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New Zealand takes four titles at New Zealand Masters Squash

Spearheaded by three-time world champions Barry Gardiner and Richard Purser, New Zealand took out four titles at the HEAD World Masters Squash Championship, which concluded in Christchurch this afternoon.

Gardiner (Christchurch), who was also the chairman of the organising committee, won the men's 70-74 title beating South African Brian Heath 9-6, 9-0, 9-3. This goes with the 50-54 title he won in Auckland in 1991 and 60-64 title from Sheffield in 2000. Purser (Auckland) was successful in the 65-69 section, beating Ted Vale (Aust) 9-0, 9-6, 9-1. He won previously in Melbourne in 2001 and Auckland in 1991

Kay Newman (Hamilton), another multi champion, added the women's 45-49 title to the championship she won in Melbourne in 1995, beating Sue Williams (Aust) 9-3, 9-3, 9-2.

Gary Duberly (Auckland) was the last Kiwi winner, taking the men's 40-44 section in a gruelling hour-long battle over Englishman Richard Elliott 10-8, 4-9, 9-5, 0-9, 9-2.

Final results

Men

Men 35-39: Jason Mudge (Aust) beat Scott Gardiner (NZ) 9-3, 10-8, 9-0
Men 40-44: Gary Duberly (NZ) b Richard Elliott (England) 10-8, 4-9, 9-5, 0-9, 9-2
Men 45-49: Trevor Wilkinson (RSA) b Warren Miller (Aust) 9-6, 9-3, 5-9, 9-4
Men 50-54: Geoff Davenport (Aust) b Pierr Roodt RSA) 9-1, 9-5, 9-1
Men 55-59: Michael Bester (RSA) b Bruce Turner (Aust) 9-4, 9-1, 9-6
Men 60-64: Brian Cook (Aust) b Hugh Colburn (Aust) 9-6, 6-9, 9-6, 9-0
Men 65-69: Richard Purser (NZ) b Ted Vale (Aust) 9-0, 9-6, 9-1
Men 70-74: Barry Gardiner (NZ) b Brian Heath (RSA) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3
Men 75 plus: John Irving (RSA) b Bill Berry (NZ) 5-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-6

Women

Women 35-39: Amanda Hopps (Aust) b Lisa Cowlard (Aust) 5-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-4
Women 40-44: Sarah Nelson (Aust) b Sonia Pinter (RSA) 9-2, 7-9, 7-9, 9-2, 9-2
Women 45-49: Kay Newman (NZ) b Sue Williams (Aust) 9-3, 9-3, 9-2
Women 50-54: Julie Field (England) b Lisa O'Grady (RSA) 10-9, 9-2, 9-0.
Women 55-59: Gay Mitchell (Australia) b Francie Stephenson (NZ) 9-0, 9-3, 9-3.
Women 60-64: Averil Murphy (England) b Ann Manley (England) 9-7, 9-1, 9-6
Women 65-69: Jean Grainger (RSA) b Antoinette Morris (RSA) 9-0, 9-3, 9-1
Women 70 plus: Averil Heath (RSA) 1, Jean Murray (Sco) 2, Aileen Cook (Aust) 3, Hazel Marsh (England) 4.

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