



## **Hippos (Sussita) 2003 – 4<sup>rd</sup> Season**

### **Locus Card**

Locus No. L537

#### **Archaeological Context**

Locus Status: open

Locus Type: burial

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church:

Opening Date: 29 July

Opening Height: 129.96

Closing Date:

Closing Height: 129.62

#### **Locus Location**

General Description of Borders:

Interior of sarcophagus box in cist tomb

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
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	X coordinate	Y coordinate
North East	518.09	610.09
South West	518.41	607.41

#### **General Description and Soil Analysis**

Much soil from above had worked its way into the tomb.

#### **Chronology of Excavation**

29 July

- In Square B2A
  - Starting elevation = 129.96
  - Ending elevation = 129.62
  - Drew the covering of the north tomb.
  - Opening the tomb
  - Visible was a seemingly complete, undisturbed skeleton. The sarcophagus was approximately 1/3 full of dirt, some of which had come in during antiquity and some of which entered as a result of the current excavation.

- Removed sifted dirt to the top level of the bones. Skull (broken), shoulders and arms seem in natural burial position.
- As approximately 7cm of tightly packed dirt remain about the remaining bones. As only two days remained in the season, the final excavation of the remains was postponed to the following season.

### Pottery and Small Finds

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### Concluding Remarks

This locus will be the one critical focus in 2004.