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Hello SESRA:

Concourse takes Poole Cup in first four-way contest; LifeTime notches its first win...

Concourse Athletic Club captured the Poole Cup, Atlanta's annual 15-person interclub team competition, defeating the Piedmont Driving Club 13-2 and Midtown Athletic Club 10-5 at the CAC on Saturday, May 21.

The Poole Cup, which has been held annually (sort of) since 2004, is named for Keith Poole, an avid Atlanta squash player. Keith was known for his competitive and sometimes argumentative spirit on the court and the event seems to have borne the stamp of his character since the beginning. The Poole Cup has always been hotly contested but also greatly enjoyed as a gathering of the Atlanta squash clan, and this year was no exception.

For the first time, a four way event included CAC, Midtown, the PDC and LifeTime Fitness in a knockout format that ran 60 matches dawn to dusk on Concourse's four courts. While the first round results – Concourse defeating PDC and Midtown defeating LifeTime 11-4 – were as predicted, the second round was anybody's guess. In the end, the depth of the CAC team under captain Justin Mather was too much for Midtown's 15 and LifeTime posted their first Poole Cup win against the Driving Club by a 9-6 margin. Full scoresheets are at the back of this letter.

Great matches were much in evidence. The LifeTime team was anchored at the top by the three Saleem brothers, who played their six matches with only one loss. Arhum, currently ranked fifth nationally in the BU17, defeated both Diniar Alikhan and Allen Post in one day... a pretty good performance. Older brother Nabil handled John Mahorner and Todd Knutson without loss of a game. Danial took a win from Trey Paris and barely missed a win against Midtown's Michael Gilman. Gilman, down 9-5 in the fifth, rallied to win 17-15.

In the CAC-MAC dustup, Diniar squeaked out a 3-2 win over David Perry to give MAC its only point in the top three divisions. Aaron Luque took a five-game Donnybrook from Tom deLange and Alejandro Caipa caught out Guri Ben-Hashal in five as well. In the <3.5 division, Trevor Yossowitz took two 3-0 wins to post an unblemished record for the weekend.

LifeTime/PDC saw real strength in the middle of the PDC order as Msrs. Rollauer, Green and Winter took their matches without loss of a game. In future, watch John Winter carefully as I predict he will spend only a little time in brackets that begin with a 4. Elsewhere, LifeTime produced a strong



performance from Pritesh Patel with two wins (one including a particularly unusual let call at match point the other way), and wins in the <3.5 from Prashant Devaraju and Uzma Saleem.

All in all, a splendid time, a great competition to watch or play in and a fine end to the Atlanta squash season.

Atlanta National Champions: Gough and Hardie

Atlanta's Michael Gough won the national 70s title at the U.S. Masters in March. Gough defeated longtime rival Warren Young in three to gain his 5th national title.

Eben Hardie and partner Jamie Heldring repeated as national 50s doubles champions, coming from the second seed slot to defeat Canadians Fred Reed and Alan Hunt in the final: 11,11,4.

Back in the age group singles, LifeTime pro Andre Maur finished third in the 45s, losing in the semis to rival Dominic Hughes and defeating Garrett Beeson in three for the third slot. Also in the 45s, Charlotte's Geoff Roper lost to Portland's Sean Ryan in four in the second round.

In the 60s, Michael Kilgallon lost in four to eventual champ Don Sheer from Sedona, AZ.

In the women's 55s, Charleston's Pat Millman finished third, running off two wins before losing to champion Elaine Hinnegan in four.

U.S. Squash also introduced a new format for the Skill Level Championships, consisting of a required regional qualifier for the tournament. Held this year at LifeTime Fitness in John's Creek, the qualifier produced several local champions who went on to challenge at the nationals in April in Pennsylvania.



L to R above: Lifetime regional winners Stewart Cheung, Prashant Devaraju, Uzma Saleem



Below: LifeTime regional winners David Lewin, Justin Mather, Bupe Mulumba



In the national 3.0s, Prashant Devaraju lost in the second round to Janvier Chalopin in three.

In the 3.5s, Rob Armstrong lost his first round match in four to Chris Ensey of Baltimore. Durham, N.C.'s Nasim Maimoon dropped his second round match to Yen Tan in three.

In the 4.0s, Charleston's David Lewin finished third, winning two rounds before dropping to national winner John Ghublikian from Dorchester Mass, 7,(7),5,(6),6. Also, Pritesh Patel dropped his first round match against Ghublikian in three.



Danial Saleem receives the William T. Ketcham award from US Squash at Yale

In the 4.5s, Chattanooga's Markus Englemann finished third, losing to Max Reed in the semis.

In the 5.0s, Atlanta's junior Arhum Saleem played a tough five game match against John Sayward, (7),(9),7,11,3.

In the 5.5s, Justin Mather wore out Zach Bradley from Baltimore before falling (9),9,(8),8,10 in the first round. Bradley went on to finish third.

In the women's 3.0, Uzma Saleem finished fourth, winning her first round match against Dorothy Kim. Catherine Cobb played a tough four game contest against Sara Smyth.

In the national juniors, Atlanta's competitive junior family, the Saleems, took on the world at the U.S. Junior Championships at Yale in March.



Arhum, in the BU17, won two matches before dropping to Hayes Murphy of Greenwich after a grueling 5-gamer against Atticus Kelly of Hartford.

In the BU19, Danial Saleem won his first match, but dropped to third place finisher Nicholas Schreiber of Philadelphia. In its fourth year of recognition, the William T. Ketcham Award, which acknowledges one female and one male ranked junior squash competitor who have demonstrated tremendous dedication and growth throughout the season, honored Danial and Sabrina Sobhy of Sea Cliff, NY for their on-court improvement. He'll be going to Columbia University in NYC in the fall.

Also in the 19s, Nabil Saleem was stopped by Thomas Dembinski in three in the first round. Nabil, 40th in the BU19, is headed to Bates College in Lewiston, Maine this fall.

Also, Atlanta junior Neel Swami is off to Brown in Providence, RI this fall. Lots of SESRA squash yet to come at the collegiate level.

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That's it for this squash season. Talk to you again in the fall.
Bob



**2011 Poole Cup
Midtown vs. Lifetime**

May 21, 2011

Midtown

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 Lifetime

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No.	Midtown Player Name	Games Won		Lifetime Player Name	Games Won
Division 5.0+					
1	Diniar Alikhan	1	vs.	Arhum Saleem	3
2	Michael Gilman	3	vs.	Danial Saleem	2
3	John Mahorner	0	vs.	Nabil Saleem	3
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
Division <5.0					
4	Craig McCready	2	vs.	Pritesh Patel	3
5	Michael Kilgallon	3	vs.	Frankie Martin	1
6	Tom de Lange	3	vs.	Ammad Ata	1
	Division Matches Won:	2		Division Matches Won:	1
Division <4.5					
7	Adrian Cronje	3	vs.	David Lecomte	0
8	William Cloherty	3	vs.	Chris Soffe	0
9	Ashesh Choksi	3	vs.	Nadeem Ashraf	2
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
Division <4.0					
10	Paul Havey	0	vs.	David Guilbault	3
11	Guri Ben-Hashal	3	vs.	Stuart Cheung	1
12	Clark Emerson	3	vs.	Preetham Puttappa	0
	Division Matches Won:	2		Division Matches Won:	1
Division <3.5					
13	Ham Williams	3	vs.	Prashant Devaraju	1
14	Matt Morris	3	vs.	Scott McDonald	0
15	Dom Bashizi	3	vs.	Uzma Saleem	1
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
	Team Matches Won:	11		Team Matches Won:	4



**2011 Poole Cup
Concourse vs. Piedmont**

May 21, 2011

Concourse:

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 Piedmont

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No.	Concourse Player Name	Games Won		Piedmont Player Name	Games Won
Division 5.0+					
1	Justin Mather	3	vs.	Allen Post	0
2	David Perry	3	vs.	Eben Hardie	1
3	Bupe Mulumba	3	vs.	Todd Knutson	1
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
Division <5.0					
4	Santiago Bargagna	3	vs.	Trey Paris	0
5	Iain Morrison	3	vs.	Default	0
6	Aaron Luque	3	vs.	Hugh Hailey	1
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
Division <4.5					
7	Marc Morin	3	vs.	Ross Barrett	1
8	Luis Bravo	3	vs.	Ridley Hailey	0
9	Justin Daniels	3	vs.	John Woodhams	0
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
Division <4.0					
10	Neal Hendee	3	vs.	M. Rollauer	1
11	Alejandro Caipa	3	vs.	Robert Watkins	0
12	Mikel Muffley	0	vs.	J. Winter	3
	Division Matches Won:	2		Division Matches Won:	1
Division <3.5					
13	Trevor Yosslowitz	3	vs.	C. Forrester	1
14	Scott Monen	1	vs.	Matt Calamari	3
15	Ron Lenore	3	vs.	Catherine Cobb	1
	Division Matches Won:	2		Division Matches Won:	1
	Team Matches Won:	13		Team Matches Won:	2



**2011 Poole Cup
Piedmont vs. Lifetime**

May 21, 2011

Piedmont

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 Lifetime

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No.	Piedmont Player Name	Games Won		Lifetime Player Name	Games Won
Division 5.0+					
1	Allen Post	0	vs.	Arhum Saleem	3
2	Trey Paris	0	vs.	Danial Saleem	3
3	Todd Knutson	0	vs.	Nabil Saleem	3
	Division Matches Won:	0		Division Matches Won:	3
Division <5.0					
4	John Winter	0	vs.	Pritesh Patel	3
5	Hugh Hailey	3	vs.	Frankie Martin	1
6	Doug Leeson	0	vs.	Ammad Ata	3
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
Division <4.5					
7	Ross Barrett	1	vs.	David Lecomte	3
8	Ridley Hailey	1	vs.	Chris Soffe	3
9	John Woodhams	3	vs.	Nadeem Ashraf	2
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
Division <4.0					
10	M. Rollauer	3	vs.	David Guilbault	0
11	B.J. Green	3	vs.	Stuart Cheung	0
12	J. Winter	3	vs.	Preetham Puttappa	0
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
Division <3.5					
13	C. Forrester	0	vs.	Prashant Devaraju	3
14	Robert Watkins	3	vs.	Scott McDonald	0
15	Catherine Cobb	1	vs.	Uzma Saleem	3
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
	Team Matches Won:	6		Team Matches Won:	9



2011 Poole Cup Concourse vs. Midtown

May 21, 2011

Concourse: 10 Midtown: 5

No.	Concourse Player Name	Games Won		Midtown Player Name	Games Won
<u>Division 5.0+</u>					
1	Justin Mather	3	vs.	Victor DiNubile	0
2	David Perry	2	vs.	Diniar Alikhan	3
3	Bupe Mulumba	3	vs.	John Mahorner	1
	Division Matches Won:	2		Division Matches Won:	1
<u>Division <5.0</u>					
4	Santiago Bargagna	3	vs.	Craig McCready	0
5	Iain Morrison	3	vs.	Michael Kilgallon	1
6	Aaron Luque	3	vs.	Tom de Lange	2
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
<u>Division <4.5</u>					
7	Marc Morin	3	vs.	Aaron Myerson	0
8	Luis Bravo	3	vs.	William Cloherty	1
9	Justin Daniels	3	vs.	Ashesh Choksi	1
	Division Matches Won:	3		Division Matches Won:	0
<u>Division <4.0</u>					
10	Neal Hendee	1	vs.	Paul Havey	3
11	Alejandro Caipa	3	vs.	Guri Ben-Hashal	2
12	Mikel Muffley	0	vs.	Clark Emerson	3
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
<u>Division <3.5</u>					
13	Trevor Yossowitz	3	vs.	Ham Williams	0
14	Scott Monen	2	vs.	Matt Morris	3
15	Ron Lenore	0	vs.	Dom Bashizi	3
	Division Matches Won:	1		Division Matches Won:	2
	Team Matches Won:	10		Team Matches Won:	5