	0
-	52	Espina,Jose E.	2.45	-	-	-	-	0
-	53	Kastendike,George	2.67	-	-	-	-	0



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