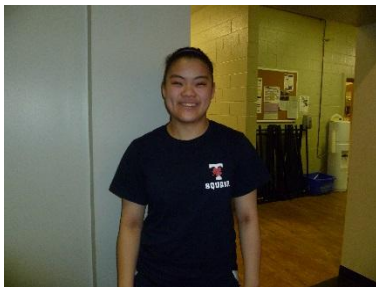




“CHIT CHAT” WITH THE PLAYERS



Cristina Chow

Cristina stumbled upon squash by accident! The University of Toronto Human Geography student was looking to play tennis one day only to find the courts fully booked. Her tennis partner suggested they get out on the squash court instead and thus began her passion for the game. Cristina has been playing competitively since last September and is entered in Women's C draw this weekend.



Jessy Khalife & Alexandra Pittiglio

Jessy (Kinesiology, UofT) and Alexandra (Civil Engineering, McMaster) have a unique squash history together. The very first tournament match they played was against one another in 2011. Jessy was the victor on that day. Two years later, these ladies played one another again this weekend – and today was Alexandra's day to come out on top. Here's to an ongoing friendly rival - good luck ladies!



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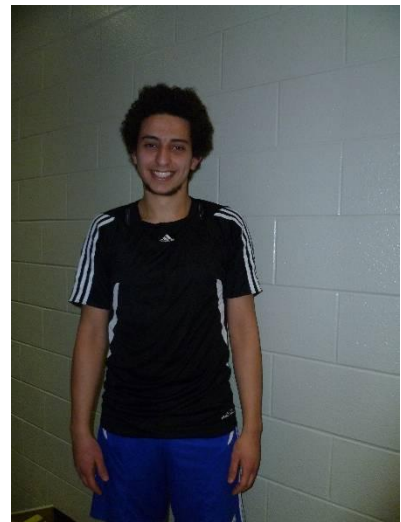
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Gabe Platt

Gabe has a great deal of respect for the game of squash. As he himself confesses: “When I began playing intramural squash at Laurier I discovered just how much I didn't know about the game.” This realization prompted him to push himself and play as much as possible. Clearly it has paid off! The fourth year Business (Laurier) and Math (Waterloo) student is playing in the Men's B draw this weekend and is Team Captain for the Laurier squad.

Hossam Elkad

How could Hossam have known that this was going to be one of the coldest winters on record? The first year University of Guelph Mechanical Engineering student only arrived in Canada two months ago and has already tried his hand at snowboarding. Needless to say, he's going to stick with squash! Hossam has been playing squash for 13 years in Kuwait and Egypt. His entry into the sport was a somewhat non-traditional – his tennis coach suggested he take up squash to strengthen his tennis grip. Thanks to his squash coach, he never went back! One of the Men's Open players in the tournament this weekend, Hossam is one to keep an eye on.



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Kale Wilson

When asked how he first began playing squash, Kale answered truthfully that what he really wanted to play was soccer, but he “just wasn't good at it. But squash...that felt better.” Better indeed! A third year University of Western student taking Philosophy and Global Development, Kale has been playing squash for 11 years and is in the Men's Open draw.

Rory Bradd & Deirdre Bradd

Big talent from a small town! Just one of the many ways to describe Rory and Deirdre Bradd. This brother-sister duo grew up across the street from the Huron Oaks club in Bright's Grove (past home to golf pro Mike Weir) and have been playing squash for eight years. Tournaments are often a family affair for the Bradd clan, including Rory and Deirdre's parents and their younger sister. This weekend, Rory (Chemical and Power Engineering Technology, Lambton College) is playing in the Men's A draw and Deirdre (HR Management, Lambton College) is playing in the Women's Open draw.

