

Penticton squash tournament review

The 10th annual Penticton tournament provided plenty of excitement over the weekend. A sold out event, 5 different draws, prize money and speed guns kept players and spectators on their toes throughout!

Saturday night saw some of the tightest matches with 4 consecutive semi finals going overtime in the 5th and not finishing until 930pm and 3 hours after the scheduled close.

The Open draw went down to the final match where Forster had to beat McRae 3-0 to win, Braff had to beat Casey 3-0 and hope Forster beat McRae in 5 and McRae needed a win vs Forster to win. Sound complicated?

In the end Forster showed his class with a typically clinical display to brush aside a tired McRae 3-0 to beat Braff by 1 game after all 3 players ended with 2 wins and 1 loss.

Braff and McRae had played the match of the tournament on the Saturday night with McRae coming back from 2 games down and seemingly down in the other 3 games to win 14-12 in the 5th.

The A draw showed the continued emergence of Braydon Kellett as his superior fitness was enough to beat Tim Dottridge 3/1 in the final. Dottridge himself had played a mammoth semi final where Gary Evans had saved 5 match balls in the 4th to take Dottridge to the 5th.

The B draw was won handsomely by Zak Sproule who showed what a great prospect he is and a future A player. He got through the tough side of the draw and beat Joel Vosburg 3/0 in the final. Vosburg had saved multiple match points against Rob McDonald in another titanic semi final finally taking it 15-13 in the 5th late on Saturday night.

The C draw was comfortably won by Brett Martyna though the emergence of Juniors Simon Albrechtson and Ryan Vest and the quality of squash they played show that interior squash and its academy are breeding future top BC players.

The Ladies draw was won by Lisa Robazza who beat Jean Verecki 3/0. Lisa played outstanding squash through the tournament and was a worthy winner.

I would like to thank the players, supporters and staff for all their help over the weekend. It was particularly enjoyable watching the improvements made by all the juniors, especially Ian Heck and William Rutter both of whom played some great squash in their first A draw.

Thank you to the Interior squash academy for bringing so many juniors, many of whom I fully expect to be climbing the squash BC rankings fast over the next 12 months.

George James, Tournament organizer.



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