The Inaugural Hamilton Open

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A Look Back at a week Fun Week in Pictures





October 25 – 30, 2021 Lancaster, PA





LANCASTER'S INAUGRUAL PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S SQUASH TOURNAMENT

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August 26, 2021

With our Honorary Host - Amanda Sobhy

What an exciting way to launch the Inaugural Hamilton Open. We welcomed, and thanked, all our sponsors, including our "title" sponsor, Fulton Bank. Franklin & Marshall College was well represented by Lauren Packer Webster, Athletic Director and member of our Organizing Committee. Also attending from F&M were President Barbara Altmann, Dean Margaret Hazlett, Squash Coach Gavin Jones and the two co-captains of the women's squash team, Audrey Berling and Emily Knapp.

The Hamilton Open was sanctioned by the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the governing body for squash world-wide. Our primary goal was to take our PSA 10-K event to a new level for the players. The support our event has received to accomplish this from both inside and outside of the club has been heartwarming. Our own Wise Guys (Squash) and Wash Day Club (Social) groups stepped up to sponsor our opening and closing receptions. We were fortunate to partner with the Lancaster Marriott to provide rooms for all players.



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After months of planning and anticipation, the launch of the Inaugural Hamilton Open finally arrived. This was our opportunity to showcase Lancaster and the Hamilton Club to our players.

Sponsors, members and friends of the tournament all gathered to welcome our contestants.

There was good food, good fun, and a way to make new friends from around the world. There were 24 players entered who represented 18 different countries. We hosted a first-class event that was just the beginning of a great week of squash.

















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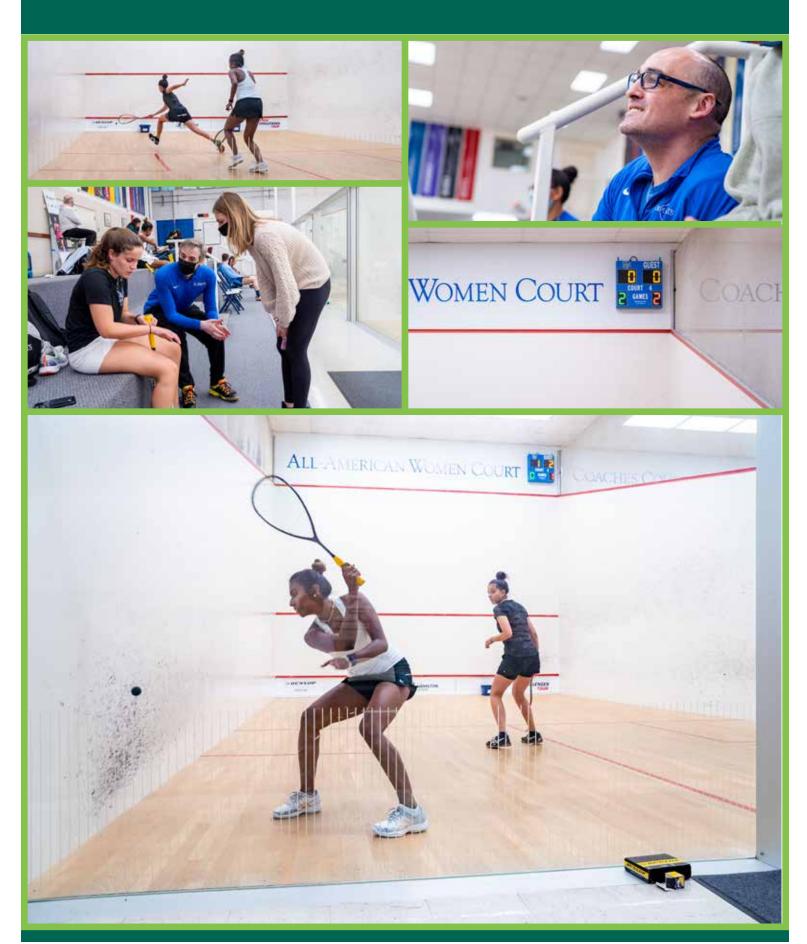
OPENING ROUND MATCHES AT F&M

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As play began, we offered a sincere "thank you" to Coach Gavin Jones and Assistant Coach Ron Koenig for their help in scheduling practice and match times. Also, a special "thank you" goes out to members of the F&M men's squash team for providing scoring and referee duties. There was great interest in the matches with a lively crowd on hand to watch, especially for the F&M students who came to cheer on the four members of the women's team who were entered as Wildcards. Sadly, all were unsuccessful in advancing, but it was a wonderful experience for them. Many of our players were competing for the first time in over a year and were very excited to be in Lancaster.



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FINALS & AWARDS RECEPTION AT THE HAMILTON CLUB

October 30, 2021

Congratulations to Our Champion Simmi Chan

Our week began with the first two rounds played on the Mayser Courts at Franklin & Marshall College. The competition was keen with several matches taking five games to decide. Surprisingly, 5 of the top 8 seeds lost in the second round. When the matches moved to the Hamilton Club, things got even more intense. Wonderful play highlighted both the quarter final and semi-final matches, to the delight of all who attended. In the end, it was Simmi Chan, from Hong Kong, taking down the number one seed, Emila Soini (Finland), in the finals 3-0. Simmi is an incoming freshman at Columbia University who will field a very strong team as she will play at the #2 position! It was a special treat for us and especially the players to have our Honorary Host, Amanda Sobhy, there to announce the match and award the finalist and champion's trophies.



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