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## AIR-INDIA-SRAM JUNIOR TOURNEY OFF TO FLYING START



Karanpal Sethi, Mr. Khalid Ansari (President, SRAM), HRH Tunku Imran (President Emeritus, World Squash Federation), Datuk Vinod Shekhar, Mr. Jitendra Bhargava, Mr. Mahendra Agarwal (Hon.Sec. SRAM), Mr. Nitin Gadgarkar (President, Khar Gymkhana), Mihir Sethi, Vikram Malhotra, Vir Sethi, Alisha Mashruwala & Natasha Lall at the prize distribution ceremony of Air India 1<sup>st</sup> leg tournament at Khar Gymkhana

The first leg of the 2nd Air-India-SRAM Junior Squash Tournament got off to a flier when underdog **Mihir Sethi** and little **Vir Sethi** set the trend for an absorbing finals day at the Khar Gymkhana which played host from December 18 to 20, 2000.

Closely contested title clashes marked the concluding day, which served as a good omen for the rest of the three-leg tournament, designed by the **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM)** and sponsored by aviation giants Air-India to encourage junior squash players in the state. The first leg coincided with the visit of **HRH Prince Tunku Imran** of Malaysia, President Emeritus of the **World Squash Federation**, and businessman **Datuk Vinod Shekhar**, and turned out to be the perfect treat for the royal guest. Vir Sethi set the ball rolling in the finals when he unraveled a repertoire of breathtaking strokes to record a stunning 6-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-7 come-from-behind victory over a dour **Jay Dalal** in an exciting 35-minute contest. In the process, Vir collected his

third crown of the season after earlier winning titles at the Otters Club and Bombay Gymkhana. **Mihir Sethi** ended a one-year drought by helping himself to the under-17 title following a magical 9-5, 3-9, 10-8, 9-4 triumph over favourite **Supreet Singh**. **Mihir's** fortunes turned dramatically in the third game when he ignored a 0-4 deficit to lead 8-4, before **Supreet** came back to restore parity at 8-8. But crucial winners saw **Mihir** clinch the game over extra points, as he entered the fourth game with supreme confidence en route to a memorable victory.

**Mihir's** thrilling win briefly overshadowed **Karanpal Sethi's** hard-earned 9-7, 4-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-1 triumph over talented **Rishabh Singhvi** in an exciting boys' under-15 final. Barely a month out of the under-11 category, Khar Gymkhana's **Vikram Malhotra** bagged his maiden under-13 crown following a 9-4, 10-8, 9-7 victory over formidable **Naishad Lalwani**.

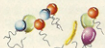
**Malhotra**, the under-11 national champion, has made giant strides in his game especially after being initiated into squash only a year and a half back, and it reflected in his performance in the opening leg of this tournament.

Nothing's gonna stop her now. **Alisha Mashruwala** seems to be humming this hit tune all the time as she continued her winning streak with an emphatic 9-1, 9-0, 9-0 verdict over **Shalee Shelke** for the girls' under-13 title.

The impressive performances reflected the efforts of the SRAM under the presidency of **Mr. Khalid A.H. Ansari** who lauded the juniors in a brief but sentimental speech at the glittering prize distribution.

**Results (finals): BOYS Under-17:** Mihir Sethi bt Supreet Singh 9-5, 3-9, 10-8, 9-4. **Under-15:** Karanpal Sethi bt Rishabh Singhvi 9-7, 4-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-1 **Under-13:** Vikram Malhotra bt Naishad Lalwani 9-4, 10-9, 9-7. **Under-11:** Vir Sethi bt Jay Dalal 6-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-7 **GIRLS Under-13:** Alisha Mashruwala bt Shalee Shelke 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. **Under-17:** Natasha Lall bt Shubika Bilka 8-1 (conceded) **Semifinals Boys:** Under-11: Vir Sethi bt Suraj Ravindram 9-6, 9-1, 9-4 **Jay Dalal** bt Pratik Manjrekar 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 **Under-13:** Vikram Malhotra bt Nikhil Sethi 9-3, 9-4, 9-2 **Naishad Lalwani** bt Jay Bhagi 7-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-6 **Under-15:** Rishabh Singhvi bt Rishabh Vora 9-1, 9-3, 9-6 **Karan Sethi** bt Ritesh Sharma 9-5, 9-3, 9-1 **Under-17:** Supreet Singh bt Anurag Gill 9-1, 9-2, 9-5 **Mihir Sethi** bt Aditya Manjrekar 9-1, 9-1, 10-8 **GIRLS Under-13:** Alisha Mashruwala bt Shivangi Paranjpe 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 **Shalee Shelke** bt Nikita Emanuel 10-9, 9-2, 9-6 **Under-17:** Shubika Bilka bt Liana Deboo 9-5, 9-7, 9-1 **Natasha Lall** bt Bhaktiveda Dhual 9-4, 9-1, 9-1

By Don Monteiro



# Happy New Year



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## Chinai, Wali clinch Maharashtra's title



Saket Wali, Amit Chinai, Niraj Shirgaonkar, Rahmat Khan (coach), Bikram Oberoi & Manish Chotrani the members of the Maharashtra team which won Rs. 50000/- as prize money from Mid-Day, with their trophies.

The results (final): Maharashtra bt Delhi 'A': Amit Chinai bt P. Mahajan 9-2, 9-3, 9-0; Saket Wali bt Yogendra Singh 9-0, 7-9, 10-9, 9-4; Manish Chotrani lost to Ritwik Bhattacharya 1-9, 4-9, 0-9; Bikram Oberoi w/o Arjun Khanna

The final of the all-India inter-state squash championship was anti climatic, Maharashtra not having much trouble in beating Delhi 'A', at the Gymkhana Club courts. The Delhi outfit's 3-2 win over Maharashtra earlier in the league, was thus useful only to the extent that it got an easier semifinal and made the final. The will seemed to be lacking and the host went down tamely.

Maharashtra fielded Amit Chinai instead of Neeraj Shirgaonkar, who had lost a match in the league tie against Delhi, and the difference showed. Chinai scored a straight-games win over P. Mahajan in the first match of the final, while Saket Wali repeated a win over Yogendra Singh. Ritwik's easy win over Manish Chotrani did not bring any cheer to the host, as its next match was to be a no show.

But it was still a good outing for Delhi and its best player, Bhattacharya, was happy with the team having made the final.

## MEN'S WORLD OPEN SQUASH 2001-2005 IN INDIA

The governing body of Men's Professional Squash, the Professional Squash Association, is delighted to announce that the Men's World Open rights and title for the years 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005 together with the World GRAND PRIX Finals 2002 has been awarded to Procam International, India. The total prize money for the said event is 5 crores spread over a period of 5 years.

## A.I. SINGH QUALIFIES AS LEVEL 2 COACH



Amitoj Inder Singh from Chandigarh has qualified as Level 2 coach as per intimation from Major Maniam.

He is in the process of starting the ASPN-BOP circuit and has initiated the ranking in a local school, St. John's School. The next round involving all Junior players in Chandigarh will be held in the next academic year and he hopes to involve most Squash playing schools playing

in the Northern region. He could not go for the Level 3 course due to unforeseen reasons.

## SQUASH NEWS FROM SHIMLA



The 8th HP Squash Championship was held in Bishop School Shimla, on 16th & 17th September 2000. The response for the said tournament was very good as many as 61 players participated in it.

The school which has three beautiful squash courts held the championship or the first time and it was inaugurated by Shri R.D. Kashyap, Minister of Local Self Government, Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Vijay sud, Secretary General of HP State Squash Rackets Association was the brain behind conducting the tournament.

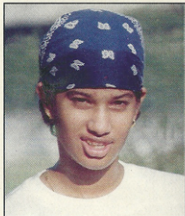
Results. Men : Winner: Vijay K. Singh (BCS)/ 1st Runner Up : Atul Goel (BCS)/2nd Runner Up: S. Dutta (Shimla Distt.) U-15 Boys : Winner : D. Malik (Lawrence Sanawar, Solan Distt) 1st runner Up : Dikshit Mehra (BCS)/ 2nd Runners Up: H. Rarewala (BCS) Mens Team Winners : Shimla Distt/ 1st Runners Up: BCS 2nd Runners Up : Lawrence School Sanawar- Solan Distt Men Over 45 : Winner: Vijay Sud (Shimla)/ Runners Up: Umesh Akre (Shimla) Girls Winner : Astha (Army Public School, Solan Distt)

Shri Narinder Bragta, Honble Minister HP, for Horticulture gave away the prizes, after witnessing the men's finals, He also promised to co-ordinate with the HP Squash Rackets Association to hand over the US Club, Squash Complex containing three Squash courts to the Association after due repairs as at present these were being used as government offices.



# A proud father talks about the exploits of his daughter, India's youngest Queen of squash, Joshna Chinappa.

By Anjan Chinappa.



No doubt it was a phenomenal victory that Josh pulled off, especially beating three-time national champion **Mekhala Subedar**. Josh is only 14 years old being born on September 15, 1986. Joshna has got great support from the local press and TV. She feels great about the triumph, as for us, it is still sinking in. Joshna feels it was not as tough as she expected it to be. Both Joshna and I believed Josh would beat Mekhala. She had the potential, only needed to focus. After losing to Mekhala in Mumbai a couple of months ago, Joshna told us she was going for Mekhala, when she met her in the Senior Nationals.

Much of the credit goes to the **SRFI** and their camp for the Asian Juniors in February. They train 6-7 hours a day. From 6 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and again in the evening from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Then Joshna has dinner at the guest house with the team and returns home at 8.30 p.m. She studies for an hour as she is also doing her mid-term exams. To bed at 9.30 p.m. This strict diet, physical fitness and psychological training under Chennai's well-known Sports physical instructor **Dr. Kannan**, and hours of practice with SRFI coach **Cyrus Poncha** and the rest of the team at the superb international squash courts at the India Cements Squash Academy, has taken her to big heights. This started on December 4 and will go on till February 16. The Asians start on February 17 in Chennai. Joshna has had problems with the draw but says it does not concern her any more as she knows she can control the game, by playing clean and keeping

refereeing decisions to minimum. Even if the draw is not how you thought it would be, the idea is to play your best and prove yourself.

There was a defeat at the hands of **Valdehi Reddy** in Mumbai but it ranked very little. She soon set her eyes on the National title to set the record straight. By hard work and God's grace she did it.

She was off focus in Mumbai, and a too easy life style. The SRFI camp and the psychological sessions have set things right for Josh. It helped her focus and has given her a good routine. I did nothing as Josh would not listen to me or follow my advice. But with SRFI she had no choice — follow or be out of the team. Also it was fun for her to work with the other girls and boys rather than alone with me! Her strong points are her basic talent. She has a superb nick shot which, with training, she is able to pull off at will. Add a cool match temperament. She announces a win and a loss in more or less the same tone! She took all the hassles with the SRFI, the ban etc. in her stride. She has a good physique. Her weakness is the lapses of concentration at times. She is still childish and yet to develop a fierce killer instinct.

We do not put pressure on ourselves. Joshna is a strong personality and can not be bullied. She has been very independent from a very young age. We have encouraged her to make her own choices, and we want her to have fun and enjoy squash. But my wife makes sure that Joshna does not neglect her studies. Josh put pressure on us when she announced that she was going to beat Mekhala, a few months ago! I am just kidding. I knew she had it in her to do it.

She is as normal as any other teenager - has lots of friends, most unaffected by her champion status. A loving, generous kid, though at times she can be stubborn. She enjoys swimming, reading and listening to music.

She won the overall athletics championship on her school sports day. She won four gold medals and one silver. 200m run, relay, high jump etc.

Mr. Rakesh Lakhanpal (Hon. Member of ISP & Director of Switcher) & Mr. Robin Cornelius M.D. of Switcher sponsored Joshna and her rackets were given by Wilson.

## Vikram - Rising Son

By Don Monteiro



Vikram Malhotra receives the Air-India-SRAM U-13 trophy from HRH Tunku Imran.

From wondering what he was initiated into a year and a half ago to becoming a champion squash player in his age group has been a remarkable journey and a surprise reward for perseverance for young **Vikram Malhotra**. Ten titles later, in the under-11 category, including the prestigious **Hong Kong Junior Open** and **The Nationals**, this Std. VI lad from **Beacon High School**, Khar surely is on a roll. It was no smooth sailing though. From being taught how to hold a squash racquet by dad **Shiv** and mum **Anita**, to joining the big league with professional training has been a long, hard season of toil and sacrifice. But Vikram endured it all to reflect what champions are made of. Along the way he staged off the formidable challenge of the 'Little Dynamo' **Vir Seth** and **Jay Dalal**.

Vikram passed through his formative years under the watchful eyes of his father, but the big break came when he was chosen by the **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra** to travel to **Kuala Lumpur**, along with other promising state juniors, to train under renowned **Malaysian coach K.H. Ong**. The scheme was part of an exchange programme initiated by the SRAM in its endeavour to promote squash at the grass roots level. The training stint in the Malaysian capital worked wonders in Vikram's game. The difference was real. In the process, his confidence grew as he began playing aggressive squash. **Shiv Malhotra** then requested state player **Amit Chinal** to further hone Vikram's skills. It did not take long for the results to show. Barely a month out of the under-11 category Vikram stunned the squash circuit by claiming his maiden under-13 title with a memorable 9-4 10-9 9-7 triumph over title favorite **Naishad Lalwani** in the first of the three-leg 2nd Air-India-SRAM Junior tournament, which was held at the Khar Gymkhana from December 18 to 20, 2000.

"Ever since he began training under Amit, Vikram's court-craft has improved and he has become a deceptive player," reveals Shiv.

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## INTERNATIONAL

■ **Ajan Paima Finnish Open, Helsinki - 18-12-2000** Final: Mens: Peter Genever (Eng) bt John Williams (Aus) 15-13 9-6 15-5 15-7 Women's: Jenny Tranfield (Eng) bt Salma Shabana (Egy) 10-9 9-19-5

■ **Head Asia Cup, Kuala Lumpur - 17-12-2000** Final: Malaysia beat Pakistan 2-1 Ong Beng Hee beat Amjad Khan 9-1 3-9 9-3 Sharon Wee beat Bushra Haider 9-4 9-0 9-2 Kenneth Low lost to Mansoor Zaman 5-9 7-9 9-1

■ **Monte Carlo Classic, Monaco - 16-12-2000** Final: Fiona Geaves (Eng) bt Stephanie Brind (Eng) 6-9 9-9 7-9 29-3

■ **OSK Malaysian Open, Kuala Lumpur - 9-12-2000** Final: Ong Beng Hee (MAS) bt John Williams (Aus) 16-17 15-6 15-8 15-10

■ **Women's Antibes Open, France - 9-12-2000** Final: Janie Thacker (ENG) bt Cheryl Beaumont (ENG) 9-5 9-29-3

■ **Women's Universal Sports Club Classic, Lamba Club, London - 8-12-2000** Final: Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) bt Carol Owens (AUS) 3-9 6-9 39-1

■ **YMG Gas Classic, Toronto, Canada - 1-12-2000** Finals: Jonathon (Can) bt Peter Nicol (Sco) 15-8 15-4 15-5

■ **Broxville Field Club Squash Open, New York** Final: Vanessa Atkinson (NED) bt Pamela Nimmo (SCO) 9-3 9-9 39-2

■ **Women's World Team Championship, England - 25-11-2000** Final: England bt Australia 2-1 Linda Charman lost to Sarah Fitz-Gerald 5-9 9-4 9-4 Tania Bailey bt Natalie Grimshaw 9-1 9-0 9-4 Stephanie Brind bt Robyn Cooper 9-6 9-10 9-9-3

■ **Eye Group Women's World Open, Scotland - 17-11-00** Final: Carol Owens (AUS) bt Leilani Joyce (NZL) 7-9 9-3 10-9 69-1

■ **PNC Investments, Florida Open - 12-11-00** Final: Jonathon Power bt Martin Heath 12-15 15-11 15-10 15-3

■ **MACAU Open, Macau - 6-11-2000** Final: Omar Elberislovi (EGY) bt Ong Beng Hee (MAS) 17-16 10-17 15-7

■ **US Open Championship, Boston, USA - 4-11-00** Final: Jonathon Power (Can) bt Simon Parke (ENG) 15-11 15-15 15-12 15-12

■ **Grasshopper Cup, Zurich, Switzerland - 30-10-00** Final: John Williams (AUS) bt Ole Tuominen (FIN) 15-3 15-7 15-1 Women's: Jenny Tranfield (ENG) bt Isabelle Storch (FRA) 9-3 9-9-4

■ **Chesham Hill Springtime Women's Open, Philadelphia, USA - 29-10-2000** Final: Carol Owens (AUS) bt Annellez Naude (RSA) 9-1 9-29-2

■ **Bolle Open, New York, USA - 27-10-2000** Final: Derek Ryan bt John Rasmussen 8-15 15-12 11-15 12-15 12-15

■ **Caru Weymuller Open, New York - 22-10-00** Final: Leilani Joyce (NZL) bt Linda Charman (ENG) 9-5 9-29-1

■ **Motor City Open, Detroit, USA - 22-10-2000** Final: David Palmer (AUS) bt Alan Gough (WAL) 10-15 11-15 15-12 15-8 15-7

■ **British Open 15-11-2000** Final: Mens: David Evans bt Paul Price 15-11 15-16 15-10 Women: Leilani Joyce bt Sue Wright 9-7 9-49-2

■ **Ciutat de Barcelona Open, Spain - 8-10-2000** Final: Mike Corren (AUS) bt Mika Monto (FIN) 15-12 15-11 15-15 15-11

## INDIAN

■ **CORPORATE SQUASH - 21-09-2000** Shiraz Poonewala of HSBC prevailed over Navabir Kumar of ANZ Asset Mgmt. 15-6 15-12 15-9 in the finals of the Salver Category (35-40 yrs) to win the GESCO Corporate Squash Championship at the CCI Squash Courts on Saturday.

## THE INDIA CEMENTS JUNIOR/SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPION 13-10-2000



Mr. Khalid Ansari (President, SRAM), Sandeep Jhangra (U-13), Alisha Mashruwala (Girls U-11), Vishal Kapoor (U-17), Mr. Mahendra Agarwal (Hon. Sec. SRAM), Vikram Mahotra (U-11) & Bikram Oberoi (U-19) at the felicitation function for the winners of JR./Sub Jr. Nationals held by SRAM at Otters Club.

**Results Final: Boys: Under-19:** Bikram Oberoi (Mah) bt Junaid Nathani (Mah) 9-3 9-0 9-2 Under-17: Vishal Raj Kapoor (Mah) bt Yashvardhan Singh (MP) 9-2 9-3 9-2 Under-15: Vikas Jangra (Mah) bt Saurav Ghoshal (WB) 9-6 9-7 5-9 9-2 Under-13: Imran Khan (Del) bt Sandeep Jangra (Mah) 9-1 9-1 9-1 Under-11: Vikram Mahotra (Mah) bt Vir Seth (Mah) 9-0 9-3 9-1 Girls: Under-18: Vaidehi Reddy (TN) bt Jostina Chinnappa (TN) 5-9 9-2 10-8 Under-15: Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) bt Natasha Lall (Mah) 9-0 9-9 10-8

## THE 25TH HSBC MAHARASHTRA STATE OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 18 Nov 2000

**All Finals: Boys: Under-11:** Vir Seth bt Jai Dalal 9-1 9-3 9-5 U-13: Sandeep Jangra bt Manek Mathur 9-6 9-8 9-5 9-2 Under-15: Saurav Ghoshal bt Ritesh Sharma 9-0 9-0 9-0 Under-17: Gaurav Nandrago bt Saurav Ghoshal 9-3 7-9 10-9 9-6 Under-19: Gaurav Nandrago bt Abhimanyu Jain 6-9 9-29-2 9-4 Girls: Under-13: Alisha Mashruwala bt Shailee Shilpa 9-2 9-2 9-0 Under-15: Alisha Mashruwala bt Natasha Lall 9-4 9-3 9-1 Under-18: Jostina Chinnappa bt Priyanka Yadav 5-9 9-0 9-1 9-5 Open Mens: Manish Chotrani bt Capt. Navneet Narain 9-0 9-1 9-2 Women: Mekhla Subedar bt Jostina Chinnappa 6-9 9-19-4 Professionals: Balamurugan (Chennai) bt Dalip Tripathi (Allahabad) 9-2 9-4 3-9 9-4 Veterans Over-45: Chandrakant Pawar bt Ramesh More 9-3 10-8 10-8

**Seniors Over-35:** Rohit Thawani bt Vaman Apte  
■ **57th CCI Western India Open 25 Nov 2000 All Finals:** Boys: Under-19: Abhimanyu Jain bt Gaurav Nandrago 9-4 9-5 10-8 Under-11: Firman Khan (Del) bt Jai Dalal 9-3 9-6 9-9 9-5 Under-13: Imran Khan (Del) bt Naresh Kumar 9-6 9-5 9-6 Under-15: Siddharth Samantur bt Imran Khan (Del) 10-8 9-2 9-6 Girls: Under-15: Jostina Chinnappa bt Priyanka Yadav 9-2 9-29-7 Open Mens: Ritvik Bhattacharya bt Manish Chotrani 4-9 9-0 9-7 9-6 Women's: Mekhla Subedar bt Priyanka Yadav 9-19-0 9-3 Profl: Balamurugan bt Santosh More 9-4 9-3 Over-35: Anant More bt Rohit Thawani 10-8 9-7 9-3 Over-55: Ravi Puri bt Rustum Dalal 9-29-59-7

■ **NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP CHENNAI 16TH DEC 2000 All Final Men:** Ritvik Bhattacharya (Del) bt Manish Chotrani (Mah) 6-9 9-9 9-0 9-6 Professionals: Balamurugan (TN) bt Mahesh Verma (Mah) 9-1 9-7 9-5

Over-35: S. Subramanian (TN) bt Rohit Thawani (Mah) 9-5 4-9 9-5 9-9 7 Over-45: M. Meeppan (TN) bt Rajiv Reddy (TN) 9-7 9-6 9-5 Women: Jostina Chinnappa (TN) bt Vaidehi Reddy (TN) 5-9 9-2 9-0 9-6 All Semifinal: Men: Manish Chotrani (Mah) bt Bikram Oberoi (Mah) 9-19-4 9-4 Ritvik Bhattacharya (Del) bt Dheeraj Singh (Raj) 9-1 9-2 9-0 Over-35: Rohit Thawani (Mah) bt Manan Mashruwala (Mah) 9-2 9-2 9-5 Sivasankar Subramanian (TN) bt L.K. Ananthan (SSCB) 9-1 10-9 9-3 Over-45: Rajiv Reddy (TN) bt M.M. Murugapand (TN) 9-3 9-3 9-3 M. Meeppan (TN) bt Kavaljit Singh (Del) 9-4 9-3 9-3 Professionals: Balamurugan (TN) bt Santosh More (Mah) 9-2 9-2 9-6 Mahesh Verma (Mah) bt Dalip Tripathi (WB) 9-4 3-9 9-4 9-2 Women: Jostina Chinnappa (TN) bt Mekhla Subedar (Mah) 9-5 8-10 9-2 10-6 Vaidehi Reddy (TN) bt Rhea Bhandare (Mah) 9-1 9-49-1

## Bank of Punjab-ASPEN Chandigarh Circuit 11-12-2000

The squash circuit was held at St. John's school, Chandigarh and was organized by Amitoj Indar Singh. The tournament was grand success as many 30 players participated in it. Mr. Amitoj wants to continue the same in Himachal Pradesh & Dehradun.

**Results Pre-quarter:** Pranav Sharma[1] bt Karan (VPS) : 9-0 9-0 9-3 Adhiraj Thind [9] bt Teg Pratap Singh [8] : 2-9 9-5 9-6 9-5 Karan Brar [5] bt Ishan [12] : 9-2 9-0 9-0 Raghuvar[4] w/o Arjun Mahajan Prabhat[3] to Gurjeet [5] 9-0 9-0 9-0 9-0 Saarth Prasad [11] w/s Amitabh [2] Arjun Sood [7] bt Kushneel [10] (VPS) : 9-1 9-0 9-4 Abhay Sood [2] (VPS) bt ARIO : 9-0 9-3 9-0 Quarter Finals Pranav[1] bt Adhiraj [9] : 9-3 9-1 9-0 Karan[5] bt Raghuvar [4] 9-6 9-1 9-3 Abhay [2] (VPS) bt Arjun : 9-0 9-3 9-1 Semifinals: Pranav Sharma [1] bt Karan Brar : 9-5 6-9 9-7 9-2 Prabhat [3] bt Abhay Sood [2] : 9-6 4-9 2-9 9-6 9-2 Finals Pranav Sharma bt Prabhat 6-9 9-7 9-3 9-2

## EAST INDIA SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 25-12-2000

Newly-crowned National champion Ritvik Bhattacharya downed Maharashtra's Bikram Oberoi to retain his title in the East India squash championship at the Calcutta Rackets Club. Bhattacharya as taken to five games before quelling the challenge of Oberoi. Ritwik won 7-9 9-5 9-2 5-9-0.

Other results: Boy Under-19 Dhruv Dhawan bt Shakti Singh 9-2 9-1 9-4 Boy Under-17 Dhruv Dhawan bt K Mansata 9-0 9-9-0-5

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