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Hello SESRA:

Tom Rumpler receives CSA Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Intercollegiates:



Tom Rumpler

Tom Rumpler was awarded the College Squash Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Intercollegiates February 25 at Yale. The award cites Tom's college career as a varsity squash and tennis player at Amherst, his teaching stints in Boston, Toledo, and New York, and his move to Atlanta where he made his "indelible mark on U.S. squash."

The award continues: "Tom Rumpler is being recognized by the CSA above all for his dedication to teaching, whose outcome has been increased participation at the junior level in the Atlanta area, from zero to a strong and ongoing junior program and resulting in a group of junior championship-level players and college squash players..."

Appropriately enough, Rumpler protégé Michael Gilman played No. 7 for Princeton over the weekend as it made the intercollegiate finals by defeating Harvard 5-4 to face the Trinity juggernaut, which won its ninth straight championship. Other Rumplerites in the contest were Craig McCready, No. 8 at Amherst and Charlie Johnson, No. 9 at Bates.

He says he gave a great acceptance speech because he practiced it 20 times first. As anyone who has taken a lesson from Tom can attest, that sounds very familiar. Tom's prior recognitions have included the WPSA's Teaching Professional of the Year award in 1989 and the WPSA Pro Squash's Hall of Fame. Please give Tom your congratulations and thanks for three decades of commitment to squash in Atlanta.

Vandy finishes #32 nationally in Conroy Division:



Also at the Intercollegiates, the Vanderbilt team that visited Atlanta several weeks ago as a warmup played three tough matches, losing to Conroy division winner Middlebury 9-0, Haverford 6-3, and Virginia 7-2. In the latter contests, Vandy match winners included Henry Manice against Haverford and Max Franklin against Virginia. The Commodores finished nationally at 32, improving on their preseason ranking of 34. [Left, Vandy's Henry Manice, David Stringer, Max Franklin, Phil Field and David Kotevski plus a few Atlantans]



Under the heading of “Why it’s miserable to be an age group tournament squash player in Atlanta”:

SESRA sends “The Successful Seven” to National Age Groups

- **National Champions Maur and Perry in 40s and 50s**
- Andre Maur won his second national title, taking the 40s championships in three games over Bellvue, Washington’s Hugh LaBossier, 5,5,5.
- In his first year in the 50s, unseeded David Perry fought his way to the championship, defeating first seed Canadian Thomas Bedore, (6),6,3,1.
- **Rumpler and Millman 2nd in 45s and 55s and Alikhan 3rd in 45s.**
- Second seed Tom Rumpler, in his first year in the 55s, battled to the finals where he lost to fourth seed Gulmast Khan, 4,7,2.
- In the 45s, Atlanta’s Diniar Alikhan and Charleston’s Richard Millman met in the semifinals. Millman dropped the first two, but took the last three, winning (5),(4),5,3,3 to reverse his last tournament contest with Alikhan at the Grand Masters and move into the finals. In the finals, Richard fell to first seed Dominic Hughes of Berwyn, Pa. in four. Diniar went on to defeat Dayton’s Mark Brady for the number 3 slot.
- Among Atlanta ex-pats, Michelle Quibell finished third in the U.S. Women’s championships, dropping to Natalie Grainger in 3. Katherine Johnston (Rowan) finished second in the women’s 30s, losing to Amy Milanek.

SESRA plays tough in National Skill Levels:

- Unseeded Julia Palmgren finished second in the women’s 3.0 draw, succumbing in her fourth match to Richmond’s Allison Purcell, 8,7,0.
- Carla Pineda played her way into the semis of the women’s 3.5s, taking fourth seed Jennifer Gabler in five before losing to the eventual winner.
- In the women’s 5.5s, Michelle Quibell (now from D.C.) lost to Meredith Quick in the semis 7,3,1.
- In the men’s 3.0, first seed Jim Consuegra of Alpharetta lost in the semis to Guillaume deRamel of Newport in four. Fraser Gough also played a good match.
- In the 4.0s, fifth seed David Lewin of Charleston advanced to the quarters before meeting Atlanta’s Sandy Draper and dropping a tough five game match. Lewin went on to win three more matches and the consolations. Sandy lost to national champ Petras Baniulis of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida in the semis in four. Scott McClanahan of Tuscaloosa played former Atlantan Frank Fabbri, losing in four in the second round. Martin Daniel of Memphis lost a tough first round match to Robert Porter of Burbank, but took a win in the first round of the consolations.
- In the 5.0s, Justin Mather advanced over Joel Vengrin of Brooklyn but lost in four to Karan Sadarangani from Santa Barbara. In the consi’s, Justin won one match before dropping to eventual winner Jason Harrow of Washington.
- In the men’s 6.0, Richard Millman of Charleston lost in five to eventual national champ Dennett Wilkins of Rochester, NY. Richard won two more matches before losing in the finals of the consolation to Thaddeus Roberts in four.



SouthEastern Squash

Recent tournament results:

The Sandler O'Neill Southeastern Squash Championships went off like clockwork at Midtown Athletic Club March 3 and 4, featuring iron man performances from Tim Osborne (in two finals and batting .500) and Victor Dinuble (more points played than anyone on the planet), as well as a 5-game battle between Atlanta titans Andre Maur and Diniar Alikhan in the finals of the 6.0s.

Results:

3.0s: Tyquan Jones d. Paynter Higgins, 3-1
3.0 consi: Bob Thornton d. Gibbs Cullen, 3-1
3.5: David Moran d. William Kemper, 3-0
4.0: Billy Benedict d. Tim Osborne, 3-2
4.5s: William Cloherty d. Victor [Iron Man] Dinuble, 3-0
5.0s: Trey Paris d. Alladin Mitha, 3-1
6.0s: Andre Maur d. Diniar Alikhan, 3-2
6.0 Consi: Edgar Navas d. David Espinosa, 3-1
50B: Tim Osborne d. Jim Wellman, 3-1

How about some pics:



3.0 winner Tyquan Jones and Paynter Higgins



6.0 winner Andre Maur (right) and Diniar Alikhan



Big gallery at Midtown Sports Club



3.0 consi finalist Gibbs Cullen, Bob Burton, and winner Bob Thornton



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Now I remember why we do this: Claudia Espinosa, Aiden Alikhan, and Sam Bridges.

Concourse Athletic Club St. Paddy's Day tournament:

The luck of the Irish descended on the CAC as Andre Maur hosted his annual St. Paddy's Day bash. Here are the results:

Level 3.0

1. Vinish Vasani
2. Mark Williams

Consolation 3.0

1. George Waring
2. Gibbs Cullen

Level 3.5

1. Vivik Kumardan
2. Alejandro Caipa

Consolation 3.5

1. Fraser Gough
2. Rico Lowe

Level 4.0

1. Todd Murphy
2. Tim Ely

Level 4.5

1. David Bridges
2. Michael Gough

Level 5.0

1. Edgar Naves
2. Craig Wise

Level 5.5

1. Diniar Alikhan
2. Phil Wilkens



South Eastern Squash

How about some pics:



3.0 winner Vinesh Vasnani



3.0 Consi winner George Waring



5.5 winner Diniar Alikhan



3.5 winner Vivik Kumardan



4.5 winner Dave Bridges and Andre in full regalia

Westminster Goes to Yale:



The Westminster Schools' varsity squash team traveled to a frigid New Haven on the 2nd weekend in February to compete in the 4th annual U.S. National High School Teams' Championships.

The top 16 teams competed in the "A" flight, and the remaining 25 teams competed in the "B" flight. At the end of 5 matches,



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Westminster finished 29th out of the combined 41 teams competing.

Westminster defeated Blair, 7-0. Hackley School defeated Westminster 5-2. Hotchkiss defeated Westminster 6-1. Westminster defeated Nichols, 7-0. Westminster defeated St. Paul's, 7-0.

The Westminster varsity lineup & records follow: Sawyer Duncan, 1st racquet, 4-1; Sheldon Taylor, 2nd racquet, 3-2; Cooper Veysey, 3rd racquet, 3-2; Alex Hoffman, 4th racquet, 3-2; Kyungsoo Woo, 5th racquet, 3-2; Robby Ostrowski, 6th racquet, 4-1; Jay Lively, 7th racquet, 4-1.

Congratulations to the Wildcats!

Squash on Fox in Atlanta:

Go to www.myfoxatlanta.com and click on Good Day for March 14 to see Andre talk about squash at Lifetime Fitness in Alpharetta!

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Bob