

# RED BACKS Squash

## INAUGURAL EDITION 2012-9

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Northern Region's **REDBACKS** eMag.

The Q Squash Northern Region Committee have teamed up with Queensland Squash Management to bring you a regular update of news, photos, events and stories about the people who play and deliver our great sport.

We also invite **YOU** to contribute news, articles and photos to bring this eMag to life. You can send information to the email below or phone Kim on **040 7126 911**.

The **REDBACKS** eMag will be used to promote events at your club and most importantly recognise the achievements of

players at your club and the players who represent Northern Region.

The **REDBACKS** eMag will be delivered electronically to your email address within 7 days after the end of a month. So if you wish to contribute news or photos please send them to Kim by the last day of every month.

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# The future is in **our** hands

**S**tatistics are critical to any future success. Without statistics we have nothing to measure progress or annual achievement.

The strength of junior squash is critical for the survival of our sport. Sadly the number of juniors that are introduced to the game today don't exceed the number of seniors who retire from the game tomorrow.

So we all have an obligation to contribute to safe guarding the future of our great game by introducing a friend or our children to squash.

NR clubs currently have 78

juniors in the NR rankings.

**Mackay leads the way with 44 (57%) then Ingham 20 (26%) and Townsville 8 (10%).**

The challenge is there for the other towns and clubs in NR to begin the process of changing and embracing junior squash.

The article on page 5 is very inspiring offering hope that other clubs and towns could do the same.

Further analysis of the statistics reveals 61% of the juniors are boys and 39% girls.

**Let's aim for 100 juniors to be ranked in NR by June 2013.**

Therefore, the development of girls provides for a greater chance of quick success.

Funding for girls is also more readily available from various agencies.

Squash is an ideal NR sport offering protection from the sun and an excellent pathway to rep honours including the Commonwealth Games.

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# Fired up for Hobart

**T**iffany Loss is about to embark on her 6th Sharks Tour. She is a vital member of the team and has already enjoyed 5 overall team victories with the Mighty Queensland Sharks.

Loss has been a member of the National Talent Squad and is still a member of the WISPA World Tour - she is currently ranked 172.

Despite her National Ranking in the Girls 19 being 14 Loss is a fighter and will give any of her higher ranked opponents a tough time.

The Mackay teenager

finished 5th at the recent QJC. She is a gifted runner who just needs to get **FIRED UP** to be at her best.



**M**ackay's Rebecca Baum is even more talented than she realises. The signs are there. Belief that she can actually take down the higher ranked players is the key to improved results.

At the recent QJC Baum finished runner up in the 17YAG and was put out in the 19YAG by the same opponent who also went on and win both titles.

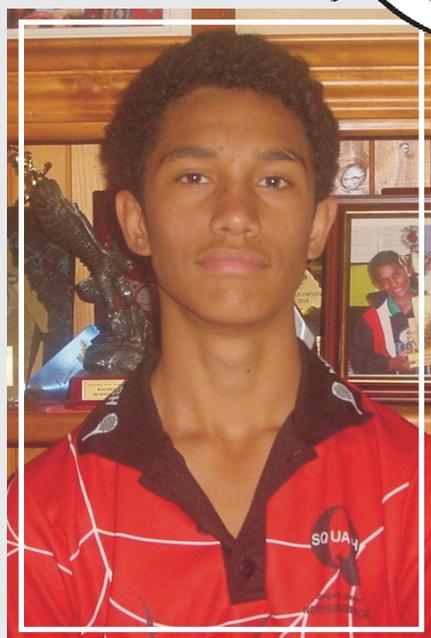


**A**therton's Ivan Jensen was the best player in Australia last year but didn't win the 13YAG National Title.

Jensen was absolutely shattered after losing a close final 11-9, 10-12, 3-11, 11-13 to Heng from Malaysia.

In 2012 Squash Australia introduced the Australian Junior Open to replace the National Junior Series and the Australian Junior Closed to replace the AJC.

However, Jensen may now have to wait until next year to secure his first National Title. In the meantime he will make



his presence felt as a 14 year old in the 15YAG. Jensen is currently ranked 8th so he will need to get **FIRED UP**.

Her best match was against team mate Tiffany Loss in the 19YAG going down narrowly in five 11-8 4-11 11-9 4-11 11-13.

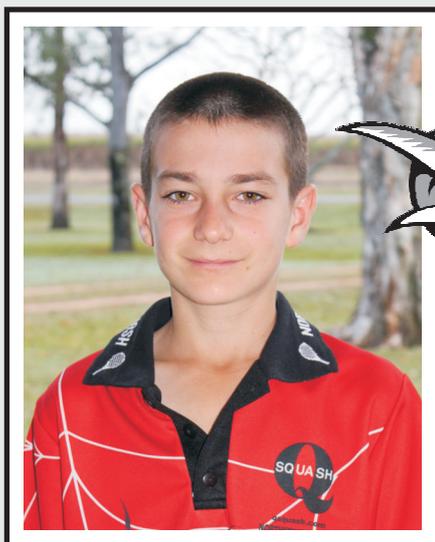
Baum has used the Trans-Tasman Squash Championships as her final preparation for the AJC.

**FIRED UP** to outlast her opponents and a strong belief in herself will see Baum become the best.



Ingham's **Sean Motti** is NR's number 1 junior in the 13YAG. At the recent Queensland Junior Championships Motti finished 3rd in the individual and will now represent Queensland at the Australian Junior Championships in Hobart in September.

Motti needed all his fighting abilities to beat CR's Joel Arscott 6-11, 11-7, 11-6, 9-11, 11-1 and gain his first call up for the mighty Queensland Sharks who are now searching for their 9th victory in succession.



Motti rates his selection in the State Team as his proudest achievement so far. Since taking the court for the first time in 2009 Motti has steadily improved under the guidance of his coach Darren Barclay from Townsville who travels up to Ingham every few weeks to give him that vital individual training.

Club President Ross Domin is also responsible for Motti's success.



Under the watchful eye of legendary coach Kay Barclay, young **Tia McLennan** continues to dominate NR squash and is now ranked

8th Nationally in the 13YAG.

Since starting squash in 2009 McLennan has already represented Queensland and is looking forward to doing it again this year.

McLennan was a member of the 2011 winning Sharks Team and hopes this time to boost her National ranking and be part of making it 9 in a row for Queensland!

McLennan was also a member of the all conquering 13YAG Sharks Team in 2011.



Moranbah's **Emily Turner** is looking forward to her 3rd Australian Junior Championships.

Turner joined the Sharks in 2010 and enjoyed a great trip to Alice Springs. She was a member of the 13YAG team which dominated the competition that year.

At the AJC in 2011 Turner stepped up to the 15YAG and suffered a shock 1st round defeat to a lower ranked opponent. She subsequently lost her National Ranking.

At the QJC this year Turner bounced back to some

form with a great victory over CR's Brenda-Lee Mater and cement her place in the 2012 team. Turner won 8-11, 11-9, 11-7, 8-11, 11-7.

Turner is now on a mission to get her National Ranking back!



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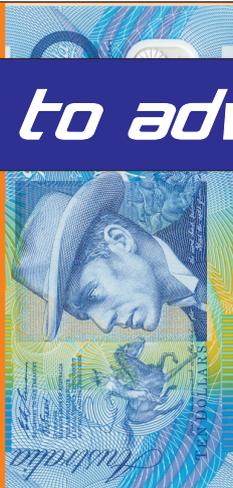
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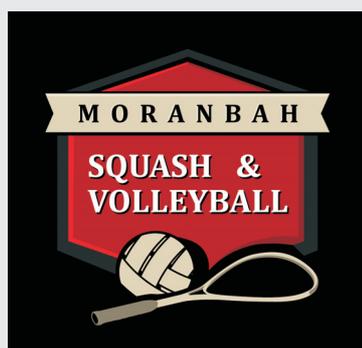
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The 1st Northern Region Qualifier for 2013 - INGHAM - 20-21 OCTOBER 2012



# Thanks



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Andries, Keiron, Ken, Adam (standing) and Jason taking a well earned break during the Moranbah Renovation earlier this year.

**Adam Turner** has sent in his report on a magnificent project the Moranbah club undertook at the beginning of the year.

We hope it inspires other clubs to get behind their court owners and **HELP** improve the facilities for players.

The courts were closed during the 2011 Christmas break for massive renovations. These renovations were required due to the deteriorating condition of the front walls and the lighting which was in a state of disrepair.

25 volunteers managed to remove the rendering on all three front walls. They then re-rendered them, repainted each court, repainted the lines, replaced all the lighting with more durable lights and cleaned up the mess from all the work.

Well over 500 man, women and children hours were spent on the courts by the volunteers combined.

Another huge **thank you** to all the volunteers who pitched in and helped with this massive workload during the peak holiday period! It is greatly appreciated and the 3 courts now look fantastic thanks to your efforts.

## The Service Box



The **Mackay Open** is set to be held from 1-4 November 2012.

Entries for the PSA and WISPA Opens are still being taken however at this stage the Men's defending champion **Mike Corren** is seeded #1 for the event.

Kiwi Evan Williams is seeded

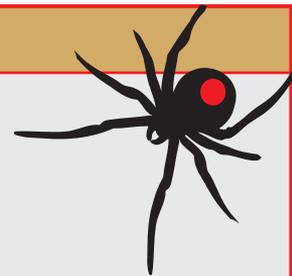
2 whilst Ben Coleman from England is 3 and Geoffrey Demont France is 4.

The Women's draw currently has 2011 runner **Siti Munirah Jusoh** from Malaysia as the #1 seed.

Aussies Tamika Saxby (2), Christine Nunn (3) and Queenslander Samantha Davies (4) round out the Top 4.

Graded events will also be on offer so start making arrangements now to be there to play and see some incredible squash.

For more information contact **Kay Barclay** on **0432 572 712**.



# Incredible Ingham

Written by Kim DiBella

**M**y parents, Frank and Chris Erba, inherited the squash courts from my father's aunt 7 years ago. They are responsible for the revival of squash in Ingham. They are very accommodating people who are always willing to please.

Frank is the Vice President of the club, I'm the Secretary and my brother, Jason, is the Grants Officer, so we have a vested interest in the club! Ross Domin is our President and Lesley Hobbs holds the Treasurer position.

Ingham has four courts and our club members are slowly growing. We have 3 night divisions A Men (32 players), A and B mixed (80 players), Day Ladies (24 players) and Juniors (65 players) which run on Thursday and Friday afternoons. My mum runs the junior competition.

The resurgence in the junior competition is due to the fact that squash is a sport that can be played all year round, rain, hail or shine. It is a very sociable sport where juniors meet their friends at the courts. It is also encouraging to see our juniors being selected in representative teams and this inspires the younger children to strive for a goal.

This year we have started a beginners group with two Level 1 coaches, Jason Erba and Meagan Waldon. They do an intense and fun filled 15 week course where they concentrate on skill development and enjoyment. These juniors then join a team during the next season playing on

a modified court. Our two local high school PE departments have squash as one of their assessment standards, so they bring the children down for a lesson each week. This has a flow on affect with students then joining the junior competition. A lot of our juniors then move on to the senior squash level.

Our juniors have access to a Level 2 coach, Darren Barclay who travels from Townsville for fortnightly sessions on a Sunday. Ross Domin, our Club President, also coaches a group of rep juniors on a twice weekly basis concentrating on fitness as well as technique.

The club has been very successful in obtaining grants to purchase items such as a laptop and printer, camera, video camera, large screen TV, and with our latest grant we flew Noel Forster up for the weekend to put 7 Ingham squash members through their level 1 coaching.

Ross Domin is our club's best player and has been for the last 8 years (he has been our A Mens Club Champion).

We don't have a major sponsor, but when we have our closed championships or qualifiers we do get sponsorship from local businesses. Our local **IGA Store** gave the club \$500 last year as part of their partnership with junior sport.

We like to promote squash by putting the draw and results of the junior competition in the local

paper each week. I also submit rep and grand final photos.

This year we will hold our fourth qualifier. Having these qualifiers has opened up rep honours for many of our players. Last year we had 4 Redback players, this year we doubled that and hopefully next year we can have even more.

Coaching was something we lacked a few years ago, but now we are looking towards having a tiered arrangement with leveled coaches targeting different leveled players. Hence, we have level 1 coaches with beginners and level 2 coach with advanced players.

I think our success is due to everything I have just written about. My parent's business would not be viable without the club players and the club would not exist without good court owners who are approachable and mainly do all the things the club is supposed to do. They run the competition during the week, taking the money, writing receipts, counting money, taking all the phone calls when players can't make their game and making endless phone calls to find fill ins!

So when you asked me if there is a message I suppose it is that we have a happy balance between the court owners and the club we work together as a team to make sure that all our patrons are happy. Also we value all our members especially the juniors as they are the ones who are going to make up your senior competition in the future!



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**ATTENTION: All Junior Squash Players**  
**The 1st Northern Region Qualifier for 2013**  
**>>> 20-21 October 2012 <<<**



**Ingham Squash Centre**  
96 Cartwright Street  
INGHAM Qld 4850

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**  
**FRIDAY 12 October 2012**

**Entry Fee:**  
\$40.00 for 1 event  
\$50.00 for 2 events

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**Best of 5 Games to 11 PARS** - Tie break at 10 all. To win a game you must win it by 2 points  
All grading will be made relative to Q Squash standards and the tournament committee reserves the right to regrade any players.

All players **MUST BE** Financial members of Q Squash and under their respective age group as at 1ST JANUARY, 2013. **If you turn 10 at anytime in 2013 you play in the 11 year age group.**

All Players are to mark and referee the next match at the completion of their own match.

Players are to be present and checked in with Tournament Control **20 MINUTES** before the scheduled time of their match.

The wearing of Protective Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** at this tournament.

XX Yellow Dot balls will be used.

Entry fees are due and payable once the draw has been completed. No refunds will be made.