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JSW PSA / WSA Indian Circuit No.4 2014

At Indian Squash Academy, Chennai : 26th October 2014

Hat-trick of titles for Harinder Pal, double for Dipika Pallikal



Winner of the Circuit no 4 Harinder & Dipika

Harinder Pal Sandhu helped himself to his 3RD title and Dipika Pallikal her 2nd on the trot in the four-leg JSW Challenger Squash Circuit.

Harinder defeated the top seeded Egyptian Karim Ali Fathi while top seed Pallikal, the world No12 from Chennai, faced second seed Misaki Kobayashi in the final. The highest-ranked Japanese player of all-time, ranked 27 places lower, reached the climax without dropping a game.

"It feels great to be playing at my best. It all started with the gold medal performance in the Asian Games and I am hoping to continue like this. Hopefully these three title wins should help me jump in my ranking this year. I am thankful to all my coaches in ISA for this wonderful run in

form," said Harinder.

"It was a good win for me," said Pallikal after picking up the ninth WSA World Tour title of her career. "This is my second title of the year and to play in front of family and friends is always nice.

India's first professional squash circuit brought 108 players together, competing in four tournaments across three cities.

"This circuit is one of our key sponsorships," said Gopul Hosur, Vice President of Corporate Relations for the JSW Group and the tournament's chief guest.

Results

ALL MEN'S

Final:

[2] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [1] Karim Ali Fathi (EGY) 11-8, 11-3, 11-6 (42m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Karim Ali Fathi (EGY) bt [5] Ravi Dixit (IND) 11-7, 11-6, 15-13 (60m)

[2] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Hossam Nasser (EGY) 11-7, 11-4, 11-4 (27m)

ALL WOMEN'S

Final:

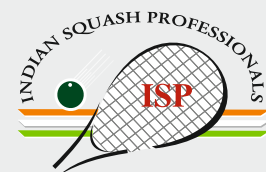
[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [2] Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) 11-6, 11-2, 11-8 (35m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [3] Siyoli Waters (RSA) 11-4, 10-12, 11-8, 11-5 (42m)

[2] Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) bt [4] Birgit Coufal (AUT) 11-6, 11-4, 11-5 (28m)

Ashita Pranaya Bhengra (IND) bye



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JSW PSA / WSA Indian Circuit No.3 2014

At National Sports Club of India, Mumbai : 19 October 2014



Results

ALL MEN'S

Final:

[1] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [4] Shehab Essam Hosny (EGY) 11-9, 11-7, 11-7 (50m)

Semi-finals:

[4] Shehab Essam Hosny (EGY) bt [2] Ammar Altamimi (KUW) 11-6, 7-11, 11-3, 11-3 (50m)

[1] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Karim El Hammamy (EGY) 9-11, 11-8, 11-7, 12-10 (73m)

ALL WOMEN'S

Final:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [6] Nouran El Torky (EGY) 14-12, 12-10, 11-7 (46m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [4] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) 11-3, 11-6, 11-3 (36m)

[6] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [2] Laura Pomportes (FRA) 11-8, 13-11, 8-11, 11-9 (60m)

JSW PSA / WSA Indian Circuit No.2 2014

at Juhu Gymkhana Club, Mumbai : 12 October 2014

Results

Final:

[2] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [1] Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 14-12, 15-13, 11-4 (52m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Zahed Mohamed (EGY) bt [Q] Sanjay Singh (MAS) 11-9, 11-9, 12-10 (46m)

[2] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [8] Shehab Essam Hosny (EGY) 11-6, 4-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-9 (91m)

ALL WOMEN'S

Final:

[5] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [4] Chloe Mesic (FRA) 11-3, 11-5, 11-6 (35m)

Semi-finals:

[5] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [1] Laura Pomportes (FRA) 11-8, 11-7, 11-8 (46m)

[4] Chloe Mesic (FRA) bt [2] Birgit Coufal (AUT) 11-4, 4-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-1 (58m)



JSW PSA / WSA Indian Circuit No.1 2014

at Jaipur : 5 October 2014



Results

ALL MEN'S

Final:

[3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [1] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-5, 11-5, 11-6 (65m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Angus Gillams (ENG) 12-10, 11-3, 11-2 (45m)

[3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [7] Adam Murrills (ENG) 11-5, 9-11, 11-6, 11-2 (55m)

ALL WOMEN'S

Final:

[4] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [2] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) 11-3, 11-8, 11-4 (43m)

Semi-finals:

[4] Nouran El Torky (EGY) bt [1] Birgit Coufal (AUT) 11-5, 11-7, 12-10 (37m)

[2] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) bt [3] Chloe Mesic (FRA) 11-4, 6-11, 8-11, 11-3, 11-6 (50m)

Results

62nd Senior National Championship 2014

At CCI, Mumbai : 8th November, 2014

Sandhu, Joshana supreme



National Champs Harinder & Joshna with their trophies

Third seed Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu dethroned favourite Saurav Ghosal for his maiden national men's crown, while Joshana Chinappa helped herself to her 13th women's title, in the 62nd Senior National Squash Championship, at the Cricket Club of India.

Sandhu, who led 2-0, denied Ghosal a 10th national title with a 11-2, 11-9, 9-11, 8-11, 11-9 victory, in an absorbing 74-minute championship round that could have gone either way. Top seed Chinappa prevailed over second seed Sachika Ingale of UP 11-4, 11-6, 11-6 in the women's final. "I am trying to break Bhuvaneshwari Kumari's record of 16 titles," revealed Chinappa.

Top seed Parthiban Iyyappan of Tamil Nadu was denied his sixth straight title when he went down to second seed Paramjit Singh of Delhi in the Professionals final.

All Finals

Men: 3-Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (TN) bt 1-Saurav Ghosal (WB) 11-2, 11-9, 9-11, 8-11, 11-9.

Women: 1-Joshana Chinappa (TN) bt 2-Sachika Ingale (UP) 11-4, 11-6, 11-6.

Professionals: 2-Paramit Singh (Del) bt 1-Parthiban Ayyappan (TN) 11-8, 8-11, 11-8, 13-11.

SEMI FINALS:

Men:

1-Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Ravi Dixit (TN) 11-7, 11-7, 12-14, 11-8;
Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (TN) bt 2-Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mah) 11-4, 11-4, 11-7.

Women:

1-Joshana Chinappa (TN) bt Akanksha Salunkhe (Goa) 11-4, 11-5, 11-6;
2-Sachika Ingale (UP) bt 3-Urwashi Joshi (Mah) 4-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-6.

Professional:

1-Parthiban Ayyappan (TN) bt Sanjay Pawar (Mah) 11-5, 11-6, 11-4;
2-Paramit Singh (Del) bt B. Balamurugan (TN) 11-4, 11-4, 11-8.

71st CCI-Western India Junior Open Squash Tournament 2014

At CCI, Mumbai : 8th November, 2014

Results

ALL FINAL

U-9: Siddhant Rewari (Mah) bt 2-Aditya Chandani (Mah) 11-9, 14-12, 11-7.

Girls U-11: N Mounisha (TN) bt 1-Yuvna Gupta (Mah) 11-3, 12-10, 13-11.

Boys U-11: 2-Shreyas Mehta (Mah) bt 1-Jeh Pandole (Mah) 11-9, 11-2, 11-5.

Girls U-13: Ananya Dabke (Mah) bt Anannya Morey (Mah) 4-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-9.

Boys U-13: 1-Yash Fadte (Goa) bt Advait Adik (Mah) 11-9, 11-6, 11-3.

Girls U-15: Navmi Sharma (Mah) bt 1-Aakanksha Rao (Mah) 11-7, 5-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7.

Boys U-15: 2-Chaitanya Shah (Mah) bt 1-Tushar Shahani (Mah) 11-8, 6-11, 11-8, 11-5.

Girls U-17: 1-Jui Kalgutkar (Mah) bt 2-Aishwarya Bhattacharya (Mah) 7-11, 7-11, 11-9, 15-13, 11-4.

Boys U-17: Robin Singh Mann (Del) bt Yash Bhargava (Mah) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7.

Girls U-19: Aakanksha Salunkhe (Goa) bt 1-Adya Advani (Del) 11-3, 11-8, 11-6.

Boys U-19: Velavan Senthilkumar (TN) bt Vijay Kumar (TN) 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-8.

3rd Sunil Verma Memorial Open Squash Championship 2014

At Jindal Squash Academy, Vashind
30th November 2014



All the winners along with Sanjay Goel (Vice-President, JSW)

Results

All Finals

GIRLS U-11 : Yuvna Gupta bt N Mounisha 9-11, 11-5, 11-3, 3-11, 11-8

GIRLS U-13: Aryaa Ogale bt Jannia Singh 12-10, 11-9, 11-8

GIRLS U-15: Diya Joukani bt Akanksha Rao 11-6, 11-5, 12-10

GIRLS U-17: Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Koel Shankar 11-4, 11-5, 11-7

BOYS U-19: Aishwary Singh bt Yohan Darius Pandole 11-6, 4-11, 11-8, 9-11, 12-10

BOYS U-17: Adhitya Raghavan bt Sandeep Paswan 11-2, 11-6, 11-8

BOYS U-15 : Rahul Baitha bt Aryan Parekh 11-6, 8-11, 7-11, 11-4, 11-9

BOYS U-13 : Deepak Mandal bt Advait Adik 7-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-3

BOYS U-11 : Shreyas Mehta bt Jay Vaknalli 11-3, 11-7, 11-5

Sub Junior-Junior National Squash Championship 2014

at Indian Squash Academy, Chennai: 1st Nov '14

9th title to Kush as Harshit retains her title in Junior Squash Nationals



Kush Kumar and Harshit Kaur Jawanda in action

Kush Kumar graduated to the senior level with his ninth national title after he claimed the Under-19 boy's trophy in the Junior Squash Nationals, which concluded in Chennai. Meanwhile, Delhi's Harshit Kaur Jawanda retained her Under-19 girls title.

Abhisheka Shannon, daughter of former International athlete Angela Lincy and Football coach Robin became the new champion in the girls Under-11 category. Shannon took time to settle down before setting aside the challenge of top seed Diksha Aurubindo of Tamil Nadu.

Yet another creditable effort came from Adya Advani, the second seed in the girls U-17 section, as she toppled the top seeded Akanksha Salunkhe of Goa in five games.

The boys' title in the U-17 category was grabbed by Velavan Senthilkumar.

Results

Boys U-19 : Kush Kumar (1) (TN) bt Vijay Kumar (2) (TN) 11-5, 11-7, 11-6.

Boys U-17: Velavan Senthilkumar (1) (TN) bt Robin Singh Mann (5/8) (Del) 11-7 11-1 11-6.

Boys U-15: Tushar Shahani (1) (Mah) bt Chaitanya Shah (2) (Mah) 11-9 11-9 11-8.

Boys U-13: Yash Fadte (1) (Goa) bt Advait Adik (3/4) (Mah) 11-8 13-11 11-2.

Boys U-11: Jeh Pandole (1) (Mah) bt Shreyas Mehta (2) (Mah) 11-9 15-13 11-5.

Girls U-19 : Harshit Kaur Jawanda (2) (Del) bt Lakshya Ragavendran (1) (TN) 9-11 10-12 11-8 11-4 11-7.

Girls U-17: Adya Advani (2) (Del) bt Akanksha Salunkhe (1) (Goa) 11-7 6-11 11-6 3-11 11-9.

Girls U-15: Nikita Joshi (1) (Mah) bt Amita Gondhi (5/8) (AP) 11-6 11-9 11-3.

Girls U-13: Megha Bhatia (2) (Del) bt Ananya Dabke (5/8) (Mah) 12-10 12-14 11-9 7-11 11-6.

Girls U-11: Abhisheka Shannon (3/4) (TN) bt Diksha Aurobindo (1) (TN) 7-11 11-8 11-7 11-7.

Prosquash speaks to upcoming squash player Shreyas Mehta, Yash Bargava and Arya Ogle

Shreyas Mehta

Shreyas Mehta is a very talented player from National Sports Club of India, Worli, Mumbai. In just a year of tournament participation, he has climbed to India No-2 position. He was Boys Under-11 runner up in the Junior Nationals at Chennai in October 2014. In the Western India Open immediately after that, he put up a scintillating display of squash to beat the National Champion Jeh Pandole 3-0 in the final. Prosquash interviews this unstoppable player.



Prosquash- Please tell us a bit about yourself.

Shreyas- I am a grade 5 student of Activity High School, Mumbai. Originally, our family belongs from Bhinmal, Dist., Jalore (Rajasthan, India).

Prosquash- Tell us about how you took up Squash?

Shreyas- My father introduced me to squash. He enrolled me for coaching in early 2013 and I was a top-seeded player under 11 boys category by July 2014!

Prosquash- How do you train? How do you balance training with studies? Who all influence you to excel?

Shreyas- It starts with waking up early! My day begins at 5 am. After some exercises, I train under my coaches Ajaz Sheikh and Yakub Shaikh till 7 in the morning at NSCI. After school, I complete my home assignments and projects, study for tests and so on.

My weekends are also devoted to coaching and practice from 1:00pm to 4:00pm under Mr. A I Singh's Team. They teach me strategies and tactics, and give me tips on everything, right from what I should eat, my exercise and so on.

Prosquash- What are your latest achievements in squash, as well as other sports and co curricular activities?

Shreyas- I won the title in Boys U11 at the recently held JSW 3rd Sunil Verma Memorial Open Squash Tournament, I had slipped to 2nd position in the Sub Junior / Junior National Championship in October end but regained the 1st position in the 71st CCI Western India Open Squash Tournament by early November. This was one of my best performances, but there have been many earlier as well.

Prosquash- What are your other interests apart from Squash?

Shreyas- I like Athletics. I won the Sub Juniors Championship Trophy for my performance in the 50 and 100 metres Run as well as the 4x 100 metres Relay at the Activity School Athletic Meet last year (42nd Activity School Athletics Meet Nov 2013). I also play inter school football.

Prosquash- What is your ambition?

Shreyas- I want to represent India at the Asian Games in the Junior Boys Category. I also want to win the British Open Squash Championship. I aim to be World No 1 in my category. Most importantly, I want to continue playing well.

Arya Ogle



Arya Ogle is an immensely talented player from Thane, near Mumbai. In our view, in the near future she will be right at the top ranks of Indian squash.

Prosquash- Kindly provide your background- your school, where you play, how you took up squash, your progress from beginning till now.

Aryaa- I am 12 years old and I stay at Hiranandani Estate, Thane. I study in Hiranandani Foundation School, class 7.

My parents always wanted me to take up a sport along with my studies. With squash courts available at our club house I started playing the game when I was 8 years and gradually started liking it. After sometime I became quite serious about the game.

I started to play "under 9" category in tournament and entered under 11 Girls category in Nov 2011. I performed very well and over a period of 10 months I entered the top 8 in my category in 2012. The same year I finished 4th in the Jr. National Championship which were held in Mumbai. In the year 2013, I continued to performed well in all the major tournaments, including the Jr National Championship at Indore 2013, where I secured 3rd position in Girls under 11. I moved to under 13 Girls category and finished 7th in Jr National Championship at Chennai in 2014. Recently I won the Sunil Verma Memorial Squash tournament which was held in Jindal, Mumbai. I successfully defended my title which I had won last year and was also awarded the Most Promising Girl.

I am now preparing for the National team selection which will happen in May 2015.

Prosquash- Do tell us about your training regime!

Aryaa- My Training is a mix of court and physical training. This year under my coach Kuwar Sir's guidance I am focusing more on the physical training and I train 3 days a week on the same. This includes lower and upper body, cardio and agility training. I do my court training for 6 days a week. I have rigorous 2 hours training on Saturdays and Sundays in which, me and my coach focus on my shortfalls and identify the mistakes. We also do various pressure drills, conditional games and focus on getting the perfection in my shots and shot selection. For remaining 4 days I practice my lengths, volleys and do specific drills and work on my drawbacks.

Prosquash- That's well planned training! How do your school and family encourage you?

Aryaa- My school supports me a lot by allowing me to take leave. They also take care of my class tests by allowing me to appear once I am back from tournaments. My family is a big support to me. My parents and my coach always support, encourage and motivate me a lot mainly when I do not perform well or when I am feeling low.

Prosquash- What is your ambition in squash?

Aryaa- My first goal in year 2015 is to be a part of the Indian team for Asian Jr in Iran in Aug 2015. I am aiming to win the Jr National Championship which will be held in Kolkata in Oct 2015. Then to work very hard to achieve my ambition to represent my country in Asian Games and Commonwealth games.

Prosquash- Do you have any favorite player/s?

Aryaa- Joshna Chinappa, Nicol David, Saurav Ghosal, Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu and Ramy Ashour.

Prosquash- Do you have interests other than squash? If there is anything you'd like to share, please do.

Aryaa- Mathematics is my favorite subject and I like to practice it. I also love to listen to music mainly of Selena Gomez, Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber and I also like dancing.

Yash Bhargava



Yash Bhargava is a Boys Under 17 player from Delhi. He has consistently been ranked in the top 4 in India. Extremely skilled and talented, a national title has eluded him so far. Prosquash catches up with him to find out more about him.

Prosquash- Kindly provide your background- your school, where you play, how you took up squash, your progress from beginning till now

Yash- I was born in Mumbai and brought up in Delhi, I am a student of class X in Delhi Public school Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. I've learnt roller skating since 3 1/2 yrs of age. At the age of 4 years, I skated 65KMS from New Delhi to Manesar in a rally lending support to the blind. In March 2005 I was the youngest to roll on skates for the first time

from New Delhi all the way to Jaipur (257km) and in succession for the third time in March 2007. The Rally was organized by the Delhi State Skating Association.

I took up squash while watching my Father play. I started my training at Noida Squash academy under Mr. Puneet Singh. Within a span of 6 yrs I have made significant achievements at International and National level. Apart from sports I have been an outstanding in academics also.

Prosquash- That's amazing! Please elaborate on your various tournament results. Do tell us about your training regime.

Yash- This year, I won the Bengal Junior Open title in Boys Under-17. I was runner up in CCI Western India Open, 3rd in Jaipur Open, Pune Open and NSCI Open. In 2013, I was 3rd at the Junior Nationals in Boys U-15. In 2011, I was runner up at the Nationals in Boys Under-13, at Jodhpur.

I get up at 5 am in the morning and then leave for school at 6.30 am and then after coming from school at 3.30 pm then I leave for my squash training to Nodia which is about 30 minutes drive. I generally do training for 6 days a week and play about 2.5 hours a day, which includes various drills, matches and fitness; sometimes I take personal sessions with my coach to improve my techniques and game. Along with this to increase my strength and power I do weight training for 4-5 hrs in a week.

Prosquash- How do your school and family encourage you?

Yash- It was my parent's motivation and encouragement that helped me to succeed in squash. My mother is very special to me, she takes care of my day to day routine ensuring a proper diet and also helps me in making a balance between my studies and sports activity. My father helps me in coordinating with my school and coach and he also helps me in planning for my various tournaments.

Prosquash- What is your ambition in squash?

Yash- My ambition is to play for my country and make everybody proud.

Prosquash- Do you have any favorite player/s?

Yash- There are many players whom I love to watch but amongst them James Willstrop is one of the favorite players. I love watching good players as I learn new things from them that helps me to improve my skills and technique.

Prosquash- Do you have interests other than squash?

Yash- Other than squash I love playing football with my friends and also enjoy long distance running which keeps me fit and increase my stamina.

Rehman Saiyed



Prosquash speaks to Rehman Saiyed squash coach to National players Aakansha Salunkhe and Yash Fadte.

Prosquash : Brief introduction about yourself.

Rehman : I am 40 yrs. I migrated from Karnataka along with my parents in 1984. I was very keen on playing all sports and even had a brief stint as tennis coach. I always liked squash but I was a tennis coach for 3 to 4 years. Just because of the monsoon, I had to move to indoor sport. That is when I dedicated myself entirely to Squash.

Prosquash : When and where did you start coaching?

Rehman : When I was small I would dream of becoming a sports player and my dream came true, I was the first squash player and first squash coach in Goa, where I started as a coach. Now my students are successful and playing squash worldwide. I'm presently a Level II Coach. I am appointed for India Squash Academy (SRFI) as Squash Development Officer.

Prosquash : How about your playing performance and position you reached?

Rehman : I was India's Top 8 player, played for National level. My best performance is at Maharastra Open- reached semi-finals.

Prosquash : Who are the students coached by you.

Rehman : Students Coached by me are. Akanksha Salunkhe, Yash Fadte, Rahil Paris, Yash Salunkhe, Armaan Chowfin. I Have presently 55 students coaching under me.

Prosquash : Who amongst them have reached the National Level?

Rehman : 12 students are National Level players some of them are: Akanksha Salunkhe, Yash Salunkhe, Yash Fadte, Armaan Chowfin, Atharva Yadav, Aryan Naik.

Prosquash : According to you who is the best player whom you have coached?

Rehman : Akanksha Salunkhe - India's no. 1 player representing India. Yash Fadte - Best player of 2014 as Asia no.1, India no. 1 (under 13 boys).

Prosquash : In squash 20yrs ago and now..... How has the life changed for the professionals (squash coaches) What is your message for other squash coaches?

Rehman : Previously this game was not popular as there were no students, no courts to play, no rackets and financial problems. Presently there is a vast change as parents are more supportive and pushing there kids more. Squash has become Goa's popular and hot game as we have more students, more courts and more sponsors.

If one coach can reach this level by full dedication then in future we will have great players and successful coaches all over India and our country will be on top.

Harinder Pal Sandhu wins gold in Men's squash

at Beach Games at Phuket, Thaliand 16th November 2014



Harinder Pal Sandhu & Liu Tsz-Wing winner of Beach games

India's Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu held his own to defeat Hong Kong's Yip Tsz Fung in an exciting three-game affair to win gold in the men's squash event at the Asian Beach Games, which took place at Phuket in Thailand.

Apart from Sandhu, India got two more bronze medals in Kush Kumar (men's singles) and Aparajitha Balamurukan (women's singles). Harinder, ranked 60 in the world, was 23 rungs above Fung but the contest was more even than the rankings suggested.

Harinder later said, "This is a superb tournament and am proud to win a gold medal for my country. It has been a memorable week. Firstly, I was honoured when IOA selected me to carry the Indian flag at the opening ceremony and now I am going home with a gold medal. Playing in the outdoor setting was special," he said.

Results

Final:

[1] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [2] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) 7-2, 5-7, 7-3 (16m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [3/4] Muhammad Asim Khan (PAK) 7-1, 7-1

[2] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) bt [3/4] Kush Kumar (IND) 7-6, 7-1

Quarter-finals:

[1] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Navid Maleksabet (IRI) 7-1, 7-2

[3/4] Muhammad Asim Khan (PAK) bt Chi Him Wong (HKG) 7-4, 7-3

[3/4] Kush Kumar (IND) bt Phuwis Poonsiri (THA) 7-2, 7-4

[2] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) bt Abbas Shoukat (PAK) 7-4, 7-6

ALL Women's results

Final:

[2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt [1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 7-2, 7-0 (10m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt [3/4] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 7-4, 7-6

[2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt [3/4] Li Dongjin (CHN) 7-4, 7-6

Quarter-finals:

[1] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt Riffat Khan (PAK) 7-3, 7-3

[3/4] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) bt Duan Siyu (CHN) 7-2, 7-4

[3/4] Li Dongjin (CHN) bt Catur Yuliana (INA) 7-6, 7-2

[2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt Sammer Anjum (PAK) 7-1, 7-1

PDC Cup

at Atlanta, Georgia, USA : 20th November 2014

Manek Mathur Makes it big in doubles



Manek Mathur extreme left alongwith his teammates

For the first time since the 2011 Briggs Cup final, Manek Mathur & Yvain Badan have upset joint world No. 1's Damien Mudge & Ben Gould to win their first title of the season—the \$40,000 PDC Cup at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta, Georgia. "Going into the final obviously we wanted to try something different because we've lost to these guys plenty of times," Mathur said. "We just wanted to make sure that we were extremely disciplined with our approach, and made sure that realizing from the first point on that we had to put up a good fight and be on court for at least two or three hours to beat these guys."

"Our short game was clinical on the day," Mathur continued. "We managed to put a lot of pressure on them. Defensively, we did a decent job, and we really tried to attack and put some pressure. In the third, we weren't as clean or precise as we needed to be, so we improved that and overall put in a good performance."

Mathur was impressed with the growing enthusiasm for doubles in an event that's grown \$20,000 in prize money since its inception in 2012. "The membership there is really excited about doubles and always gets really involved in all of the matches whether spectating or playing in the Pro Am."

International - News & Results

Women's Wadi Degla World Championship 2014

at Egypt : 12-20 December 2014

Final:

[1] Nicol David (MAS)
bt [3] Raneem El
Welily (EGY) 5-11, 11-
8, 7-11, 14-12, 11-5
(66m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS)
bt [10] Omneya Abdel
Kawy (EGY) 11-9, 9-
11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5
(64m)
[3] Raneem El Welily
(EGY) bt [5] Alison
Waters (ENG) 11-6,
11-9, 9-11, 11-5
(48m)



Nicol David 8th title in World Championship

Quarter-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [6] Camille Serme (FRA) 11-9, 11-7, 13-11 (43m)
[10] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) bt [7] Low Wee Wern (MAS) 12-10, 11-3,
11-4 (30m)
[3] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [8] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) 11-7, 11-9, 11-13,
11-5 (43m)
[5] Alison Waters (ENG) bt [2] Laura Massaro (ENG) 12-14, 11-2, 11-7, 11-9
(52m)

2nd round:

[7] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt Joshana Chinappa (IND) 6-11, 11-3, 11-13, 11-
7, 11-8 (64m)
[3] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [14] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 7-11, 11-5, 11-3,
11-6 (50m)

1st round:

Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [12] Madeline Perry (IRL) 14-12, 11-7, 4-11, 11-
7 (50m)
[14] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [Q] Samantha Teran (MEX) 9-11, 10-12, 11-6,
11-4, 11-7 (75m)

England are Champ while India settles for 14th place in Womens Shop CA WSF World Team Championship 2014

at Canada : 6th Dec 2014



Results

Final

[2] ENGLAND bt [3] MALAYSIA 2/1
Sarah-Jane Perry bt Delia Arnold 11-8, 11-9, 11-7 (44m)
Laura Massaro lost to Nicol David 8-11, 9-11, 3-11 (44m)
Alison Waters bt Low Wee Wern 11-8, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4 (69m)

3rd place play-off

[1] EGYPT bt [4] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0

13th place play-off:

[13/16] MEXICO bt [13/16] INDIA 2/0
Karla Urrutia bt Sachika Ingale 11-8, 11-5, 4-11, 11-7 (27m)
Samantha Teran bt Joshana Chinappa 11-9, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9 (48m)
Nayelly Hernandez v Anaka Alankamony (match withdrawn)

Sachika Ingale loses in the quarter-finals of Women's ORC Open 2014

at Canada : 12 December 2014

Final:

[2] Hollie Naughton (CAN) bt [4] Maria Toorpakai Wazir (PAK) 8-11, 11-6, 5-11, 11-1, 12-10

Semi-finals:

[4] Maria Toorpakai Wazir (PAK) bt [1] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) 16-14, 11-4, 11-8
[2] Hollie Naughton (CAN) bt [3] Nikki Todd (CAN) 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-9

Quarter-finals:

[1] Cheyna Tucker (RSA) bt [8] Sachika Ingale (IND) 12-10, 11-9, 8-11, 12-10
[4] Maria Toorpakai Wazir (PAK) bt [5] Catalina Pelaez (COL) 11-9, 11-7, 8-11, 10-12, 14-12
[3] Nikki Todd (CAN) bt [7] Micaala Seth (CAN) 11-4, 10-12, 11-4, 11-7
[2] Hollie Naughton (CAN) bt [6] Alexandra Fuller (RSA) 6-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-8

1st round:

[8] Sachika Ingale (IND) bt Karina Heredia Gonzalez (MEX) 11-4, 14-12, 11-2 (14m)



Hollie Naughton



Sachika Ingale

Eric Galvez of Mexico beats Top Seed Campbell Grayson of New Zealand in the finals of Men's Memorial Betty Griffin Florida State Open 2014

7 December 2014

Results



Eric Galvez



Vikram Malhotra

Finals :

[5] Eric Galvez (MEX) bt [1] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-9, 11-9, 3-11, 11-8 (65m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt [4] Shawn Delierre (CAN) 11-5, 6-11, 12-10, 6-11, 12-10 (120m)

[5] Eric Galvez (MEX) bt [Q] Christopher Binnie (JAM) 11-5, 11-6, 6-11, 11-5W

Quarter-finals:

[1] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt [WC] Angus Gillams (ENG) 11-0, 11-7, 11-9

[4] Shawn Delierre (CAN) bt [Q] Reuben Phillips (ENG) 11-7, 11-5, 11-8

[Q] Christopher Binnie (JAM) bt Shahjahan Khan (PAK) 11-6, 11-9, 12-10

[5] Eric Galvez (MEX) bt [2] Alfredo Avila (MEX) 11-8, 14-12, 11-8

Qualifying finals:

Graeme Schnell (CAN) bt Vikram Malhotra (IND) 11-6, 7-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7

1st qualifying round:

Vikram Malhotra (IND) bt Josue Enriquez (GUA) 11-7, 11-2, 11-6

Karim Abdel Gawad beats Chris Simpson of England in the finals of Men's Dubai Cup 2014

27 November 2014



Karim Abdel Gawad



Sandeep Ramachandran

Results

Final:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [2] Chris Simpson (ENG) 5-11, 11-6, 11-8, 6-11, 11-4 (63m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [6] Nasir Iqbal (PAK) 14-12, 3-0 ret. (18m)

[2] Chris Simpson (ENG) bt Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) 11-7, 11-7, 11-8 (39m)

Quarter-finals:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [7] Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 8-11, 11-7, 12-10, 11-8 (71m)

[6] Nasir Iqbal (PAK) bt [3] Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) 11-5, 11-4, 9-11, 14-12 (45m)

Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) bt Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) 11-8, 11-9, 11-8 (40m)

[2] Chris Simpson (ENG) bt Paul Coll (NZL) 11-4, 11-5, 8-11, 11-5 (45m)

Qualifying finals:

Muhammad Asim Khan (PAK) bt Sandeep Ramachandran (IND) 11-5, 12-10, 11-6 (30m)

1st qualifying round

Sandeep Ramachandran (IND) bt Amaad Fareed (PAK) w/o



Ramy Ashour

Egyptian Ramy Ashour, the 27-year-old appearing in his first competitive tournament since May's Allam British Open, defied the odds to claim his third world crown, beating compatriot Mohamed Elshorbagy in a thrilling final of the Qatar PSA World Championship in Doha.

Ashour, who has been plagued with injuries since retiring during his 2013 World Championship semi-final, completed a miraculous return to action to come through 13-11, 7-11, 5-11, 11-5, 14-12 in a dramatic 90-minute encounter that saw both players squander match balls before Ashour eventually prevailed in a repeat of his 2012 victory over Elshorbagy, at the same venue.

Ramy Ashour is 2014 World Champion of Men's Qatar PSA World Championship 2014

21 November 2014

Final:

[4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [2] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 13-11, 7-11, 5-11, 11-5, 14-12 (90m)

Semi-finals:

[4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [1] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 17-15, 11-7, 11-5 (57m)

[2] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [3] Nick Matthew (ENG) 11-9, 11-5, 11-8 (60m)

Quarter-finals:

[1] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt Cameron Pilley (AUS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-5 (41m)

[4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [6] Borja Golan (ESP) 9-11, 7-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-6 (75m)

[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [5] Amr Shabana (EGY) 11-3, 12-10, 11-7 (42m)

[2] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt Stephen Copping (RSA) 11-8, 11-9, 11-7 (46m)

3rd round:

[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [14] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-4, 11-5, 6-11, 11-9 (52m)

2nd round:

[14] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Nasir Iqbal (PAK) 11-7, 5-11, 11-9, 11-3 (51m)

[2] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-6, 11-4, 11-1 (29m)

1st round:

[14] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Steven Finitsis (AUS) 11-5, 11-4, 11-6 (36m)

Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [Q] Lance Beddoes (NZL) 11-9, 11-3, 11-13, 11-9 (54m)

Supreet Singh loses in the Qualifying Finals of Men's Life Time Minneapolis Open 2014, USA

9 November 2014



Jens Schoor



Supreet Singh

Results

Final:

[2] Jens Schoor (GER) bt [1] Todd Harrity (USA) 11-5, 11-8, 9-11, 5-11, 11-8 (74m)

Semi-finals:

[2] Jens Schoor (GER) bt [4] Richie Fallows (ENG) 11-6, 11-6, 11-4
[1] Todd Harrity (USA) bt [Q] Clinton Leeuw (RSA) 10-12, 11-6, 12-14, 14-12, 11-9 (93m)

Quarter-finals:

[2] Jens Schoor (GER) bt [8] Sunil Seth (GUY) 11-5, 11-2, 11-8
[4] Richie Fallows (ENG) bt [5] Zac Alexander (AUS) 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-6
[Q] Clinton Leeuw (RSA) bt [6] Shahjahan Khan (PAK) 9-11, 11-1, 11-9, 11-9
[1] Todd Harrity (USA) bt [7] Alex Ingham (ENG) 11-6, 11-6, 11-8

Qualifying finals:

Charlie Johnson (ENG) bt Supreet Singh (IND) 12-10, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-1

1st qualifying round:

Supreet Singh (IND) bt Matt Hillebrand (USA) 11-3, 11-0, 11-5

Mens Macau Open 2014

26th October 2014

Results

Final

[1] Tarek Momen (EGY) bt [2] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 6-11, 11-5, 11-7, 4-11, 12-10

Quarter-finals

[6] Mazen Hesham (EGY) bt [3] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 5-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 13-11

1st round

[3] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [WC] Steven Liu (MAC) 11-2, 11-3, 14-12

Women's Macau Open 2014

Final:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [2] Raneem El Welily (EGY) 11-9, 11-2, 11-7

1st round:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt Joshana Chinappa (IND) 11-8, 12-10, 12-10

Dipika loses to Nouran Gohar who is the winner in the Women's Monte Carlo Classic 2014, France

7 November 2014



Results

Final:

[8] Nouran Gohar (EGY) bt [4] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) 15-13, 10-12, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9 (73m)

Semi-finals:

[4] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) bt Habiba Mohamed Ahmed (EGY) 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 (36m)
[8] Nouran Gohar (EGY) bt [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 9-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-8, 11-2 (70m)

Quarter-finals:

Habiba Mohamed Ahmed (EGY) bt [1] Camille Serme (FRA) 4-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 11-8 (75m)
[4] Omneya Abdel Kawy (EGY) bt [Q] Mariam Metwally (EGY) 5-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-13, 11-2 (51m)
[8] Nouran Gohar (EGY) bt [3] Madeline Perry (IRL) 11-2, 12-10, 15-13 (44m)
[2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Aisling Blake (IRL) 11-5, 11-4, 11-2 (24m)

1st round:

[2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Tesni Evans (WAL) 11-2, 11-6, 13-11 (36m)

Men's Delaware Investments US Open at Philadelphia, USA: 18th October 2014

Results

Final

[3] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [4] Amr Shabana (EGY) 8-11, 11-9, 11-3, 11-3 (45m)

1st round

Fares Dessouki (EGY) bt [8] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-8, 4-11, 5-11, 12-10, 11-7 (88m)

Qualifying finals

Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) bt Ramit Tandon (IND) 12-10, 11-3, 11-3 (34m)

1st qualifying round

Ramit Tandon (IND) bt Rex Hedrick (AUS) 11-6, 11-6, 11-8 (57m)

State Government grants Rs 5 Lakhs to Mahesh Mangaokar



Thanks to SRAM's (Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra) constant efforts, Mumbai's young, talented and established squash player Mahesh Mangaonkar has received a grant of Rs five lakhs from the Maharashtra Government, in October 2014.

Ministry officials from the state government handed over a cheque to the player at his residence.

The 20-year-old Mahesh has steadily risen from the junior ranks into a top class player and is currently ranked at a career high of 44 in the world professional circuit. He has done exceptionally well last season winning two major titles on the PSA Tour and

finished runners-up in three other events. Earlier last year, he clinched the \$5,000 Men's Open du Gard 2014, at Nimes, France and back home, won the \$10,000 Men's JSW PSA Indian Circuit No2 2014, at Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana Club, Mumbai, last October.

Mahesh's mother Anjali was quite satisfied with the cash award her son received and was all praise for SRAM. "SRAM has been promoting squash for a long time and have been supporting Mahesh from a very young age. SRAM has taken care of Mahesh throughout his entire junior career, his training and now they have used their good offices to push his credentials which helped to obtain this grant of Rs 5 lakhs," mentioned Anjali.

SRAM Treasurer, Mahendra Agarwal, mentioned that this was just a small gesture for a player who has brought laurels for Mumbai, Maharashtra and someone who is a bright future for Indian squash. "Mahesh deserves this award. He has done very well from the junior ranks and now at the world level. With his achievements we approached the state government and they agreed to sanction this sum, with a promise to offer more funds later," he pointed out.

Agarwal further stated that the SRAM is confident the new government in Maharashtra will soon confer Mahesh with the Shiv Chhatrapati Award, the highest award given to a sportsperson from the state. "He (Mahesh) is eligible for the award and I'm 100% confident that this new Maharashtra Government will recognise the achievements of Mahesh and give him the Shiv Chhatrapati Award very soon. It would also be the first time a squash player receives this award," stated Agarwal.

"This funding from the government is not much and we are now looking forward to support from the Central Government. We are also looking to rope in sponsors and are confident that the SRAM and ISP, who have done a lot for the game, will help to get a sponsor. I will be grateful if corporates come forward to support Mahesh," Anjali said modestly.

The tall, dapper Mahesh is currently in Boston, USA training under coach Shaun Moxham preparing for his first major event, the Tour Champions, starting in New York later this month.

PSA WORLD RANKINGS JANUARY 2015

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
3	Amr Shabana	EGY
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Ramy Ashour	EGY
24	Saurav Ghosal	IND
44	Mahesh Mangaonkar	IND
59	Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu	IND
127	Ramit Tandon	IND
140	Ravi Dixit	IND
163	Kush Kumar	IND
255	Sandeep Jangra	IND
266	Deepak Mishra	IND
293	Velavan Senthilkumar	IND
320	Abhinav Sinha	IND
334	Ashish Kesar	IND
334	Ranvijay Singh	IND
334	Vijay Kumar	IND
350	Supreet Singh	IND
396	Sandeep Ramachandran	IND
399	Guhan Senthilkumar	IND
471	Ranjit Singh	IND
471	Yohan Pandole	IND

WISPA RANKING JANUARY 2015

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Raneem El Welily	EGY
3	Laura Massaro	ENG
4	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
5	Alison Waters	ENG
14	Dipika Pallikal	IND
22	Joshana Chinappa	IND
108	Sachika Ingle	IND
125	Aparajitha Balamurukan	IND
150	Urwashi Joshi	IND
176	Anaka Alankamony	IND
186	Janet Vidhi	IND
188	Nikita Joshi	IND
197	Harshit Kaur Jawanda	IND
222	Ashita Pranaya Bhengra	IND
249	Lakshmi Shruti Settupalli	IND

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