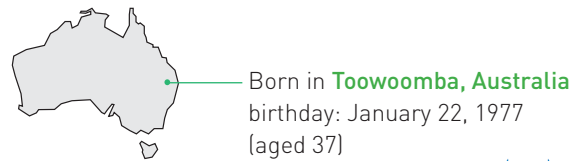


RACHAEL GRINHAM

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Australian, thirty-seven-years young, and winner of thirty-three Women's Squash Association (WSA) Tour titles, Rachael Grinham is currently the longest playing member on the WSA Tour. Grinham is a veteran in every sense of the word: tough, experienced, steady. Battling in professional tournaments since 1994, with no

mention of when she'll retire, Grinham has maintained a world top-twenty ranking since first reaching No. 18 in July 1997—and was a mainstay in the top ten for over a decade beginning in 2001. An incredibly accomplished player, *Squash Magazine* takes a look-back at Grinham's first twenty years in professional squash.



Born in **Toowoomba, Australia**
birthday: January 22, 1977
(aged 37)



2014 marks Grinham's 20th anniversary of her first pro-event: 1994 Worlds



Won four British Opens
2009, 2007, 2004, 2003

Finished the year by climbing to world No. 12; won the Milo National Open (beating the current world No. 1 Nicol David to do so) and successfully defended her Indian Open title defeating Salma Shabana

Beat England's Tania Bailey for the Singapore Open; one month later she won the Credit Suisse Privilege Ladies Open, beating Natalie Grainger for the title; won a women's doubles Bronze Medal with sister Natalie at the 2002 Commonwealth Games; climbed to No. 6

Best year in Rachael's career; became world No. 1 in August 2004; won the Kuwait Open and the Texas Open title; won the Hurghada International in Egypt and final of Brunei International; won the Bahrain WISPA Classic, the British Open, runner-up in Qatar Classic; Won World International Doubles Championship, the women's with Natalie, and mixed with David Palmer; ended the year ranked No. 1



2001



1999



Won her first tournament (22 years-old) in the Open Toulouse Central in France.

1998



Strong year for Grinham: won the Swiss Open, the Germering Open, and Indian Open; ended the year ranked No. 18 on the WISPA tour

1994



Winner of World Junior title

1993



Climbed four more places to world No. 8; first family final (Rachael v. Natalie) in the Kuala Lumpur Open, Rachael won; went on to beat Nicol David again for the DMC title in Toronto, Canada

2002

Won Vassar College Class of 1932, beating Vicky Botwright (longtime opponent); reached the finals in Heliopolis Open and Hurghada International in Egypt, but lost out both times to Carol Owens; turning point came in the 2003 British Open where Rachael pulled a semifinal upset over top seed Carol Owens and then the world No. 1, Cassie Jackman, in the final (out of four) times; ended the year ranked No. 3

2003

2004

2005

Won Commonwealth Gold with sister Natalie in Women's Doubles; pushed to No. 3 by Nicol David and Vanessa Atkinson; triumphed at the Weymuller US Open after string of losses

2006



2007

Defended her Alexandria Sporting Club Open title successfully; runner-up in the Hong Kong Open, Sharm El Sheikh Open, Monte Carlo Classic

2009

Due to an injury, Grinham was out for most of the season; stayed in the top five, but moved to No. 6 at the end of 2011

2010

Won the Texas Open

2011

Dropped out of the WSA top-10 for the first time in decade

2012

Won Victorian Open; reached semifinals of Tournament of Champions

2014



Reached semifinals of Macau Open; won mixed Commonwealth Doubles with David Palmer

MOST PLAYED OPPONENTS IN WSA EVENTS:



VICKY BOTWRIGHT
17 times



NATALIE GRAINGER
17 times



VANESSA ATKINSON
26 times



JENNY DUNCALF
18 times



OMNEYA A. KAWY
23 times



NICOL DAVID
35 times



ALISON WATERS
16 times

Rachael fell to Vanessa Atkinson in Texas Open; won her first Qatar Challenge; won the Hurghada International again; won PMI Women's Open title; She held the No. 1 spot for 16 months only losing it to Vanessa Atkinson in November; finished the year at No. 2

Won five titles: Hurghada International, Alexandria Sporting Club Open, Vassar College Class of 1932 Open, British Open, 2006 World Open

Won her fourth British Open title; won Sharm El Sheikh Open; runner-up in Qatar Classic

