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Summer Classic Championship 2016

At Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi (30th June 2016)



Boys U-11 : Shaurya Bawa [2] bt Ansh Tripathi [1] 11-7 9-11 11-7 11-8

Girls U-11 : Kaavya Bansal [1] bt Diya Yadav [2] 11-3 11-9 12-10

Boys U-13 : Aakash Gupta [1] bt Shreyas Mehta [2] 11-5 11-9 11-8

Girls U-13 : Diksha Aurobindo [1] bt Yuvna Gupta [5/8] 11-1 11-6 11-3

Boys U-15 : Advait Adik [2] bt Neel Joshi [1] 6-11 9-11 16-14 11-8 11-5

Girls U-15 : Sanya Vats [5/8] bt Anannya Morey [3/4] 11-7 11-8 7-11 6-11 12-10

Boys U-19 : Ranjit Singh [1] bt Krish Kapur [2] 11-9 9-11 11-2 11-9

Girls U-19 : Adya Advani [1] bt Riya Sisodia [2] 11-5 11-9 11-9

Boys U-17 : Tushar Shahani [2] bt Saksham Choudhary [1] 11-7 11-5 11-5

Girls U-17 : Amita Gondi [1] bt Rathika Suthanthira Seelan [5/8] 11-2 11-3 11-4

Finally Equal Pay at Squash Nationals, Thanks to Dipika Pallikal

Pallikal had been boycotting the nationals since 2012, demanding equal prize money for women and men.

Top squash player Dipika Pallikal will compete in the Senior National Championship, to be held in July, for the first time in five years after her stand was vindicated with the organisers deciding to have equal prize money to men and women. Championship Director Niraj Shirgaokar confirmed to PTI that the Nationals will have equal prize money in the men's and women's category with the winners getting Rs 1.25 lakh each.

Pallikal had boycotted the nationals demanding equal prize money after winning the title in 2011 when her India teammate Joshna Chinappa was injured.

I look forward to playing the nationals again. My stand (for equal prize money) was not just about me but for the entire women's squash fraternity. Nowadays, you have more and more international events offering equal prize money. So, it is good that the national federation (SRFI) too has decided to have equal prize money..said Deepika

Confirming the development, Shirgaokar said, "Equal prize money is a contentious issue the world over but there are events which offer equal prize money. I welcome SRFI's decision to have the same prize money for men and women." Women demanding equal wages is not only confined to squash. They are paid the same as men in all four Tennis Grand Slam events but significantly less in WTA circuit.

PSA, the professional body for squash, has recently made a conscious to have equal prize money. The World Series Finals in Dubai last month had equal prize money of USD 160,000 each.



Squash moves back to the Pyramids : June 2016



After a decade's absence, squash is set to move back to its most iconic venue as the Al Ahram International returns to the Pyramids of Giza - one of the seven Wonders of the World - this September.

The Pyramids were the setting for the 2006 World Champs, and following an agreement between the PSA, Egyptian Squash Federation and promoter Amr Mansi [Managing Director of I Events], the sport's top stars will once again compete in front of the iconic structures.

The 16-main draw will see the world's elite compete for a share of a \$100,000 prize fund for men and women.

China bids to host first World Squash Championship 15 June 2016

The Liaoning Province city of Dalian is bidding to make squash history by becoming the first in China to host a World Squash Championship.

The announcement of the tender to stage the WSF Women's World Team Squash Championship in 2018 came during a press conference on the opening day of the three-day 2016 WSF Ambassador Programme visit to the coastal city of Dalian, hosted by the Dalian Squash Association in conjunction with the Chinese Squash Association.

Men's Arab Federation Open 2016 at Egypt : 3 June 2016

Egypt's Shehab Essam captured the second PSA World Tour title of his career after recovering from 2-1 down to defeat compatriot Karim El Hammamy in the Arab Federation Open, PSA M10 tournament in Tanta, Egypt.



Final: [4] Shehab Essam (EGY) bt [3] Karim El Hammamy (EGY) 11-9, 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9 (70m)

2nd round: [5] Ahmad Al-Saraj (JOR) bt Sandeep Ramachandran (IND) 11-7, 11-6, 10-12, 9-11, 11-8 (70m)

1st round: Sandeep Ramachandran (IND) bt Belal Nawar (EGY) 11-7, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4 (40m)



Minnows Macau Make World Squash Pledge : "We're Coming!" 22 June 2016

Forever in the shadow of neighbours Hong Kong, Macau is aiming high in its plans for Squash following the three-day WSF Ambassador Programme visit to the Chinese special administrative region.

Led by Malaysia's recent world No.5 Low Wee Wern and the four-time Hong Kong national champion Dick Lau - and including Asian Federation Regional Referee Robert Arrffan, from Singapore, and Dick Leung, the Assistant Head Coach at Hong Kong Squash - the World Squash Federation team was hosted by Macau Squash.

Squash Resurgence

There is a new sport resurging in India- it is safe to say that squash is certainly making a comeback in the nation. Junior squash players in India are doing well internationally and are looking for exit options after the junior circuit. With bleak professional opportunities available, the most viable and rewarding exit seems to be "Universities in the US." Interestingly, US is one of the only countries that allows a player to represent their university team and at the same time get a prestigious degree at top notch universities such as Harvard, Cornell, Princeton etc.

There are approximately 33 Men's and 30 Women's universities who actively scout for athletes around the world to join their team. Every squash team has 12-15 players (out of which 9 players qualify into the competition lineup in matches against other universities). Each year, coaches recruit 3-4 players to maintain a competitive team – giving 300-350 squash players from around the world the opportunity to study and compete in the US! Indian squash players have huge potential and are considered valuable recruits for the US university squash circuit. In the last 10 years, India has sent more than 60 students, both men and women, to US universities.

What makes Indian squash players so attractive to American coaches is that we have a lot more to offer in addition to our superb squash skills. Firstly, we come with the huge advantage of being

educated in the English language, which makes it easier to transition into the American university system. Secondly, Indian students do considerably well in the SAT/ACT exams due to a high proficiency in Math and data interpretation.

So, a fair question is - what does it take to become a US university squash player? A student with a top 25-30 squash ranking in India and high grades in Class 9 and up (B+ to A-average) should consider leveraging their sport for better opportunities beyond high school. Few things to keep in mind are that each student should create a list of approximately 15 prospective universities and contact all the respective squash coaches. It is also advisable to identify one's financial needs (if any) to a coach early in the conversation so that they can evaluate if they have the resources to admit you into the team and university.

In addition, potential students should select universities not just purely based on squash rankings, but also by looking at course of study, campus environment, community engagement etc.

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Nicol sets new Top Ten record : July 2016

Malaysia's record eight-time World Champion Nicol David celebrates an historic milestone this month after reaching her 151st successive month in the world top 10.

The 32-year-old from Penang overtakes the 150-month record established by Britain's Peter Nicol when he retired in October 2006 - and is well ahead of the 142 months achieved by Australians Michelle Martin & Liz Irving (David's long-time coach); the 141-month runs recorded by Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan, both from Pakistan; and 140 months by Egyptian Amr Shabana.



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WORLD RANKINGS OF INDIAN PLAYERS - JULY 2016

MENS

Rank	Players
17	Saurav Ghosal
60	Mahesh Mangaokar
72	Vikram Malhotra
83	Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu
89	Kush Kumar
152	Ramit Tandon
178	Ravi Dixit
245	Sandeep Ramchandaran
258	Supreet Singh

Rank	Players
331	Abhionav Sinha
337	Vijay Kumar
361	Abhay Singh
377	Velavan Senthilkumar
418	Varun Johnny
428	Fernando Maqdaleno
447	Guhan Senthilkumar

WOMENS

Rank	Players
10	Joshna Chinappa
19	Dipika Pallikal
81	Sachika Ingale
121	Janet Vidhi
186	Akanksha Salunkhe
186	Ashita Pranaya Bhengra
199	Harshit Jawanda
213	Nikita Joshi
213	Tanvi Khanna

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