

# PRO-S



## Joshua comes through the fire with credit



An Indian saying goes "Gold glitters only when it has gone through fire". As a Squash player, **Joshua Chinappa** has had more than her share of trials and tribulations in her career. Rugged matches, "briefed" referees, disciplinary actions and even court cases to defend her right to participate in competitions - she has seen it all. Today, her perseverance, her parents' patience and her determination has culminated in Joshua becoming the **Worlds Queen of Squash in the under-17 Age Group**. Pitted against **Donna Urquhart of Australia** who had earlier topped the top seed on her first international outing, Joshua made a poor start and squandered a 0-5 lead due to unforced errors. However, she stabilized to recover to 5-5. A long rally saw her take the lead to 6-5. Alarmed, Donna reached for every shot as if her life depended on this, but could not contain Joshua's barrage of hard 'length' shots mixed well with front court shots. Joshua led 8-5, Donna recovered to 6-8 but hit a ball out. Given 'game-ball' again, Joshua got a lucky 'nick' and won 9-6.

The second game saw a higher intensity of attack from Joshua, and the superb retrieving skills of the red thim Donna which had unsettled other seasoned players in earlier matches. However, Joshua won 9-5. Two splendid overhead kills from Joshua in the third game saw her lead from the start to 4-0. Though Donna scored a few points, Joshua employed dropshots from the back of the court - a difficult shot - and was soon at 8-4, match ball. Then, a poor decision from the Referee in awarding a 'No-Let' when Joshua should clearly have got a 'Stroke', and the match, caused her to lose focus. She allowed Donna to reach 7-8 much to the discomfort of the Indian supporters, but it was evident that this was her day when she hit a volley nick on a service return on 7-8! Having got a second chance, she wasted no time to seize the first opportunity to pass her opponent with a volley length to take the point and the championship 9-6, 9-5, 9-7.

Joshua becomes only the second Indian ever to win a **British Junior title**, the first being Anil Nayar in 1965. **Saurav Ghosal** finished at a commendable 6th place in the Boys under-17 and **Dipika** at 13th place.

## Landmark Gujarat Open Squash Championship, Karnavati Club (2/2/2003)

### SETHI'S PRESENCE LIGHTS UP GUJARAT OPEN

One of India's all-time great likeable sportspersons, **Geet Sethi**, came to squash. That was the most important thing to have happened next to the state of Gujarat having its own squash tournament. All thanks to **Narendra Gour**, whose foresight saw the staging of the **Landmark Gujarat Open Squash Championship** under the auspices of the newly-formed **Squash Rackets Federation of Gujarat** at the **Karnavati Club**, Ahmedabad. The club was a co-sponsor. The chief guest was Ashok Bhatt (minister of parliamentary affairs), the guest of honour was Geet Sethi. Other distinguished guests were **Chandrakant Pawar** (9-times National Pro Squash Champion) and **Mahendra Agarwal** (Director, Indian Squash Professionals).

Sethi expressed his concern over the poor performance of all the games in Gujarat. He said while the Gujarati community was doing commercially very well all over the world there were hardly any sportspersons who excelled in sport. The state government should do something for the minority games like squash, billiards etc.

Mahendra Agarwal congratulated Narendra Gour for his efforts to form an association and for also organising the **first-ever Gujarat Open**, which was going down as a milestone in the sport. Narendra Gour said he was very happy to see **40 squash players** participating in it. But he wished the younger generation look over this game for which he will invite coaches from Mumbai to train them all through the year.



Right to left : Chandrakant Pawar, Mahendra Agarwal, Mr. Ashok Bhatt (Ministers of Parliament Affairs, Gujarat), Amaneesh Sandhu (Winner), Geet Sethi (Guest of honour), Saurabh Gutati (Runners-up) & Narendra Gour (President, SRFG)

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## The best of Raju

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### Mirror, mirror on the wall Indian Express 13-1-1989

CRYSTAL gazing is an art which seems to have been perfected by certain officials of the Maharashtra Squash Association. After **Adrian Ezra's** historic victory over **Meherwan Daruvala** in last week's Nationals there is an I told you so attitude by these fortune tellers.

The facts of the matter speak for themselves. At the conclusion of the **Western India**, Meherwan had won two out of three, encounters with Adrian. But since the team names, apparently, had to be submitted by the end of November, it was decided that Adrian would play number one. Mind you there wasn't even a play-off, bearing in mind the previous results.

The one-two-buckle-my-shoe saga took a new turn when Meherwan won the **Northern Indian** final ten days later. Now there were a few red faces as there was enough ground to justify Meherwan taking pole position. The selectors, however, kept their stand and even suggested that this was strategic planning on their part. After all **Ravinder Malik**, the Services champion had not beaten Adrian for two years.

The twist in the tale came at **Madras** where it was said that whoever won the final or performed the better between the two would play at number one. After all, said the officials, the team names had to be submitted one day before the **Inter-State** commenced.

Those are the facts of the matter. They show a conflict of opinion between what has been officially disclosed to the public and what is actually correct. There is no escaping from the fact that before the Nationals (I stress the word before because it is here that a State team is selected and not at the eleventh hour), Meherwan was top of the pops. More so, he was seeded number one for the Nationals, ahead of Adrian. But certain powers-that-be decided otherwise. And now, the circus is in full swine whilst these stargazers, who could not tell you the difference between St. Paul and Popeye, continue, to sip their gin and tonics.

THERE was ample evidence in Madras to suggest that **Darius Pandole**

would be a serious contender to the throne. He was delightful to watch as he overcame **Narjit** and glorious in defeat against Meherwan. That was the match of the tournament, worthy of a final. The early retrieving and deft touch of Darius probing into the near impregnable defence of Meherwan. It was squash, beautiful squash.

The gap between these two and the new champion Adrian is very small. Darius has worked very hard on his stamina and will be a force to reckon with at the February Masters.

Adrian looked impressive right from the start. He has been a thorn in the flesh of Meherwan this season. At **Chepauk**, the two left-handers fought out another battle royal. The eight years difference in age and a fitter opponent were the deciding factors in the end. A new champ was born. His dedication and skill had won the day where some of his contemporaries may have buckled.

There is a lot more squash left this season. The Invitational Masters are in just over a month's time when the top eight compete for record prize money. Adrian, **Meherwan**, Darius, Malik, **Narjit** and **Vikas Kapur** have booked their places. The other two should come from **Arjun Singh**, **Manchanda**, **Dev Malani**, **Rashid Jahangir** and **Vaman Apte**. Dushwant Jamwal could be a contender as indeed a case be made out for **Lt. R. S. Brar** and **Lt. A. Ganguly**. There is a whisper about overseas participation. We will know very shortly.

A final thought. The **Brabourne Stadium** has always enjoyed the reputation of being a good batting wicket. Alas, the same cannot be said of the much talked about glass-back squash court. The joke around the circuit is that the players aim for the rough. Very sad indeed that **Bombay squash** has to be played on this spinning wicket.

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## SRAM-Mumbai Police Squash Camp (9/1/2003)

### Good with the racquet as well as the danda

That was the lesson from the month-long squash camp for policemen, conducted by the **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra** at the **A-H Ansari** squash courts in Andheri Sports Complex. Head-coach and nine-time national squash champion **Chandrakant Pawar** said: "They performed beyond our expectations. They managed to learn so well since they are very fit. Though they still don't have a good court sense, it will come with time," Pawar said.

Time seems to be the problem for all cops, including the winner of the tournament that was played amongst the 32 participants of the camp. **Ganesh Patole**, a constable at the police headquarters in Naigaon, got the better of **Pankaj Jadhav** 9-6, 9-7. The problem will continue unless they build courts at Naigaon or the Police Gymkhana. Pawar, however, said some of the best policemen will be given further training of about six months. "Talks are going on between SRAM and the **Indian Squash Professionals** and we just have to finalise the best six to eight players and then start with the camp." The SRAM and ISP are also working towards providing the enthusiastic cops with a squash court all of their own. "We have already finalised everything, but still it's a long process and will take almost a year to build the courts. Till that time they can always come and practice here at Ancheri," Pawar said. Movie stars **Sharad Kapoor** and **Preeti Jhangliani** graced the occasion and gave away the Prizes.



Right to left : Ganesh Patole (Winner), Preeti Jhangliani (Chil guest Film Actress), Pankaj Jadhav (Runners-up), Sharad Kapoor (Chil guest Film Actor), Insp. Pradeep Sharma

## All India Inter-University Squash Championship, Mumbai (5/2/2003)

### Mumbai varsity best

Defending Champions University of Mumbai claimed their fourth varsity title in a row when they beat last year's runners-up University of Delhi 3-1 to retain the **All-India Inter University Squash Tournament** crown at the Bombay Gymkhana's glass-back courts. **Kunal Jani** gave Mumbai a jumpstart beating Delhi's **Neeraj Tomar** 2-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-4 after dropping the opening game in the first tie. Tomar's aggressive play unsettled Jani in the first game to score at 9-2. Jani struck form in time and capitalised on Tomar's poor footness to give Mumbai the desired advantage.

**Results of finals. Mumbai University beat Delhi University 3-1** : Kunal Jani beat Neeraj Tomar 2-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-4. **Semi-finals: University of Mumbai beat LNIPE, Gwalior 3-0** : Kunal Jani beat Rajuendra Rajput 9-2, 9-1, 9-0; Sahil Vora beat Rakesh Kumar 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; Anurag Gill beat Dorjee Khirmey 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; **University of Delhi beat University of Pune 3-1** : Neeraj Tomar beat Arjun Agnihotri 9-4, 9-5, 1-9, 9-7; Abhimanyu Arya lost to Ranveet Singh 10-9, 7-9, 6-9, 2-9; Yashwardhan Singh beat Swapnil Raopadhyaya 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; Digvijay Alawat beat Suraj Shetty 10-8, 9-2, 9-3.

## Squash Court for cops (10/4/2003)

Squash got another set of fans when the foundation stone of squash courts were laid at the **State Reserve Police Force** ground in Jogeshwari, Mumbai by 9 times professional national champion **Mr. Chandrakant Pawar**. The idea was in pipeline from some time and with the help of **Mr. Yogesh Pratap Singh (Commandant of SRPF)** and **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra**, policemen will now have two squash courts in their own back yard. But Singh said the idea behind the squash courts was more to groom talent rather than serve as a form of leisure.

"The policemen will certainly play when they get time. Many will play for fun. But the courts are more for their families. If the sport needs to grow then we need to get children playing the game," he said. Singh also said that involving children could also result in SRPF producing a national champion some day. "It is probability. If they are given the right kind of training and exposure, they can be excellent players," Singh said.

There will be quality training at the courts with nine time national champion Chandrakant Pawar and his team doing the coaching. The technical expertise for the construction and maintenance of the courts will be taken care of by SRAM. The courts will be ready to use within 6 months and will have a capacity of more than 1000 people, more than any other court in Mumbai. Apart from the policemen the courts will also hold many tournaments around the year.



Chandrakant Pawar at the foundation stone laying ceremony along with Mahendra Agarwal, Shri Mahendra (SRAM), V/S Singh (Commandant, SRPF), Ashish Gupta (SRAM) and Mrs. Surti Gupta



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## 10TH DDA OPEN (4/2/2003)

**Final Results:** Men Open: Navneet Narian bt Abhimanyu Jain 3-0; Women: Mekhla Subedar bt Priyanka Yadav 3-0; Men Over-35: Milan Khurana bt Narjeet Singh 3-1; Veterans Over-45: Narjeet Singh bt Rahul Kumar 3-0; U-19: Amjad Khan bt Dhruv Dhawan 3-2.

## DSM DELHI OPEN (16/2/2003)

**Final Results:** Men Open: Gaurav Nandrajog bt Navneet Narian 15-11, 10-15, 15-12, 17-16, 15-9; Women: Mekhla Subedar bt Priyanka Yadav 15-5, 15-9, 15-10; Boys: U-19: Gaurav Nandrajog bt Amjad Khan 15-7, 15-4, 15-8; U-17: Imran Khan bt Naresh Kumar 15-10, 15-10, 17-16; U-15: Naresh Kumar bt Farman Khan 15-12, 15-14, 8-15, 15-7; U-13: Ravi Dixit bt Abhay Sood 15-12, 15-7, 13-15, 15-12; U-11: Rahul Kumar bt A Jain 15-10, 15-9, 15-6; Veterans U-45: Narjeet Singh bt Rahul Kumar 15-7, 15-9, 15-9; Under-35: Sanjeev Anand bt Narjeet Singh 15-12, 15-13, 13-15, 15-7; Mens Plate: Vikram Nanda bt Mekhla Subedar 15-12, 15-11, 15-9; U-35: Vikram Nanda bt Rohit Thawani 3-0.

## GUJARAT OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP (2/2/2003)

**The results of finals:** Open category: Amandeep Singh Sidhu; Runner-up: Saurabh Gulathi; Veterans: Michael Wire; Runner-up: Narendra Gour; Boys Under-19: Sajal Agarwal; Runner-up: Sahil Shah; Best player: Ranjeet Joshi.

## INTER STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (8/1/2003)

Venue: The Calcutta Rackets Club. **Winners:** Delhi. Runners-up: Services

## EAST INDIA SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

(12/1/2003)

### Final Results:

Men: Ritwik Bhattacharya beat Navneet Narian 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; Over-35: Kavi Seth beat Rajeev Bhatia 9-2, 9-0, 9-4; U-19: Amjad Khan beat Naresh Kumar 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; U-15: Naresh Kumar beat Farhan Khan 9-3, 9-4, 9-7.



(Winners) Delhi Team in the Inter State Squash Championship

## International Results

### Irish Open, Ireland : 01-06 April 2003

Vanessa Atkinson (Ned) bt Cassie Jackman (Eng) 3-9, 9-4, 9-5, 4-9, 9-7

### WISPA TEXAS OPEN : 27-30 March 2003

Carol Owens (NZL) bt Natalie Pohrer (USA) 9-10, 9-1, 9-4, 9-1

### Kuala Lumpur Open Championships, Malaysia : 13-16 February 2003

Men : Moh'd Azlan (MAS) bt Tommy Berden (NED) 15-10, 15-9, 3-15, 15-5  
Women : Carol Owens (NZL) bt Natalie Grinham (AUS) 9-3, 9-0, 9-2

### Women's British National Championships : 09-16 February 2003

Cassie Jackman (Norfolk) bt Rebecca Macree (Essex) 9-6 4-9 9-4 9-3

### Men's British National Championships 2003 : 09-16 February 2003

Peter Nicol (Yorks) bt Lee Beachill (Yorks) 7-15 15-11 15-9 12-15 15-8

### Catella Swedish Open Championship, Sweden : February 4-9 2003

Stewart Boswell (AUS) bt John White (SCO) 6-15, 15-7, 15-6, 15-12

### Women's Pittsburgh Squash Invitational, Pittsburgh : 17-19 January 2003

Samantha Terran (MEX) bt Christina Mak (HKG) 7-9 9-6 9-0 9-0

### Ali Bin Ali Open, Doha, Qatar : 09-14 January 2003

Omar Elborolossy (EGY) bt Hisham Ashour (EGY) 15-11, 15-7, 15-10

## World Rankings April 2003

Women Rankings			Men's Rankings		
Pos.	Player	Country	Pos.	Player	Country
1	Petar Nicol	ENG	1	Carol Owens	NZL
2	Natlie Palmer	AUS	2	Natalie Pohrer	USA
3	Jonathan Power	CAN	3	Linda Charman	ENG
4	Stewart Boswell	AUS	4	Tania Bailey	ENG
5	John White	SCO	5	Rachael Grinham	AUS
6	Thierry Lincou	FRA	6	Vanessa Atkinson	NED
7	Anthony Rickeltes	AUS	7	Cassie Jackman	ENG
8	Lee Beachill	ENG	8	Natalie Grinham	AUS
9	Katrin Danawish	EGY	9	Rebecca Macree	ENG
10	Ong Beng Hee	MAS	10	Jenny Tranfield	ENG
11	Mark Chaloner	ENG	11	Fiona Geaves	ENG
12	Joseph Knepp	AUS	12	Stephanie Brind	ENG
13	Martin Heath	SCO	13	Omnaya Abdel Kawy	EGY
14	Mansoor Zaman	PAK	14	Vicky Botwright	ENG
15	Alex Gough	WAL	15	Pamela Nimmo	SCO
16	Arrr Shabana	EGY	16	Suzanne Horner	ENG
17	Simon Parke	ENG	17	Shelley Kitchin	NZL
18	Nick Taylor	ENG	18	Isabelle Stecher	FRA
19	Omar Elborolossy	EGY	19	Rebecca Chiu	HKG
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