

NASHCUP 2014

FEATURING THE REGIONS TOP TALENT

When the NASH Cup was launched in 2008, a primary objective was to enhance the opportunities for top local players. London is blessed with a vibrant squash community, supporting 8 facilities and over 25 international singles courts. We have junior programs that are the envy of the province, and the strongest university program in the country. Helping our local athletes make the jump from amateur to professional status is a critical piece in leveraging these strengths.

The 2014 NASH Cup is fast approaching, and the professional entries are once again looking strong. The entries will remain open until August the 5th at which time a complete list will be released.

In 2014 we will feature the strongest line up of local players the tournament even seen. **Adrian Ostbye, Albert Shoihet** and **Kale Wilson** of Western University have all turned professional this year. They will be competing for the wildcard position. Joining them as local entries in the PSA draw will be **James Van Staveren** (incoming Western team captain) and **Strachan Jarvis** (Western Alumni and London Squash 2014 Club Champion).

In the WSA our locals include **Gisele Delgado** (Western Alumni); **Holly Delavigne** (Western Alumni; LSFC Squash Coach); and **Laura Savage** (Western Alumni). Squash Canada will be selection the wildcard (main draw) entry at the start of June.

Adrian Ostbye – Western Alumni – 2013 & 2014 NASH Cup Local Entry

Adrian completed his time with the OUA champion Western squash team in April and made the jump to the PSA. In his 4th year on the team he played the #3 position and was the teams co-captain finishing with a record of 15-4. As his photo would suggest Adrian was a local entry in the 2013 NASH Cup facing Canada's David Letourneau (wr 152) in the qualification round. He now trains full time in Washington D.C.

Being of Sri Lankan and Norwegian heritage, he represents Norway on the PSA World Tour. He has a busy summer planned. Having participated in the \$10K Norwegian Open in May he will now move onto the British Virgin Islands Open and then three

Australian PSA events before returning to London to leave his mark in the 2014 Nash Cup.



Albert Shoihet – Western Alumni – 2012-2014 Local Entry

At 21 years of age Albert has already been testing the PSA waters for 2 years through local entries in the NASH Cup and the 2013 PSA competition at the NSA. With his university career behind him he's ready to take a run at the pro's. Albert was Captain and #1 on the Western Varsity Team during the 2013/14 season. Since completing his degree in April he has committed himself full time to squash. He's based out of Toronto where he's working on all aspects of my game; physical, technical, tactical, and mental.

Albert participated in the Northwest Territories Territorial Squash Championships Invitational at the end of May where was up against many of Canada's top players. June and July will be devoted to preparing for three tournaments in Australia. The trip will include Melbourne,

Sydney and Coffs Harbour in late August; three 5k events to kickstart his PSA career.

He's hoping these events will give him what's necessary to come into the 2014 Nash Cup with confidence in his game at the 15k PSA level.



Kale Wilson – 2014/15 Western Team – 2014 Local Entry

Kale first picked up a squash racquet at age 10; won his first U13 national title at 11, and his first Caribbean U13 title at 12. At 15 he made the Trinidad men's national team. At 16 he was accepted to Wycliffe College in England which is renowned for its squash program. This fall he will return to Western University for his 4th year. The men's squash program will be aiming for its 32nd consecutive OUA championship.

Kale has wasted no time this summer. He joined the PSA and went straight to Australia to compete in a series of \$5K purses. Entering as a qualifier he has already the main draw in Alice Spring and Perth. Later this summer he will represent

Trinidad at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



James Van Staveren - 2014/15 Western Team – 2013 & 2014 Local Entry

James will be playing the #1 position on the 2014/15 Western Men's Varsity team as they attempt to win their 32nd consecutive championship. He lost 3-1 in 2013 to Declan James who made it to the quarter finals.

Strachan Jarvis – Western Alumni - London Squash & Fitness – 2014 Local Entry

A native of Toronto, Strachan competed on the Western Varsity squash program from 2006-2010. During this time, Western captured four O.U.A titles and reached its highest CSA ranking (#5) in the last 15 years. Strachan, a captain of the Western program in both 2009 & 2010, was a four-time O.U.A all-star and was the O.U.A's Most Valuable Player in 2010. Granted a local "Western" spot in 2010, this will mark Strachan's second time competing in the Nash Cup; however, his first time representing London Squash following his win over longstanding club champion Brad Hanebury.

Holly Delavigne – 2014/15 Western Team - London Squash & Fitness – 2014 Local Entry

Holly Delavigne is currently working toward her Master's Degree in Speech & Language Pathology at the University of Western Ontario. As a top seeded player, she has helped the Mustangs women's team to three OUA gold medals. She was also named to the OUA All-Star Team and awarded the MVP title in 2013. Her achievements this year have included winning the Ontario Provincial Women's A title and capturing the Women's A title at the Canadian National Championships in Edmonton. She was also selected to represent Ontario at the Canadian Women's Team Championships in Saskatchewan. On May 7th, 2015 Holly won the Canadian National Championships.

She enjoys picking on the guys in local tournaments, earning Men's B titles in Sarnia, Windsor and London. Holly was recently recognized by Squash Ontario for

her contributions toward coaching juniors and directing the Gary Waite Junior Squash Tour. She is excited to play with the support of her London Squash family in this year's Nash Cup!



Giselle Delgado – Western Alumni – 2013 & 2014 Local Entry

After finishing her university career at Western in 2013 Giselle made the decision to join the women's professional squash tour under the flag of her home country – Chile. She competed well in the 2013 NASH Cup losing to Canadian semi-finalist Alexandra Norman. Her current rank of 132 in the world means that she doesn't really need a local space to compete in the NASH Cup in 2014.



Laura Savage – Western Alumni – 2013 & 2014 Local Entry

Laura began her squash career in Calgary at age 9. She played for Western from 2005-2009 making the all-star team twice and OUA team gold three times. Within London Squash and Fitness she has amassed a long list of achievements including Singles Club Champion 2011 and runner up 2012-14; Ladies Doubles Winner or Runner up from 2011-2014; and Mixed doubles winner 2013 (runner up 2014). In 2013 Laura made the qualification finals of the WSA NASH Cup draw.



This will be the strongest pool of local talent ever assembled for the NASH Cup. The men's purse remains at \$15,000, and the women's purse is at \$5,000 for 2014 which may result in the strongest overall field of professionals London has ever seen. We will be cheering on our local players as they push to prove themselves against the works best.

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