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HERO HONDA - KHAR GYMKHANA - ISP GOLDEN JUBILEE SQUASH

Manish, Deepali go the distance at ISP event

1-2-2004



The 3 Directors of Indian Squash Professionals who were honoured at the Golden Jubilee function held at Khar Gymkhana, Mumbai, Mahendra Agarwal, Chandrakant Pawar and Narendra Gour

National Champion **Manish Chotrani** and **Deepali Anvekar** won the Men's and Women's title in the Rs 2 lakh prize money Hero Honda - Khar Gymkhana -ISP Golden Jubilee Squash Tournament at the Khar Gymkhana.

Deepali Anvekar the top seed in the women's category beat the second seed **Madhura Paranjpe** in three sets 15-5, 15-3, 15-0. Deepali received Rs.10,000 and an attractive trophy, while Madhura received Rs. 5,000. Men's winner Manish Chotrani who beat **Sahil Vora** received Rs.20,000 and an attractive trophy.

In the Boys u-19 final, the two cousins **Vikas Jangra** and **Sandeep Jangra** played a superb and five setter, but the experienced holder and elder Vikas beat the Sandeep 15-10, 8-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-11. For his valuable efforts Vikas received Rs.15,000 winning prize money and Sandeep received 7,500.



RESULTS

Finals

Men's: 1-Manish Chotrani bt 2-Sahil Vora 15-9, 15-12, 15-7.

Boys u-19: 1-Vikas Jangra (Jindal) bt 2-Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) 15-10, 8-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-11.

Boys u-15: 1-Vikram Malhotra bt 2-Laxman Joshi (Jindal) 15-4, 15-5, 15-11.

Boys u-11: 1-Mahesh Mangaonkar bt 3-Tarun Nambiar 15-7, 15-9, 15-4.

Boys/Girls u-9: 1-Anurudh Nambiar bt Ishan Advani 15-5, 15-10, 15-0.

Professionals: 1-Mahesh Verma (Deolali) bt 2-Vijay M. Sonavane 15-7, 15-8, 15-8.

Over 50: Raj Manchanda bt Ajay Bhandare 15-5, 15-4, 15-6.

Women's: 1-Deepali Anvekar bt 2-Madhura Paranjpe 15-5, 15-3, 15-0.

Girls u-15: 1-Shivangi Paranjpe bt Shaheeda Madraswala 15-9, 9-15, 15-7, 15-2.

Girls u-11: 2-Ankita Sharma bt 1-Sachika Balwani 17-16, 15-17, 15-12, 15-7.



All the winners with their trophies from left to right: Sanjay Goyal (ISP), Manish Chotrani (winner in men's category), Shiv Malhotra (Vice President, Khar Gymkhana), Shivani Paranjpe (women under-15), Noreena (PRO, ISP), Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP), Chief Guest Sanjay Nirupam (MP), Pradeep Ajila (Hon. Secretary Khar Gymkhana), Deepali Anvekar (women), Vikram Malhotra (Boys under 15), Mahesh Verma (Professionals). Seated below Mahesh Mangaonkar (Boys under 11), Ankita Sharma (Girls under 11) & Vikas Jhangra (Boys under 19)



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CLUB PRANA SPA & ISP DOUBLES SQUASH TOURNAMENT

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Pawar & Goyal lift Club Prana title



At the prize distribution function of Club Prana ISP Doubles Squash from left to right: Riaz Mohammed and Brian Sopher (Semifinalist), Avinash Bhavnani and Santosh More (Runners Up), Shiv Malhotra (Treasurer, SRAM), Sanjay Goyal and Chandrakant Pawar (Winners), Mahendra Agarwal (Director, ISP) and Ashish Gupta (PRO, SRAM).

Former nine-times professionals National champion **Chandrakant Pawar** provided magical glimpses of yore, when he and partner **Sanjay Goyal**, representing the **Indian Squash Professionals**, staved off a spirited challenge from the younger Otters Club duo of **Avinash Bhavnani** and **Santosh More** to win the title in the **Club Prana Spa and ISP Doubles Championship** at the air-conditioned glass-backed courts of the **Hyatt Regency**.

Pawar and Goyal were taken the distance by Bhavnani and More before winning 15-13, 13-15, 15-11, 6-15, 17-16 and gaining for themselves an attractive free stay package in the Hotel. Though Pawar's legs seemed to be failing him in the latter stages of the match, he hung on tenaciously, spurred on by partner Goyal and his delicate touch saw him win crucial points for the team when the scores were neck to neck in the decider. In the semi-finals, while Pawar and Goyal got the better of WCG's **Rajesh Sonavane** and **Jay Thapa** 15-8, 15-11, 16-17, 7-15, 15-13, Bhavnani and More beat the Hyatt Regency's **Brian Sopher** and **Riaz Mohd.** 15-9, 15-14, 15-9.

RESULTS :

Finals:

C.S. Pawar & Sanjay Goyal [ISP] bt Avinash Bavnani & Santosh More [Otters] 15-13, 13-15, 15-11, 6-15, 17-16

Semi-Finals:

C.S. Pawar & Sanjay Goyal [ISP] bt Rajesh Sonavane & Jay Thapa [WCG] 15-8, 15-11, 16-17, 7-15, 15-13
Avinash Bhavnani & Santosh More [Otters] bt Riaz Mohd & Brian Sopher [Hyatt Regency] 15-9, 15-14, 15-9

Quarter Finals:

Rajesh Sonavane & Jay Thapa [WCG] bt Gopi Mohite & Sunil Lalchandani [Bombay Gym] 13-15, 15-9, 15-11
Riaz Mohd & Brian Sopher [Hyatt Regency] bt Jayesh Agarwal & Kishore Wanwar [Khar Gym] 15-8, 15-10
C.S. Pawar & Sanjay Goyal [ISP] bt Rajesh Rajani & Girish Jadwani [Khar Gym] 15-12, 13-15, 15-11
Avinash Bhavnani & Santosh More [Otters] Walk over.

TRANSWORLD & NMSA SQUASH

Handicap Team Championship

14-3-2004

Otters down the Leela for title

Fancied Otters Club crowned themselves champions in the Rs 35,000 prize money **Transworld-NMSA Squash Tournament 2004**, defeating **The Leela 2-1** in the final at the squash courts of the **Navi Mumbai Sports Association**.

Sanjay Pawar's 15-9, 15-6 singles victory over **Supreet Singh** was in vain for **The Leela**, as their doubles combinations lost both the rubbers, giving **Otters Club** the title. For **Otters** it was **Tushar Bambhani** and **Vijay Sonavane** who restored parity with a 6-15, 15-11, 15-11 victory over **Gautam Kalani** and pre-teenager **Abhishek Pradhan** before **Avinash Bhavnani** and **Carl Bokdawal** defeated **Chandrakant Pawar** and **Sanjay Goyal** 15-10, 15-8 to seal the issue.

Earlier, in the semi-finals, while **Otters Club** beat **Khar Gymkhana 2-1**, **The Leela** got past hosts **NMSA** by the same margin

RESULTS :

Finals:

Otters Club beat **The Leela 2-1**

Singles:

Supreet Singh (Otters) lost to Sanjay Pawar (Leela) 15-9, 15-6

Doubles:

Tushar Bambhani & Vijay Sonavane (Otters) beat Gautam Kakani & Abhishek Pradhan (Leela) 6-15, 15-11, 15-11
Avinash Bhavnani & Carl Bokdawal (Otters) beat Chandrakant Pawar & Sanjay Goyal (Leela) 15-10, 15-8

The Leela beat NMSA 2-1

Singles:

Sanjay Pawar (Leela) beat Hari Shenawa (NMSA) 15-13, 15-11

Doubles:

Gautam Kakani & Abhishek Pradhan (Leela) lost to Sonu Mirani & Vasant (NMSA) 8-15, 15-11, 9-15
Chandrakant Pawar & Sanjay Goyal (Leela) beat Leon Emanuel & Hemant Khara (NMSA) 15-14, 7-15, 15-12



From left to right: Supreet Singh, Avinash Bhavnani, Vijay Sonavane, Tushar Bambhani, Carl Bokdawal (Winners Otters team), Ashish Gupta (PRO, SRAM), Arun Patil (JT. Sec. NMSA), Shiv Malhotra (Treasurer, SRAM) DR. Rane (Vice President, NMSA), Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP), Mr. Raghwan (Sr. Manager, Transworld) and Mr. Vazirani (Treasurer, NMSA).

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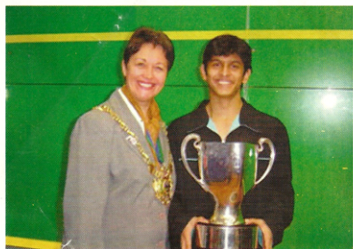


BRITISH JUNIOR OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

8-1-2004

Ghoshal gives 2004 a heady start

By Pradeep Vijayakar



Saurav Ghoshal with the British Junior open 2004 Drysdale Cup

If people were wondering if 2004 would be as heady as 2003 when Indian sport won title after title in unexpected quarters, two teenagers have provided the answer.

Kolkata lad **Saurav Ghoshal** has won the British Junior Open squash title. He thus emulates India's all-time great **Anil Nayar**, who won the Drysdale Cup, as it was known in the 60s when it was the unofficial world juniors championship.

Today, of course, there is the World Juniors but the British title is equally prestigious and all the top juniors played at Sheffield. Saurav beat Egyptian **Adel el Said** who had ousted the top seed **Khalid Atlas** of Pakistan. Now Khalid is ranked 84 in world professional circuit whereas as Ghoshal only began playing Satellite events towards the end of last year. That's how unexpected his triumph has been.

Joshna Chinappa had set the tone for Indians winning the British Junior Open title. She won the under-17 crown in January last year beating Aussie **Donna Urquhart** in the final and Egyptian **Sara Badr** in the semis. The under-19 crown narrowly eluded her as the Egyptian world junior No 1, **Omneya Abdel Kawy** beat her in the final. A few months ago Joshna was confident she would reach the final if she did not run into the Egyptian again. "The draw was such I met her in the last eight," she

said about her loss to Kawy at the World Juniors. Joshna was lucky the draw was kinder and she met Kawy only in the final. She is younger than the Egyptian so her time will come to be the No 1 among the under-19 girls in the world.

Reacting to the two performances, Indian all-time great player **Brig (retd.) Raj Manchanda**, now a coach in the city, said "It's a great performance". Saurav has been innovative, with more experience he can make a mark on the PSA circuit. As for Joshna she is strong and I am sure she will be No 1 next year.

The performances of the two are a feather in the cap of the India Cements Academy where they train under **Maj. Maniam** and **Cyrus Poncha**. They get the latest facilities and have made the most of them.

RESULTS :

Boys U-19 Finals :

Saurav Ghoshal (Ind) bt Mahmoud Adel El Said (Egy) 9/0, 9/6, 9/7

Semifinals :

Saurav Ghoshal (Ind) bt Laurence Delasaux (Eng) 9/5, 9/1, 10/8

Quarter Finals :

Saurav Ghoshal (Ind) bt Sherif Kamel (Egy) 9/2, 9/0, 9/7

Girls U19 Final :

Omneya Abdel Kawy (Egy) bt Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 9/4, 9/0, 9/7

Semifinals :

Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Amna Nazmy (Egy) 5/9, 5/9, 9/6, 9/6, 9/3

Quarters :

Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Emma Beddoes (Eng) 3/9, 9/3, 10/9, 9/4

Girls U-13 Quarter Final :

Nour Nasser (Egy) bt V. Anwesha Reddy (Ind) 9/6, 10/8, 7/9, 9/7

Salma Nassar (Egy) bt Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 9/6, 9/6, 6/9, 9/7

SCOTTISH JUNIOR OPEN

2-1-2004

Ramit, Siddharta and Dipika does India proud at Scottish Junior Open



Dipika Pallikal honoured by Dr. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

England's **Susie Pierrepoint** and Australia's **Petra Hughes** downed the top seeds in the Girl's Finals of the Scottish Junior Open Championships in Edinburgh.

India's **Dipika Pallikal**, who defeated her compatriot **Anwesha Reddy** 4-9-9-6-9-5-9-3 in the Girl's Under-13 final, fulfilled a top seeding in the Scottish Junior event.

Second seeded **Siddhich Suchde**, also of India, took the Boy's Under-19 title, beating **Jose Angel Beceril** of Mexico 10-8-9-4-9-2 in a 58 minute final, and second seeded **Nicolas Muller** of Switzerland defeated **Chun Ming Au** of Hong Kong 9-2-9-7-3-9-9-3 in the 33 minute Boy's Under-15 final.

RESULTS :

Girls Under-19:[5/8] Susie Pierrepoint (Eng) [1] Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 9-4-9-3-4 (27m)

Girls Under-13:[1] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Anwesha Reddy (Ind) 4-9-9-6-9-5-9-3

Boys Under 19:[2] Siddhich Suchde (Ind) bt Jose Angel Beceril (Mex) 10-8-9-4-9-2 (58m)

Boys Under-13:[9/11] Ramit Tandon (Ind) bt [3/4] Islam Khal Elfiky (Egy) 9-6-9-6-10-8

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SRAM President Khalid A-H Ansari with Ritwik Bhattacharya, Neil Harvey and Fali Madan, Former National Champion.

Neil Harvey was an international class badminton player who was pushed into squash by his physical education teachers. He took an instant liking to it and has risen to become among the best coaches on the international circuit. In India he is better known as the coach of our national champ, **Ritwik Bhattacharya**. He was in Mumbai for a coaching stint. Excerpts from the interview.

How did the squash bug catch you?

I was pushed into squash by my physical education teacher. I first thought he was joking. I broke six rackets in the first month itself, but I loved the game immediately. I played very good level of badminton for England. Later I thought coaching would be a good thing for me. And I went fully into it.

How did you enjoy the Indian trip?

It was very exciting. I first came and spoke to **Raj Arora** when he came to see me in England where I was with Ritwik. I was very excited about coming here because he told me such good things about the programmes and about the level of interest of the kids. I think even Ritwik was a little surprised this time about how much talent there is among the children. So you know it's an exciting start.

What's your opinion about Indian players?

I think there is a lot of ability here in India. The programme set up in Chennai appears to be working very well. I hope as an international coach, I can bring a slightly different view to may be speed up the programme and help the kids get better and quicker.

Where do you see our young players going?

There is a lot of hard work ahead and I think that's what they learnt during my stint. A lot more discipline and hard work is necessary to get up to the **International players' level**. We have been showing them quite a lot of things that the other countries are doing. The idea is to try and get them to catch up as quickly as possible.

What did you think about the facilities at the CCI?

It was a real treat to me, because I am a cricket fan and I love my cricket and to stand in a place like this and see the Indian players and also watch a match at the ground. As for the squash courts they need to be worked on to be brought to international standards, particularly the back courts. The floors are a bit dark and I know there is some renovation work soon. The coach, **A.I. Singh**, is doing a very fantastic job here and the kids work hard under him.

Can more clinics like yours go on to fetch us our elusive world champ?

I will try to come back at least twice or may be three times a year. I want to try and set up an exchange, so that some of the kids can come to England and get an English experience so that they get to see how the International players are playing. Yes, we have got lot of plans.

Where do you see Ritwik's future?

Ritwik's been with me nearly three years now. When he first came to me, I don't really think he understood what being a professional player was. I had to mould him as a person. In terms of personal development, he has been able to play a lot of potential. Last year he realised what it takes to become a top-class player. I am pleased with his rankings, he is moving in the right direction. He should be constant in the top 60 and in the next two years he could move to top 30.

What suggestions would you give to the Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM)?

To expand the sport in the state. I think there is a good system in place, only it needs to be monitored. The level of competition needs to be assessed. I know it's difficult geographically but regional development is important. Plus addition of techniques that would equip the players to go abroad and do well in tournaments abroad.

What advice would you give to the new comers?

Just work very hard at the game and make sure that you keep enjoying it.



Ritwik Bhattacharya and his coach Neil Harvey with their goodies.

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INDIANS LOSE TIE, WIN FRIENDS

By Raju Chainani (Mid-day 5-2-1993)

SINGAPORE, February 5

PAKISTAN AVENGED last Sunday's defeat as they beat India 3-0 to retain their stranglehold on the **Asian Junior Squash Championships**. It was a highly disciplined performance by them against an Indian side that played its heart out. **Rishad Billimoria** had a great chance to take a two games lead against **Kumail Mahmood** in the opener. Had that happened, the pressure would have been on the Pakistani who till then, had been comprehensively outplayed.

Billimoria made seven unforced errors in this second game. A backbreaking rally, over a hundred strokes, saw him put a forehead boast into the tin. This gave Mahmood the second game. He had trailed by a game and was 1-5 down before the revival began. One had to feel for Billimoria. He had given it everything and yesterday's hard semi-final was taking its toll. Mahmood won 2-9, 9-7, 9-2, 9-2 after sixty-four minutes.

Pakistan had dropped **Imtiaz Khan**, their number one player, from their team. **Asghar Khan** soon vindicated coach **Gogi Allaudin's** decision to do so as he beat **Paul Ferreria** 9-4, 9-4, 9-5 in 37 minutes.

Akbar Khan had a relatively easy time in the first and second games against **Vineet Asthana**. A brief flutter by the Indian saw him catch up at 5-5 in the second game, having trailed 0-4 and 1-5. Akbar led 6-0 in the third and it looked all over. The Indian hadn't given up. He took advantage of some careless play by the Pakistani and a penalty stroke gave him this third game. There was hardly any resistance from Asthana in the fourth and he managed just one point 9-5, 9-5, 7-9, 9-1 to Akbar after 43 minutes. Coach **Ananth Nayak** felt that Pakistan were the better side on the day. "It would be incorrect to make any excuses. This was a pressure match and they handled the situation better," he suggested.

The Indians had come here with just two weeks preparation, that too being interrupted by the disturbance in **Bombay**. They have earned the respect of the teams here and have shown that Pakistan can be beaten.

Boys bronze medal play-off: Malaysia beat Hong Kong 3-0.

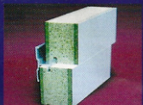
Girls round robin: Malaysia beat Hong Kong 2-1 to win the title.



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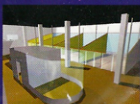
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ANKITA GETS PAST THE FIVE-FIGURE MARK



Coach Chandrakant Pawar along with Ankit Sharma

Losing to the same opponent in the finals of five tournaments and living with the knowledge that the same player would be a constant rival, both being in the same age group, could have been a discouraging prospect for most sports persons. More so at the not-so-mature age of 10. But **Ankit Sharma** proved otherwise. Biding her time and training even harder after each defeat, she finally gained revenge when she upset the under-11 National champion and top seed **Sachika Balwani** to lift the title in the recently concluded **Hero Honda-Khar GYM-ISP Golden Jubilee Squash Championships**.

The standard fifth student of **Arya Vidya Mandir, Juhu**, had lost to Sachika in the last five meetings and came up with an inspired show to beat the favourite 3-1 in this tournament. Ankit had earlier given glimpses of her prowess when winning the sub-junior/junior titles in the Natalia-SRFI grand final.

The daughter of **Inspector Pradeep Sharma** and state-level volleyball player **Swikriti Sharma**, Ankit started playing squash when she was eight, training under **Chandrakant Pawar** at **The Leela**. Initially, it was just another sport to add to skating and swimming but her healthy rivalry with Sachika seemed to have fired up the well-built pre-teen, who began training seriously, gaining further coaching from **Sunil Verma** at the **Jindal training centre in Vashind**.

Having also gained from her stint in **Malaysia** under **K H Ong**, thanks to the initiative of the **Mid-Day Petra Foundation** coaching programme, Ankit seems well on her way to squash glory and, hopefully, her on-court battles with Sachika will light up the squash scene on the distaff side, which, for many years, has seen dominance by single players.

Following are her achievements:

- ♣ Little Masters 2003: Winner
- ♣ Indian Junior Squash Open (Pune) 2003 : 3rd place
- ♣ Mid-day 2nd leg : Runners up
- ♣ Mid-day 3rd leg : Runners up
- ♣ Part of the SRFI - Natalia National Junior Circuit) Natalia - SRFI Grand Final Winner
- ♣ Maharashtra State Open Squash Championship 2003 Runners Up
- ♣ & Runners Up in U-13

Source: Mid-Day, Mumbai

DSM/ASIA SUGAR DELHI OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

19-2-2004

RESULTS :

Finals

Over 55 Mens : Col. A. K. Saidhana bt Shrikant 15-8, 15-4, 15-12

Over 50 Mens : B. I. Singh w/o Brig. Vikas Kapoor

Over 45 Mens : Col. Narjeet Singh bt Rahul Kumar 15-9, 15-9, 15-8

Over 35 Mens : Col. Narjeet Singh bt Sanjeev Anand 15-10, 15-10, 15-14

Mens Open : Gaurav Nandrajog (Delhi) bt Amjad Khan (Dhampur) 15-10, 15-14, 15-9

Ladies Open : Mekhala Srivastava (Delhi) bt Shubra Agarwal (Delhi) 15-6, 15-4, 15-5

Boys U-17 : Imran Khan (Dhampur) bt Karan Singh (Delhi) 15-7, 15-7, 14-15, 15-4

Boys U-17 : Nareesh Kumar (Dhampur) bt Farman Khan (Dhampur)

15-13, 15-13, 8-15, 8-15, 15-5

Boys U-15 : Paramjeet Singh bt Karm Kumar 15-7, 15-12, 15-8

Boys U-13 : Paramjeet Singh (Dhampur) bt Ravi Dixit (Dhampur)

7-15, 15-12, 15-10, 10-15, 15-12

Boys U-11 : Sumer Sandhu (Chandigarh) bt Deepak Kumar (Dhampur)

15-4, 15-7, 15-12, 15-11

Girls U-19 : Surabhi Mishra (Jaipur) bt Aakriti Seghal (Delhi) 15-8, 15-5, 15-11

23RD CENTRAL INDIA SQUASH TOURNAMENT

13-1-2004

There were 108 entries from all over the country for the **Central India Squash Championship** in different categories. The championship started in the newly made glass back squash court in the Daly College which was just completed before the championship. The championship was inaugurated by **IG VM Kanwar** on January 10, 2004 and the Chief Guest for the Prize Giving was **Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan** Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas.

RESULTS :

Boys U-11:

Winner : Hardik Matharu, The Daly College, Indore

Runner-up : Dhyananjay Singh, The Daly College, Indore

Boys U-13:

Winner : Ravi Dikshit, Delhi

Runner-up : Tanmay Sharma, Rajasthan

Boys U-15:

Winner : Parth Sharma, Rajasthan

Runner-up : Ravi Dikshit, Delhi

Boys U-17:

Winner : Sandeep Jangra, Maharashtra

Runners-up : Fatesh Singh, The Daly College, Indore

Boys U-19:

Winner : Sandeep Jangra, Maharashtra

Runner-up : Imran Khan, Delhi

Men's Open:

Winner : Manish Chotrani, Maharashtra

Runner-up : Dheeraj Singh, Rajasthan

Girls U-13:

Winner : Rinky Soni, Maharashtra

Runner-up : Priyanka Bhargava, The Daly College, Indore

Girls U-15:

Winner : Surabhi Mishra, Rajasthan

Runner-up : Malvika Singh, The Daly College, Indore

Girls U-17:

Winners : Surabhi Mishra, Rajasthan

Runner-up : Bindeshwari Kumari, The Daly College, Indore

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SPEED 93 INTRA-CLUB AND INTER-CLUB**3rd leg Squash Championship****29-2-2004****FINAL :****Men's:** Manish Chotrani (Otters Club) bt Sahil Vora (CCI) 17-15, 15-10**Women's:** Deepali Anvekar (Otters) bt Shivangi Paranjpe (Bombay Gym) 15-0, 15-3, 15-1**Over-35:** Darius Surti (CCI) bt Chetan Ladhiwala (CCI) 15-6, 15-5, 15-11**Over-45:** C. S. Pawar (Otters) bt Prakash Yelve (WSC) 15-2, 15-5, 15-7**Boys U-19:** Vikram Malhotra (Otters) bt Rushabh Vora (CCI)

15-9, 13-15, 15-9, 15-6

ALL RESULTS OF 2ND LEG JAN 2004**Men's:** Manish Chotrani beat Bipin Batra 15-13, 15-12, 15-7.**Over-35:** Gopi Mohite (Bombay Gymkhana) beat Rajesh Rajani

(Khar Gym) 15-9, 15-7, 15-14.

Over-45: Vaman Apte (Bombay Gym) beat Shankar Basu (Bombay Gym)

10-15, 15-3, 17-15, 15-9.

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ISP APPEALS TO ABOLISH TAX**MidDay****21-2-04**

Indian Squash Professionals (ISP), a non profit organization engaged in promoting squash out of its own finances, has decided to draw the decision - makers attention to Tax Deducted at source (TDS) for prize money awarded to Indian sportspersons.

According to the founder, **Mahendra Agarwal** the ISP's appeal to abolish the existing 30 per cent tax on prize money to help Indian sporting achievers has evoked a positive response from the Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Vijay Goel**, who has drawn the attention of the **Finance Minister, Jaswant Singh**.

Sanjay Nirupam, Rajya Sabha MP, has also requested the Finance Minister to abolish the tax on winnings, or at least raise the exemption limit to a reasonable level, following the ISP request.

NEW SQUASH LEAGUE IN MUMBAI

SRAM has announced a new squash league, which would pit the **North Mumbai Club** players v/s those from **South Mumbai** beginning from **April 2004**. The Squash league would consist of a series of 6 matches, which would be played over alternate Sundays at different venues, each team would consist of 11 players.

WORLD MENS RANKINGS MARCH 2004

Pos.	Player	From	Last Pos
1	John White	SCO	3
2	Thierry Lincou	Fra	1
3	Peter Nicol	Eng	2
4	Lee Beachill	Eng	4
5	Karim Darwish	Egy	8
6	Amr Shabana	Egy	5
7	Jonathan Power	Can	7
8	David Palmer	Aus	6
9	Anthony Ricketts	Aus	9
10	Nick Matthew	Eng	12

WORLD WOMENS RANKINGS MARCH 2004

Pos	Player	From	Last Pos
1	Cassie Jackman	Eng	1
2	Rachael Grinham	Aus	3
3	Vanessa Atkinson	Ned	4
4	Natalie Grainger	USA	2
5	Natalie Grinham	Aus	5
6	Fiona Geaves	Eng	7
7	Linda Charman	Eng	6
8	Nicol David	Mas	8
9	Rebecca Macree	Eng	9
10	Omneya Abdel Kawy	Egy	13



From left to right, Chandrakant Pawar, Mahendra Agarwal (Director), Shiv Malhotra (Advisor) and Ashish Gupta (Hon. Member) face the media

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