

## Résultats Équipe des Maîtres 2016

		
Quebec, first match won (winner: Suzanne Dufresne) Opponent massaging winner.	Mario Gagnon (QUE) vs Tom Powers (ONT1):	Steve Wren (Quebec's #1 men's player) -- "pretty in red" & winning!! :)
		
Quebec's #2 Women's Player - Suzanne Dufresne (in white skirt) vs Ont-1	Eric Leblanc (Quebec's #2, Men's Player) vs Ont-1	Steve Wren (Que#1) vs Team Ont1
		
Eric Leblanc, Que M#2 vs Team ONT1	Suzanne Dufresne, Que W#2 vs Team ONT1	Top Row (left-to-right): Steve Wren, Viano Oghenewkewe (Captain), Mario Gagnon, Eric Leblanc  Bottom Row (left-to-right): Richard Aubé, Suzanne Dufresne, Brigitte Tourigny, Tara Newman
		

### Results:

<http://squashcanada.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/matches.aspx?id=0FB88EA-C5D9-4415-907B-305D79D9941B>

### Quebec Masters Team takes home the Gold!

Congratulations to Team Quebec for an epic win over Ontario! The Quebec Masters Team 2016 brought home the gold for the second time (in 6 years) since the team started competing, along with the bragging rights as Canadian Masters Team National Champions in the 2016 edition of the Canadian Masters Team Championships which took place at the White Oaks Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-lake from January 15-17, 2016.

The journey to Gold began with the first ever Masters Team Selection Closed Tournament that held at Club Sportif MAA from October 29 – November 1, 2015. Our esteemed Masters of Squash battled it out for a place on Team Quebec squad in the following age categories: M40+, M45+, M50+, M55+, W40+, W45+ and W50+. At the end of the Masters Team Selection Tournament, Team Quebec was ably represented by the following Masters Squash Players:

M1	Steve Wren	Sportheque, Gatineau	45+
M2	Eric LeBlanc	Sportheque, Gatineau	40+

M3	Mario Gagnon	Montcalm, Quebec	50+
M4	Richard Aube	Carrefour, Laval	55+
W1	Tara Newman	Club Sportif CDL, Montreal	40+
W2	Suzanne Dufresne	Club West Island, Montreal	45+
W3	Brigitte Tourigny	Club West Island, Montreal	50+

Next, to ensure the team was well prepared for the championships, 3 team practices were held at Club CDL on Nov-15 and Dec-13, 2015 and Jan-10, 2016. Commendations to the team for the immense effort everyone put in to train for the event and actually looking out for each other as we ramped up towards the event.

Going into the event, Quebec was seeded number 4 behind Ontario-1, Manitoba and Alberta but ahead of Saskatchewan, Ontario-2 and New Brunswick and so ended up in Pool A with Ontario-1 and Saskatchewan while Pool B included Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario-2 and New Brunswick.

The top two teams in each pool battled for the (1-4) playoff positions while the last two teams in each pool played for the (5-7) playoff positions.

In Pool A round robin matches, Quebec got off to a very good start dispatching Saskatchewan (7-0 in games) but falling to Ontario-1 (2-5 in games) in very closely contested match-ups. The loss to Ontario-1 in the early stage must have been a good thing as Team Quebec came out of that loss motivated, stating: "If we do meet Ontario-1 again, which was going to be in the finals, things would play differently". And as fate would have it, Team Quebec played hard to fly past Alberta in the semi-finals, only to match-up against Ontario-1 for the Gold Medal.

What a Gold Medal match-up with Ontario-1 this was to be! With the match count tied at (3-3), it came down to the match between Eric LeBlanc and Bruce Marrison. Eric was up (2-1 in games) and leading significantly in the 4th game at (7-2 in points). One would have thought then that it was a done deal because Eric was really playing well and had Bruce under ropes. But in a blink the score was level at (8-8 in points). Because of very easy serves, Eric made the error returning including one in which he just served his ball out by a "mile"...Talk about pressure?! Eric was under intense pressure and the Gold Medal rested squarely on the outcome of his match. Eric lost the 4th game (8-11 in points). Team Quebec knew game 5 could be anyone's but after some coaching, we all hoped Eric still got some momentum to finish it. In the end, Eric believed in himself and was mentally strong to finish it. It came right down to the wire with very long rallies, no one really dominating the other. At (7-7 in points), everyone had gathered now to watch how this will end. What anticipation when Eric had 3 match balls and was able to close it at the first opportunity. Yeah!!!

In the end, the final result was as follows:

1	Quebec - Gold
2	Ontario-1 - Silver
3	Manitoba - Bronze
4	Alberta
5	Ontario-2
6	Saskatchewan
7	New Brunswick

During the Saturday night skit presentation, the competition for "The Neddy Trophy" was a fierce contest. It appears that most teams took the social aspects of the event even more seriously than the squash! It was a wonderful evening and Team New Brunswick got to keep the Neddy Trophy for the second year running. Quebec's presentation of 'Squash Idol' not only made an impact that evening but found its way the following morning to the squash courts with our marvelous singer from Montreal called "Suzzelle" thrilling the crowd.

As I remarked during my speech on behalf of Gold medal winning Team Quebec, I find the camaraderie amongst the players exceptional and continues to be the draw towards the Masters Team Championships where players come from across Canada for the friendships and then play some squash along the way.

Finally, this summary will not be complete without special mention of all those who supported team Quebec on the road to Gold. Special thanks to Squash Quebec for their support, to Yvon Provençal for the nice blue Québec T-shirts and to Allan Sklar and Black Knight Canada for sponsoring the team. The interest in Masters Squash continues to rise and we hope that Squash Quebec will continue to increase support for the team in the future.

We look forward to the 2017 edition of the Canadian Masters Team Championships. The venue has not yet been chosen, but rumors are going around where it could potentially be. We will find out when the "rumor" settles!

À bientôt

Viano Oghenekevwe

Non-playing Captain & Certified Referee (at the event)

Laurie Lanfer  
Masters Team Chairperson & Manager

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## Résultats Équipe des Maîtres 2015

		
Quebec Team-2 – Can you say “JUMP”?	Both Quebec Masters Teams plus the Quebec players that subbed in for the other provinces. Lucie Cardyn (MAA) and Dan Dorsey (MAA) played for BC, and Genevieve Sirois (Gatineau) played for NB.	Quebec Masters Team-1
		
Quebec Masters Team-1 – Having FUN! Boy can Steve Wren jump!!	Quebec Masters Team-2	Bronze Medal Winners – Quebec Masters Team-1

### National Masters Team Championships in Quebec – January 2015!



The 2015 National Masters Team Championships were hosted at the Club Sportif CDL in Montreal Quebec on January 16-18, 2015. There is no doubt in our minds that Masters is the fastest growing segment in squash today. We had the largest group ever of players attend tryouts for the 2015 Quebec Masters Teams. With only 14 positions open, the competition was fierce for the 30+ players that showed up for the tryouts.

Original team tryouts took place at Club CDL at the beginning of October, where players from all over Quebec were invited to try out for the 2 Quebec Masters Team. Subsequent team tryouts were hosted in November and December.

Each team consisted of one each of men's 40, 45, 50, and 55, and women's 40, 45, 50. Players had to be the age of their category by the date of the tournament to qualify. Players were then organized on the team by strength regardless of the age category.

<u>Team-1</u>	<u>Team-2</u>
Steve Wren	Warren Huxham
Mario Gagnon	Stephane Lussier
Viano Oghenekewwe	Robert Beaudry
Richard Aube	Richard Brabant
Suzanne Dufresne	Roxanne Gagne
Sylvie Morneau	Danielle Shaienks
Genevieve Quesnel	Stephanie Parisot

The following Quebec players subbed in for visiting teams who were short players to complete their teams:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Substitute Players</u>
New Brunswick	Genevieve Sirois
British Columbia	Lucie Cardyn
British Columbia	Dan Dorsey

Eight teams competed in this year's competition, with two teams (as allowed) from the hosting province Quebec, and one each from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick. The eight teams were divided into two pools – A and B. Pool A included Ontario, Quebec-2, Manitoba and New Brunswick. Pool B included Alberta, Quebec-1, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

This year's captain (for both Quebec teams) was once again Viano Oghenekevwe, who played on Quebec Team-1 in the Men's 40+ category, and the team manager was Laurie Lanfer.

The competition was stiff, the matches were nerve wracking and excitingly close. And after a total of 84 matches were played over the weekend, the winners were "crowned" (or actually given medals):

- 1st Place: Ontario,
- 2nd Place: Alberta
- 3rd Place: Quebec-1

Coming all the way from the outbacks of Ottawa and Quebec City, was our team of certified referees. Special thanks to these dedicated professionals, who put forth their expertise and diplomacy with the epitome of panache: Barry Faguy, Guy Vignault, Mikola Czich, Nicole Vignault, Gerry Poole, Pierre Campeau, Gary Grant, and Viano Oghenekevwe.

Our sincere appreciation to BLACK KNIGHT CANADA who was the official sponsor of the National Master Team Championships and the Quebec Masters Teams.

***Laurie Lanfer***

National Masters (Quebec) Team Manager  
Committee Chairperson  
Quebec Masters Squash  
Montreal, May-2015

## Championnat Canadien des Maîtres 2014

January 2014 Masters: London Squash & Fitness Club - London Ontario January 17-19, 2014.

M1	Steve Wren	Gatineau
M2	Mario Gagnon	Valcartier
M3	Robert Beaudry	SS Brossard
M4	Daniel Fortin	MAA
W1	Louise Lefebvre	MAA
W2	Suzanne Dufresne	CWI
W3	Danielle Shaienks	Gatineau



The 2014 edition of the Canadian Masters Team Championships took place at the London Squash & Fitness Club in London Ontario from January 17-19, 2014. Eight teams were seeded – Ontario-1, Quebec, Ontario-2, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia. The Quebec Team was ably represented by the following:

The eight teams were divided into two pools – A and B. Pool A included Ontario-1, Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia while Pool B included Quebec, Ontario-2, Saskatchewan and the Atlantic Provinces. The first two teams in each pool battle for the 1-4 playoff positions while the last two teams in each pool play for the 5-8 playoff positions. With two courts assigned to each pool, the order of play was set as M3 and W2, followed by W1 and M4, then M1 and W3 and finally M2. In some team match-up, the winning match came down to the final M2 match.

Quebec started on a very good note dispatching the Atlantic Provinces 6-1 on Friday January 17, 2014 at 5pm. Quebec's next opponent was Ontario-2 at 9pm. With the scores tied at 2-2, the last 3 matches became very crucial. Steve Wren battled his buddy Johnny Wilson very well but ended up losing in a 5-game nail-biter. Danielle and Mario also put up a valiant fight but it was not to be our night. Quebec lost to Ontario-2 by the score of 2-5.

Quebec's last round-robin match against Saskatchewan on Saturday morning was not as easy as we thought it would be. However, the team showed resilience. The highlight of this match-up was Danielle's match against Saskatchewan's Diana Lee. Going down 0-2 quickly, everyone thought it was game over for Danielle but a little pep talk and strategy tips from Louise Lefebvre made Danielle to level up 2-2. Now with the momentum on Danielle's side, it was an easy game in the 5th. Quebec won 6-1

For the 1-4 playoffs positions, Quebec was matched-up with Ontario-1 and Alberta against Ontario-2 while for the 5-8 positions, Manitoba was matched-up with Saskatchewan and British Columbia against the Atlantic Provinces. Although Quebec lost to Ontario-1 by the score of 5-2, Steve Wren and Louise Lefebvre played very inspiring matches indicative of their tough mental strength. Steve Wren in particular, playing against David Sly, an excellent player, was already down 0-2 and facing 4 match balls in the third game, not only saved the 4 match balls, but maintained his mental composure to take down David Sly 3-2.

On Sunday morning, Quebec played Alberta for the bronze but was not lucky enough to win. Quebec lost to Alberta by the score of 3-4.

In the end, the final result was as follows:

1	Ontario-1
2	Ontario-2
3	Alberta
4	Quebec
5	British Columbia
6	Manitoba
7	Atlantic Provinces
8	Saskatchewan

During the Saturday night social, the competition for "The Neddy" Trophy, given out every year in memory of Steve Wren's father was as fierce as the squash matches played. But Quebec did not disappoint by demonstrating clearly for everyone to see how good we are at "soaking corks". See link for proof [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv\\_zBiv0w2M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv_zBiv0w2M). Quebec keeps the Neddy Trophy now for 3 years running.

Finally, an MVP price was given to one player in each team and the Quebec MVP went to Louise Lefebvre who won every single match she played by a resounding 3-0 margin except for the lone match against Ontario-1 Pam Monrad which she won by the score of 3-2.

All in all, the event was well run and the camaraderie amongst the players was exceptional. Special thanks to all, you know who you are, for making the event so enjoyable. We look forward to the 2015 edition of the Canadian Masters Team Championships coming over to Quebec when Club Sportif Cote de Liesse (CDL) hosts the event come January 16-18, 2015.

Cheers,

Viano Oghenekevwe  
Captain, Quebec Masters Team 2014 (non-playing)

Laurie Lanfer  
Manager, Quebec Master Team 2014

## 2013 Masters Team championships



January 2013 Masters: Vancouver Racquet Club, Vancouver, BC

On January 18, 2013, a gallant Quebec Masters Team set out to defend its Masters Team Championship title in Vancouver. The team was made up of the following Quebecers:

M1	Mario Gagnon	Montcalm
M2	Daniel Fortin	MAA
M3	Robin Vaillancourt	CDL
M4	Dan Dorsey	MAA
W1	Melissa Reyes	CDL
W2	Danielle Shaienks	Gatineau
W3	Lucie Cardyn	MAA

Quebec is Back!



Team Quebec was seeded #6 in a total of eight teams, four teams in each pool. Pool B includes BC1, Alberta, Quebec and Yukon. Pool A included Ontario, Manitoba, BC2 and Saskatchewan. While still battling the jet lag on Friday night, Team Quebec came out firing against the BC1 team but to no avail. The biggest highlight was that Mario Gagnon took the BC1 number 1, Trevor Latimer, to five sets, almost pulling out a huge upset. Quebec lost 7-0 to BC1. Quebec was then handled by Alberta 7-0 in the second Friday night match.

Saturday morning was a different story as Team Quebec came out and dispatched Yukon 5-2. Quebec was positioned in the consolation round to take #5 place, however Saskatchewan dashed Quebec's hopes by beating them 6-1. Quebec's lone win came from Robin Vaillancourt who wound up with a 3-2 winning record on the tournament weekend.

Sunday morning Quebec played for #7 place against Yukon and did not disappoint. Quebec took care of business and beat Yukon 6-1. Melissa Reyes played an inspired match and beat the Yukon W1 after she had lost to her the day before.

Quebec finished #7 in the tournament but finished #1 in winning the "The Neddy" Trophy. The Neddy is given out every year in memory of Steve Wren's father who believed that having fun was just as important as competing hard. Team Quebec won by singing a rousing rendition of "Quebec is Back" sung to the tune of "Take it Back" by Frank Stallone, and by delivering the Top Ten reasons why Team Quebec almost didn't come to the Tournament. Reasons:

Top 10 Reasons why Quebec almost didn't send a team to the Masters Team championships: 10) As defending Champion, Team Quebec's request to be seeded #1 was rejected. 9) The Vancouver Racquet Club would not allow us to smoke in between games. 8) The directions were not available in French. 7) No Molson Export Beer or Poutine. 6) The Montreal Canadiens were playing in Montreal tonight. 5) There was 100th Anniversary Party at Club Super Sexe. 4) We didn't know Yukon was coming. 3) No Bilingual scoring or referee. 2) We don't travel to cities that have never won the Stanley Cup. 1) Rob Pacey.

Quebec was well represented at the tournament and not surprisingly, Team Ontario finished #1 by beating BC1.

The venue for next year has not been decided, however the consensus of everyone at the banquet was that the MAA should be the site for 2014. There were no commitments and I think it would be a great idea if we could accommodate.

I look forward to the rest of the squash season.

Team pictures included. Special thank you to Carlos and Eric from Oliver Sport Canada who made sure that we looked great with our Team Quebec shirts (with the accent over the 'e').

Sincerement,

Dan Dorsey

Captain

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## 2012 Canadian Masters Team Championships

### Master's event – January 2012 – La Sporthèque, Gatineau, Quebec.

**Gatineau, Quebec:** For the second year ever, encouraged by Steve Wren (National Master's Committee, and host of the event), and organized by team captain and manager, Laurie Lanfer, the province of Quebec proudly boasted 2 teams competing in the Canadian Masters Championships hosted in Gatineau, Quebec on January 13-15, 2012.

Team tryouts and practice were organized starting at the beginning of October at Club Sportif CDL in Montreal. Players from all over the province of Quebec, in particular Montreal showed up to compete for one of the available spots on the two teams.

Because the Masters Championships was being hosted in Gatineau, Quebec, the hosting province was allowed to register 2 teams for the event.

Each team consisted of one each of men's 40, 45, 50, and 55, and women's 40, 45, 50. Players had to be the age of their category by the time of the tournament to qualify. Players were then organized by strength regardless of the age category, and order of play was Male #3, Female #2, Male #4, Female #1, Male #1, Female #3, Male #2.

The 2 teams consisted of the following players:

Team-1			Team-2		
Age / Division	Name	Club	Age / Division	Name	Club
M 40	Glen Wilson	Club Atwater	M 40	Jose Antonio Gallardo	Club Sportif MAA
M 45	Steve Wren	Sportheque Hull	M 45	Warren Huxham	Physical Park
M 50	Jeff Tory	Club Sportif MAA	M 50	Winston Wong	Club CDL
M 55	Daniel Fortin	Club Sportif MAA	M 55	Richard Duceppe	Club CDL
W 40	Louise Lefebvre	Club CDL	W 40	Martine Gariepy	Club CDL
W 45	Suzanne Dufresne	Club West Island	W 45	Stephanie Parisot	Club CDL
W 50	Danielle Shaienks	Sportheque Hull	W 50	Roxanne Gagne	Sportheque Hull

The event featured eight teams from across the country, each representing one of the provinces, with a combined team from the Atlantic Provinces.

The final match of the event came down to the pairing of former professional Glen Wilson and Ontario's #1 player Scott Kemp-Gee to determine the champion-team. Wilson defeated Kemp-Gee in three tough games to give Quebec the win over Ontario, 4 matches to 3.

Quebec Team-1 won the event, with a win over top-seeded Ontario, and Quebec Team-2 came in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

Special thanks to Squash Quebec for their support and encouragement, Club CDL for giving the courts for practice, and Black Knight Canada who sponsored the team uniforms.

### Résultats Championnat Canadien des Maîtres 2012 (.PDF)



**Laurie Lanfer**

Team Captain & Manager

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