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India's juniors are a force to reckon with in Asia at least. This was evident at the Milo Malaysian Junior Squash International. In the main age group events, there were wins for Alisha Mashruwala (under-13), Joshna Chinappa (under-17) and Saurav Ghoshal (under-15). Mumbai's Jay Dalal took fifth place in the boys' under-11. In the classic Plate events, Ramit Tandon (under-11), Manek Mathur (under-13) and Supreet Singh (under-17) emerged victorious while Chandigarh's Harinder Pal Singh finished seventh in the boys' under-13. For the third in a row, it was Ghoshal who held the spotlight. Watched by a pack gallery Which included Malaysia's head coach Major S Manjam and elite coach Jamshed Gul, the 14-year-old Kolkata boy outplayed the number two seed Kapil Nesan (Malaysia) 9-4, 9-3, 9-3 in 34 minutes, "It was an impressive win," said Major Maniam, "Sauray was in command. He

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has proved a lot since last year." Declared the best player in the under 15. Ghoshalinitiallydid not figure in the top eight seedings ashruwala was fancied to win the girls' under-13. She needed a wake-up call after Malaysia's Nabilla Ariffin had won The opener. The Mumbai junior showed her mettle, taking the next three games with a stamp of authority 6-9 9-4 9-0 9-3, the clock stopping at 39 minutes. The all-Chennai clash between Chinappa and Vaidehi Reddy could have gone either way. Chinappa won the first game over extrapoints after having trailed 5-8. She drew away from 3-3 in the second and the two-game cushion looked comfortable. Like the Kuala Lumpur weather, there came a dramatic transformation. Chinappa began making mistakes and as Reddy grew in confidence, using the down the line passing shots to repeatedly catch her opponent off-guard, the third and fourth games became a different story. The decider saw the national champion put her act together and she went 8-1 up and closed the match with a clinical backhand drop. Chinappa ad not been well for the last week. A chest congestion and dehydration had not helped her cause but on the day, she provided the finish when it mattered. It gave India three titles and overall a creditable performance. Results of finals: Saurav.

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Pay and play, It's a reality in Mumbai. The courts and rackets can be hired at the Shahu Raje Kreeda Sankul (Andheri Sports Complex ) The state body, the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra had a free coaching camp has June 15 to July 15 with local professional Aadesh Gamre. They had a full house for the first week's coaching. Three courts are available to the public during certain timings the other two are under repair and should be ready by 15th August. The project has been funded by the Mid-Day Multimedia Group. The Mid-Day A.H.Ansari Squash Academy, named after the father of Mid-Day Group chairman Khalid Ansari, will take shape at this complex. Bombay has just over 50 courts. But if the example of the SRAM is followed, this figure could be doubled.

court than Reddy winning both the under-17 and under-15 finals in straight games. Ghoshal had defeated Australia's Ben Reece in straight games in Malaysia but had a tougher time. He lost the first game but won well thereafter. Ghoshal also won the

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Russel Wegner to trouble the scorers.







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### NEWS NEWS NEWS

# Ritwik wins India's rare squash title abroad



Ritwik Bhattacharya won a rare international squash title for India when claiming the Pre-Asian Games gold in Busan, Korea. In the India 1th Yang San College courts, Ritwik, the current national champ, beat Vincent Cheung of Hong Kong, 95-9, 45-9, 9-3. The International champ, beat Vincent Cheung of Hong Kong, 95-9, 45-9, 9-3. The International Cheung of Sea Hought back to 5-8 but a Lovy's both by Vincent 8-18 fought back to 5-8 but a Lovy's both by Vincent Sea Hought back to 5-8 but a Lovy's both by Vincent Strongly and did not wis his coopened any chance.

The Pakistanis were absent, players like Dng Beng Hee, Kenneth Lew, Anjad Khan so the field vas not tough. Ritwis says he was not playing his best so if was a big relief to have come through and won fairly comfortably. He is still training under Netl Harvey, Peter Nicol's coach and is planning to continue. He will be back to London for training. The whole of July is heavy training and he will be playing some PSA events in mild-Ausust.

Meanwhile, the Asian Squash Federation also met during the Pre-Asians and chalked out plans to stage the Asian Games event. The meeting was attended by N. Ramachandran, president Asian Squash Federation, Srivatsan Subramaniam, secretary-general, and Muneer Sait, treasurer, along with the president of the Korean Squash Federation.

The ASF also had its second meeting relating to the development of squash in the region. David Mul, the ASF vice-president from Hong Kong and Yusuf Moshen of Kuwait attended the meeting.

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#### Ritwik loses in Atlanta Open

National squash Champion Ritwik Bhattacharya lost in the quarter finals of the Atlanta Open Squash tournament. Bhatacharya went down to **Australia's Michael Robberds** in a five-game thriller 11-15 15-11 14-15 15-10 17-14.

#### Raideep Brar loses in Dallas Open

Aiden Harrison beat Rajdeep Brar (India) in the finals of Dallas Open 9-7.9-3.3-9.9-5.

### INTERNATIONAL

- Japan Open, Chiba City, Japan: 26-6-2001
   Men's Final: Stefan Casteleyn (BEL) bt Shahier azik (CAN)
   15-12-17-14-15-8 Women's Final: Rebecca Chiu (HKG)
   Hallatech Khan (USA) 10-8-4-9-9-0-2-9
- Women's YTL Open, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:
   24-6-2001 Final: Shelley Kitchen (NZL) bt Maha Zein (EGY) 9-20-99-49-0
- Halifax Equitable Super Series 23-6-2001

  Finals: Peter Nicol (Eng) bt David Palmer (Aus) 15-7

  15-11-13-15-17-14
- Valid Dutch Open, Maastricht: 17-6-2001
  Final: Jean-Michel Arcucci (FRA) bt Tommy Berden (NED)
  15-1113-15-15-15-14-15-9
- Women's Singapore Open, Singapore: 17-6-2001
   Final: Shelley Kitchen (NZL) bt Annelize Naude (RSA)
   9-7-9-4-9-2
- Irish Open: Dublin, British Open Squash: 10-6-2001 Women's Final Sarah Fitz-Gerald bt Carol Owen 10-9 9-0 9-2 Men's Final David Falmer bt Chris Walker 12-15 13-15 15-2 15-9 15-5 27-5-2001 Finals: Peter Nico((Eng)bt) David Palmer (Aus) 15-11-15-515-9 WISPA Richmond Open, Vancouver: 27-5-2001
- Final: Jenny Tranfield (ENG) bt Vanessa Atkinson (NED) 3-96-99-19-29-7.

  Carassone City Onen France: 24-5-2001
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   Final: Vicky Lankester (ENG) bt Cheryl Beaumont (ENG)
   10-86-97-910-89-2.
- Nivea for Men Irish Open, Ireland: 22-5-2001 Final: Peter Nicol (ENG) bt David Palmer (AUS) 15-11 15-5 15-9
- WISPA Seattle Open, Seattle: 17-5-2001 Final:
  Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt Carol Owens (Aus) 9-6-9-7-9-2
   Atlanta Open, Atlanta: 10-5-2001
  Final: Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Michael Robberds (AUS) 15-139-15 15-13 15-13

- WISPA International Challenge, USA: 9-5-2001
   Final: Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt Cassie Campion (Eng) 7-99-49-59-2
- Bright Lights Las Vegas Open, USA: 7-5-2001
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- YTL Open, Kuala Lumpur: 5-5-2001 Final: Tommy Berden (NED) bt Kenneth Low (MAS) 15-10 15-3 15-6
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- Finals Peter Nicol (Eng) bt Mark Cairns (Oxon) 15-8 10-15 15-12 12-15 17-14

  Pak-Telecom International, Lahore: 25-4-2001
- Final: Kareem Darwish (EGY) bt Shahid Zaman (PAK) 15-510-1515-1212-1515-3
- Winterthur Life Challenge Cup, Hong Kong:
   20-4-2001 Final: Rebecca Chiu (HKG) bt Janie Thacker
   (ENG) 10-86-93-910-89-6

### INDIAN

Bank of Punjab - ASPN Squash Circuit Chandigarh 24-26th May 2001

Under -11 Winner: Abhay Sood, (YPS) Runner up- Karan Brar (St. John's School)

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