

EVENT RESULTS – Day 2

2016 MACKAY OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS



EVENT TYPE: Professional - PSA M5 and W5
16 player draw with qualifying rounds

WHERE: Mackay Leisure Centre
95 Broadsound Road, Mackay

WHEN: Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 October 2016

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Day 2 Results: Round 1

There was plenty of action on Day 2 of the PSA Mackay Open Squash Championships with 24 matches played in all: 16 in Round 1 and 8 Quarter Final matches. Spectators were treated to some high quality squash.

South African Jean-Pierre Brits caused the biggest upset of the day when he destroyed the #2 seed Rui Soares from Portugal in Round 1.

After a tight opening game which Brits secured 12-10 it was downhill from there with the unseeded Brits winning the next two games with relative ease 11-4, 11-6 in 38 minutes.

The 25 year old from Pretoria is ranked 275 in the World with a career high #151 back in Dec 2014. That is 141 places below his opponent Soares, who is ranked 134. It just goes to show that rankings are just numbers! They don't always predict the outcome.

Brits will now take on Aussie Darcy Evans who caused his own upset in the first round. The Tasmanian who is ranked #259, compared to his opponent #8 seed Joel Luca at #233, was simply too good winning 3-0 in 27 minutes.

The Top 8 seeds in the PSA W5 event went through to the Quarters unscathed.

PSA M5 Main Draw – Round 1 Results

- [1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [Q] Robert Garcia (PHI) 11-7, 6-11, 11-8, 11-6 (37m)
- [7] Solyman Nowrozi (AUS) def [Q] Graham Miao (HKG) 11-4, 11-5, 11-4 (28m)
- [6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) def [Q] Ruan Olivier (RSA) 13-11, 11-2, 11-4 (28m)
- [3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) def [Q] Zac Millar (NZL) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4 (30m)

- [4] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) def Mohamed Saied (EGY) 12-10, 11-7, 11-5 (30m)

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) def Courtney West (AUS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-9 (22m)
Darcy Evans (AUS) def [8] Joel Luca (AUS) 11-7, 12-10, 11-7 (27m)
Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) def [2] Rui Soares (POR) 12-10, 11-4, 11-6 (38m)

PSA W5 Main Draw – Round 1 Results

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def [Q] Teagan Ollett (AUS) 11-2, 11-3, 11-1 (11m)
[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) def [Q] Tiffany Loss (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-4 (18m)
[8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) def Tiffany Hau (USA) 11-6, 13-11, 10-12, 11-7 (35m)
[3] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) def [Q] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 13-11, 11-7, 11-1 (21m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def Taylor Jones (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-1 (18m)
[6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) def [Q] Hannah Shipley (ENG) 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 11-8 (27m)
[7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9 (36m)
[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def Katie Smith (ENG) 11-3, 11-5, 11-9 (18m)

Day 2 Results: Quarter Finals

In the longest match of the day #5 seed Manuel Wanner won the “Battle of Switzerland” when he beat his higher ranked countryman #4 seed Dimitri Steinmann in four.

Wanner is currently ranked #174 in the World compared to Steinmann at #154. It was sweet revenge for Wanner who lost in three to Steinmann back in April at the Pilatus Cup in Switzerland. On that occasion it was a qualifier Steinmann upsetting the #6 seed Wanner.

Wanner now plays giant killer Jean-Pierre Brits from South Africa. This clash is shaping up to being a fairly even contest.

Men’s #1 seed Zac Alexander took his current winning streak to 10 matches in a row straight after beating #7 seed Solayman Nowrozi in straight.

He now plays #3 seed Patrick Rooney in a repeat of the Queensland Open semi final. On that occasion Alexander won 11-8, 15-13, 11-7 in 42 minutes.

Based on World Rankings and Alexander’s career high #36, the 27 year old should have the experience and class to win in straight but 19 year old Rooney is on the rise and his Queensland Open performance was full of merit.

This time Rooney hasn’t had the energy sapping match he had with Brad Freeme (71 minutes) prior to meeting Alexander so this will be his best opportunity to gauge where he’s at compared to the Aussie star.

The Women's Quarters saw #1 seed Tamika Saxby up against Queensland Open runner up Milnay Louw. Saxby won a tight contest in four over 45 minutes. Taking nothing away from Saxby's win but Louw's unforced error count was particularly high when it came to her return of serve. Saxby's confidence is improving.

Saxby has now set up a semi final clash with Queensland Open champ Amanda Landers-Murphy. At the Queensland Open the Kiwi beat the Aussie in the semi final in four close games 11-9, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9 (52m).

#2 seed Lisa Camilleri was definitely on a mission of destruction when she beat #7 seed Samantha Foyle in a very quick 12 minutes: 11-6, 11-8, 11-7.

Camilleri now plays Jessica Turnbull in the other semi. The last time these two met was in the semi final at the North Coast Open in Coffs Harbour where Camilleri won a classic contest 11-9, 3-11, 4-11, 12-10, 12-10 in 45 minutes.

Both semi finals promise to be hotly contested! Results could go either way.

PSA M5 Main Draw – Quarter Final Results

[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [7] Solyman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-4, 11-4, 11-3 (20m)

[3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) def [6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-9, 11-8, 11-9 (36m)

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) def [4] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 (61m)

Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) def Darcy Evans (AUS) 7-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-9 (56m)

PSA W5 Main Draw – Quarter Final Results

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) def [5] Milnay Louw (RSA) 11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 11-7 (45m)

[3] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) def [8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 11-3, 9-11, 11-0, 11-6 (27m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def [6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) 11-4, 11-3, 11-1 (17m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def [7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 11-6, 11-8, 11-7 (12m)

Day 3 Schedule

PSA M5 Main Draw – Semi Finals

[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) v [3] Patrick Rooney (ENG) @ 12 noon

[5] Manuel Wanner (SUI) v Jean-Pierre Brits (RSA) @ 1:30pm

PSA W5 Main Draw – Semi Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) v [3] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) @ 3pm

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) v [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) @ 4:30pm

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