



Australian Masters Squash Association

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AUSTRALIA IS ONE UP IN THE FIRST TRANS TASMAN SQUASH TEST

The Vic Belsham trophy is being contested in Melbourne, Victoria between 3 September 2009 and 12 September 2009 in conjunction with the 2009 Australian Masters Squash Championships.

The first test of the three Trans Tasman Test Series was held in Shepparton, Victoria on 3 September 2009 at the Goulburn Valley Squash Club. A crowd of 150 witnessed a hard fought contest which went down to the wire. Australia secured victory over New Zealand in the second last match of the night.

Last minute call up, Christine McIntyre from New South Wales was very unlucky to lose in a very tight 5 set match. Gaye Mitchell (Tas) continues on her winning way having won the Women's O/55 Australian Masters Squash Championships in 2008 and the World Masters Women's O/55 Championships in New Zealand last year. Brian Cook (Qld) is also showing his class, having completed the double in 2008 as the O/60 Australian and World Masters Squash Champion. Jason Mudge (SA) followed up his O/35 victory at the World Masters last year with a comfortable win over Scott Gardiner of NZ.

Overall, Australia won 6 matches / 25 games / 346 points to New Zealand's 6 matches / 20 games / 294 points. Individual results are set out below:

Bruce Turner (Aust) lost to **Lawrence Skurr (NZ)** 6 / 9, 9 / 5, 9 / 3, 3 / 9, 8 / 10
Sue Davis (Aust) def Judith Casbolt (NZ) 9 / 5, 9 / 7, 9 / 5
Christine McIntyre (Aust) lost to **Kaye Jackson (NZ)** 5 / 9, 9 / 6, 9 / 10, 10 / 9, 3 / 9
Brian Cook (Aust) def Ron Marshall (NZ) 9 / 3, 9 / 7, 10 / 8
Tom Spark (Aust) lost to **Mark Waldin (NZ)** 7 / 9, 9 / 10, 4 / 9
Gaye Mitchell (Aust) def Freda Walker (NZ) 9 / 5, 9 / 3, 8 / 10, 9 / 0
Sue Williams (Aust) lost to **Kathryn Austin (NZ)** 2 / 9, 9 / 3, 8 / 10, 3 / 9
Jason Mudge (Aust) def Scott Gardiner (NZ) 9 / 2, 9 / 0, 9 / 0
Anne Richards (Aust) lost to **Karen Walton (NZ)** 4 / 9, 9 / 7, 6 / 9, 5 / 9
Dale Robbins (Aust) def Mark Millar (NZ) 9 / 1, 9 / 1, 9 / 5
Paul Bushell (Aust) def Gary Duberly (NZ) 8 / 10, 9 / 7, 10 / 9, 9 / 4
Kylee Hammett (Aust) lost to **Vicki Beker (NZ)** 3 / 9, 9 / 2, 6 / 9, 9 / 10

The President of the Australian Masters Squash Association, Mr Peter Wright, said the Test was played in the true Masters' spirit of great rivalry and camaraderie. He

said spectators from Victoria, New South Wales and as far as way as Queensland were there to witness a great contest and cheer on Australia.

Mr Wright said the next two Tests will move to Melbourne. The second Test will be played at Westerfolds Swim & Squash Centre, Templestowe on 5 September 2009. Play will commence at 1.00 am. The third and final Test will be played at the Moorabbin Squash & Fitness Centre, Morrabbin on Saturday, 12 September with play commencing at 1.00 pm. He encouraged all squash players to come along and support Australia. Mr Wright said it was a great opportunity to watch squash at the highest level.