





PATRICK JR. LAPLANTE, Junior 21 World Champion of Racketlon.

Positions:

- 1 - 🇨🇦 Patrick Junior Laplante
- 2 - 🇪🇸 Ken-Kristjan Toomjoe
- 3 - 🇦🇹 Lukas Windischberger
- 4 - 🇩🇪 Joshua Zeoli
- 5 - 🇨🇦 Jean-Michel Audet
- 5 - 🇩🇰 Alexander Oliver
- 7 - 🇳🇱 Maarten Joosten
- 8 - 🇵🇱 Kris Irek Krawcewicz
- 9 - 🇦🇹 Daniel Überall
- 9 - 🇸🇪 Victor Svahn
- 11 - 🇸🇪 Jakob Ingvarson
- 12 - 🇩🇰 Morten Jakslund
- 13 - 🇨🇪 Matej Dohnal
- 13 - 🇸🇪 Martin Ebata
- 15 - 🇸🇪 Niclas Borg
- 16 - 🇧🇪 Pieter De Bleeckere

Patrick Junior Laplante played brilliantly at the World Championships of Racketlon for winning the **Under 21 category**. It was on December 1st in Stockholm that Patrick Laplante disputed the two most important matches of its young 'career'. The match against German player Joshua Zeoli was decided by only one point, with a decisive point called the 'Gummiarm' well known and sometimes feared by the racketlon players. After recovering from these tense moments, the athlete from Granby had the rest of the day to prepare for its evening match, and he was ready for a strong finish against Ken-Kristjan Toomjoe from Estonia.

<p>Joshua Zeoli  [GER] WR: 26 8 15 21 21 65 21 21 14 10 66 +1 [2] Patrick Junior Laplante  [CAN] WR: 2 Saturday 01-12 08:45 AM</p>	<p>[4] Ken-Kristjan Toomjoe  [EST] WR: 5 16 12 21 11 60 21 21 14 15 71 +11 [2] Patrick Junior Laplante  [CAN] WR: 2</p>
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The table tennis set was played rapidly, with general advantage to either player who was going on the offensive first. With a score of 21-16, the Canadian took a precious 5 points lead on his opponent. Then he played impeccable badminton, making his opponent to run on all the length of the court. And the Estonian made many mistakes with powerful smashes just outside the side lines, scoring only 12 points against 21 for Patrick. On the squash court, it was Canadian's turn to commit a few mistakes aiming too close to the tin line. He was likely trying to finish the points quickly against an opponent who seemed destined to rule the game with his good technique and powerful strokes, at least in the first half. But the young athlete from University of Sherbrooke got back on its feet and had to use all his speed, endurance and skills to make the rallies last and to gain 14 points against 21 for its opponent. After squash, the lead of the Canadian was reduced to 7 points, cumulative of three disciplines, and therefore he needed to reach 15 points in tennis in order to secure the victory. In the first half the young Estonian was putting a lot of pressure on the defence of its opponent and made many forehand winners, reducing the lead to only 3 points. But Patrick Laplante raised his concentration and the quality of his defence, playing deeper, for taking back the loss points and finished the game with a lead of 11 points, becoming the World Champion in the category Under 21.

Matej Dohnal
[CZE] WR: 9
21 7 11 8 47
5 21 21 14 61 +14
Jean-Michel Audet
[CAN] WR: 43
Friday 30-11 09:00 AM

[1] Lukas Windischberger
[AUT] WR: 1
21 16 21 6 64 +13
14 21 7 9 51
Jean-Michel Audet
[CAN] WR: 43
Friday 30-11 02:45 PM

Jean-Michel Audet, student at University Laval, also did very well in the category Under 21, finishing in 5th position. In the second round he faced the number one seeded, Lukas Windischberger. After very close scores on table tennis and

badminton, the Austrian gave himself a comfortable lead by winning squash 21 to 7. Jean-Michel would have needed maybe 8 to 10 points additional on squash for giving himself a good chance of catching up with his opponent on tennis. With his excellent cardio, speed and endurance, he will only need to acquire more experience playing squash for being ready to fight for a top podium position next year, while Patrick Laplante will concentrate on Elite category, being no more eligible for Junior category.

Positions:

- 1 - [SWE] Stefan Adamsson
- 2 - [DEN] Kasper Jønsson
- 3 - [DEN] Jesper Ratzer
- 4 - [GER] Joey Schubert
- 5 - [DEN] Gustav Hansen
- 5 - [SWE] Martin Björkryd
- 5 - [GER] Thorsten Deck
- 5 - [GER] Michi Dickert
- 9 - [GER] Marcel Weigl
- 9 - [SWE] Christian Wall
- 9 - [CAN] Evan Mancer
- 9 - [GER] Markus Zeoli
- 13 - [FIN] Ismo Rönkkö
- 13 - [GER] Christian Wiessner
- 16 - [CAN] Patrick Junior Laplante
- 16 - [GER] Christoph Krenn
- 17 - [BEL] Peter Duyck
- 17 - [HUN] Levente Nándori
- 17 - [AUT] Paul Twisterling
- 17 - [SLO] Janez Makovec
- 21 - [SWE] Pär Mattsson
- 21 - [GER] Marcel Kravec
- 21 - [GER] Alexander Köpf
- 21 - [BUL] Stelian Stankov

In the **Elite category**, for all ages, there were two Canadians in the round of the last 16. Evan Mancer from Manitoba finished in 9th position for a second consecutive year. He lost to German player Thorsten Deck, ranked 5th on the world ranking, but he also registered victories against Levente Nándori and Ismo Ronkko, ranked respectively 17th and 15th. The other player in the round of 16 was Patrick Junior Laplante and he played against the Austrian Michi Dickert, 6th on the world ranking. It is on squash where Michi Dickert gave himself a comfortable lead. Take it while you can ("ce n'est que partie remise"), because Patrick plan on improving his squash game in the upcoming year.

And for me, Dany Lessard, I finished 5th in the Category 50 and above. Let's get back on training this week.

Written by: Dany Lessard

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The smiles of World Champions, Nathalie Zeoli, Women Elite, Patrick Jr. Laplante, Junior 21 and Under.