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Herald Maritime Services Squash Open 2003 (5- 07-2003)

## Ritwik claims the squash jackpot

By Pradeep Vijayakar

Saurav Ghoshal had fancied his chances against Ritwik Bhattacharya in their second meeting in a fortnight in Mumbai. The reason he had lost the first encounter, at the **Otters Open**, was because of his earlier rigours in the boys event. That had left him with tired legs.

But at the **Herald Maritime Services Open**, Saurav had avoided the juniors event even though it was paying **Rs 50,000**. He was trying for the **Rs 75,000 jackpot**, the highest prize ever in the history of Indian squash. But he was to miss out. All he could do was take a game off Ritwik at 15-14. Ritwik made his short opponent move from one corner up front to another diagonally at the back. Most opponents would have cracked. Ghoshal did only after making some grand retrievals. He also had some great finishing shots like the forehand volley into the nick that had the beating of Ritwik. But his downthe-line volleys were tame and he had just a couple of backhanders into the nick. Ritwik didn't play as many shots as his opponent, kept ball in play and won by unforced errors of the **Kolkata** lad now training at **Chennai**. Saurav had to be content with **Rs 35,000**. With **Joshna Chinappa** busy training for the world juniors, the women's crown and prize of **Rs 30,000** was a piece of cake for **Mekhala Subedar**. The surprise of the tournament was **Priyanka Yadav, India No 4**. She beat **Deepali Anvekar** in the semis. She surprised **Mekhala** with her sudden changes of pace but that was not enough to conquer the **four-time national champ**.



From left to right - Miss Noreena (ISP), Capt Jamshed Appoo (Sponsor), Gaurav Nandrajog (Boys U-19 Winner), Chief guest Dhanraj Pillay, Khalid A-H Ansari (President, SRAM), Ritwik Bhattacharya (Men's Winner), Mekhala Subedar (Women's Winner) & Zavary Poonawala.

The best final was undoubtedly the boys under-19 between Delhi's **Gaurav Nandrajog**, seed No 1 and second seed **Sahil Vora**. Vora, as is his wont, played the man more than the ball. There were irritating obstructions and appeals for lets and strokes. The ref **Chandrakant Pawar** tended to be lenient which allowed Vora to unsettle his opponent. But Vora's attempts to play to the gallery ended in disaster. The old-fashioned length game would have made a difference because Vora can really beat the ball hard. Nandrajog kept his cool and won the big prize of **Rs 50,000**. It was great to see our hockey all-time great **Dhanraj Pillay** as chief guest. He was charmed by the game and chances are he will seek out Chandrakant Pawar to pick it up soon. He liked the placing aspect of the game more than anything else. Another prominent visitor was the pillar of horse racing in India **Zavary Poonawala**. He was astonished that players had to work so hard to win. **Capt Jamshed Appoo**, the sponsor who ploughed in **Rs 6 lakh** in this maiden tournament, is also a racing man owning several sprinters. He got a commitment from Poonawala to sponsor a squash tournament. Squash aficionados are also hoping the sprawling unused spaces at the turf club at Mahalaxmi can be used for putting up squash courts which can also be used by jockeys, apprentices, and the RWITC members to stay fit.

With courts coming up at Ruparel College thanks to **Shrikant Ruparel's** initiative, and **Nana Chudasama** promising to help plans to have courts under the many flyovers, **squash**



Zavary Poonawala presenting the juniors trophy to Gaurav Nandrajog



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is set to boom in Mumbai. And the good news is that Capt Apoo will sponsor another such tournament next year. He saw colleagues of his son Cyrus sweat out to sharpen their game. He thought they must be rewarded. The cream of the country had their rewards. Thank you Capt. Apoo.

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## Tulipstar - IS PDoubles Squash & Mens Top - 8 By Invitation (12/06/2003)

### GOEL, DUBEY OF TULIP STAR LIFT DOUBLES TITLE

Top seed Gaurav Nandrajog of Delhi was in a class of his own as he outplayed Jindal's Vikas Jangra 15-10, 15-10, 15-9 to lift the singles title in the ISP-Tulip Star doubles handicap and singles



The winner of Tulip Star-ISP Doubles Sanjay Goyal & G.C.Dubey along with Noreena (ISP), Vicky Kalludi (sponsor), Sanjay Nirupam (M.P.), Khalid A-H Ansari (President, SRAM), Mr. Banerjee (IPS), Gaurav Nandrajog (Winner in Men's Top-8), Mr. Rathod (IPS), Xavier Marcus (sponsor), Bunty Singh, Aashish Gupta (SRAM), Bipin Singh (Dy. Com. Of Police) & Mahendra Agarwal (SRAM)

invitation squash tournament, which concluded at the Hotel Tulip Star.

The doubles title was won by Tulip Star's Sanjay Goel & G C Dubey, who made the most of their handicap advantage to defeat Avinash Bhavnani and Anurag Gill of Otters Club 15-5, 13-15, 15-10. Nandrajog, ranked No. 2 in the country in the under-19 age group, used the tournament to gain valuable match practice before the Otters Open and his good form was much in evidence as he totally dominated the proceedings against Jangra. Jangra, who relies more on stamina to wear down his opponent, found in Nandrajog an equally fit player who could match him stroke for stroke. Nandrajog, however, held the edge because of his wider range of strokes and superior court craft.

Nandrajog won Rs 6,000 for his efforts, while the doubles winners gained Rs 8,000. MP Sanjay Nirupam was the chief guest and gave away the prizes.

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## Khar Gymkhana - ISPDoubles Open (30-5-2003)

### VORA BROTHERS ON TOP

Nine-time national professionals champion Chandrakant Pawar and his partner Mangesh Nadkarni paced around the Khar Gymkhana squash courts, belying their age against much younger



At the prize distribution ceremony of Khar GYMKHANA - ISPDoubles Open Squash (from L to R) Mahendra Agarwal, Rajesh Rajani, Shiv Malhotra, Sahil & Rushabh Vora (winners), Manu Dadiani, Ashok Nagpal, Pradeep Ajila & Gowarikar

opponents Sahil and Rushabh Vora, in the final of the Khar Gymkhana-ISP Open Squash. Though they succumbed 14-15, 15-10, 12-15 in the end, both Pawar and Nadkarni used their experience to take the match to their opponents.

The tournament was a one-off event, which over the past four days, saw a unique blend of former champs battling it out against the current lot. Apart from former players, promising players like Kunal Jani, Anurag Gill, Cyrus Apoo and the under-13 champion Vikram Malhotra also took part in the event.

"One day, Mahendra Agarwal and I were talking and it was decided to organise the event. The aim basically is to let players enjoy the game as there is not a lot of pressure to win here," said Shiv Malhotra, Vice-President of Khar Gymkhana.

The prize distribution that followed was as eventful as the final. With the orchestra playing in the background, everyone, from players to organisers, joined in the song and dance. "It is always our aim to make sports a fun event. The aim is to give everyone a chance to get together and have fun. Something they do not get to do every time a squash event is organised," Malhotra added. Malhotra also said that every club should aim to not make sports just a competitive event, but to also create an atmosphere where everyone feels at ease. "When a player loses in the first round, there is not much left for him in the tournament. But after-event parties such as this give the players and the spectators a chance to mix with each other in a fun atmosphere," he said.

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## 2nd Raju Chainani's Squash Coaching camp at Bombay Gymkhana. (29-5-2003)

### Shaheen wins battle of the sisters

The month-long Raju Chainani free coaching camp conducted at the Bombay Gymkhana Squash courts came to an end with a tournament held for the participants. Seventy-six players from various age groups played each other in three categories senior girls, junior girls and junior boys. Along with the amateurs, a competition was also conducted for the professionals. Brig.(ret.) Chainani, father of the late Raju Chainani in whose memory the camp has been organised, gave away the prizes. His sister, Lavita, was also present on the occasion. A former junior national

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**squash champion**, Raju Chainani, covered squash as a journalist in many parts of the world.

Shaheen Madraswala outplayed her elder sister Shehnaz in the girl's senior finals while Trisha Venkatraman overcame Shivani Sanghvi in the junior's category. In the boys category, Dhruv Sanghvi outplayed Ritesh Venkatraman. Rakesh Solanki won his match against Vilas Pawar to claim the **professional's** crown. Sixteen-year-old Shehnaz, who lost to her 12-year-old sister, was



Khalid A-H Ansari (President, SRAM) & Mahendra Agarwal (Hon. Sec. SRAM) along with players at the 2nd Raju Chainani's free coaching camp at Bombay Gymkhana.

pretty happy even after the loss. "She is a good player and so there is nothing to feel bad about the loss. We both played to win and I wanted to win just as much as her," Madraswala said.

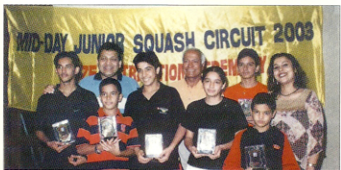
More than the competition, the camp was organised to promote the game of squash and just in its second year, it has started achieving success.

Last year there were 52 participants for the camp and this year the number has increased to 76. But senior coach Chandrakant Pawar and his assistants Ramesh More, Gopi Mohite, Prakash Yelve and a few others will feel they have achieved substantial success in promoting the game when some of the new comers will take up the game seriously.

## Mid-day Junior Squash Circuit 1st Leg (27/06/2003)

### It's Vikram again

Vikram Malhotra continued where he left off at the **Otters Open** in the first leg of the **Mid-day Junior circuit** at the **Juhu Gymkhana**



From left: Vikas Jangra (Boys U-19), Mahendra Agarwal (Dir, ISP), Aditya Jagtap (Boys U-13), Vikram Malhotra (Boys U-15), Khalid A-H Ansari (SRAM President), Shivangi Paranjpe (Girls U-15), Sandeep Jangra (Boys U-17), Tarun Nambiar (Boys U-11), Noreena (ISP)

courts. There are three such events in all which will make it very exciting for the juniors whose development plans took a dive when the Malaysian visit was spiked because of Sars. Mid-day did well to make it up in a different way with a prize money of **Rs 80,000**. Malhotra is just out of the under-13 ranks and had scalped Harinder Sandhu in the Otters Open. Here he claimed the title beating Cyrus Vakil. In the under-17, Jindal's Sandeep Jhangra proved the best while Otters' Sachika Balwani claimed the under-11 title.

While Jangra outplayed Manek Mathur in five games to lift the boys under-17 titles, Malhotra and Sachika were easy winners over Cyrus Vakil and Saumya Karki in the boys under-15 and girls under-11 age groups respectively. All the winners of the first leg got three points, with the runners-up getting two and the semi-finalists one each, which will count towards the overall winner.

The Mathur-Jangra match which lasted 50 minutes was a close affair initially, before Mathur lost his focus and with hit the match. Mathur, the second seed did extremely well to recover from a 6-8 deficit in the first game and win it 10-8, but he lost the second tamerly. However, he regained his one-game lead by winning the this game 9-2 in just seven minutes, but that was the end of his effort. He seemed to have just shut off in the last two games, which he lost 1-9, 1-9 in just 12 minutes to hand the match to the top seeded Jangra.

Much was expected from Cyrus Vakil in the final against top seed Malhotra, but the unseeded player just could not match the stroke play of Malhotra and lost in straight games in just 25 minutes. Sachika, the under-11 National champion as expected to cruise through her match and that is what transpired as she blanked Saumya 9-3, 9-3, 9-0.

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## Raja Bundela at SRAM Summer Coaching camp (30-5-2003)

Squash is a better way to fitness than just working the treadmills and pumping iron. **Raja Bundela**, chief guest at the closing ceremony of the **SRAM** camp at the **Anchor Sports Complex**



At the SRAM Summer coaching camp organized at A-H Ansari Squash Academy Sanjay Goyal (SRAM) along with actor Raja Bundela alongwith squash players.

said he played squash regularly until a busy lifestyle distanced him from the sport. "It's the best way to stay fit. It exercises your entire body and since it also demands high physical involvement, you get a work out in no time at all. You don't even need a partner. You just have to get into a court and sweat it out for as long as you want," Bundela said.

Sanjay Goyal, member of the SRAM organising committee, echoed the feeling: "No other sport demands such high fitness and physical

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levels. Either the emphasis is on flexibility or on strength but both are required in equal measure in squash."

Even the beginners at the camp realised the effectiveness of the game. Fifteen-year-old **Avni Shetty**, who has been swimming at competitive levels for more than seven years, feels squash is far more demanding than any other sport. "Playing squash for half an hour is like swimming for two hours," Shetty said.

Another beginner, **Ritesh Chopra**, has been involved in many sports like football, basketball, athletics and volleyball but says he has never had such a heavy workout earlier. "It's a really fast game and you have to be on your toes. Your movements have to be quick and there is so much of running and stretching involved that you get a very heavy work out within an hour."

Source: Mid-Day

## THE LEELA-ISP SQUASH CLASSIC 18-5-2003

*Well done Willingdon*

Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana 'A' were crowned champions at **The Leela-ISP Squash Classic 2003** final when they defeated **Otters Club 'B'** to win the open handicap tournament 3-1. The first match of the best of five games started off with a bang and the winner couldn't be predicted till the last point was played. The match, an engrossing five setter, saw **Prashant Mehra** of WCG prevail over **Cyrus Appoo** of Otters 14-15, 15-11, 8-15, 15-9, 15-9. Though Appoo started off with a handicap and made it work to his advantage, Mehra showed nerves of steel to bounce back every time he was down. The second match, even though it provided a lot of fireworks, was not as exciting as the one played earlier. WCG's **Jay Thapa** had to toil hard to knock down **Karan Bhaty** of Otters. Meanwhile, **Ashwin Kukreja**, who turned out for Otters, provided the Bandra outfit with the sole victory of the day when he outclassed **Bipin Batra** in three straight games. However, Kukreja's win proved to be the only thing for Otters to cherish, as **Rakshak Malhotra** wrapped it up for the winners in the fourth match when he defeated **Tushar Bhambani**.

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The winner of The Leela -ISP Squash Classic along with Noreena (ISP), Shiv Malhotra (SRAM), Actor Jackie Shroff, Mahendra Agarwal (Hon. Sec. SRAM), Actor Rajesh Khanna, Mr. Vivek Nair (V.C. & MD of The Leela), Salfie Jani (ISP) & Mr. Kann (GM, The Leela)

## INDIANOIL-SERVO OTTERS OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2003 (20/06/2003)

**Vikram makes his mark in higher group**

By Pradeep Vijayakar

The advance of **Vikram Malhotra** and **Saurav Ghoshal** were two main features of the **Rs 3.75 lakh** Otters Club Open. This turned out to be a virtual national as practically everyone who mattered played. The one to miss out was national champ **Manish Chotrani** who is nursing a back vertebrae problem.



Group picture of the Otters Open. Prize winners with the Chief Guest Dilip Dandekar

Vikram was third seed yet he beat top seed **Harinder Singh Sandhu**. The Chandigarh lad was having a sore back but played some grand shots in between. Vikram however switched on his magic when most needed and came through in a five-setter.

**Ghoshal** had played a five-setter against **Gaurav Nandrajog** in the under-19 final. The legs were tired for the final against **Ritwik Bhattcharya**. These two had played for India at the **Asian Games**. What should have been a grand final was one-sided as a tired Ghoshal only shone in patches. Ritwik kept a good pace and got past in straight sets.

For **Joshna Chinappa** it was sweet revenge in the women's final against **Mekhala Subedar**. In December she had surrendered her national title to Mekhala but beat her straight in the final. The first game was the best. Both players had game points but Joshna kept her cool in the rallies where obstruction was rampant and came through with the help of a couple of 'stroke' decisions. Mekhala usually played at half pace.

Chennai players had good outing with **Deepika Pallikal** claiming two girls titles, the under 15 and 13. The final day drew a packed crowd and DD covered the final in both Marathi and English channels.

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# THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF SQUASH

By Pradeep Vijayakar

## Ghoshal hot on Ritwik's trail



Saurav Ghoshal



Ritwik Bhattacharya

This could be the year of **Saurav Ghoshal**. The Kolkata junior, now Chennai-based at the academy, gave a trailer of this when reaching the final of the **Otters Club Open**. He had had a tough under-19 final against **Gaurav Nandrajog**. That's why his legs weren't moving in the final against **Ritwik Bhattacharya**. Or we have have seen a different result.

Ghoshal made everyone sit up when he won the **German Juniors** title. One asked him if the field was competitive. He said: "I beat the **British Juniors semi-finalist** in the semis and lost to the **Dutch champ**."

Pakistani juniors have been doing consistently well. When did he think he would meet them? "I think in the **World Juniors** next August." Saurav has played against **Farhan Mehmood**, **Yasin** and **Khalid Atlas** and **Samir Khan**. He could meet some of them at the **British Juniors** before the **World Juniors**.

These two events and the **Scottish Juniors** are the big ones for Saurav. Till then he will try and tighten his game do what his coach **Maniam** has asked him to: **Be patient in defence so as to shut the door on the opponent**.

One told him that he and the other juniors were playing the crosscourt too often than players of the past. "Against Europeans one must crosscourt as they play straight and expect straight shots or the drop but not the crosscourt. Against Asians it would be better to play length and rely on one's stamina."

What was it playing against Ritwik like? "It would have been better if I had been fresh and not dead beat after playing two tough matches in the juniors."

Of course he does look far more fitter than before thanks to the workload put in at the academy in Chennai. But he maintains that to remain fresh there must be breaks that enable to spend quality time at home. Indeed it was a month-long break at home that renewed his vigour for the **German Open** juniors which he won. **Stay fresh, Saurav**.

## HARINDER SHIFTS BASE FROM CHANDIGARH TO CHENNAI

**Harinder Singh Sandhu** is the new kid on the block in Indian squash. Don't go by what happened at the **Otters Club Open**.

It is true **Vikram Malhotra** beat him but Sandhu has enough class to reach the top. He has changed base over from his home Chandigarh to Chennai which is the hub of Indian squash. Sandhu's coach **Amitoj Inder Singh** has moved over to CCI so it will be **Cyrus Poncha** and **Maj Maniam** who will be shaping him now. Harinder says he wasn't as fit as he should have been for that clash against **Vikram**.

"I had some back pain and couldn't hit the winners. But **Vikram** played much better and I struggled." Harinder began playing squash from the fourth class. At school he played all games, cricket, football. He was also the under-12 skipper of his school. His high point was when he claimed the **Scottish Open** under-13 title last year. The **national title** came as well in this age group. Asked in what areas he needs to develop, Harinder said, "I need to build up my stamina again." When he shifts base things naturally will click in place. Will Chennai be his new home. "Let us see if I like it."



## Deepika's remarkable double take



**Deepika Pallikal** showed **Mumbai** fans why she won the **German Juniors Open** under 13 title. At the **Otters Club Open**, she claimed two titles: under-15 and under-13.

Asked about the triumphs, Deepika from **Chennai**, said: "In the under-15 I beat **Shibani Phillip**. She was the top seed

and I was happy. I lost the first game but kept my cool and won the next three. In the under-13 I beat my teammate **V.Anwesha**."

Does it go like a yo-yo between her and Anwesha particularly as they know each other's game? "Yes, it's usually close. Before we came to Mumbai we had a ladder match at our club and I won 3-1." That proves Deepika is showing a dislike of losing. Did they expect her to win the German title? "No. But the girls were of my standard, playing like me so I thought I had a chance and came through."

Does playing abroad have its problems? "You have to hit a little high out there, merely hitting hard does not pay." Deepika is the daughter of former **India women's cricket skipper Susan Pallikal**. Her father played all the games at college level and so sport runs in her blood. She played a bit of tennis at school but squash is now her main sport. She says she is grateful to her coaches, first **Tripathi** and now **Cyrus Poncha**. **Joshna** and **Alisha** have to watch out for this little bundle of energy, who now targets the **Dutch Juniors** title.

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## The best of Raju

From a collection of articles  
written by Raju Chainani

### Birthday Bonanza

Mid-day 11-5-1998

**SACHIN TENDULKAR** and **Peter Nicol**. One a master blaster, the other a racket magician. On his 25th birthday, Tendulkar sparkled in India's win over **Australia** at **Sharjah**. Just a few days earlier, it had been the southpaw's crowning moment and he gave himself the perfect birthday present when he beat the redoubtable **Jansher Khan** in the **British Open** final.

It was back in 1973, three months before Nicol Peter was born that **Jonah Barrington** won the British Open. It was his sixth success in the event and the following year, his attempt to equal the legendary **Hashim Khan's** record was stopped by **M. Yasin** who later was to coach Jansher. For the last 16 years the British Open has been dominated by the two. **Jahangir** won 10 in a row and then it was Jansher's turn to take over.

Nicol has broken that sequence. Since February he has taken over as world number one and his latest victory has seen him extend his lead over the mercurial Pakistani With Jansher presently on the repair list it is anybody's guess whether he can make a comeback.

Nicol's rise to the top is an example for many a youngster. Six years ago he won his first major title, the **Singapore Open**. Since then the progress chart has shown a steady upward trend. He is supremely fit, a fact which Jansher readily acknowledges. In **Neil Harvey**, the former England number one, Nicol has found a coach who he can relate to well. It's almost akin to the bond between **Ramakant Achrekar** and the little master.

In the cricket world, comparisons are being made between Tendulkar and **Bradman**. For Peter Nicol, there still is some way to go before he can be talked of in the same breath as Jahangir, Jansher or even **Jonah**. During the last 12 months he has shown his prowess, beating Jansher four times in major tournaments. Barrington is an Peter Nicol fan. He came up the hard way and the fitness factor played the dominant role, much as it does with Nicol. In Tendulkar and Nicol the sporting world has two extraordinary athletes. They are at the top of their respective professions. Was it sheer coincidence that on their 25th birthday they both had reserved something special for their fans?

## Sanghis boost for Police Gym.

**Sah and Sanghi**, Mumbai's leading automobile dealers, have come forward to extend support to the rapidly expanding sporting facilities



*Ranjan Sanghi (second from left) presenting cheque for Rs 10 lakh to Police Commissioner R.S. Sharma towards creating indoor sports facility at their police Gymkhana. SRAM president Khalid A-H Ansari, Additional Commissioner of Police Sanjay Barve and Mahendra Agarwal are also in the picture*

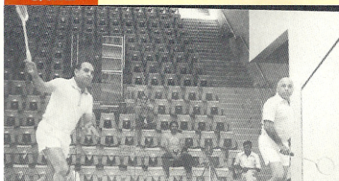
of Mumbai Police at Marine Drive and elsewhere in the city. **Ranjan Sanghi**, Executive Director of Sah and Sanghi Group of Companies and Vice-President of the **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra**, presented a cheque for **Rs 10 lakh** to police commissioner **R. S. Sharma** at police headquarters at Crawford Market.

The amount is part of a total contribution of **Rs 20 lakh** to the police force and will be utilised to set up improved and additional indoor sports facilities at the Police Gymkhana at Marine Drive.

SRAM members can avail the facility of squash court between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by paying nominal charges as soon as the squash court is ready at Mumbai police gymkhana.

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## SRAM ANNUAL RELEASED

It was a day to remember in the annals of the **Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra**. It brought out its own annual publication, the **SRAM ANNUAL 2003**. Something even the national federation has not attempted or done. **Nana Chudasama**, former sherriff, said "It is good you have put some girls on the cover, that will ensure that it won't be ignored."

The annual has faithfully recorded all the events of the year. It has also chronicled the activities of the association for the past three years since **Khalid Ansari** took over. Importantly it has taken note of the contribution of the **Indian Squash Professionals** who are like a beacon for others to follow—working very much in the manner of NGOs, a sporting NGO, if you please. SRAM president **Khalid Ansari** said the association would try its utmost to spread the sport and use every nook and corner of the city. He was hopeful of the two courts coming up at **Ruparel College**, at their new management institute. He thanked **Shrikant (Lord) Ruparel** for his efforts in this dream coming true.

A new tourney, the **Herald Maritime Services Open** offering the biggest prize money ever, was also unveiled on the occasion at **Khar Gymkhana**, which has suddenly turned into a home of squash.



Showing off the new SRAM Annual, from left are Shrikant Ruparel, Khalid A-H Ansari, Nana Chudasama and Capt. Jamshed Apoo.

## Indian Squash juniors shine (18-5-2003)

It was three cheers for India, as Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal won titles in the respective age categories while Joshna Chinappa finished a creditable second in the German Junior Open squash championship. In the under-19 boys section Ghosal edged past Germany's top ranked Patrick Gassler 9-0, 4-9, 4-9, 10-8 and 9-6 in the final to clinch the crown at Gerlingen, Stuttgart. Ghosal had earlier caused a sensation in the semifinal when he upset European number one Dylan Bennet. Pallikal won the honours in the under-13 girls event.

## INDIAN RESULTS

### Herald Maritime Services Squash Open 2003

#### FINALS

##### Men's:

Ritwick Bhattacharyya beat Saurav Ghosal 15-6, 15-6, 14-15, 15-8

##### Women's:

Mekhal Subedar (Deolali) bt Priyanka Yadav (Mumbai) 15-6, 15-6, 10-15, 15-8.

##### Boys U-19:

Gaurav Nandrajog (Del) bt Sahil Vora (Mumbai) 12-15, 15-4, 11-15, 15-12, 15-12.

#### SEMI FINALS

##### Men's Open :

Ritwik Bhattacharyya (Del) bt Amjad Khan (Dhampur) 15-2, 15-5, 15-2  
Sourav Ghoshal (Chennai) bt Karan Bhatti 15-6, 15-5, 15-9.

##### Women :

Mekhal Subedar (Deolali) bt Rachita Vora 15-7, 15-11, 15-8;  
Priyanka Yadav bt Deepali Anvekar 15-9, 5-15, 15-10, 15-12.

##### Boys U-19 :

Gaurav Nandrajog (Del) bt Vikas Jangra (Jindal) 15-11, 15-10, 15-10  
Sahil Vora bt Mihir Sheth 15-10, 15-7, 15-4.

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#### MENS TOP-8 FINALS:

Gaurav Nandrajog beat Vikas Jangra 15-10, 15-10, 15-9

#### SEMIFINALS:

Vikas Jangra beat Sahil Vora 7-15, 15-10, 15-13  
Gaurav Nandrajog beat Anuraag Gill 15-3, 15-8

#### DOUBLES FINALS:

Sanjay Goyal & G.C.Dubey (Tulip Star) beat Anurag Gill & Avinash Bhavnani (Otters) 15-5, 13-15, 15-10

#### DOUBLES SEMIFINALS:

Avinash Bhavnani & Anurag Gill (Otters) bt Shiv Malhotra & Rajesh Rajani (Khar Gym) 6-15, 15-11, 15-12  
Sanjay Goel & G.C.Dubey (Tulip Star) bt Sachin Jadhav & Sanjay Kalati (Juhu Gym) 15-10, 15-10.

### Khar Gymkhana - ISP Doubles Open

#### FINAL:

Sahil Vora and Rushabh Vora (CCI) bt C S Pawar and Mangesh Nadkarni (Otters Club) 15-13, 10-15, 15-11, 13-15, 17-15.

#### SEMI-FINALS:

C.S.Pawar & Mangesh Nadkarni (Otters Club) bt Vijay Sonavane and Ashwin Kukreja (Otters Club) 5-15, 15-7, 15-9, 15-12;  
Sahil Vora & Rushabh Vora (CCI) bt Sanjay Pawar & Cyrus Apoo (Otters Club) 15-11, 15-12, 9-15, 17-15.



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## Mid-day Junior Squash Circuit

**Boys U-19:** Vikas Jangra (Jindal) bt Anurag Gill 9-4, 6-9, 9-1, 9-0  
**Boys U-17:** Sandeep Jangra bt Manek Mathur 8-10, 6-9, 2-9, 9-1, 9-1  
**Boys U-15:** Vikram Malhotra bt Cyrus Vakil 9-1, 9-5, 9-2  
**Boys U-13:** Aditya Jagtap bt Rahul D'Cunha 9-6, 9-3, 9-4  
**Boys U-11:** Tarun Nambiyar bt Abhishek Pradhan 9-4, 8-10, 9-4, 9-1  
**Girls U-15:** Shivanji Paranjpe bt Madhura Paranjpe 5-9, 9-2, 2-9, 9-5, 9-2  
**Girls U-11:** Sachika Balwani bt Saumya Karki 9-3, 9-3, 9-0.

## THE LEEA-ISP SQUASH CLASSIC

**FINALS: WILKINGDON CATHOLIC GYMKHANA BEAT OTTERS 'B' 3-1**  
 Prashant Mehra bt Cyrus Apoo 14-15, 15-11, 8-15, 15-9, 15-9  
 Jay Thapa bt Karan Bhatti 15-4, 13-15, 9-15, 15-8, 15-10  
 Bipin Batra lost Ashwin Kukreja 14-15, 12-15, 11-15  
 Rakshak Malhotra bt Tushar Bhamhani 10-15, 15-13, 15-13, 15-9

**SEMI-FINALS: WILKINGDON CATHOLIC GYMKHANA BEAT THE LEEA**  
 Prashant Mehra bt Mahendra Agarwal 15-4, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12  
 Bipin Batra lost Gautam Kalani 15-10, 11-15, 12-15, 12-15  
 Rakshak Malhotra bt Jatin Gurnani 15-10, 15-13, 15-14  
 Jay Thapa bt Chandrakant Pawar 12-15, 15-12, 15-13, 12-15, 15-13  
 Rajesh Sonawane lost to Sailee Jain 15-13, 12-15, 15-10, 15-11

**OTTERS 'B' BT KHAR GYMKHANA 3-2**  
 Vijay Sonawane bt Girish Jadhvani 15-12, 13-15, 15-11, 15-13  
 Karan Bhatti bt Kishore Varma 15-13, 12-15, 15-13, 12-15, 17-15  
 Tushar Bhamhani lost Jayesh Agarwal 15-12, 12-15, 13-15, 14-15  
 Carl Bokdewala lost Rajesh Rajani 15-9, 11-15, 15-13, 8-15, 13-15  
 Avinash Bhavnani bt Vijay Wagela 8-15, 15-7, 15-6, 15-2

## International Results

**Seville Spanish Open Championship, Seville, Spain: 26-29 June 2003**  
 Amr Shabana (EGY) bt Karim Darwish (EGY) 15-13, 13-15, 15-14, 8-15, 15-13  
**Hurgada International Championship, Hurgada, Egypt: June 04-08 2003**  
 Carol Owens (NZL) bt Rachael Grinham (AUS) 9-5, 9-1, 9-5  
**Women's Heliopolis Open, Cairo, Egypt: May 30-June 2 2003**  
 Carol Owens (NZL) bt Rachael Grinham (AUS) 9-5, 9-5, 9-4  
**Qatar Circuit Event No3, Doha, Qatar: May 25-28 2003**  
 Derek Ryan (IRL) bt Alex Stait (ENG) 15-7, 15-9, 15-13  
**WISPA World Grand Prix Finals, Doha, Qatar: May 21-24 2003**  
 Carol Owens (NZL) bt Rachael Grinham (AUS) 9-0, 9-2, 9-4  
**PSA Masters, Qatar: May 19-24 2003**  
 John White (SCO) bt Thierry Lincou (FRA) 15-8, 17-15, 17-16  
**Mega Italia Squash Open, Brescia, Italy: 5-18 May 2003**  
 Borja Golan (ESP) bt Davide Bianchetti (ITA) 15-14, 15-9, 12-15, 15-11  
**Alta Berg Open Georgia, USA: 07-10 May 2003**  
 Viktor Berg beat Mark Heather 11-15, 15-12, 15-6, 10-15, 17-16.  
**Squashworks Open, Salt Lake City, USA: May 08-11 2003**  
 Cassie Jackman (ENG) bt Vicky Botwright (ENG) 9-2, 9-2, 9-5  
**Prince British Grand Prix, Maidstone Open, England: 09-11 May 2003**  
 Nick Matthew bt Peter Ganev 13-15, 15-8, 15-10, 15-10  
**British Under 23 Championships 2003: 09-13 April 2003**  
 James Willstrop bt Nick Matthew 15-12, 11-15, 8-15, 15-12, 17-15

## INDIANOIL-SERVO OTTERS OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

**Men:**  
 Ritvik Bhattacharya bt Saurav Ghosal (Chennai) 9-3, 9-1, 9-1  
**Boys U-19:**  
 Saurav Ghosal (Chennai) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (Delhi) 3-9, 9-3, 8-9, 9-0, 9-3  
**Boys U-17:**  
 Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) bt Manek Mathur (Mumbai) 9-3, 5-9, 10-8, 9-6  
**Boys U-15:**  
 Vikram Malhotra bt Harinderpal Sandhu (Chandigarh) 9-6, 9-3, 7-9, 1-9, 9-0  
**Boys U-13:**  
 Ramit Tandon (Kolkatta) bt Prashanth Kumar (Chennai) 9-4, 9-4, 8-10, 9-5  
**Boys U-11:**  
 Ramit Tandon (Kolkatta) bt Abhishek Pradhan 9-0, 9-0, 9-2  
**Women:**  
 Joshna Chinappa (Chennai) bt Mekhala Subedar (Deolali) 10-8, 9-5, 9-0  
**Girls U-19:**  
 Joshna Chinappa (Chennai) bt Supriya Balsekar 9-3, 9-6, 10-8  
**Girls U-17:**  
 Alisha Mashruwala bt Sonali Philip (Chennai) 9-2, 9-2, 9-2  
**Girls U-15:**  
 Dipika Pallikal (Chennai) bt Shibani Philip (Chennai) 3-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-5  
**Girls U-13:**  
 Dipika Pallikal (Chennai) bt V Anvesha 10-8, 9-4, 9-5  
**Girls U-11:**  
 Sachika Balwani bt Dheeya Somaiya (Indore) 9-0, 9-3, 10-9  
**Overseas:**  
 Balmurgan (Chennai) bt Santosh More 9-4, 9-3, 9-4  
**Profs-35:**  
 Rohit Thawani (Pune) bt Raj Arora 4-9, 9-1, 9-6, 9-0.

## World Rankings July 2003

Rankings mens			Rankings Womens		
Pos	Player	From	Pos	Player	From
1	Peter Nicol	ENG	1	Carol Owens	NZL
2	David Palmer	AUS	2	Natalie Pohrer	USA
3	John White	SCO	3	Rachael Grinham	AUS
4	Jonathon Power	CAN	4	Linda Charman	ENG
5	Thierry Lincou	FRA	5	Vanessa Atkinson	ENG
6	Stewart Boswell	AUS	6	Tania Bailey	ENG
7	Anthony Ricketts	AUS	7	Rebecca Macree	ENG
8	Karim Darwish	EGY	8	Natalie Grinham	AUS
9	Ong Beng Hee	MAS	9	Cassie Jackman	ENG
10	Lee Beachill	ENG	10	Jenny Tranfield	ENG

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