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Tunku Imran sees bright future for Ong, Nicole



Khalid Ansari (President, SRAM), HRH Tunku Imran (President Emeritus, World Squash Federation) and Datuk Vinod Shekhar at first public squash court in Maharashtra.

The Tunku also talked about Ong's hopes of winning a Commonwealth Games medal next year, and also defending his Asian Games medal this year. Asked if Ong still had problems of sponsorship, Tunku gave us a pleasant surprise by saying that Ong was on the verge of being the country's first million Ringgit (about one Rs. crore) sports person.

Tunku Imran is president of his country's National Olympic Committee, he is involved with the organising of the World Cup hockey in Kuala Lumpur next year. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Games to be held in Manchester next year.

He used to play cricket and squash but now can only play golf, but squash is his first love.

By PRADEEP VIJAYAKAR

NATIONAL SQUASH Chennai sprint unchanged

They are supreme when it comes to the crunch. Delhi's Ritwik Bhattacharya and Chennai's Joshna Chinappa retained the men's and women's titles respectively in the Senior National squash championship at the SDAT-India Cements Academy courts. The two had turned up trumps last year as well and Chennai is now a happy hunting ground for them. Joshna had lost twice to Mekhala Subedar at Mumbai in recent times so the script may have been different this time, but Joshna snatched victory from defeat. The top seed Ritwik, who has been training abroad, got past Manish Chotrani in just 24 minutes in the men's final. In the women's final, at 2-1 and 8-3 in the fourth it was matchball for Mekhala who was set for her fourth title. But the survival instinct of Joshna saw her play at her best to turn the tables.

Mekhala's slowing down, pauses before serving had irked Joshna. She was hitting the tin regularly. But came the crunch moments and Joshna was a veritable tigress on court. At the end two lovely returns - a backhand to the corner and a crosscourt to Mekhala's right saw Joshna on Cloud Nine with her partners watching unbelievably. Sharper, fitter and smacking the ball with power, Ritwik just played his normal game and it was sweet revenge for his loss to Manish here in the earlier nationals. Ritwik is ranked 90 in the world, while Manish didn't play in the Mumbai squash fortnight. The difference in preparations told. But Manish was still good enough for Bikram Uoberoi who had won the twin Mumbai events and had visions of making the final. Clever masking of his returns was the key to Manish's success over his statesmate. Gajendra Singh of MP was left dripping in sweat by the end of the semi-final. In the women's semis, Mekhala Subedar was hardly troubled by Delhi lass Sohini Kumari. On the other hand, the Mumbai homeopathy student Deepali Anvekar had Joshna running all over the court. But better control of the angles saw Joshna prevail at the cost of just one game.

Results of finals: Men: Ritwik Bhattacharya (Del) bt Manish Chotrani (Mah) 9-4, 9-1, 9-2. Women: Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Mekhala Subedar (Mah) 9-5, 9-3, 6-9, 10-9, 9-0. **Professionals:** Balamurugan (TN) bt Mahesh Verma (Mah) 6-9, 9-5, 9-1, 6-9, 9-1; Over-45: Rajiv Reddy (TN) bt M. Meyappan (TN) 9-7, 1-9, 9-4, 9-1; Over-35: Rohit Thawani (Mah) bt Srivatsan Subramaniam (TN) 9-6, 4-9, 9-7, 9-1.



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58th C.C.I Western India Open

Uberoi, Mekhala, Alisha, Ramit repeat triumphs

Bikram Uberoi made the most of the absence of the Big Two of Indian squash, **Manish Jhotani** and **Ritvik Bhattacharya**, when claiming a double in the Maharashtra's famous squash fortnight. He had claimed the state open title and added the Western India a week later.

Haraj Singh gave him a tough fight in the Open final but Uberoi's fine physical condition and his court craft saw him prevail.

Mekhala also claimed a double in the fortnight like **Bikram** beating **Joshna Chinappa** vice **Joshna** didn't have her father **Anjan** at court side and one wonders would when he joined her. Among professionals, **Dalip Tripathi** also bagged a double putting it across **Ashish Verma**. The long reign of the Pawars and Mohites among professionals looks to over.

Ahli Vora didn't have **Gaurav Nandrajog** in his way as at the **Bombay Gymkhana** and so sat his Delhi teammate **Abhimanyu Jain** at court side and one wonders would when he concentrating on the ball and not the man. One hopes he continues to do that so that he avoids unnecessary hassles from the referees.

The Jangras had lost at **Bombay Gymkhana**. They came back with better resolve and

turned the tables on the very players who beat them-- tribute to their coach **Sunil Verma**. **Vikas Jangra** beat **Mihir Sethi** in the under-17 and **Sandeep** beat **Gautam Kalani** in the under-15 finals. Among juniors **Chandigarh's Harinder Sandhu** in the under-13 and **Delhi's Ramit Tandon** in the under-11 repeated their **Bombay Gymkhana** triumphs. As for the girls, **Alisha** is beyond compare and **Nikita Emmanuel** is not far behind. **Joshna Chinappa** at 15 is the country's best among under-19. As for the veterans, with retired **Brigadier Raj Manchanda**, six-time national champ having made **Mumbai** his base for coaching, there will be no stopping him in every veterans events to come.

Results of finals: Mens Open: Bikram Uberoi bt Dhiraj Singh 10-8 6-9 9-4 9-2
Professionals: Dalip Tripathi bt Mahesh Verma 3-9 9-6 9-5 9-7 **Women:** Mekhala Subedar bt Joshna Chinappa 9-5 9-3 9-0 **BOYS-U-19:** Sahil Vora bt Abhimanyu Jain 9-3 2-9 9-7 6-9 9-4 **U-17:** Vikas Jangra bt Mihir Sethi 6-9 9-7 9-6 9-6 **U-15:** Sandeep Jangra bt Gautam Kalani 9-3 9-5 10-8 **U-13:** Harinder Sandhu bt Jay Bhagat 3-9 9-1 9-7 9-4 **U-11:** Ramit Tandon bt Zahan Dastur 9-0 9-0 9-1 **GIRLS-U-19:** Joshna Chinappa bt Rachita Vora 9-6 9-5 10-9 10-3 **U-15:** Alisha Mashruwala bt Sonali Philip 9-0 9-1 9-2 **Over-35:** Anant More bt Raj Arora 10-8 9-0 2-9 5-9 9-2 **Over-45:** Raj Manchanda bt Kishan Lal 2-9 9-7 9-3 9-2 **Over-55:** Raj Manchanda bt A. P. Joshi 9-5 9-1 9-4



Young and old, the winners of the CCI Open pose with their trophies and with the patron of squash, Mr. Mahendra Sanghi

26th HSBC Maharashtra State Open

Harinder Sandhu catches the eye in India & Abroad

Chandigarh's Harinder Sandhu was the cynosure of all eyes in the 26th HSBC Maharashtra State Open Squash Championship 2001 at **Bombay Gymkhana's** superb glass-back courts. He was a bundle of energy as he claimed the under-13 title beating **Laxman Joshi** from **Jindal** with great court coverage and stamina to boot he as a bright future.

He two favourites in this event, **Jay Bhagat** and **Vikram Malhotra**, had fallen by the wayside in the semi-finals.

In the men's event **Bikram Uberoi** claimed his first seniors title in the city beating **Joshna Chinappa** with home crowd support, **Bikram** won after losing the pening game when he was still chalking out his game plan.

In the semi-finals junior **Sahil Vora** showed he will be a force to reckon with in the days to come when taking a game off **Gajendra Singh** in the open semis. That made up for his loss in the under-19 semis to **Delhi's Gaurav Nandrajog**.

Mekhala Subedar avenged recent defeats at the hands of the prodigy **Joshna Chinappa** when claiming the women's title.

Alisha Mashruwala claimed two titles but one felt sad for the two **Jangras**, **Sandeep** and **Vikas**, who lost the finals.

Results of finals: Mens Open: Bikram Uberoi bt Gajendra Singh Rathod 9-6 9-2 9-3 **Over-35:** Vaman Apte bt Rohit Thawani 5-9 9-7 1-9 9-7 **Over-45:** Raj Manchanda bt Chandrakant Pawar 9-6 9-1 9-2 **Professionals:** Dalip Tripathi (WB) bt Mahesh Verma (Deolali) 9-6 9-4 9-2 **Women:** Mekhala Subedar bt Joshna Chinappa 9-5 9-3 9-1 **BOYS-U-11:** Ramit Tandon bt Ravi Dikshit 2-9 9-1 9-7 9-7 **U-13:** Harinder Sandhu bt Laxman Joshi 9-2 9-6 9-1 **U-15:** Gautam Kalani bt Sandeep Jangra 9-7 9-6 2-9 1-9 10-8 **U-17:** Mihir Sethi bt Vikas Jangra 7-9 1-9 4-9 7-9 4 **U-19:** Abhimanyu Jain bt Gaurav Nandrajog 9-4 9-4 2-9 1-9 9-6 **GIRLS-U-13:** Alisha Mashruwala bt Shibani Philip 9-0 9-0 9-1 **U-15:** Alisha Mashruwala bt Shibani Philip 9-0 9-0 9-2 **U-19:** Joshna Chinappa bt Rhea Bhandare 9-0 7-9 9-3 9-2

Harinder wins Scottish Junior Open Boys Under-13 Title 2-1-2002



Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu won his first International title, beating Second seed **Karim Ahmed El Dabha** (Egypt) 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 10-8. He became the first Indian boy to win a **Scottish Junior Open** title in the last sixteen years since the event has been held (**Joshna Chinappa** being the first Indian ever). Besides his first major title, which happens to be the second most important in the world after the **British Juniors**, **Harinder** also won praise and appreciation from the icons in **World Squash: The President of Scottish Squash, Mr. Archie McCue**, and **Mr. Rehmat Khan, Coach and Mentor of the Legendary Jehangir Khan**, reiterated the point that **Harinder** is indeed a prodigy. Further, **Harinder's** impeccable On (and Off) Court behaviour-- in never even appearing, let alone contesting referees' decisions; letting the Racket, and not ones mood to do the talking; and stupendous sportsmanship and regard and respect for all opponents-- attracted a great deal of praise. The officials and the spectators alike just loved him, and look forward to following his progress in the future.

As for the other Indians, **Siddharth Suchde** had lost earlier in the Semi Final to **Saeed Khan** (Pak) 3-9, 1-9, 0-9. He finished third, beating **Jorge Quintero** (Colombia), a very talented player from a country not known for Squash, 9-2, 9-5, 9-7 in the 3/4 place playoff. **Joshna Chinappa** finished fifth, bt **Emma Barrat** (England) 9-5, 9-1, 9-7 in the 5/6 position playoffs.

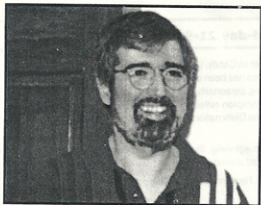
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In the Quest of Squash Honours

Sportsweek: 04-04-1976

For the first time since 1971, an Indian squash team will be going abroad to participate in international tournaments. A five-member contingent four players, Capt. Manchanda, Fali Madon, Nikhilesh Senapati and Soli Colah and a manager, Admiral Batra will be leaving soon to participate in the Hashim Khan Open tournament in Karachi, from where they will proceed to England for the World Cup Amateur championships.

India are among the 12 teams invited for the Karachi tournament (8th to 22nd April), which has been sponsored by Pakistan International Airlines to honour the great Pakistani maestro, Hashim Khan, who is considered to be the greatest player of all time, having won the British Open now the World Open seven times.

In the team event, India will take on Canada in the qualifying round with the winner playing Pakistan's crack professional outfit. Though all the top Australian pros will be taking part in the individual events, Australia have withdrawn from the team events, thus installing the hosts as firm favourites to clinch the team title. The Pakistanis, however, may not have it all their own way in the individual events, for their top stars, Mohibullah Khan, Qamar Zaman, Gogi Allaudin will have to contend with World Open champion Geoff Hunt (Australia).

The Indians will have to go through two qualifying rounds to enter the tournament proper and even if they do so, they will come up against the seeded players.

From Pakistan, the team will go over to England for the World Cup Amateur (1st to 24th May). Preceding the main tournament will be a warm-up one where the Indians will be seen in action. The team events will be held from 1st to 8th May at Birmingham and the individual events will be played at the Wembley courts, the most famous squash centre in the world. Playing on the glass-backed courts might prove to be a handicap for the Indians, for nothing of the kind is to be found in India.

The team was selected after a play-off tournament in Bombay in which all the country's leading stars took part. Since then, the members have been put through a coaching stint under national champion Anil Nayyar whose absence (for business reasons) will be sorely felt. Nayyar had no illusions about India's prospects in the forthcoming tournaments. "It will be very tough, especially in Pakistan, where our purely amateur team will face tough professional opposition. In the Amateur Open in England, it should be easier, although some of their top amateurs are in fact "whole-time" players. However, there is a little doubt that irrespective of the results, the players will return much richer for the experience."

FALI MADON (30) is the most experienced member of this team, having participated in some major tournaments in England in 1965 and represented India at the Worlds in Australia in 1967. Has been National runner-up on several occasions.

NIKHILESH SENAPATI (20), a Bombay University student, won the national junior title in 1973. Has been national runner-up for the last two years.

SOLI COLAH (21), another Bombay Varsity student, is a youngster of enormous promise who moves quickly and hits very hard.

CAPT. MANCHANDA (31), the only Services man in the squad, is a cool and crafty player, known best for his superb drop shots. Has been Services champion several times and a national semi-finalist.

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The Unsquashable Lady Mid-day 21-9-86

BHUVANESHWARI Kumari, former Princess of Alwar, affectionately known to the sporting world as Candy. Undoubtedly, India's first lady of the squash court. Her first national title was won in 1977, her 10th this February. In between, her mantelpiece has been adorned by a constant supply of silverware from all over the country. Seldom has any sport seen such dominance. Her pleasing, outgoing personality makes her a popular ambassador of this game. Currently in Bombay for a coaching assignment with the SRAM, the 26-year-old champion reflects on days gone by and, perhaps more importantly, on another 10 national titles. "I started playing squash in 1976, a fortnight before the Delhi nationals. Till then I was an ardent tennis player and participated regularly on the circuit.

"I went out on to the new surroundings determined to do my best." It was almost a fairy tale beginning. Sixteen-year-old Candy against the mighty Nandini Kumari in the national ladies final. The rookie lost... but the pundits knew a champion had arrived.

It was in the 1977 final that she avenged her defeat. Bombay was the stage for this historic win. Nandini was no ordinary player and the following year saw a dramatic five-game affair between the two ladies.

There has probably never been a better ladies final in the past decade. Candy's victory confirmed her as the number one lady in the subcontinent, a position she has kept well within her grasp ever since.

Elegance

Today her elegance and natural stroke playing ability are taken for granted. Without framing a conscious thought on the subject, she has come to know, in the marrow of her bones, that her past, present and future are wrapped in one earthly object: a racquet. Its exploration, care, finesse and gratification have become principal concerns. "I love Bombay. Since 1979, I've been coming here regularly to play the Maharashtra and western India tournaments. To me, this is the Mecca of India squash. It has a charisma, a kind of romantic attraction," says the champion.

Candy has never lost a match in Bombay. Her only defeat in the last 10 years was at the hands of her arch rival Honey Sherman at the 1978 Delhi State final. Whoever said hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. Between 1979 and 1983 Honey lost all five national finals to (who else?) and did not win a game on any occasion.

On the international front, Candy has figured prominently in the Malaysia and Singapore Open tournaments. She lost in both the finals she reached in Kuala Lumpur in 1979 and 1981.

Determined

"Ladies' squash is not given any encouragement. After years of breaking our heads against a brick wall, we finally got permission to participate in the 1986 Asian ladies championships, I lost in the quarter-finals." There is considerable disappointment with that effort. "Next year it will be different," says a determined Candy.

She is, at present, coaching a group of 20 ladies and juniors under-14 at the Bombay Gymkhana courts. Strangely, Bombay's domination of the men's and juniors' was not extended to the ladies. In fact, the last ladies' champion from the metropolis was over 15 years ago. "We've got to catch them when they are nine or 10. It's a slow, concentrated process, particularly nowadays. There are really no good promising girls around at the moment, which is a crying shame," remarks Candy.

"A camp like this is bound to throw up some talent, I am particularly impressed by two sub-junior boys. Rishad Pandole and Danielle Ezra. They can be your champions of tomorrow, if they keep up their present rate of progress." So Meherwan, Ananth and others, take a look over your shoulder.

Her 1978 final against Nandini was probably her toughest match. Seven years later, the veteran Pearl Monopole, caused a Mutter of heartbeats by losing a close four-game affair in Calcutta. "She is a superb player. Even though she's over 45, her strokes are still very good," says Candy of her worthy opponent.

Dramatic

False pretenders? There have been many. Often they've come out of the match barely in a sweat. Others have collapsed in a slack, dramatic scatter of limbs on the benches in front of the courts. "I cannot understand some of them. They give fancy press interviews and say they'll be the first to beat me. Vet on court, the scoreline has been love, love and love or 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. I think they should dial 100," remarks the national champion.

Candy's grandfather was the Maharaja of Alwar. Her father, Yashwant Singh, is manager of the Seoul-bound Indian tennis team for the Asiad. He was formerly president of the Cycle Polo Federation of India and is a highly respected administrator. Her brother, Yogendra Singh, is ranked among the top eight Indian squash players today. So there does exist enough sporting blood in the princess.

Two further points were clarified by her, "I'm not getting married yet," she says, and "I've definitely not got an offer from a film producer." So the path is clear for a long run at the top. In the meantime, there is talk about Robert Ludlum's new book, The Bhuvaneshwari Supremacy.



Master of ceremonies.....Raju Chainani (fourth from right) is in his elements at a prize distribution function with the Sanghis, Pandoles, Divechas and Melwanis enjoying it all.

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Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijay Singh (fifth from left), Anil Nayar (fourth from right) and CCI president Raj Singh Dungarpur (extreme left) pose with CCI champs of different times at the naming ceremony

Anil Nayar has to be regarded as India's all-time great squash player. So it was fitting that the Cricket Club of India courts, where he shed a lot of blood, sweat and toil, have been named after him. The club had named its billiards hall after twice-world champ Wilson Jones and the banquet hall after that great cricketer C K Nayudu. The naming ceremony was one of the finest squash occasions one could remember for a long time. There were half a dozen former national champions and an array of Western India champs, among them, the brother-sister duo of

Madhav Apte and Kumud (Rajwade) and a squash-playing chief minister to do the honours. That was Madhya Pradesh CM Digvijay Singh, who had played on these very courts way back in the sixties. Nayar's thoughts went back to the days of hard training under Yusuf Khan, the Pathan who was the pro at the club in those days taking over from Abdul Bari. Also to those tussles in the men's final against Raj Manchanda, Soli Colah, Fali Madan.

Nayar's efforts bore fruit and he won the National men's title eight times, the Western India an equal number. He won the junior and senior titles in the same year, 1964. The 1969 Arjuna Award went to the U S in the sixties, winning the U S inter-collegiate title thrice, the U S International title twice, the Canadian twice and the Mexican title once. He won the U S under-45 title three years ago. He said he would put something back to the game by helping players who do not have social advantage which is a must for getting a foothold in the sport in this country. Nayar says there can be no substitute for playing abroad for our players. He urges our players to improve their cerebral levels along with the physical ones. He doesn't find fault with our juniors going to the U S for better prospects as he himself did. As for the U S he gives them ten years before they will produce their own world champion after their switch over from hard ball to the soft ball. He points out that Canada already have produced a world champion. He thinks the world champ from U.S. could come from the black or Hispanic background among whom a lot of development activity is going on at the moment. It's like our middle class which produces the bulk of our star players it's from there that our squash greats will emerge.

Pradeep Vijayakar

Encounter man equally good at killing a squash ball

Years ago one saw a picture of Jansher Khan in an English tabloid with a squash racket in one hand and a rifle in the other. It was a picture before its time for there was not much strife in the North West Province from where Jansher hails as there is now because of the Afghan problem. Pro-squash was reminded of that picture when it came across a squash-playing Inspector, Pradeep Sharma. It was interesting to find out how he managed the two—the rifle and the racket. Excerpts from the interview.

Q. When did you start playing squash?

A. I started just six months ago under Chandrakant Pawar. I was never interested in playing. But I used to watch Pawar and one day on being urged by Mahendra Agarwal, I entered the court. Today it has become an addiction for me. I cannot miss even one day's play.

Q. Do you plan to popularise it among the police force?

A. I think it's ideal for the police force as one game lasts only 20 or 30 minutes and you sweat it out. Now that public courts are a reality at Andheri, I would like the police to use the facility. We have at least 100



Pradeep Sharma... sharp shooter turned squash addict

open spaces all over Maharashtra. My request to the police force in Mumbai is to make use of the public squash courts and the SRAM will take it up from there.

Q. Do you know that SRAM plans to build a public squash court at Police Gymkhana, Mumbai?

A. I think the SRAM is doing good work by making public squash courts in different parts of the city and interior of Maharashtra. The Police Gymkhana is awaiting the permission of BMC, and once it gets cleared the SRAM will get the same. I have also told Mr Mahendra Agarwal to build two squash court at the Police Training College in Nashik, that's the place where SRAM should tap the youngsters in the police force. If

they want I could talk to my seniors over there.

Q. They call you an encounter man, what was the last court?

A. I don't exactly remember but it must be more than 70.

Q. How do you feel carrying a gun in one hand and racket in other?

A. They both are used for killing. I kill a gangster with one and the ball with the other.

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hennai? 'Not again' say Chandigarh iniors

By Amitaj Singh

nior squash players form Chandigarh took the brave cision not to participate in the Junior and Sub-nationals Chennai in November. This was in protest against the uash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) making ennal the venue for all major national and international ents which made travelling difficult. They did not derstand why only Chennai should be picked for all ents.

andigarh which has produced some fine players in recent ns, is getting ignored.

I major events held outside Chennai earlier have been lited to that city. This begs the question Will the aharashtra Open, Western India Open R.C. Cup (DDA) also held in Chennai in the future?

ternatively, will the SRFI be renamed to Squash Rackets ederation of Chennai? A letter expressing the difficulties in elling to a remote corner of the country was sent to orts Minister Uma Bharti, but elicited no response.

Interestingly, the SRFI aims to "organize, encourage and romise squash in India." (Read Chennai).

L INDIA INTER-SCHOOLS AND JUNIOR COLLEGE SQUASH

lanrejkar keeps HR flag flying high

College maintained their tradition in collegiate squash en they won the All India Inter-Schools and Junior llege squash Tournament at Daly College, Indore.

College defeated the hosts 3-2 with the hero being Aditya nrejkar, who won the deciding rubber against Vineet Raj t went the distance.

anjekar kept his nerve and inspite of losing the first game, ight gamely to stay in the match. He won the second, and t the third, before digging deep into his reserves to win the se fourth game at 9-7. With the match tied at 2-2, one ected the player from the host college to hold the upper nd, but, egged on by his teammates, Manjekar romped me 9-3, a victory which fetched his college the title. Earlier, g Thakur gave HR College a winning start when he eated Abhimanyu Cheradla 9-0 5-9 9-0 9-0 but himanyu Baweja made it 1-1 when he defeated HR llege's Anurag Gidli 9-4 7-9 3-9 9-9-0-4

sults H R College bt Daly College, Indore 3-2 (Yogin akur bt Abhimanyu Cheradla 9-0 5-9 9-0 9-0 Anurag Gidli t to Abhimanyu Baweja 4-9 9-7 9-3 0-9-4 Aditya nrejkar bt Vineet Raj 8-10-9 7-5-9 9-9-3

JB JUNIOR-JUNIOR NATIONAL SQUASH

State juniors on song



harashtra's junior and sub-juniors rewarded the efforts of r coaches when claiming as many as six titles in the Sub-ior and Junior National Squash Championships at

Chennai. The previous best was five titles. This time it was the girls who added more titles to the kitty.

Siddharth Suchde came all the way from Scotland where is studying for the last two years. The sojourn was worthwhile as he claimed the most important, the boys U-19 title being Sahil Vora-Sandeep Jangra and Naishad Lalwani won the U-15 and U-13 titles respectively

Alisha Mashruwala proved that next to Joshna Chinappa and Vidisha Reddy she is our best junior. She took the girls U-17 honours while Natasha Lall took U-15. Nikita Emanuel emerged the U-13 champion. This is the first time Maharashtra has won six titles in the junior and sub-junior tournament, breaking the previous record of five titles

The runners-up include Sahil Vora (Boys U-19), Jay Bhagat (Boys U-13) and Rachita Vora (Girls U-19)

Results (finals) Boys U-19 Siddharth Suchde (Mah) bt Sahil Vora (Mah) 9-0 9-9 2-17 Saurav Ghosal (WB) bt Gaurav Nandrajod (Del) 5-9 9-9 9-7 9-0 9-6 U-15 Sandeep Jangra (Mah) bt Fateh Singh (MP) 9-7 9-9 2-4 U-13 Naishad Lalwani (Mah) bt Jay Bhagat (Mah) 7-9 9-6 9-0 9-5 U-11 Ramit Tandon (WB) bt Ravi Didi (Del) 9-0 9-3 9-3 Girls U-19 Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Rachita Vora (Mah) 9-2 3-9 3-2 U-17 Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) bt Divya Rajan (TN) 9-1 7-9 9-5 9-4 U-15 Natasha Lall (Mah) bt Adya Baweja (MP) 9-5 10-8 U-13 Nikita Emanuel (Mah) bt Shibani Philip (TN) 9-1 9-4 9-5

More public Squash Courts in Maharashtra

Apart from organizing a record number of tournaments this year the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra has been instrumental in initiating public squash courts in Maharashtra. The first such court was launched recently at the Aedher Sports Complex, which was followed by one at Pimpri Chinchwad in Pune. There will be the third such court while the fourth will be at the Police Gymkhana, sponsored by Sah and Sangli. Other courts are due to be initiated in Satara, Pune, Nanded and Osmanabad districts next year

Khar side wins unique event

Teams gave their imagination a free rein when naming their sides for the Rs 60,000 prize money Mid-Day Squash League doubles tournament, organised by the Indian Squash Professionals, at A-H Ansari Squash Academy, Aedher Sports Complex, Mumbai.

Thus Khar Gymkhana's team was named Fluke Ke Ghode and aptly they fluked a triumph in the final, outplaying Men In Black, the team from Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana. 40-31 In two sessions of 15 minutes each, first Dhiraj Nagpal and Manav Tandon bt Douglas Goudinho and Karan Malhotra 21-15, after which Vikram Malhotra and Kunal Jani wrapped up the tie by beating Bipin Batra and Avinash Bhajia 19-16.

The winners took home Rs 20,000 for their efforts, while the runners-up team got Rs 10,000. Famous Five won the third place match against Shaolin Ninja and with it bagged Rs 8,500, while the latter got Rs 6,500.

RESULTS Final: Fluke Ke Ghode (Khar Gymkhana) bt Men In Black (Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana) 40-31 Dhiraj Nagpal and Manav Tandon bt Douglas Goudinho and Karan Malhotra 21-15 Vikram Malhotra and Kunal Jani bt Bipin Batra and Avinash Bhajia 19-16 Semi-finals: Fluke Ke Ghode bt Famous Five (Others Club) 51-49 Dhiraj Nagpal and Manav Tandon bt Yogin Thakur and Aditya Manjekar 28-26 Vikram

Malhotra and Kunal Jani drew with Aditya Manjekar and Kabir Kapoor 23-23. Men In Black bt Shaolin Ninja (Others Club) 53-51: Douglas Goudinho and Karan Malhotra lost to Sanshow More and Sanjay Pawar 26-32 Rajesh Sonawane and Bipin Batra bt Vijay Sonawane and Cyrus Aouf 27-19

Air-India Squash league 2001 (First Leg)

Finals Boys under-19: Sahil Vora (1) bt Supreet Singh (2) 7-9 9-4 9-2 9-1. U-17: Mihir Sheth (1) bt Vikas Jangra (2) 9-7 7-9 9-2 9-6. U-15: Sandeep Jangra (1) bt Gautam Kalani (2) 9-4 9-2 1-9-5. U-13: Vikram Malhotra (1) bt Jay Bhagat (2) 9-6 9-7. U-11: Zahan Dastur (1) bt Aditya Jagtap (2) 9-0 9-1 9-4 Girls U-19: Alisha Mashruwala (1) bt Kanika Premnaryan (2) 9-3 9-3 9-4. Semifinals Boys under-19 Sahil Vora (1) bt Vaibhav Gupta (3/4) 9-6 9-4 9-5 Supreet Singh (2) bt Karan Bhaty 9-7 9-0 1-9 10-9. U-17: Mihir Sheth (1) bt Ritesh Sharma (3/4) 9-1 9-4 9-2. Vikas Jangra (2) bt Yogin Thakur (3/4) 9-6 9-2 9-7. U-15: Sandeep Jangra (1) bt Manek Mathur (3/4) 9-3 9-3 9-6. Gautam Kalani (2) bt Sarvesh Chauhan (3/4) 9-4 7-9 9-0 10-8 9-0. U-13: Vikram Malhotra (1) bt Laxman Joshi (3/4) 9-7 9-1 9-3. Jay Bhagat (2) bt Jay Dalal (3/4) 9-4 9-0 9-0. U-11: Zahan Dastur (1) bt Sammet Anand (3/4) 9-0 9-0 9-0. Aditya Jagtap (2) bt Suraj Ravindran (3/4) 9-2 9-6 9-1. Girls U-19 Alisha Mashruwala (1) bt Shahnaz Dastur (3/4) 9-0 9-1 9-0. Kanika Premnaryan (2) bt Nikita Emanuel (3/4) 9-0 9-1 9-4.

Central India Squash Tournament at Daly College Indore (20-12-2001) Results : Mens: Gajendra Singh Rathore bt Yashwardhan Singh U-19(Boys):Yashwardhan Singh bt Vikas Jangra. Womens: Mekhala Subedar bt Priyanka Yadav

Congratulations SHIV MALHOTRA



We are happy to announce that Shiv Malhotra, who has been responsible for the growth of squash at Khar Gymkhana, has been elected as its Vice-President. His son Vikram is doing very well in the Under-13 category.

Guess Whose Photograph is This?



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