



The Drysdale Cup

The winner of the Boys Under 19 competition at the British Junior Open Squash Championships (BJO) is awarded The Drysdale Cup, a magnificent-looking silver trophy of unique four-faceted design and standing well over a foot high. The Cup is named after Dr Theodore Drysdale who died in 1925 but who could be said to be the grandfather of the BJO.

Qualified as a medical doctor, Drysdale was a talented all-rounder - he was in the Cambridge rugby teams for 1900 and 1901, and in 1902 he concentrated on rowing and won his place in that year's Cambridge boat. He then took up squash and was one of the early pioneers of the game. He had joined the Royal Automobile Club where 3 squash courts had been built in its new clubhouse in Pall Mall which opened in 1911.

He won the Royal Automobile Club's first Open Championship held in the 1919/20 season, was in the Club's team to win the first Bath Club Cup competition in the 1922/23 season and went on to become one of the country's leading amateurs, touring the United States and Canada in the international team in 1924. He was said to have had '... phenomenal stamina and was one of the most persevering players that ever competed in the Amateur Championship.'

Drysdale was the first honorary secretary of the Tennis & Rackets Association's Squash Rackets Representative Committee, the game's first organising body, which went on to become the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), now England Squash.

Yet it is for his cup that Drysdale is remembered. He had a bee in his bonnet about juniors. He encouraged them and wanted them to have their own championship for which he was prepared to donate a trophy. In 1925 he was invited to chair a sub-committee to progress the idea. All was going well when Drysdale suffered a mosquito bite which became infected. He was rushed to hospital but died of acute septicaemia within a fortnight.

Drysdale's concept of a junior championship was not lost, however. As a memorial, friends at the Club decided to pursue his vision and subscribed a substantial sum for the fine silver trophy. Named the Drysdale Cup, the new prize was to be competed for by boys aged under 19. The inaugural competition took place at the Pall Mall Clubhouse in April 1926.

From 1926 to 1978 the Royal Automobile Club hosted the Drysdale Cup competition on the Pall Mall courts, where it was administered by members of the Club's squash committee and overseen by the Club's professionals, first Oke Johnson, then from 1956 Jack Giles MBE. As the competition grew, a larger venue became necessary and in 1979 it was moved to the Trojans Club in Hampshire, followed by spells at Bromley Town, then back in London first at Cannons and then Lambs.

In 1988 the tournament was extended to include under 14 and under 16 age categories and became the British Junior Open Boys Championships with the under 19's continuing to compete for the Drysdale Cup. 6 years later the boys and girl's events were brought together and the tournament became the British Junior Open.

The competition continued to expand, and in 1996 moved to Sheffield where it was hosted until 2017 with matches being played across 4 clubs in the city. The age groups were realigned in 1999 to be under 19, under 17, under 15 and under 13 and with the move from Sheffield to the University of Birmingham in 2018 an under 11 event was added. That year some 600 competitors took part, around 30 countries were represented and over 1700 matches were played, and the BJO is now regarded as the most prestigious event in the junior calendar outside the world championships.

Many of the leading competitors move on to success in the senior game, and at the time of writing, 8 out of the top 20 men in the world rankings have been Drysdale winners with a further 5 reaching the final.

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<u>Season</u>	<u>Finalists & Score</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
1925/26	C.J.Wilson (Repton) beat A.S.Fordham (Eton) 15-5, 15-1	23/04/1926	Pall Mall
1926/27	C.J.Wilson (Repton) beat M.W.Fisher (Wellington) 9-3, 9-6, 9-1	26/04/1927	Pall Mall
1927/28	K.A.Wagg (Eton) beat R.G.Bullen (St. Peter's) 9-0, 9-4, 9-8	21/04/1928	Pall Mall
1928/29	J.N.S.Ridgers (Wellington) beat T.C.S.Haywood (Winchester) 9-6, 9-7, 9-3	27/04/1929	Pall Mall
1929/30	E.N.Evans (Haileybury) beat P.I.van der Gucht (Radley) 9-2, 9-3, 9-6	28/04/1930	Pall Mall
1930/31	J.A.Gillies (Winchester) beat O.C.Browning (Harrow) 9-4, 10-8, 5-9, 10-8	25/04/1931	Pall Mall
1931/32	R.W.Beadle (Marlborough) beat N.W.D.Yardley (St Peter's) 4-9, 9-2, 9-7, 4-9, 9-3,9-3	25/04/1932	Pall Mall
1932/33	N.W.D.Yardley (St. Peter's) beat A.Burns (Oratory) 9-6, 9-5, 9-3	24/04/1933	Pall Mall
1933/34	N.W.D.Yardley (St. Peter's) beat N.E.Hooper (Marlborough) 9-0, 9-5, 9-4	23/04/1934	Pall Mall
1934/35	G.S.Panchaud (Lancing) beat L.R.Priestley (Oratory) 6-9, 9-2, 9-5, 5-9, 9-5,9-5	01/05/1935	Pall Mall
1935/36	C.M.Butler (Lancing) beat P.Sherrard (Stowe) 6-9, 9-4, 9-7, 2-9, 9-2,9-2	27/04/1936	Pall Mall
1936/37	R.S.Woodward (Lancing) beat D.G.W.Yeats-Brown (Tonbridge) 4-9, 9-7, 9-4, 9-5	26/04/1937	Pall Mall
1937/38	D.G.W.Yeats-Brown (Tonbridge) beat R.S.Woodward (Late Lancing) 9-7, 9-5, 10-9	26/04/1938	Pall Mall
1938/39	A.G.Aitchison (Cranleigh) beat C.L.Welford (Tonbridge) 9-1, 0-9, 2-9, 10-8, 9-3,9-3	22/04/1939	Pall Mall
1939/40 - 1945/46	No Competition		
1946/47	J.R.Barrington (Brighton) beat R.Treherne-Thomas (Harrow) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0	19/04/1947	Pall Mall
1947/48	D.A.Swales (Lancing) beat D.G.Owen (Brighton College) 9-2, 9-7, 9-2	24/04/1948	Pall Mall

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1948/49	M.G.Case (Marlborough) beat J.R.Partridge (Malvern) 9-1, 9-1, 9-6	30/04/1949	Pall Mall
1949/50	M.G.Case (Marlborough) beat M.J.Perkins (Late Charterhouse) 9-3, 9-1, 9-1	18/04/1950	Pall Mall
1950/51	W.J.Downey (Sedbergh) beat W.H.N.Fairweather (St. Peter's) 9-6, 19-9, 9-3	21/04/1951	Pall Mall
1951/52	N.H.R.A.Broomfield (Haileybury) beat W.J.Downey (Sedbergh) 9-2, 9-4, 9-1	26/04/1952	Pall Mall
1952/53	J.G.A.Lyon (Lancing) beat N.H.R.A.Broomfield (Haileybury) 2-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-0	25/04/1953	Pall Mall
1953/54	N.H.R.A.Broomfield (Haileybury) beat J.G.A.Lyon (Lancing)	10/04/1954	Pall Mall
1954/55	N.H.R.A.Broomfield (Haileybury) beat J.G.A.Lyon (Lancing) 9-2, 9-0, 9-3	18/04/1955	Pall Mall
1955/56	M.A.Oddy (Late Rugby) beat D.Jude (Lancing) 9-0, 9-2, 9-7	16/04/1956	Pall Mall
1956/57	D.Jude (Late Lancing) beat G.J.Sharman (Lancing) 5-9, 9-1, 9-0, 9-5	15/04/1957	Pall Mall
1957/58	D.I.Medway (Late Cheltenham) beat J.H.Smith (Late Brighton) 5-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-1, 9-4	14/04/1958	Pall Mall
1958/59	M.W.Corby (Mill Hill) beat P.D.Stokes (Rossall) 7-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5	13/04/1959	Pall Mall
1959/60	D.R.Brazier (Lancing) beat J.L.Davison (Bradfield) 9-6, 9-7, 9-3	14/04/1960	Pall Mall
1960/61	P.Gerlow (Denmark) beat G.C.Aylward (Tonbridge) 9-0, 9-4, 9-4	20/04/1961	Pall Mall
1961/62	P.Gerlow (Denmark) beat V.N.U.Wood (Loretto) 9-0, 9-1, 9-1	18/04/1962	Pall Mall
1962/63	S.Khan (Millfield) beat C.N.Stiff (Late Hurstpierpoint) 9-7, 9-2, 9-7	10/04/1963	Pall Mall
1963/64	B.Patterson (Barnard Castle) beat M.G.Young (Tonbridge) 3-9, 9-7, 8-10, 9-1, 9-5	09/04/1964	Pall Mall
1964/65	A.Nayar (India) beat W.N.F.Sabey (Brighton College) 9-4, 9-4, 9-2	14/04/1965	Pall Mall
1965/66	C.Orriss (Late Hymers) beat S.H.Courtney (City of London) 10-8, 9-6, 2-9, 3-9, 9-4	19/04/1966	Pall Mall

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1966/67	S.H.Courtney (City of London) beat W.Van Rooyen (Leiden University) 9-0, 9-3, 9-6	08/04/1967	Pall Mall
1967/68	S.H.Courtney (City of London) beat J.L.Richardson (Hurstpierpoint) 9-4, 9-2, 5-9, 9-3	06/04/1968	Pall Mall
1968/69	J.L.Richardson (Hurstpierpoint) beat R.J.Anjema (Holland) 5-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-2	18/04/1969	Pall Mall
1969/70	P.G.Verow (Barnard Castle) beat I.Robinson (St Peter's York) 9-10, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1	11/04/1970	Pall Mall
1970/71	Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) beat P.G.Verow (Barnard Castle) 9-2, 9-0, 9-6	03/04/1971	Pall Mall
1971/72	P.G.Verow (Late Barnard Castle) beat I.G.Nicholson (Late Epsom Coll.) 9-1, 9-2, 9-4	15/04/1972	Pall Mall
1972/73	B.K.O'Connor (Peckham Manor) beat T.Tovar (Sweden) 9-6, 9-5, 3-9, 9-2	14/04/1973	Pall Mall
1973/74	P.S.Kenyon (Late Blackpool Coll.) beat J.Stockenberg (Sweden) 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 7-9, 9-5	06/04/1974	Pall Mall
1974/75	P.S.Kenyon (Late Blackpool College) beat J.Stockenberg (Sweden) 6-9, 9-2, 9-5, 9-7	12/04/1975	Pall Mall
1975/76	G.Briars (Gresham's) beat N.M.Ingledew (Michaelhouse, Natal) 9-7, 10-8, 9-5	10/04/1976	Pall Mall
1976/77	G.Briars (Gresham's) beat J.Roe (Yorkshire) 5-9, 9-3, 10-8, 9-5	02/04/1977	Pall Mall
1977/78	G.Brumby (Australia) beat Z.Hussain (Pakistan) 9-6, 9-1, 9-3	08/04/1978	Pall Mall
1978/79	G.Brumby (Australia) beat J.Khan (Pakistan) 9-1, 10-8, 9-5	20/04/1979	Trojans, Eastleigh
1979/80	S.Davenport (New Zealand) beat J.Gul (Pakistan) 9-2, 9-5, 3-9, 2-9, 9-3	12/04/1980	Bromley Town
1980/81	S.Qaiser (Pakistan) beat C.Dittmar (Australia) 10-8, 4-9, 9-1, 10-9	13/04/1981	Bromley Town
1981/82	C.Dittmar (Australia) beat C.Willstrop (Yorkshire) 9-3, 9-1, 2-9, 9-3	11/01/1982	Bromley Town
1982/83	J.Hickox (Surrey) beat U.Hayat (Pakistan) 9-5, 4-9, 4-9, 9-1, 9-0	11/01/1983	Bromley Town
1983/84	D.Lloyd (Shropshire) beat R.Owen (Warwickshire) 9-2, 9-2, 9-2	11/01/1984	Bromley Town

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1984/85	D.Harris (Essex) beat G.Waite (Canada) 9-2, 9-7, 9-4	07/01/1985	Cannons, London
1985/86	D.Harris (Essex) beat M.Oxley (Notts) 6-9, 9-5, 1-9, 10-9, 9-0	05/01/1986	Cannons, London
1986/87	D.Harris (Essex) beat D.Walker (Leics) 9-1, 9-2, 9-6	05/01/1987	Lamb's, London
1987/88	D.Harris (Essex) beat S.Butt (Canada) 9-3, 9-5, 9-3	05/01/1988	Lamb's, London
1988/89	S.Parke (Yorkshire) beat S.Meads (Berkshire) 4-9, 9-1, 9-7, 9-4	05/01/1989	Lamb's, London
1989/90	P.Marshall (Leicestershire) beat S.Parke (Yorkshire) 6-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-5	05/01/1990	Lamb's, London
1990/91	S.Parke (Yorkshire) beat P.Johnson (Kent) 9-7, 9-6, 9-0	07/01/1991	Lamb's, London
1991/92	J.Raumolin (Finland) beat H.Stiff (Devon) 4-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3	07/01/1992	Lamb's, London
1992/93	J.Rennie (Cheshire) beat A.Toes (Yorkshire) 10-8, 9-2, 9-3	05/01/1993	Lamb's, London
1993/94	A.Barada (Egypt) beat A.Toes (Yorkshire) 9-3, 9-1, 9-5	05/01/1994	Lamb's, London
1994/95	I.Higgins (Essex) beat C.Tomlinson (Kent) 9-7, 9-5, 9-3	06/01/1995	Lamb's, London
1995/96	A.Faizy (Egypt) beat M.Cowie (Norfolk) 9-3, 7-9, 4-9, 9-3, 9-4	06/01/1996	Abbeydale, Sheffield
1996/97	A.Faizy (Egypt) beat A.Shabana (Egypt) 3-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-5	06/01/1997	Abbeydale, Sheffield
1997/98	Ong Beng Hee (Malaysia) beat J.Russell (Kent) 9-6, 5-9, 9-1, 4-9, 9-5	06/01/1998	Abbeydale, Sheffield
1998/99	N.Matthew (Yorkshire) beat Ong Beng Hee (Malaysia) w/o	06/01/1999	Abbeydale, Sheffield
1999/00	K.Darwish (Egypt) beat M.Abbas (Egypt) 9-6, 10-8, 9-1	06/01/2000	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2000/01	G.Gaultier (France) beat J.Willstrop (Yorkshire) 9-5, 9-7, 9-4	06/01/2001	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2001/02	J.Willstrop (Yorkshire) beat P.Barker (Essex) 9-6, 9-5, 9-4	06/01/2002	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2002/03	Safeer Ullah Khan (Pakistan) beat D.Bennett (Ned) 9-0, 0-9, 9-7, 8-10, 10-9	06/01/2003	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2003/04	S.Ghosal (India) beat M.Adel (Egypt) 9-0, 9-6, 9-1	06/01/2004	Abbeydale, Sheffield

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2004/05	B.Ashfaq (Pakistan) beat T.Momen (Egypt) 10-8, 5-9, 9-2, 9-1	06/01/2005	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2005/06	R.Ashour (Egypt) beat A.Khan (Pakistan) 9-0, 9-6, 9-0	06/01/2006	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2006/07	O.Mosaad (Egypt) beat A.Khan (Pakistan) 9-5, 6-9, 9-2, 9-2	06/01/2007	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2007/08	Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egypt) beat G.Marche (France) 9-6, 9-7, 9-1	06/01/2008	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2008/09	Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egypt) beat I.Yuen (Malaysia) 11-8, 11-7, 13-11	06/01/2009	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2009/10	Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egypt) beat K.Gawad (Egypt) 11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9	06/01/2010	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2010/11	A.Farag (Egypt) beat A.Khalifa (Egypt) 11-7, 11-4, 11-6	06/01/2011	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2011/12	Marwan El Shorbagy (Egypt) beat M.Abouelghar (Egypt) 11-3, 11-2, 11-7	06/01/2012	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2012/13	F.Desouky (Egypt) beat M.Hesham (Egypt) 12-14, 11-5, 11-8, 6-11, 11-6	06/01/2013	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2013/14	A.Al-Saraj (Jordan) beat D.Elias (Peru) 11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3	06/01/2014	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2014/15	D.Elias (Peru) beat O.Elatmas (Egypt) 13-15, 11-2, 11-1, 11-3	06/01/2015	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2015/16	Y.Soliman (Egypt) beat S.Abouaish (Egypt) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5	06/01/2016	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2016/17	V.Senthilkumar (India) beat A.Singh (India) 16-14, 11-2, 10-12, 11-7	06/01/2017	Abbeydale, Sheffield
2017/18	M.Tarek (Egypt) beat V.Crouin (France) 11-6, 13-11, 11-7	07/01/2018	Univ. of Birmingham
2018/19	M.Asal (Egypt) beat N.Wall (England) 11-4, 11-7, 4-11, 11-5	06/01/2019	Univ. of Birmingham
2019/20	M. El Sirty (Egypt) beat Y. Elnawasany (Egypt) 11-8, 11-5, 11-7	06/01/2020	Univ. of Birmingham
2020/21	No Competition (COVID)		
2021/22	S. Todd (England) beat H. Khalil (England) 9-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-5	24/07/2022	Nottingham
2022/23	F. Withington (England) beat J. Bryant (England) 11-3, 11-4, 11-8	06/01/2020	Univ. of Birmingham