

MY SQUASH STORY



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47 years ago my friends mother took us down to the Matura Squash Club to keep us busy. This was my introduction which soon became an addiction for life. It ticked all the boxes for me. I loved chasing and hitting that little black ball. Back then we had competitions for the best dive. My dad took me to my first tournament where I won the final. My dad was so proud and had never seen a match played before. The local coach soon put me in his junior squad for Makarewa and I began to progress and make many friends.

I still get butterflies before playing a new opponent. I love the camaraderie amongst the squash players and still strive to give something back to the game. I believe that if you are improving a bit over time you enjoy the game more and it keeps you motivated. The oldest age group is 85+ and I'm going to be swinging the racket and loving it at that age if my body lets me.

"Take someone down to the court and get them started. You might be doing them a great favour in life."

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.