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All India Inter University Squash Championship 2015

At Thanjaur, Chennai : 19th Feb 2015

**Mumbai university wins again by beating Delhi university 3-2
in the finals of ALL INDIA UNIVERSITY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP**



Winning team Mumbai University with their trophies and certificates

Results

Finals:

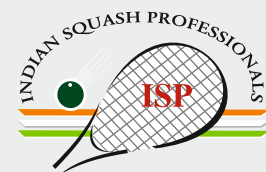
Abhishek Agarwal defeated Anshul Jain 3-0
Shashi Pandey lost to Devraj Jalan 3-0
Anshul Goyal lost to Rajat Sharma 3-0
Aishwary Singh defeated sajid Hussein 3-0
Puneet Pareek defeated Abhishek kumar 3-0

Semi-finals:

Delhi University beat Manipal University
Mumbai University beat Calcutta University

Quarter-Finals

Delhi defeated Rajasthan (3-0)
Chandigarh lost to manipal (3-2)
Pune lost to Calcutta
Mumbai defeated symbiosis(3-1)



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35th National Games 2015

at Kerela : 4th Feb 2015

Saurav Ghosal & Chinappa clinch squash gold.



Joshana Chinappa



Saurav Ghosal

The seasoned squash duo of Saurav Ghosal and Joshana Chinappa clinched the individual gold in contrasting styles in the 35th National Games in India.

It saw complete domination by Tamil Nadu as all the finalists in both the men's and women's competition belonged to the state. First up was women's singles in which the seasoned Joshana Chinappa did not have much trouble in sailing past Lakshya R. 11-5 11-8 11-4 to nab the gold medal.

The bronze medals went to losing semifinalists -- Urwashi Joshi of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh's Sachika Ingale.

In the men's summit clash, Ghosal rallied to beat Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu after conceding the initial advantage. He won the match 4-11 11-4 11-8 11-6 to expectedly walk away with the top honours, while bronze-medallists were Delhi's Gaurav Nadrajoy and Tamil Nadu's Ravi Dixit.

MATUNGA GYMKHANA JUNIOR SQUASH OPEN 2015

At Mumbai : 18th February
Aishwarya, Shahani supreme

Giant-killers Aishwarya Khubchandani and Tushar Shahani, both of Maharashtra, emerged supreme in the 2-Star Matunga Gymkhana All India Junior Open Squash Tournament, at the ASB glassback courts.

Seeded 3/4, Khubchandani, who had shocked top seed and India No. 3 Avani Nagar in the semi-finals, went on to stun second seed and India No. 6 Aryaa Ogale 12-14, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6 to snatch the girls under-13 crown.

2014 Hong Kong Junior Open champion Tushar Shahani, who upset second seed Aryaman Adik in the semi-finals, stunned top seed Abhay Singh of Tamil Nadu 12-10, 12-10, 10-12, 6-11, 11-9 in the most absorbing championship round to help himself to the boys under-17 title. India No. 1 Shahani, seeded way down at 9/16, lived dangerously after winning the first two sets over extra points and dropping the third and fourth, until he snatched the decider by a whisker.

India No. 1 Navaneeth Prabhu of Tamil Nadu clinched his first title this year when he overcame compatriot



Shreemann Raghavan 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 for the boys under-13 title, while second seed Parthiv Yagnesh, also of TN, halted the winning streak of another giant-killer and find of the tournament Jaivir Singh Dhillon of Delhi 11-7, 5-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-7 in another thriller; for the boys under-11 crown.

The other champions were, Maharashtra trio Yuvna Gupta, Aakanksha Rao and Veer Chotrani, TN's Sunayna Kuruvilla and Krish Kapur of West Bengal.

Results

Finals

- Girls U-11:** 1-Yuvna Gupta bt 2-Pooja Arthi R (TN) 9-11, 14-12, 11-6, 11-5.
Boys U-11: 2-Parthiv N. Yagnesh (TN) bt Jaivir Singh Dhillon (Del) 11-7, 5-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-7.
Girls U-13: Aishwarya Khubchandani bt 2-Aryaa Ogale 12-14, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6.
Boys U-13: 1-Navaneeth Prabhu (TN) bt Shreemann Raghavan (TN) 11-6, 11-5, 11-6.
Girls U-15: 2-Aakanksha Rao bt 1-Diya Joukani 13-11, 5-11, 11-5, 11-4.
Boys U-15: 1-Veer Chotrani bt Aryan Parekh 6-11, 11-5, 12-10, 11-8.
Girls U-17: Sunayna Kuruvilla (TN) bt 1-Jui Kalgutkar 11-9, 11-7, 5-11, 11-6.
Boys U-17: Tushar Shahani bt 1-Abhay Singh (TN) 12-10, 12-10, 10-12, 6-11, 11-9.
Boys U-19: Krish Kapur (WB) bt Harshvardhan Wadhwa 11-9, 11-4, 12-14, 11-3



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PROSQUASH speaks to upcoming squash players

Jannia Singh and Inderjit Singh

Siblings Jannia Singh and Inderjit Singh are at the forefront of junior squash in Chandigarh. Chandigarh has had a splendid tradition in producing top squash players- Col (Retd) K. J Vohra (India No-7- at a time when Mens open category was highly competitive unlike since last 7-8 years), Capt. Arjan Singh (multiple times National Champion), Maj. Radeep Brar (India No-2), Vikas Nayar and Saurabh Nayar (National Champions Over-35), Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (reigning National Champion) and many junior squash players. Jannia has been ranked India No-2 in girls U-13 and Inderjit is on his way up in Boys U-15 rankings and was 7th at the Junior Nationals. PROSQUASH interviews both these budding champions.

PROSQUASH - PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION ABOUT YOURSELF

Jannia - I am 12 years old and a student of class 8 studying in Carmel Convent School Chandigarh. I took to squash at the age of 8.

Inderjit - I am a student of class 9 studying in St. John's High School in Chandigarh. I took to squash when I was in class 2nd and was eight years old. I've been a state champion since 2009 till date in my age category.



JANNIA SINGH

INTERVIEW

PROSQUASH - TELL US ABOUT HOW YOU TOOK UP SQUASH

Jannia - I used to play tennis- my brothers squash coach saw the potential in me and requested my parents to put me in squash.

Inderjit - we have squash courts in our school and I used to watch my seniors play squash and I developed a liking for squash as it tests one's fitness and mental strength. I took up squash when I was in class 2.

PROSQUASH - TELL US ABOUT HOW YOU TOOK UP SQUASH

Jannia - I train for 6 days in a week and study for 1-2 hours on a day. Till date I have been able to cope up both in squash and studies and getting good grades in my studies.

Inderjit - I have my squash sessions 6 days a week in which I play for one hour. During my exams because of the hectic schedule I play squash to de-stress myself. I balance squash with my studies as I study regularly for 2 to 3 hours during weekdays and 3 to four hours during weekends. My academic record in school has been above 98% and I have been felicitated by my school for excellence in academics.

PROSQUASH - ARE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ALSO INTERESTED IN SPORTS, OR HAVE A BACKGROUND IN SPORTS? HOW DO THEY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAY SQUASH?

Jannia - Both my Father and Grandfather were good athletes and sportsmen of their time. My father after seeing me play tennis encouraged me into squash on the advice of my then coach Puneet Singh.

Inderjit - That's right! My father and my grandfather were both good in hockey and shooting. Though I have a knack in golf and shooting my father encouraged me into squash.

PROSQUASH- WHAT ARE YOUR LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS AND RANKINGS IN SQUASH, AS WELL AS OTHER SPORTS AND CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

Jannia - I was the winner of Bengal open in U-13 category. Then I was Runners up in Sunil Verma Memorial Squash Championship held in

Mumbai, I was again runners up in Hamdard Open Squash Championship held in Delhi and stood Fifth in the junior nationals held in Chennai. I am the State champion in all categories till age categories upto Girls Under 19! My current ranking is Fourth in the U-13 category.

Inderjit - I have been a State champion for the past few years till date, I stood 7th in Junior Nationals held in Chennai, and I stood 3rd in the Gujarat Open. My present ranking is 11. I also participate in the cultural events held in my school.

PROSQUASH - WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INTERESTS APART FROM SQUASH?

Jannia - I like reading books, gardening, playing with my dogs - Abruse, Nawab, Champ, Dodo. I also like Cooking and Dancing as my hobbies.

Inderjit - I am a good painter and an avid reader.

PROSQUASH - WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION?

Jannia - My ambition is to become the best known squash player in the world and to be an IFS Officer.

Inderjit - My ambition is to represent my country in squash and to get into civil services.



INDERJIT SINGH

Inter School divisional squash championship (Boys - Girls)

At Wardha District Sports Stadium : 25th Oct 2014



Inter School Divisional Squash Championship (Boys - Girls) was organised at Wardha District Sports Stadium in association with Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) and Squash Racquets Association Wardha District on 25th October 2014.

Districts such as Gondhia, Nagpur, Yawatmal, Wardha participated. The Chief Guests present at the Event were Mr. Sunil Ingole (Sec, District Association) Mr. Wararkar (Krida Adhikari, Wardha).

The Winning team in Boys category was Wardha and the winners were Aaresh Ramateke, Maynk Raut, Seetesh Jagtap and Vishwajit Dhumale, Runners Up were the Gondiya Team. In Girls category Gondia was the winning team and Wardha were the runners up.



District level Inter-School squash tournament

At Cambridge School
at Aurangabad : 14th September 2014

Cambridge High School students put up an impressive performance in the District level Inter-School squash tournament, jointly organised by DSO and AMC on September 14, 2014 at Cambridge School at Aurangabad.

Players from Hingoli, Jalna, Parbhani & Aurangabad participated in Under 17 category. The competition was inaugurated by Gautam Salave.

In an all-Cambridge girl's final, Disha Agrawal subdued a fighting Sneha Jaiswal 2-1 to clinch the title, while Ashutosh Jaiswal scored a 11-1, 11-8 victory over his Cambridge schoolmate Jayesh Khadkikar to walk away with the boys title.

The piece-de-resistance of the day was the final between Disha and Sneha. It was Sneha who Surged ahead, taking the first set 11-7 before Disha pulled up her socks to win the second 11-5. Disha, however, was unstoppable in the decider as she won 11-4 sans much ado.

While Cambridge school dominated the matches, Tender Care Home students also did well to become the second best school in the tourney. The matches were officiated by Kalyan Gadekar (Nath Valley), Kishore Hirvale (Cambridge) and Sushil Shinde (TCH). The chief guest present were Mr. Sunil Dawkar (SRAM), Mr. Salve (DSO officer)

Winners & Runner up of tournament

U-17 Boys

- 1 Varun Sanklecha (Nath Valley School)
- 2 Jaish Khadkikar (Cambridge School)
- 3 Gaurav Verma (Nath Valley School)
- 4 Swastik Karwa (Nath Valley School)

U 17 Girls

- 1 Mahek Wadhwani (Nath Valley School)
- 2 Sneha Jaiswal (Cambridge School)
- 3 Prajakta Patil (Nath Valley School)
- 4 Disha Kasliwal (Cambridge School)

District Interschool Squash Tournament

At Mahadev Gawhar Multi Purpose Gymkhana
at Yedashi District : 11th Oct 2014



District Interschool Squash Tournament was held from 10th October 2014 to 11th October 2014 at Mahadev Gawhar Multi Purpose Gymkhana at Yedashi District. 62 players from Latur, Osmanabad, and Nanded participated in Under 17, Under 19, Boys and Girls event.

The competition was inaugurated by Sanjay Ghule (Rotary Club). There were also other chief guest who attended the Inauguration ceremony, Sharad Gawhar (Secretary Of District Association) Amol Pawar, Ashok Bansode (Sports Officer), Madan Gayakwad, Sanjay Gawhar, Rahul Adasul (Secretary Of Squash Racket Association Of Latur District), Vishal Kachare, Parmeshwar More, Yogesh Dhorbole, Shrirang Raut (State Level Referee)

12 players won from Osmanabad & they were selected for state level competition.

U-17 Boys

Sashank Jadhav (Latur)
Sachin Shinde (Osmanabad)
Aadesh Gaykwad (Latur)
Aniket Madke (Osmanabad)

U-17 Girls

Gitanjali bhavar (Osmanabad)
Varsha Gawhar (Osmanabad)
Tejashree Shinde (Osmanabad)
Shubhangi Gawhar (Osmanabad)

U-19 Boys

Akash Shinde (Osmanabad)
Rohan Jadhav (Osmanabad)
Avinash Thorbole (Osmanabad)
Rohan Jogdand (Latur)

U-19 Girls

Aishwarya Ghodke (Osmanabad)
Rohini Wakade (Osmanabad)
Bhagyashree Balande (Latur)
Vibhavari Ingale (Osmanabad)

SRAM-ISP free coaching camp at Akola District

On 10th and 11th January 2015
at DAV English School Akola



Squash Racket Association of Akola District (SRAAD) organised a free coaching camp at DAV English School Akola on 10th and 11th January 2015 in association with Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) and Indian Squash Professionals (ISP).

In all 70 students participated in this coaching camp. President Kamalkishor Tekadiwal, Vice President Dr.Dilip Mankar, Suresh Thakare General Secretary appreciated and extended their good wishes to all the participants. The programme was organised by Sachin Thakre, Santosh Sahare, Namrata Katangale, Amol Suryavanshi and Yogesh Tekam (office bearers of Akola District Squash Rackets Association)



Parbhani Open Squash Competition 2014-15

At Parbhani : 4th Feb 2015

Parbhani Open Squash Competition 2014-15 (Boys - Girls) was organised at Parbhani District in association with Parbhani District Squash Association. The tournament was held between 31ST January 2015 – 1st February 2015 at Parbhani. 50 Children's participated from Districts such as Parbhani , Aurangabad, Hingoli and Nanded. The Chief Guest present at the event were Mr. Sunil Ambilwade (President, Squash Racquet Association of Parbhani).

The categories played were Boys U-15, Above -15 & Girls U-15 , Above-15

Results

UNDER 15TH BOYS

Akshay Mhytre - Parbhani
Kuljitsingh Tak - Parbhani

Above 15th Boys

Amol Bichale - Parbhani
Maheshkumar Kaldate - Parbhani

Under 15th Girls

Ashvini Dawkar – Aurangabad
Kewal Sadawarte - Hingoli

Above 15th Girls

Shivani Dawkar – Aurangabad
Neha Esawe - Hingoli

Qualico Manitoba Open 2015

At Canada : 15th March 2015



Avila Maintains Mexican Might In Manitoba

Alfredo Avila successfully maintained Mexico's hold on the Qualico Manitoba Open title when he beat New Zealander Campbell Grayson in the final of the PSA Challenger 15 squash event at Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club in Winnipeg, Canada.

Final:

[7] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-6, 7-11, 11-7, 11-7

Semi-finals:

[7] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [8] Reiko Peter (SUI) 8-11, 7-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-6
[3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt Shahier Razik (CAN) 11-7, 2-11, 11-2, 11-5

Quarter-finals:

[7] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [1] Adrian Grant (ENG) 11-4, 11-9, 11-6
[8] Reiko Peter (SUI) bt [4] Martin Knight (NZL) 11-4, 11-8, 11-3
[3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) bt [5] Shawn Delierre (CAN) 11-6, 10-12, 13-11, 11-8
Shahier Razik (CAN) bt [2] Karim Ali Fathi (EGY) 12-10, 11-1, 11-5

1st round:

Shahier Razik (CAN) bt [6] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) 4-11, 11-2, 11-4, 11-3

Final:

[1] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) bt [Q] Youssef Soliman (EGY) 14-12, 9-11, 11-5, 11-3

Semi-finals:

[1] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) bt [3] Adam Murrills (ENG) 13-15, 11-4, 11-4, 11-5
[Q] Youssef Soliman (EGY) bt [7] Chi Him Wong (HKG) 14-12, 6-11, 6-11, 12-10, 11-6

Quarter-finals:

[1] Tsz Fung Yip (HKG) bt [6] Muhammad Asim Khan (PAK) 12-10, 11-4, 16-14
[3] Adam Murrills (ENG) bt [5] Muhammad Hannan (MAS) 11-6, 11-6, 11-2
[Q] Youssef Soliman (EGY) bt [8] Jaakko Vahamaa (FIN) 11-9, 11-5, 11-8
[7] Chi Him Wong (HKG) bt [2] Valentino Bon Jovi Bong (MAS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-6

1st round:

[Q] Youssef Soliman (EGY) bt [4] Ravi Dixit (IND) 11-7, 11-0, 11-5



HARINDERPAL SINGH

WOMEN'S SACHIKA INGALE LOSES TO NAYELLY HERNANDEZ OF MEXICO IN THE QUARTER-FINALS

Final:

[8] Marie Stephan (FRA) bt Melissa Alves (FRA) 10-12, 11-6, 4-11, 11-7, 12-10

Semi-finals:

[8] Marie Stephan (FRA) bt [1] Hollie Naughton (CAN) 11-3, 14-16, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6
Melissa Alves (FRA) bt [5] Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) 11-9, 11-7, 12-10

Quarter-finals:

[1] Hollie Naughton (CAN) bt Alexandra Norman (CAN) 11-8, 11-7, 5-11, 1-11, 11-2
[8] Marie Stephan (FRA) bt [3] Diana Garcia (MEX) 12-10, 11-8, 13-11
[5] Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) bt [4] Sachika Ingale (IND) 11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 9-11, 11-9
Melissa Alves (FRA) bt [2] Cyrielle Peltier (FRA) 8-11, 4-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7

1st round:

[4] Sachika Ingale (IND) bt Genevieve Lessard (CAN) 11-6, 11-6, 13-11

Malaysian Tour No 1 2015

At Malaysia: 27 March 2015
TOP SEED TSZ YIP OF HONGKONG WINS
AS RAVI DIXIT LOSES IN 1ST ROUND



Women's Calgary CFO Consulting Services Calgary Squash Week 2015

At Canada : 15th February 2015

Sachika loses in Qualifying finals

Final:

[3] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 11-9, 8-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6

Semi-finals:

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [4] Donna Urquhart (AUS) 3-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-5

[3] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [2] Line Hansen (DEN) 11-4, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7

Quarter-finals:

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [Q] Jackie Moss (CAN) 11-2, 11-4, 11-5

[4] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [7] Lucie Fialova (CZE) 12-10, 11-8, 11-6

[3] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [Q] Fiona Moverley (ENG) 11-9, 11-3, 11-6

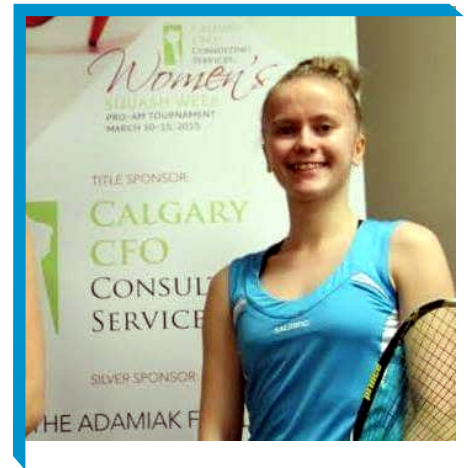
[2] Line Hansen (DEN) bt [5] Nadine Shahin (EGY) 11-9, 12-10, 3-11, 11-8

Qualifying finals:

Jackie Moss (CAN) bt Sachika Ingale (IND) 11-4, 11-8, 11-8

1st qualifying round:

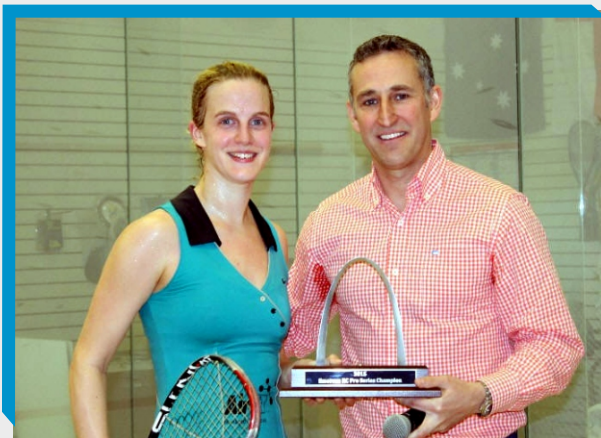
Sachika Ingale (IND) bt Melina Turk (CAN) 11-8, 11-6, 11-4



SACHIKA INGALE

Women's Emerson Racquet Club Pro Series 2015

At, St Louis, USA: 8 March 2015



JOSHANA CHINAPPA

Joshana loses in the semi's

Final:

[1] Emma Beddoes (ENG) bt [8] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) 11-13, 11-5, 11-8, 11-2

Semi-finals:

[1] Emma Beddoes (ENG) bt [3] Line Hansen (DEN) 11-5, 11-3, 11-6

[8] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt [2] Joshana Chinappa (IND) 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-5

Quarter-finals:

[1] Emma Beddoes (ENG) bt [6] Nadine Shahin (EGY) 11-9, 11-4, 11-2

[3] Line Hansen (DEN) bt [5] Aisling Blake (IRL) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

[8] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt [4] Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) 11-6, 11-3, 11-5

[2] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [7] Milou van der Heijden (NED) 11-7, 11-9, 10-12, 11-6

1st round:

[2] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt Cecelia Cortes (USA) 11-9, 11-6, 12-10

Stratos Seattle Open 2015

USA: 8 March 2015



Sachika & Harinder loses to top seeds in Quarters

WOMEN'S

Final:

[1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8

Semi-finals:

[1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [4] Sina Wall (GER) 11-6, 11-5, 6-11, 11-8
[2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt [3] Lotte Eriksen (NOR) 11-5, 11-2, 11-3

Quarter-finals:

[1] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [6] Fiona Moverley (ENG) 11-8, 5-11, 13-11, 8-11, 14-12
[4] Sina Wall (GER) bt [8] Sachika Ingale (IND) 11-5, 11-8, 11-4
[3] Lotte Eriksen (NOR) bt Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 11-6, 11-3, 7-11, 11-5
[2] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt [7] Milnay Louw (RSA) 11-2, 11-4, 11-8

1st round:

[8] Sachika Ingale (IND) bt [Q] Kelsey Engman (USA) 10-12, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 15-13

MEN'S

Final: Raphael Kandra (GER) bt Omar Abdel Meguid (EGY) 11-6, 11-6, 11-7

Semi-finals:

[1] Omar Abdel Meguid (EGY) bt [4] Declan James (ENG) 10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 12-14, 11-5
[2] Raphael Kandra (GER) bt [3] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) 9-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-3, 11-9

Quarter-finals:

[3] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) bt [8] Dane Sharp (CAN) 11-13, 12-10, 11-3, 11-8

1st round: [3] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) bt Lewis Walters (ENG) 11-4, 13-11, 11-8

Guggenheim Partners Windy City Open 2015

USA: 4 March 2015

WOMENS

Joshana & Dipika loses as Raneem takes the title

Final:

[2] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [1] Nicol David (MAS) 14-16, 12-10, 11-7, 11-7

Semi-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [8] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) 11-9, 13-11, 12-10
[2] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [6] Camille Serme (FRA) 11-8, 8-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-3

Quarter-finals:

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [5] Alison Waters (ENG) 12-10, 12-10, 11-7
[8] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 11-7, 11-9, 11-5
[6] Camille Serme (FRA) bt [16] Emma Beddoes (ENG) 11-4, 11-2, 11-5
[2] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [7] Low Wee Wern (MAS) 9-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-9

1st round:

[Q] Heba El Torky (EGY) bt [12] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-9, 11-9, 5-11, 11-6
[8] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt Joshana Chinappa (IND) 11-8, 11-3, 12-10

MENS

Nick Matthew takes the title as Saurav & Mangaokar loses

Final:

[4] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) 11-7, 11-2, 11-7

Semi-finals:

[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) 12-10, 11-8, 11-4
[4] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5

Quarter-finals:

[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [6] Tarek Momen (EGY) 11-7, 11-9, 14-12
Marwan Elshorbagy (EGY) bt Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) 12-10, 7-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-9
[4] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [5] Peter Barker (ENG) 11-6, 11-8, 11-5
[2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [8] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 11-5, 11-6, 14-12

2nd round:

[1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-5, 4-11, 1-11, 11-5, 11-7

1st round:

Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Max Lee (HKG) 11-4, 5-11, 11-8, 11-13, 13-11
1st qualifying round:
Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-2, 11-5, 7-11, 3-11, 11-6



Women's Granite Club Open 2015

at Toronto, Canada : 20th February 2015



Dipika Pallikal loses to Sarah-Jane Perry in the finals

Just five days after winning the British National crown for the first time, England's Sarah-Jane Perry powered to the biggest international squash title of her career after upsetting India's Dipika Pallikal in the WSA-Granite Open final.

The 8-11, 11-6, 12-10, 11-7 success marked the 24-year-old from Kenilworth's eighth WSA World Tour title and her first ever win over Pallikal, the World No.13 from Chennai, in three meetings since October 2011.

Results

Final

[4] Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG) bt [3] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 8-11, 11-6, 12-10, 11-7

Semi-finals

[4] Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG) bt [1] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 8-11, 11-6
[3] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [7] Joshana Chinappa (IND) 11-13, 11-6, 11-9, 11-9

Quarter-finals

[1] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt Delia Arnold (MAS) 11-6, 11-3, 11-8
[4] Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG) bt Line Hansen (DEN) 11-5, 12-10, 9-11, 11-5
[3] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [5] Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 7-11, 13-11
[7] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [2] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 11-1, 11-8, 11-6

1st round

[3] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Tesni Evans (WAL) 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-7
[7] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [WC] Nikki Todd (CAN) 11-8, 11-8, 11-6

Men's Pittsburgh Open 2015

At USA : 1st February 2015



GAWAD RETAINS PITTSBURGH OPEN TITLE AS MAHESH LOSES

Egyptian World No.20 Karim Abdel Gawad ensured the Pittsburgh Open title remained in his grasp for the second consecutive year following an impressive 3-1 win over number four seed Alan Clyne in the finale of the first PSA International 25 event of 2015.

Final:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [4] Alan Clyne (SCO) 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 11-9

Semi-finals:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [6] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) 11-9, 11-7, 3-11, 11-8
[4] Alan Clyne (SCO) bt [Q] Charles Sharpes (ENG) 11-5, 11-4, 8-11, 11-6

Quarter-finals:

[1] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [8] Diego Elias (PER) 11-8, 18-16, 11-6
[6] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [3] Gregoire Marche (FRA) 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 13-11
[4] Alan Clyne (SCO) bt [5] Karim Ali Fathi (EGY) 6-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-7
[Q] Charles Sharpes (ENG) bt [Q] Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (QAT) 5-11, 11-4, 1-11, 12-10, 11-6

1st round:

[Q] Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (QAT) bt [7] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-5, 5-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-1

Women's Winnipeg Winter Club Open 2015

At Canada : 1st February 2015



Dipika with her trophy

Pallikal Powers To Winnipeg Win

After conceding a game in the opening round, top seed Dipika Pallikal showed her true class in the Winnipeg Winter Club Women's Open by reclaiming the WSA Challenger 15 squash title at the Winnipeg Winter Club in Winnipeg, Canada, without dropping a further game. The 2013 champion from India reached the final - the 15th of her career on the WSA World Tour - after beating Donna Urquhart, the fourth seed from Australia making her Tour return after a six-month foot injury break

Final:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [2] Heba El Torky (EGY) 11-4, 11-9, 11-8

Semi-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [4] Donna Urquhart (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-8
[2] Heba El Torky (EGY) bt [3] Samantha Teran (MEX) 10-12, 11-13, 11-6, 11-6, 12-10

Quarter-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [7] Nadine Shahin (EGY) 11-4, 11-9, 11-3
[4] Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt [8] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) 13-11, 11-8, 12-14, 11-8
[3] Samantha Teran (MEX) bt [5] Aisling Blake (IRL) 11-7, 11-9, 4-11, 11-5
[2] Heba El Torky (EGY) bt [6] Olivia Blatchford (USA) 11-6, 11-8, 11-3

1st round:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [Q] Cyrielle Peltier (FRA) 11-5, 6-11, 11-5, 11-6

17th Asian Junior Squash Team Championship 2015

At Kuala Lumpur : 1st Feb 2015



Malaysia make clean sweep as India takes 3rd position in both boys and girls 17th Asian Junior Squash Team Championship

KUALA LUMPUR: The national junior boys and girls squash squads won the CIMB Foundation 17th Asian Junior Squash Team Championship here.

A solid display by the boys helped Malaysia to beat fancied Pakistan 2-0 in the men's final at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil. However, Malaysia had to stave off a stubborn Hong Kong before winning 2-1 in the final of the women's category.

Boy's Final:

[2] MALAYSIA bt [1] PAKISTAN 2-0

Eain Yow Ng bt Tayyab Aslam 6-11, 13-11, 11-4, 3-11, 11-7

Darren Chan bt Muhammad Asim Khan 11-8, 12-10, 11-4

Mohd Syafiq Kamal v Syed Ali Mujtaba Shah Bokhari (match withdrawn)

3rd place:

[3] INDIA & [4] HONG KONG CHINA

Semi-finals:

[2] MALAYSIA bt [3] INDIA 2-1

Eain Yow Ng bt Kush Kumar 11-7, 11-8, 11-4

Mohd Syafiq Kamal lost to Velavan Senthilkumar 12-14, 8-11, 11-7, 3-11

Darren Chan bt Sandeep Ramachandran 11-7, 11-9, 11-5

Girl's Final:

[1] MALAYSIA bt [2] HONG KONG CHINA 2-1

Rachel Arnold bt Choi Uen Shan 11-9, 11-5, 11-9

Sivasangari Subramanian lost to Hiu Lam Lui 11-13, 5-11, 16-14, 11-13

Teh Min Jie bt Ho Ka-Wing 11-8, 10-12, 4-11, 11-4, 11-9

3rd place:

[3] INDIA & [4] SINGAPORE

Semi-finals:

[1] MALAYSIA bt [3] INDIA 2-1

Rachel Arnold lost to Harshit Kaur Jawanda 12-14, 12-10, 11-8, 4-11, 8-11

Teh Min Jie bt Akansha Hemant Salunkhe 2-11, 12-10, 11-4, 11-4

Sivasangari Subramanian bt Adya Advani 11-5, 11-3, 7-11, 11-8

Tecnifibre British Junior Open 2015

at Sheffield, UK : 6th January 2015



SEMI-FINALS

Boys U19 :

- [1] Diego Elias (Per) bt [3-4] George Parker (Eng) 11-4, 8-11, 11-5, 11-2
 [2] Omar El Atmas (Egy) bt [3-4] Kush Kumar (Ind) 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-6

Boys U-19 :

Quarter-finals:

- [1] Diego Elias (PER) bt [5-8] Youssef Soliman (EGY) 11-3, 11-3, 11-3
 [3-4] George Parker (Leics) bt [5-8] Youssef Aboul-Makarim (EGY) 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8
 [3-4] Kush Kumar (IND) bt [9-16] Amr Arafa (EGY) 11-9, 5-11, 4-11, 11-5, 15-13

3rd round:

- [3-4] Kush Kumar (IND) bt [9-16] Patrick Rooney (Merseyside) 11-9, 11-0, 6-11, 11-5

2nd round:

- [3-4] Kush Kumar (IND) bt [Q] Laurence Green (Herts) 11-3, 11-3, 11-6
 [2] Omar Elatmas (EGY) bt Guhan Senthilkumar (IND) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7

1st round:

- [3-4] Kush Kumar (IND) bt Bjorn Osterhus (NOR) 11-2, 11-2, 11-5
 Abdel Rahman Zaher (EGY) bt [Q] Aishwarya Singh (IND) 11-8, 11-7, 11-4
 Guhan Senthilkumar (IND) bt George Willis (Northants) 11-5, 7-11, 11-13, 11-6, 11-6

Qualifying finals:

- Aishwarya Singh (IND) bt Hayden Tetley (Northants) 16-14, 11-8, 11-1

Focus on squash ace Gaultier

1st April 2015

Every nation has a sport which looms large in the eyes of fans in terms of popularity, grabs so much television time and attention of sponsors.

Soccer and tennis are so dominant in France, that for world men's No. 2, Gregory Gaultier, recognition on the streets or in public places like airports happens only in Aix-en-Provence, his own city.

The French ace attained a career best world No. 1 ranking in 2009 and 2014, becoming the second pro from his country (Thierry Lincou in 2004) to reach the top. "When I return to France after winning titles, people are aware of my achievements in my own city. Nothing compared to say, a tennis player can get. Our nation follows soccer and tennis, squash comes down the order," he said.

France is a powerhouse in world squash, a two-time World Team Squash finalist, going down to Australia in 2003 Vienna (Austria) and Egypt in 2009 Odense (Denmark). Gaultier featured in four World Open Championship finals (2006 Cairo, 2007 Hamilton, 2011 Rotterdam and 2013 Manchester). Lincou had qualified for the 2003 World Open final in Lahore, Pakistan. For the sporting fans back home, these achievements count for little.

Gaultier reasons that squash is only one of the sports people follow. "We have a lot of sports and various top athletes, so it becomes tough to be on top. When we get results, squash is in the news and we are trying to bring the sport up in France," said the two-time British Open and US Open champion and second on the Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings after Egypt's Mohammed El Shorbagy.

The 32-year-old was at the Cricket Club of India squash court, Mumbai, as a celebrity player for the PSA exhibition series. The Frenchman sparred with India No. 1, Saurav Ghosal, No. 21 in the world, besides kids invited by CCI to get inspired watching these two leading pros. "There is a long way to go before squash becomes popular in France. We need big events to show the public what squash is all about."

The Olympics Games is the next hope for the sport, feels Gaultier. "The new president of International Olympic Committee (German Olympic fencer Thomas Bach) is keen on bringing new sports into the Games. Squash will get a huge boost, we would then be sure of getting more exposure and television coverage."

Viewer-friendly
 The world No. 2 wants his sport to become more viewer-friendly. "The PSA is doing a good job of presenting squash in a better way than before. The filming from different angles have improved," said the French ace, aware of the realities before squash pros like him are rewarded for achievements in world events via recognition at home.

Gaultier is a celebrity in England, said Ritwik Bhattacharya, former India player.

The latter said: "The same event somewhere in England, Gregory Gaultier versus Saurav Ghosal, will have people paying to watch them on court. Squash has such a following there that I am sure people will pay 20 pounds per head to enjoy an exhibition on a glass-back court."

Ritwik is working with the PSA to organise more exhibitions and clinics across India.

Courtesy : The Hindu



Gregory Gaultier with Saurav Ghosal

Men's JP Morgan Tournament of Champions 2015

At Grand Central Terminal, New York, USA : 23rd January 2015



Mohamed Elshorbagy, the 24-year-old world No.1 from Egypt, reinforced his position at the top of the squash ladder with an impressive performance in the final of the J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions to see off England's Nick Matthew 3-1 and claim his fourth major PSA World Series title

Final: [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [3] Nick Matthew (ENG) 5-11, 11-9, 11-8, 12-10

Semi-finals: [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [4] Amr Shabana (EGY) 9-11, 11-8, 5-11, 11-9, 11-7
[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-7, 11-9, 11-5

Quarter-finals: [1] Mohamed Elshorbagy (EGY) bt [6] Borja Golan (ESP) 11-7, 11-9, 11-8
[4] Amr Shabana (EGY) bt [7] Tarek Momen (EGY) 11-6, 17-19, 11-8, 11-9
[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [8] Simon Rösner (GER) 10-12, 11-4, 11-7, 11-6
Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 11-13, 14-12, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9

2nd round: [7] Tarek Momen (EGY) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-4, 11-8, 6-11, 12-10

1st round: Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [Q] Alan Clyne (SCO) 11-7, 11-5, 12-10

Qualifying finals: Tom Richards (ENG) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-6, 11-6, 11-9

1st qualifying round:
Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Samuel Kang (SIN) 11-2, 11-9, 11-6

Womens Event El Welily Takes ToC Title

Raneem El Welily became the first Egyptian winner of the Women's J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions title she defeated England's Alison Waters in the final of the WSA International 100squash event at Grand Central Terminal in New York.

Final: [3] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [5] Alison Waters (ENG) 9-11, 12-10, 11-4, 11-4

Semi-finals: [5] Alison Waters (ENG) bt [4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 8-11, 12-10, 5-11, 11-9, 13-11
[3] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt [2] Laura Massaro (ENG) 11-7, 11-2, 11-13, 11-6

Quarter-finals: [5] Alison Waters (ENG) bt [1] Nicol David (MAS) 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 11-1
[4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [8] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) 11-5, 10-12, 11-3, 12-14, 11-9
[3] Raneem El Welily (EGY) bt Amanda Sobhy (USA) 11-5, 11-5, 2-11, 11-4
[2] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [6] Camille Serme (FRA) 3-11, 4-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7

2nd qualifying round:
Victoria Lust (ENG) bt Joshana Chinappa (IND) 13-11, 18-16, 12-10

PSA RANKINGS APRIL 2015

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Nick Matthew	ENG
23	Saurav Ghosal	IND
44	Mahesh Mangaonkar	IND
59	Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu	IND
146	Ramit Tandon	IND
157	Ravi Dixit	IND
169	Kush Kumar	IND
245	Sandeep Jangra	IND
275	Velavan Senthil kumar	IND
307	Abhinav Sinha	IND
307	Ashish Keskar	IND
307	Ranvijay Singh	IND
307	Vijay Kumar	IND
321	Supreet Singh	IND
360	Sandeep Ramachandran	IND
363	Guhan Senthil kumar	IND
422	Varun Johnny	IND

WISPA RANKING APRIL 2015

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Raneem El Welily	EGY
3	Alison Waters	ENG
4	Laura Massaro	ENG
5	Nour El Tayeb	EGY
11	Dipika Pallikal	IND
21	Joshana Chinappa	IND
100	Sachika Ingale	IND
164	Anaka Alankamony	IND
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171	Janet Vidhi	IND
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