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VIKRAM LIVES TO THE HYPE - By Pradeep Vijayakar



Master Vikram Malhotra being felicitated by Indian Squash Professionals (ISP) & Prosquash at the hands of Mr. Bhushan Gagrani (Dy. Sec. to C.M. Govt. of Maharashtra)

One was genuinely concerned about Vikram Malhotra when he left to play the Hong Kong Open Juniors. He had left a day after a big felicitation at the Mumbai Press Club organised by **Indian Squash Professionals**. Would he be justifying the hype? This was the question one asked.

Well, one got the answer in a few days time. Vikram beat opponents ranked above him to win the title and complete a hat-trick of titles in the far-east. **Singapore** and **Malaysian** titles were bagged by him earlier.

His mom Anita revealed that they had not shown him any media clippings of the felicitation. So his mind was only on the matches. He had to play the son of Jansher Khan from his **Malaysian** ex-wife. Kamran Khan was ranked above him but Vikram won thriller of a semi-final. Theirs was ding-dong battle and Khan, the second seed, saved a match ball in the fourth before losing 10-9. Service changed hands an agonising seven times at 9-



Mano Dadiani - President, Deepak Shroff Hon. Gen. Sec. with Vikram at Khar Gymkhana

all before Vikram won when Khan put down a length shot. Now he had to face **Hong Kong's Au Chung Ming**. He had not watched him before, so could not have an advance game plan. But he adapted and his superior lasting power made the difference. Ming was blanked 9-0 in the deciding game of the hard fought five setter. Vikram Malhotra got the **PROSQUASH Award for International Excellence** in Squash with a cash prize of **Rs. 51,000** by **Mahendra Agarwal**, director, Indian Squash Professionals. A week earlier, Vikram was awarded the **'Laureus Sports for Good Foundation'** scholarship of **Rs. 11akh** given to promising Indian junior sportspeople in New Delhi in the presence of Mr. Kapil Dev & Ace Tennis Champion Boris Becker. The eighth-standard lad from **Beacon High School, Khar**, won the **Milo All Star Malaysian Junior Squash Open Championships 2002** in **Kuala Lumpur**, as well as the **Singapore Wilson Junior Squash Championship 2002**.

Old-timers seeing him say he is a free-flooding and adventurous player. But he needs to improve his front court game. The **Khar Gymkhana** lad now has under his belt, the **Hong Kong 2000** title, the **Junior National** title, two **Air-India** titles, the **Little Masters**, the **Otters**, the **Open**, and the **West Zone Inter-school**, among others.

Nine-times national professionals champion Chandrakant Pawar has honed his skills. Mother Anita being a Reebok fitness instructor has been an added help. ISP has rewarded Vikram giving him free coaching from Pawar for a year and his home club **Khar Gymkhana** also awarded him with a cheque of **Rs. 51,000/-**.

THE LEELA ISP SQUASH MASTERS
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otters claim Leela-ISP title

Otters Club 'B' had a double in local squash when they added the **ISP-Leela Handicap** to the **Motilal Sanghi** title they had won earlier in the season. They had an average handicap of eight points per game. It means their opposing players began with 8-points plus every game. Otters were still good enough to overcome **Khar Gymkhana** 'B' to claim the **Rs.25,000** prize money.

In the match for third place, **Otters Club 'A'** defeated **Khar Gym 'A'** 3-2. The winners took home **Rs.6,000** with the runners-up settling for **Rs. 4,000**. There was an exhibition match between two tiny tots-five and a half old **Nisarg Gagrani** and four and a half year old **Harsh Hemnani**, which was won by the former. **Bhushan Gagrani**, deputy

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The winning Otters 'B' team along with the chief guest Mr. Bhushan Gagrani, Mr. Vijay Sethi (RM, The Leela Hotel) Mahendra Agarwal, Aashish Gupta (PRO, SRAM) & Ms. Noreena (ISP)

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secretary to the Chief Minister, and a keen squash player himself gave away the prizes. He lauded the efforts of the **Indian Squash Professionals**, led by **Mahendra Agrawal**, who had conducted some 42 tournaments in the last ten years. He hoped teams from downtown would join in and make it more interesting.

Results of finals: Otters 'B' beat Khar Gymkhana 'B' 3-2: Santosh More bt Kishore Vanware 12-15, 15-8, 15-11; Tushar Bambani bt Girish Jadhvani 15-8, 10-15, 15-12; Supreet Singh lost to Ashish Gupta 6-15, 12-15; Yogin Thakur lost to Shiv Malhotra 9-15, 10-15, 12-15; Avinash Bhavnani bt Suraj Shetty 15-13, 4-15, 15-8. **3rd and 4th place: Otters Club 'A' beat Khar Gymkhana 'A' 3-2:** Vijay Sonawane lost to Amitpal Kohli 10-15, 15-12, 13-15; Anurag Gill bt Rajesh Rajani 11-15, 15-12, 15-10; Cyrus Apoo bt Saket Wali 15-14, 10-15, 17-16; Karan Bhaty lost to Rohan Gracious 15-13, 13-15, 14-15; Sanjay Pawar bt Avinash Bhatija 11-15, 15-13, 15-13.

MAJOR MANIAM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF INDIAN SQUASH By Pradeep Vijayakar



Major Maniam along with players who attended the level 1 coaching at Otters Club, Mumbai.

Asian Squash Federation director of coaching **Maj(retd.) Maniam** and Mumbai squash go back a long way. Some ten years ago when he conducted a **Level 1 coaching course** for coaches in Mumbai. Former India player **Darius Pandole** was among those who succeeded. The rest were professionals. But they sat for the written test and took it as a learning curve. Yours truly was an interpreter for the markers and co-ordinator for their tests.

Maniam was back in Mumbai again and this time one found a difference. There were two Indian women stars, **Mekhala Subedar** and **Priyanka Yadav**, Professionals **Vijay Sonavane**, **Rohit** and **Santosh More**, a few pros from Navy, Pune and Jodhpur, badminton coach **Vivek Gautam** wanting to learn the training aspects of squash, Otters squash secretary **Avinash Bhavnani**, two parents **Naval Seth** and **Shiv Malhotra** and one media man, yours truly.

It was a unique experience for Maniam to tackle this mixed bag. They, in turn, got high praise when he said "Most of you would get a Level I (Introductory) certificate from me after your performance in the course." The essence of his coaching was detailing a structured plan of coaching with emphasis on error rectification. The **24-hour clinic**, spread over five days at the **Otters Club**, was part of the **three-year programme** aimed at raising the game's standards and competition in the country.

Maniam said: "We are aiming at producing world champions. This programme is very much on the lines of the one adopted in Malaysia 15 years ago and has reaped us rich dividends. This clinic was the first part of the plan."

Besides providing a scientific approach to coaching, the clinic involved **discussions** and **rigorous on-court drills**. "The objective of this clinic was to impart the scientific coaching. We will also be helping these candidates in conducting coaching camps for school children," he said.

Maniam was happy with the way things have shaped and with his first crop of potential coaches. "They are as good as anybody."

SRFI and **ASF** chief **N. Ramchandran** gave away attendance certificates to the participants. He said there was no politics involved in this exercise. "We know Maharashtra has the talent and we want to harness it for India's purpose." He warned Maharashtra that at the next junior nationals, Tamil Nadu would sweep all before them.

The cream of India's talent has been weaned away to the Chennai academy and they will play under the TN banner. That's the source of Ramchandran's optimism no doubt. Maharashtra's second stringers have a challenge on hand.

KHAR GYMKHANA ORIX WEST ZONE INTER-SCHOOL / COLLEGE SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2002 (18/9/2002)

Our little champs are champs are out on their own By Pradeep Vijayakar



Master Ritesh Sharma (Under-17 Winner) receiving his prize from Chief Guest Vinod Kambl.

Quite a few of our **Inter-school** and **Junior college** squash champs are without coaches. That was the message from the **KHAR GYMKHANA ORIX WEST ZONE INTER-SCHOOL/COLLEGE SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**. One doesn't know whether to feel happy or sad at this development. At least two of them, U-19 winner **Sahil Vora** and under-15 winner **Manek Mathur** said they didn't have any coaches at present and just worked out on their own for this event.

Mumbai's lack of qualified coaches stands exposed. At the same time the resilience of the lads has to be lauded. Mathur had a match in the under-17 quarters against **Siddharth Samantray** that he could have wrapped up. But didn't a coach by his side may have helped. He is studying for tenth. His parents have told him "this is your year, if you do badly it will be your fault." He averages 60-65 per cent in studies.

Vikram Malhotra had an easy triumph in the under-13 but lost to **Sandeep Jangra** in the under-15. He had played two matches that day and it told against him. Among the girls **Shivangi Paranjpe** showed a little promise. She has been a badminton player and has made an easy transition. **Nikita Emmanuel** and **Alisha Mashruwalla** won their titles with ease. H. R. College

swept the under-19 and under-17 team titles. **Cathedral** and **Jindal** shared the lower age group ones.

PROSQUASH talked to the **Inter-school** and **Junior college** champs and this is what they said **Ritesh Sharma (u-17)**: I began training two weeks before the event. The most difficult matches were against **Sarvesh Chauhan** and **Aditya Manjrekar**. I hope to improve doing more running. Gamewise coach **Sunil Verma** will give me more technical inputs. I thought the final would be a four setter but he gave up. **Vikram Malhotra (u-13)**: it was pretty easy. **Jay Dalal** was good but I was taking it easy. I am aware the exposure I have got in recent times abroad gives me the edge. I know his game pretty well so it was easy. I need to improve up front. **Aditya Jagtap (u-11)**: I really worked hard a week before the event, I wanted this trophy badly as I had lost to Vir Seth. The final was quite easy. I expect **Ramit Tandon** and **Ravi Dikshit** to give me a fight in the

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The Unsquashable lady

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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 Indian 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 archrival **Honey Sharman** 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 junior's 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 **Daniele 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 **Perla 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. Yet 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**.



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Juniors Come of Age

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The packed gallery roared with appreciation. The heir apparent responded. Each point won was greeted with a thunderous ovation. The glass-back squash court revealed the pressures, pain and pleasure. The sponsors enjoyed it too. Squash was in limelight.

"C'mon Adrian, C'mon." The pigtailed, teeny-boppers and vociferous members of his fan club were there in abundance. The scene was the Western India Open final where the sixteen-year-old was attempting to win the juniors and mens titles on the same evening. He pocketed the juniors after some anxious moments with his archrival **Farokh Pandore**.

Those 65 minutes on court were energy sapping. The relentless power of Pandore made many a dent in the Ezra shield. Yet it was the super fit younger man who proved to be stronger.

After this splendid encounter, Adrian just about went through the motions with **Meherwan Daruvala**. He had done marvelously to get so far. **Narjit** was defeated in five games in a match full of artistic strokeplay. That was not enough as **Adrian** comprehensively beat Ravinder Malik in the semis, never allowing the Services champion any liberties.

There was much to admire about the performance of the Bombay brigade. **Darius Surti**, written off by many, reached the last eight beating **Arun Ganguly**. Surti is a dangerous floater in any major tournament. He's had a good season and his qualifying for the Masters drove home a point to his detractors.

There is a school of thought which suggests that both **Chetan Panchal** and **Dev Malani** are better than Surti. Neither played in Delhi and at Bombay they don't do enough to write home about.

Malani is the only unofficial coach on the circuit. He can play good squash but consistency has never been his middle name. He lost in five games to **Malik** and **Kapur**. Both matches could have gone the other way. Maybe the nationals will tell another story. Malani is a beautiful mover on court but hasn't made the big time yet.

The juniors has become a two-horse race. The colleagues from Sydenham have drawn clear of the rest. Indeed, it is a long time since Bombay has had such talent at the top. **Farokh** and **Adrian** have leapfrogged into the top six in the mens league an achievement to be proud of.

Bhuvaneshwari Kumari remains unsquashable amongst the ladies. The much improved **Chitra Kapur** the evergreen **Deepika Chandratraya** and the petite **Rehaab Barodawala** just couldn't make an impression on the princess. Her exploits into the open event made the headlines. Here too she did enough to trouble the better knows.

The Masters Invitation was always going to be a very tough tournament. As India's top eight took the stage, there were already some weary legs after the exploits of the past two weeks. There was enough drama in store.

The powerful **Narjit** had a week which he would like to forget. He lost a very close match to **Farokh Pandore**, was outclassed by **Manchanda**, nearly got done by a rejuvenated **Surti** and let **Malik** slip past for an impossible victory. In between he had a cliff-hanger with **Adrian Ezra**, coming through from an almost hopeless situation.

There was however a match which many who witnessed will not forget. His clash with **Daruvala** produced squash of a very high quality. **Narjit** raised his game to a level worthy of a champion. He was glorious in defeat and deservedly the two players got a standing ovation as they left the court.

The Old Fox, **Raj Manchanda**, came to the scene as a wounded soldier. He lost tamely to **Vikas** in the Western India but the Masters had a lot more at stake. **Malik** managed only three points and **Ezra** eight. It was a lesson in squash. The precision and control of the maestro against the impulsiveness of the clubs.

Daruvala was too good for him and **Farokh Pandore** prevailed in a marvelous match which went the full distance. **Surti** and **Narjit** were no match for the lieutenant colonel who went on to clinch the second spot behind **Meherwan**.

The Bombay juniors did remarkably well. **Farokh** proved to be the better this time despite losing to **Daruvala** and **Ezra**. He was like a man possessed as he beat **Narjit**, **Manchanda**, **Vikas** and **Malik** on successive days, all matches going to five games. **Farokh** played a mature game mixing his aggressive strokeplay with some delightful drop shots.

Adrian Ezra too came through with flying colours. He finished fourth, just behind **Pandore**. It might have been different if he had not allowed **Narjit** to slip through his fingers. This was his first Masters, his first big test and he passed with honours.

Darius Surti took seventh sport ahead of the veteran **Vikas Kapur**. The latter had to withdraw on the penultimate day due to the sudden demise of his son.

There was no stopping the star of India, **Meherwan Daruvala**. He went through the week unbeaten despite a stern test from **Narjit** and some anxious moments. Yet he proved his fitness, ability and endurance. To return pressure with pressure is the hallmark of a champion.

Meherwan did this exceptionally well. He played the big points with a sense of maturity. It will take something extra special to knock him off his pedestal.

For the home crowd, albeit a disappointing one compared to last year, the quality of squash was something to know about. The Masters, co-sponsored by **Mahindras** and **Sah and Sanghi**, had yet again proved to be a tournament for the very best only. It calls for an extra special player to win the eight-man round-robin. **Rs.70,000** was at stake. **Mahindras**, **Sah** and **Sanghi** **Meherwan Daruvala** were crowned **Masters of game**.

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coming season. **Manek Mathur (u-15):** Sandeep Jangra has always beaten me though I got one back in Malaysia. I made him make errors. He was below his best, about 90 per cent. I cut down on unforced errors, I have an advantage with my reach for court coverage but as I am doing my tenth, my fitness is not what it could be. **Sahil Vora (u-19):** I had won both under 17 and 19 finals last time. So my morale was good in the final against **Mihir Seth**. My stamina has improved these last few months after training in Chennai. I need to maintain my muscle strength. My rivals are now training in Chennai, so I have a fight up my hands from **Saurav Ghoshal**, **Gaurav Nandrajog** and **Siddharth Suchde**. I am grateful to my principal, **Dr Indu Shahani**, at H.R. College for her encouragement. **Nikita Emmanuel (u-11):** Last year I was runner-up and so was happy to get the elusive title. **Alisha Mashruwalla:** I was apprehensive as I was down with malaria. But I happy to get though. I played just a week before the tournament. Cricketer turned actor **Vinod Kamli** gave away the prizes.

FINAL RESULTS : **BOYS U-19:** 1-Sahil Vora (H R Commerce College) bt 3-Mihir Sheth (Cathedral) 15-7, 15-10, 15-5, **BOYS U-17:** 1-Ritesh Sharma (Birla College) bt 3-Sarvesh Chauhan (Jindal Vidya Mandir) 15-7, 15-13, 15-10. **BOYS U-15:** 3-Manek Mathur (Cathedral School) bt 1-Sandeep Jangra (Jindal Vidya Mandir) 15-13, 15-10, 15-12. **U-13:** 1-Vikram Malhotra (Beacon H S) bt Jay Dalal (Cathedral) 15-9, 15-5, 15-6. **BOYS U-11:** 1-Aditya Jagtap (Bombay Scottish School, Powai) bt Rahul D'Cunha (Gyan Vidya Mandir) 17-14, 15-8, 15-9. **GIRLS U-19:** 1-Alisha Mashruwalla (Bombay International School) bt 3-Shaila Pandole (Jai Hind College) 15-4, 15-7, 15-3. **GIRLS U-13:** 1-Nikita Emanuel (Sacred Heart School) bt 2-Shivangi Paranjpe (St. Anne's High School) 15-13, 15-13, 15-12. **TEAM FINALS :** **BOYS U-19:** **HR College beat Jai Hind 3-0:** Sahil Vora bt Bipin Batra 15-3, 15-12; Anurag Gill bt Avinash Bhatija 4-15, 15-12, 15-6; Yogin Thakur bt Aditya Shastri 15-8, 15-11, 15-17. **U-17:** HR beat Jindal Vidya Mandir 2-1: Sandeep Jangra bt Rusabh Vora 15-11, 15-4; Sarvesh Chauhan lost to Karanpal Sethi 15-11, 8-15, 15-17; Arun Sharma lost to Dhiraj Nagpal 15-10, 10-15, 12-15. **BOYS U-15:** **Cathedral beat Army School 3-0:** Manek Mathur bt Monu Goswami 15-8, 15-16; Naishad Lalwani bt Ankit Verma 15-4, 15-4; Nikhil Seth bt Suraj Babu 15-5, 15-4. **BOYS U-13:** **Jindal 'A' beat Cathedral 'A' 3-0:** Laxman Joshi bt Jay Dalal 15-11, 16-17, 15-6; Anup Sharma bt Vir Seth 15-12, 15-5; Akhilesh Nayak bt Nitin Chauhan 15-9, 15-10.

ALL INDIA INTER SCHOOL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP (12/9/2002)

Ishaan, H.R. corner glory at Ajmer



Ishaan Balvani

Ishaan Balvani and H.R. College cornered the glory at the All-India schools and Junior college squash championship at Ajmer. The HR team of **Kabir Kapoor**, **Yogin Thakur** and **Dheeraj Nagpal** bagged the under-19 team title. Ishaan Balvani, who hails from Mumbai but is studying at Mayo College, had the best results of his career when he steered Mayo College to under-13 the title. It was embarrassing for Mayo to lose three finals but Ishaan brought some pride back. He beat top seed **Maninder Sandhu** 9-4, 9-5, 9-6 to clinch the final. **Yogi Durlabhji** gave away the prizes. He has been instrumental in promoting squash in Rajasthan, and earlier has coached players like **Dushyant Singh**, squash coach of Mayo College and an ex-Indian **Junior Champion** and **Gajender Singh Rathore**,

coach Daly College. Durlabhji has also coached several other players like **Ritwik Bhattacharya**, **Gaurav Nandrajog**, **Harinder Sandhu**, **Fateh Singh** on a short-term basis.

Results of finals :

U-13: Mayo College beat Yajuvendra Public School 3-0.

U-15: Daly College beat Mayo College 2-1.

U-17: Daly College beat Mayo College 3-0.

U-19: H. R. College (Mumbai) beat Mayo College 2-1.

GARWARE WALL ROPES POONA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT 2002 (21/9/2002)

Ritwik claims a double



Ritwik Bhattacharya receiving the trophy from the sponsor alongwith Mr. Deepak Moolani

Ritwik Bhattacharya stamped his class at the **Garware-Wall Ropes Poona Open Squash tournament** by claiming both the Open singles and men's doubles crown on the final day, here at the **Poona Club** squash courts. On Saturday Ritwik first partnered **Pune's Cristopher's Louzado** to win the doubles crown downing **Gajendra Singh** and **Satyajeet Sheshadri** 10-9, 9-8, 5-9, 9-2. Later Ritwik overcame the challenge of Mumbai's **Bikram Uberoi** 9-2, 9-3, 0-9, 9-2 to take the singles title. **All Results Finals :** **Boys U-11:** Aditya Jagtap (Mumbai) beat Aadit Zaveri (Mumbai) 4-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-6; **U-13:** Vikram Malhotra (Mumbai) beat Jay Dalal (Mumbai) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; **U-15:** Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) beat Naishad Lalwani (Mumbai) 9-7, 9-1, 9-3; **U-17:** Vikas Jhangra (Jindal) beat Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; **U-19:** Gaurav Nandrajog (Delhi) beat Supreet Singh (Mumbai) 9-0, 9-2, 9-1. **Open:** Ritwik Bhattacharya beat (Delhi) beat Bikram Uberoi (Mumbai) 9-2, 9-3, 0-9, 9-2. **Women's:** Radhika Kashyap (Indore) beat Kanika Premnaranayan (Mumbai) 9-5, 9-5, 9-6; **Girls:** U-15: Shahnaz Dastur (Mumbai) beat Shaheeda Madraswalla (Mumbai) 9-4, 9-1, 9-1; **Professionals:** Mahesh Verma (Devlali) beat Chandrakant Pawar (Mumbai) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; **Doubles:** Ritwik B & Christopher L bt Gajendra S & Satyajeet S 10-9, 9-8, 5-9, 9-2; **Mens Over 35:** Sujay Madhok (Pune) beat Deepak Moolani (Pune) 9-6, 9-4, 6-9, 0-9, 9-3; **Mens Over 45:** Chandrakant Pawar (Mumbai) beat Kishan Lal (NDA) 9-6, 4-9, 9-3, 9-1

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NORTHERN INDIA SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2002 (7/9/2002)



Master Ravi Dixit (Winner Under-13) receiving trophy from Maharaja Gaj Singh along with Mr. M. K. Sanghi (sponsor) & TV anchor Shekhar Suman.

The Championship was jointly organized for the first time in Jodhpur by Rajasthan Squash Rackets Association, M.K.Sanghi Group, Mumbai and Hotel Taj Hari Mahal, Jodhpur. On the Occasion of Prize distribution function H H of Jodhpur Gaj Singh Ji, Chairman of M.K. Sanghi Group Mumbai Shri Mahendra Sanghi, TV Anchor Shekhar Suman, GM of Hotel Taj Hari Mahal, Jodhpur President of Umed Club Sri B.D. Daga and other honorable guest were present to witness the occasion.

All Results Finals :

Mens : Gajendra Singh beat Dhiraj Singh 4-9, 9-5, 3-9, 9-1, 9-3;
Womens : Sohini Kumari beat Radhika Kashyap 9-2, 9-4, 9-4
Girls U-19 : Radhika Kashyap beat Surabhi Mittal 9-0, 9-0, 9-1
Boys U-13 : Ravi Dixit beat Ashish Lohra by 9-0, 9-3, 10-8
Boys U-15 : Harendra Pal Sandhu beat Naresh 9-7-9-5, 9-3
Boys U-17 : Imran Khan beat Rakesh Bohra by 9-0, 9-1, 9-2

DELHI JUNIOR SQUASH TOURNAMENT (21/9/2002)

Sandhu on top- Harinder loses in Finals, Maninder beats Ravi.

Maninder Sandhu fulfilled his long standing ambition today by scoring his first win against Ravi Dixit (DSM) in the Under-13 Final today. While Maninder played a better length and searching drops virtually outclassing Ravi, he lost the first game owing to unforced errors 11-15. Advised to check his errors, Maninder bounced back in the second game- 17-15. Having got the correct game-plan of simply moving Ravi on the length of the court rather than trying anything risky, Maninder controlled the game from here on. He won comfortably- 15-8, 15-8 to claim his first title outside Chandigarh.

On the other hand, Harinder found the task of playing four matches in a day too daunting. Nevertheless, he made a good start by winning the Under-15 Semi against Farman Khan (DSM) 15-6, 15-8, 15-13, and then the Under-17 Semi against Naresh Kumar (DSM)- 15-7, 15-11, 15-10. But playing matches without enough recovery time took its toll when he lost to Naresh in the Under-15 Final despite a good battle- 13-15, 12-15, 15-13, 15-11, 17-14. Harinder did have a chance in the fifth game while leading 13-10, but instead of trying to finish the rallies, he prolonged them, and failed to score the two points for the title. Imran Khan just walked through to the title with Harinder totally exhausted- 15-11, 15-6, 15-6. **Winners:** Boys U-11: Ravi Dixit (DSM), Boys U-13 : Maninder Sandhu beat Ravi Dixit (DSM) ; Boys U-15 : Naresh Kumar (DSM) bt Harinder Sandhu; Boys U-17 : Imran Khan (DSM) Girls Under-11- Moyna Agarwal; Under-13: Aakriti Sehgal; Under-15: AAakriti Sehgal.

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Dutch glory for Saurav & Joshna (9/7/2002)

(BOYS U-17) Saurav Ghosal beat Robin Clark of Canada 6-9, 9-6, 9-0, 9-0. (GIRLS U-17) Joshna Chinappa beat Celia Allamar 9-1, 9-0, 9-2 in the finals of Dutch Junior Open.

Ritwik loses in kiwiland (8/8/2002)

The North Island Championship, Wellington, wasn't a happy hunting ground for Indian hope Ritwik Bhattacharya. He beat two locals but lost to U.K. player Peter Barker. In the South Island Event Ritwik reached the semis beating U.K.'s David Barnett before losing to Aussie Cameron Pilley.

MOTILAL SANGHI INTER-CLUB SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 12-7-2002

Otter's Club wins in Style



The winning Otters Club team poses along with Mr. Khalid Ansari (President, SRAM), & Mr. M. K. Sanghi

Otter's Club from Bandra proved beyond doubt they are the top squash playing club in the city while winning the men's title in the 28th Motilal Sanghi Inter-Club Squash Championship 2002 with an all win record.

The women's title was lifted by the Cricket Club of India. In the last league encounter played at the Bombay Gymkhana late on Friday Otters Club with two former National Champions in their ranks plus a host of talented juniors, blanked out Bombay Gymkhana 9-0 for their fourth league victory to lift the Motilal Sanghi Trophy. In another match played at the Willingdon Sports Club, Cricket Club of India defeated the hosts to finish in second place behind Otters Club. Bombay Gymkhana's Bikram Uberoi, gave a walkover to Otters Club's Manish Chotrani in the opening rubber, but after that the players from Bandra won all the encounters in straight games to further Bombay Gym's agony.

The encounter between CCI and Willingdon Sports Club saw some extended matches but CCI's overall strength saw them through 8-0. Mahendra K. Sanghi, representing the sponsors, promised to make the event bigger with every passing year, while President of the Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra Mr. Khalid A. H. Ansari gave away the trophies and prizes.

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