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RAJIV GANDHI MINI OLYMPICS - SQUASH TOURNAMENT

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Vikram Malhotra (Winner Men's Open) receiving the Gold medal from Chief Guest Mrs. Margret Alva (Gen. Sec. AICC) and Mrs. Prabha Rao (President, MPCC) is all smiles at the prize distribution function of Rajiv Gandhi Mini Olympics Squash tournament.

Champion National swimmer. In the same age group, Sagar Murudeshwar emerged from Club Aquria- the new watering hole of squash champions- as a runner-up, beating established players like Pranay Merchant and Samir Mistry on the way. Vikram Malhotra won a double crown- Mens Open and Handicap doubles with partner Sanjay Goyal. Mahesh Mangaonkar bounced back from his earlier defeat to Abhishek Pradhan to overcome him in a convincing 3-1 win keeping the rivalry between both these talented youngsters going. Naveen Jhangra had it very easy in the Boys U-17 since he played against a rookie Ronak Kamat who did well to reach the final of the under 17 event. Vikram Malhotra clinched the Mens Open title with a straight win over Siddharth Samantray. Vikram played controlled squash and slowed down the pace to telling effect and Samantray had no answer to the variety of strokes displayed by Vikram.

A.I. Singh moved from baby-sitting Rajat Agarwal to a more solid player- Navin Jhangra as his doubles partner. The added depth in the team led to their reaching the finals defeating the solid pair of Rajesh Rajani and Dheeraj Nagpal in a hard fought semifinal. In the finals the pair of Sanjay Goyal and Vikram Malhotra combined well and packed just too many punches and won the gold with a convincing three set win.

RESULTS

Boys U-11 : Raghav Mehrotra bt Ishaan Advani 11-7, 11-8, 4-11, 11-6
Boys U-13 : Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Abhishek Pradhan 11-3, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7
Boys U-15 : Aadit Zaveri bt Sagar Murudeshwar 11-3, 11-8, 11-4
Boys U-17 : Naveen Jhangra bt Ronak Kamat 11-2, 11-4, 11-0
Doubles Handicap : Sanjay Goyal & Vikram Malhotra bt A.I. Singh and Naveen Jangra 7-15, 15-12, 15-12
Mens Open : Vikram Malhotra bt Siddharth Samantray 11-4, 11-5, 11-5

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Yet another Squash tournament was added this year to Mumbai's busy calendar, with Sanjay Nirupam taking a massive initiative for sports. The Rajiv Gandhi Mini Olympics Squash tournament was held from 14th to 18th May 2006 at Juhu Gymkhana. The event saw several players making a mark and upsetting some established players' apple carts. The most noteworthy player to emerge champion was Raghav Mehrotra who stalled Ishaan Advani's dream run as champion in several recent events in the Under-11 age group. Aadit Zaveri pocketed his second title in the Under-15 event- watch out for this player who has improved by leaps and bounds in physical and mental strength and has the genes of a



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KG-NECC MUMBAI OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

(13/04/2006)



At the prize distribution function from L to R standing Ashish Gupta (President, ISP, Gopi Mohite (Winner, C-35), Sanjay Goyal (Sec. Gen., ISP), Sundar Sadhnani (President, Khar Gymkhana), Noroona (VP, ISP), Praveen Jain (Dir, NECC), Abdul Shaikh (Squash Coach, Condam), Mahendra Agarwal (Dir, ISP), winners Abhishek Pradhan (Boys U-15), Sandeep Jangra (Boys U-19) and Manish Chotrani (Men's Open).

If there remained any doubt about Manish Chotrani's sway over the game of squash in the city, he dispelled it with a commanding four-game win over Vikas Jangra to lift the men's singles title in the Rs 52,000/- Prize money KG-NECC Mumbai Open Squash Championship. That he still continues to dominate the sport at the age of 35 is a glowing testimony to his squash skills and fitness but also a sad comment on the current crop of emerging squash talent in the city.

Chotrani matched the fitter and younger Jangra from Indian Navy stroke for stroke, racing to two-game lead, before taking a breather of sorts in the third, which he lost and coming back in the fourth strongly to just demolish the second-seeded player. Chotrani won 11-8, 11-7, 5-11, 11-4 to pocket the winner's purse of Rs 8,000. It was Chotrani's second major title in four days, having won the ISP-Maharashtra Top 8 event.

The first game between Jangra and Chotrani began at a furious pace, with Jangra racing to a 6-2 lead. However, four continuous shots into the tin helped Chotrani bounce back and Jangra continued making unforced errors to give Chotrani the game. The experienced Chotrani, used all the time he could between points to get his breath back and was content to keep the ball in play, while the impatient and impetuous Jangra kept making the errors to lose the second game too. Jangra did manage to bounce back in the third with some good kills and boasts, a game that Chotrani somehow gave up midway, conserving his energy for the fourth, where he was at his best, moving Jangra around and then killing the ball to win points at will. However, his performance was marred somewhat by his incessant arguing with the referee, something not befitting a player of his stature.

Young Sachika Balwani is taking giant steps towards the senior ranks of women's squash in the country. Sachika, who will turn 12 on the 4th of May, still possessed enough squash skills and spunk and routed Kiran Mirpuri 11-1, 11-7, 11-1 to lift the women's title. Sachika, no more the frail lass she was when she began her career, was never in trouble against the taller and physically Mirpuri, aged 26, but a newcomer to the sport. Sachika took home Rs 4,000 for her effort. In the boy's under-19 final, a sudden bout of boredom and complacency seemed to have overcome Vikram Malhotra as he just shut out while leading 8-4 in the second game, after having won the first game 11-9 to end up eventual loser against top seed Sandeep Jangra.

Sandeep Jangra prevailed 9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-4 to take home the winner's purse of Rs 6,000, while Malhotra had to be content with Rs 4,000. Also making heavy weather of his match was Abhishek Pradhan. Against the relative newcomer, Ajan Jayant, playing his first squash final, Pradhan huffed and puffed to a 11-3, 11-8, 13-11 victory.

RESULTS

Men's: Manish Chotrani bt Vikas Jangra 11-8, 11-7, 5-11, 11-4
Boys' U-19: Sandeep Jangra bt Vikram Malhotra 9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-4
Boys' U-15: Abhishek Pradhan bt Ajan Jayant 11-3, 11-8, 13-11
Women's: Sachika Balwani bt Kiran Mirpuri 11-1, 11-7, 11-11
Men's over-35: Gopi Mohite bt Jahangir Surti 6-11, 4-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-7

JVPG - HARMAN ISP BAIKAKHI SQUASH CLASSIC

(14/04/2006)



At the prize distribution function - Winners and runners up along with office bearers of ISP and Co-sponsors Kalpesh Mehta, Ashish Mehta, Amit Mehta, Harpreet Singh Minhas (Main Sponsor, Director, Harman Fincochem Pvt Ltd), Harsh Toteja (Chairman, Squash Committee) and Jagdish Parekh (Hon. Secretary JVPG)

In a flurry of Squash Tournaments held around this time in April, Doubles Handicap was certainly the flavour of the season. Doubles Handicap has clearly emerged as a popular event, and as a platform to showcase teamwork and co-ordination. Tactical prowess superseding Technical refinement, and most importantly an opportunity for very young players to gain experience by teaming up with an experienced partner. The fun element in doubles matches result in lesser pressure for those in the learning stage, and the stronger partner can always share a greater load towards this end.

RESULTS

Finals:
 Neeraj Shiragaonkar and Vikram Malhotra bt Manish Chotrani and Vijay Sonawane 12-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-10

Semi Finals:
 Neeraj Shiragaonkar and Vikram Malhotra bt Sanjay Goyal and Rohan Gracious 7-15, 15-13, 15-8
 Manish Chotrani and Vijay Sonawane bt Dheeraj Nagpal and Mohammed Merchant 17-15, 10-15, 15-9

ISP - MAHARASHTRA TOP 8 INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

(08/04/2006)



At the prize distribution ceremony left to right (standing): Vikas Jangra, Siddharth Samantray, Supreet Singh, Vikram Malhotra, Manish Chotrani, Sandeep Jangra, Rohan Gracias from left to right (sitting): Shiv Malhotra, Ashish Gupta (President, ISP), Sarjany Goyal (Secretary General, ISP), Micky Moxaja (Squash Secretary, Olters Club), Ashok Nagpal (Treasurer, ISP)

This event was envisaged by SRAM as a means to rank the Men's Section players in Maharashtra, as well as conduct a tournament in a league format for greater match exposure.

Manish Chotrani gave himself a gift on the eve of his birthday by scoring a comprehensive 3-0 (11-3, 11-4, 11-3) win over Supreet Singh to lift the Top-8 ISP Maharashtra Squash championship at Olters Club, Bandra. Chotrani, who will celebrate his 35th birthday on Sunday, looked invincible throughout the match. He played some powerful strokes and used drop shots to great effect.

Singh, who had scored an upset 3-2 victory against third seed Vikas Jangra in the earlier round, could not match the experienced campaigner.

Ranking:

- 1st place: Manish Chotrani
- 2nd place: Supreet Singh
- 3rd place: (Positions forfeited due to disciplinary action)
- 4th place: (Positions forfeited due to disciplinary action)
- 5th place: Vikram Malhotra
- 6th place: Rohan Gracias
- 7th place: Dhiraj Nagpal
- 8th place: Siddharth Samantray

RESULTS**DAY 1:**

- Match 1: Manish Chotrani bt Siddharth Samantray 11-2, 11-3, 11-0
- Match 2: Sandeep Jangra bt Vikram Malhotra 9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6
- Match 3: Supreet Singh bt Rohan Gracias 11-8, 11-8, 11-4
- Match 4: Vikas Jangra bt Dhiraj Nagpal 11-3, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5

DAY 2:

- Match 5: Manish Chotrani bt Sandeep Jangra 11-7, 11-8, 11-7
- Match 6: Supreet Singh bt Vikas Jangra 7-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-8
- Match 7: Vikram Malhotra bt Siddharth Samantray 8-11, 11-3, 11-5, 11-8
- Match 8: Rohan Gracias bt Dhiraj Nagpal 11-9, 9-11, 11-10, 11-7

DAY 3:

- Match 9: No show
- Match 10: Manish Chotrani beat Supreet Singh 11-3, 11-4, 11-3
- Match 11: Vikram Malhotra bt Rohan Gracias 11-8, 11-4, 11-4
- Match 12: Dhiraj Nagpal bt Siddharth Samantray 11-7, 1-11, 11-4, 11-6

SQUASH BOOM IN MUMBAI

Mid-day: 11/04/2006

Racquet sports guru Abdul Shaikh impressed by game's increasing popularity in the city.



Abdul Shaikh along with his wife Viloo Shaikh

The popularity of squash is growing in India, especially in the metros. The impressive performance of the Indian Squash players, both men's & women's has won them admirers at the international scene.

And when you have a role to play in the upliftment of squash, it gives you great satisfaction. Same applies for Abdul Shaikh, a retired teaching professional in racket sports (squash, badminton and lawn tennis) at Vancouver in Canada.

Keen learners

The Indian born 72 year old had two brief stints in India earlier, for teaching the Indian squash coaches. "I came here in 2002 and 2004 to deliver lectures to the professional squash coaches in Mumbai & Chennai, they were enthusiastic and keen to learn the same," said Shaikh at Cricket Club Of India yesterday. "It's heartening to hear that those coaches have been benefited by the workshop," he added.

Interestingly both Chennai and Mumbai are dominating the squash game in India.

Staying updated.

Shaikh, now on a holiday to India, remains updated on Indian squash through the Prosquash Magazine published by Indian Squash Professionals.

"I have not watched Indian players in action. But, it is heartening to read about their achievements. There has been a Squash boom in Mumbai. Many tournaments are being conducted and the prize money is heavy which attracts more participants," said Shaikh, "the whole credit for that goes to ISP and SRAM, who are doing a commendable job. Sponsorship is also propping up in India for this game and soon it will be one of the popular games in India," he remarked.

Sitting beside the CCI squash courts, accompanied by his life partner Viloo who was also his one time mixed doubles partner in Badminton in 1990's, Shaikh was impressed with the infrastructure also. "Squash courts are well furnished here and are at par with foreign courts."

Get Glass Courts

He, however had a suggestion, "There should be more glass courts so that enough spectators can enjoy the game," he said

Shaikh a one-time badminton and squash champion, has some happy memories of his playing days. Abdu has the distinction of having wins in the paired events over 7 times World Champion Erland Kops of Denmark.

Despite old age, Shaikh is still keen on the game. "I am still involved with educational programmes where I deliver Lectures on Badminton and Squash coaching.

I also conduct some workshops about these games," he signed off.

KHALIDBHAI'S OUT WITH HIS FIRST BOOK



At the inaugural function from left to right Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar (Indian Cricketer), Khalid Ansari (Chairman, Mi-day Multimedia Communications), Nana Chudasma

Khalid Ansari, Chairman Emeritus of Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra has published his first book, through Popular Prakashan. It is called **CRICKET FEVER** - a collection of his cricket pieces over the years for Sportsweek and Mid-Day Cricket legends Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar and several sports personalities were present at the function at the CCI's poolside on Tuesday night.

Pro-Squash correspondent PVJ Kar interviewed Khalid about his career

When did you take to journalism?

It was in 1969 when the New Zealand team was here.

How far did your education at Stanford University in the US help towards achieving your goals?

It was a step towards doing what I wanted to do—start an English newspaper. My father had begun an Urdu paper—Inqilab. So after I did my graduation in English Literature, MA in Political Science and got a degree in law I finished at Stanford studying International Journalism.

You began Mid-Day in 1979, when did people start taking it seriously?

As I said at the function "Uparwala Meherban, gadha pehelwan". If the god is patronizing even a donkey can turn into a wrestler." Around the time we launched there was panic in the city about a foreign object coming, a UFO. Our journalists did a good job of that story. That greatly helped us. The Sporting public was behind us too because we had Sportsweek.

Yet the early years must have been painful.

Inceed. We worked 18 hours producing Sportsweek with the likes of Ossie Manuel, Sharad Kotnis, Mani Sunder, Hosen Mistry, Pradeep Vijayakar, Gopi Ehasakaran among others. We had no premises, no machinery to print, no newsprint. But we enjoyed the challenge and that made us mentally stronger and devoted to the profession. The lessons from that experience were invaluable.

David against Goliath, what was it like competing against the big ones like The Times of India and Indian Express?

It was sheer madness of thinking about competing with them. We had no money, office no roof over our heads. Our editor Behram Contractor and Ron Hendricks would be sitting at their typewriters, with rain falling pitter patter. The camera department had packed up, the newsprint rolls were soaked wet. It was a baptism by fire. I had to leave for the inauguration function at a hotel. I was also

Rotary president and was marking time with chief guest Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw by my side with one eye on the door wondering when the first copy of the paper would come. Around nine in the night the paper was brought in. I just held it below the table to see whether it was blank or actually had some news printed on it. It had. I showed it to Manekshaw and he blurted out "Call it Mid-Night dammit, not Mid-Day!"

You prided yourself over being the only Indian journalists at some events, notably the World Cup hockey in Buenos Aires. How was the experience as an itinerant correspondent at a variety of world class events like the Olympics?

It was superb I wouldn't trade it for anything if I were to be reborn. The challenge of coverage, the deadlines, the time differences, meeting people of all types, reacting to them having tea, lunch, dinner with them. I could die now fully contented with what I did.

Of all the people you came across who would single out?

Undoubtedly, Air Marshall Nur Khan. At one time he was president of Pakistan's hockey, squash and cricket federations, plus heading the Pakistan International Airlines through which he helped Pakistan sport. He had vision and foresight and was a good human being above all. I will never forget his words at the World Cup in Buenos Aires. He told the Pakistani hockey team: "Always tell yourself you are three goals down—one goal for bad luck, one for bad conditions and a third for lack of crowd support. You try and equalize that three-goal deficit and you would have won the match." I was highly impressed by that the spirit of that logic.

You had a brief stint with the All India Council of Sport, tell us about that.

That is an even better story to tell though not a happy one. The AICS, as a body, had no teeth, no finances. It would just recommend to the government which teams and individual sportfolk should be sent abroad for competition. Often bureaucrats would scuttle foreign trips and that was why we came in.

I remember the inauguration which was done by a bureaucrat who made a speech. After he left, Gen Sam Manekshaw, who was heading the AICS said: "Now that we have heard the rubbish let us start our jobs —of producing world champions. Those words were carried back to the people at the top. He was not allowed to function and was finished."

What about the other hat you wore, president of the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra?

It was rewarding overall. Of course we had our differences with the apex body the SRFI. What we fought for was autonomy at state level. We told them we were not interested in their body nor getting positions on it. We just wanted to do our activities—an atmosphere of live and let live.

Finally have you stopped dreaming?

I don't remember any dreams.

Will your group give this country its first sports newspaper?

The way my children are running the papers they are doing a better job than I did. With sponsorship and advertising for sport on the up, I think time is ripe for a sports daily. It can happen.

WORLD JUNIORS- COMENDABLE PERFORMANCE

(28/07/2006)



Indian World Junior Squad (L-R) Sandeep Jangra, Naresh Kumar, Cyrus Poncha (Coach), Harinderpal Sandhu and Vikram Malhotra at Palmerston North, New Zealand

The Indian World Junior Squad comprising of Sandeep Jangra, Harinderpal Sandhu, Naresh Kumar and Vikram Malhotra surprised many a critic and skeptics who didn't believe the Indians would do well at the World Junior Squash Championships which concluded in July in New Zealand.

Seeded 7th in the championship the team was without experienced players like Saurav Ghosal and Vikas Jangra who have progressed into



At the squash arena

the senior category, but there was no shortage of spirit and tenacity as the team displayed good fighting qualities and finished in 6th place which in itself is a commendable performance.

The Junior squad which had been training together at the ICL Squash Academy in Chennai for the last four months did not boast of any one mercurial player but had great depth as all the players were at par with each other and this stood them in good stead in team matches. The cold climate in New Zealand was also a challenge but the team did well to overcome this too with good results.

One hopes this performance is bettered or at least maintained at the next World Juniors as only one player from this squad Vikram Malhotra would be still eligible to play and a new team will have to built within the next two years.

RAJU CHAINANI CAMP

(12/04/2006)



Fiaz Mohammed (Chief Co-ordinator, ISP) giving away the prize money to the winner

Raju Chainani Squash Camps are organized during every summer vacations by ISP-SRAM. The camps are free of cost to players, and serve to broadbase the game by encouraging newcomers, as well as to hone the skills of players already enjoying the sport.

This summer, the camps were organized at three venues- Bombay Gymkhana, Police Gymkhana and Andheri Sports Complex. Under the guidance of Coach Riyaz Mohammed- Chief Coordinator ISP, coaches Siraj Mohammed, Joginder Singh, Anil Rawat, Santosh Kharat, Yaqoob Shaikh, Aijaz Shaikh, Sunil Bhandari and Manish Chauhan imparted knowledge to participants.

About 115 participants attended the camps, with ages ranging from 5 to 19 years. In addition, there were some parents as well who took to the game during these camps! A tournament was organized at the conclusion of the camp for all participants to try out their newly learnt skills.



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THREE TOURNAMENTS IN EIGHT DAYS, ISP NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD

BY PRADIP TILAKAR



At the prize distribution function : Sandeep Jangra (Winner, Boys Under 19) receiving trophy from Praveen Jain (Dir. NECC)

Indian Squash Professionals, the baby of Mahendra Agarwal, were really squashing around in April. They organised as many as three tournaments almost concurrently.

First there was the Maharashtra Top 8 Invitation Championship at Otters Club from April 6-8. Then from April 8 to 12 the Khar Gymkhana-ISP Mumbai Open squash Championships, sponsored by Ashwini Jewellers and finally from April 12-14, the JVPG Harman Baisakhi ISP Squash Classic from from April 12-14 at Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana. That took the number of tournaments held by ISP to 68—tremendous in a span of 13 years.

The Juhu event sparked a revival of the sport at Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana after nearly three years. The late Raju Channani had persuaded Pankaj Doshi to have a squash camp for kids at Juhu way back in the 80s.



Manish Chotrani and Vijay Sonawane (Runners up) receiving trophies from Harpreet Singh Mihas (Sponsor, Director - Harman Finochem Pvt. Ltd)

The club's Harsh Toteja, an Air India cabin crew man, and Anirudh Desai thought they could whip up some Baisakhi spirit. Baisakhi the festival when the harvesting seasons starts. They got sponsors Harman Finochem Ltd. and Steamlined Studio to host a Rs 50,000 event.

The Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana boasts of the only decent spectators gallery in the entire Mumbai city where people can sit and watch. The Cricket Club of India had a wonderful gallery but it was broken down.

The right-left combination of Neeraj Shirgaonkar and Vikram Malhotra won

the doubles beating Manish Chotrani and Vijay Sonawane. The match could have been closer but Sonawane had an attack of cramps and that went against them. The experience of Neeraj and the speed and agility of Vikram has made this pair the most formidable and successful doubles team in Maharashtra winning the last three Doubles Championships on the trot. The victorious duo of Vikram Malhotra and Neeraj Shirgaonkar had earlier won the doubles at Khar beating Manish Chotrani and Dheeraj Nagpal. The handicap doubles was won by Shashi Gupta and Soru Mirani, who defeated Bipin Batra and Avinash Bhatija 15-12, 12-15, 15-12.

At Otters the Super 8 was won by Manish Chotrani beating Supreet Singh. It was at Otters that the ISP saga began in January 1993 when they held the first-ever tournament exclusively for professionals. The Leela pro, Chandrakant Pawar won beating Gopi Mohite. ISP's second event was the Monarch and Mudra team event and the first doubles at The Leela courts. Vinit Chauhan and Pawar won beating Cyrus Poncha and Arif Paul.

The first ISP ornament winner took home Rs 4,000 from a pool of Rs. 25,000. When ISP organised their 50th tournament in 2004, the Hero Honda Open, the prize money had gone up to Rs2 lakhs.

Mahendra Agarwal is now trying to speed things up for the 75th event which could come in July. They are organising a Ranji Gandhi memorial event which is part of the Mini Olympics in Mumbai.

And in no time they will have made it to the milestone of 75 ... and after that the century beckons. No wonder they are doing to job of a federation. Truly the NGO of Squash as they like to call themselves.

AN INDIAN CHAMP BY ACCIDENT



Ali Ispahani

Of all the Indian national squash champions, the story of one Ali Ispahani in the 60s is very unusual. He was living in London, completing his Doctorate and playing Squash for England. He came to visit his parents in Madras. There was no direct flight from London, so a halt at Mumbai was a must. By coincidence, the Nationals were to commence the following day. A few people coaxed Ali to have a go and play. Play he did and won the Nationals in 1969 and again in 1972. Among those he beat was one of our all-time greats,

Sanjit Roy. When Ali played for England, his contemporaries were Jonah Barrington, Geoff Hunt, Mohammad Yaseen, Mike Corby, Philip Ayton, Ken Hiscoe and John Easter and he played at No 3. He played in the years 1967-72. He reached the last eight of the British Open, which was the unofficial World Championship then. Says Mumbai's Naval Pande'o about Ali: He was a stroke player but lacked match temperament.'

Says Ali, now 67, about squash: "It is a physically demanding game. It has wreaked havoc with the bodies of those who played it, causing them back, shoulder and knee problems. I have been lucky but colleagues like Hunt, Nancarrow, Jonah Barrington, John Easter and others have had three or four operations." No wonder Ali didn't put his child into the sport and got her into tennis and swimming. Ali, who runs a leather export business, building construction and property management companies from Chennai says watching squash today is a waste of time. So he doesn't go to

the events at Chennai, which is the hub of Indian squash. The game has become all power and fitness. People have become fitter but the quality of the game has gone down. The ball does not die easily. Today fitness is 85 percent and skill 15 per cent. In our times, it was 50 percent strength and 50 per cent skill. There are, of course, a few players who also display skill like Jonathan Power or a few Pakistanis. But that's a very small percentage indeed."

Ali still plays squash at MCC in Chennai and the RAC and Queen's Club in London. When told that India are ranked 11th in the world after the last world event, he says: "That's bad, once when I was Captain of the Indian Team, India played at the World Championships held in New Zealand and finished fifth out of 8". His India teammates were Sanjit Roy, Capt Paul and Major Harca. Ali is still in touch with contemporaries like Anil Nayar and Sanjit Roy among others.

BY PRADEEP NAYAZAR

ASIAN JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Dipika does India proud



Dipika Pallikal

There was something for all the squash giants of Asia when the Masonry Asian Juniors Championship ended in Singapore. Instead of every two years the Asian Juniors individual championships will be held every year. They began with under-19 and 15 groups. A total of 8 countries with 80 participants took part. India had 16 players.

India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Hong Kong had one title each.

In 2005 when Chennai hosted the team and individual event Joshna Chinappa had claimed the under-19 girls title beating Annie Au. Dipika Pallikal gave a hint she could follow in Joshna's footsteps when claiming the under-15 title.

Her superb basic shots like the lengths and cross court volley drops saw her brush off the top seed from Hong Kong Tsz Wing in forty minutes. Dipika thanked her sponsors Wilson and Globo Sports and coaches Cyrus Poncha and Maj Maniam.

In Chennai last year Pakistani Amir Atlas had claimed the under-19 title beating Saurav Ghoshal. His younger brother, Danish, hinted he may follow in his footsteps when claimed the under-15 title beating compatriot Sheikh Salqib.

India ended with one gold and two bronze through Anvesha Reddy (u-15) and Ravi Dixit (boys u-15).

It was a pity the other Indians fell by the wayside in the last eight. They were Ramit Tandon (boys u-15), Harinderpal Sandhu and Sandeep Jangra (both boys u-19) who all lost in five-setters. Harinderpal's strokeplay and retrieving was in vain as some good nicks by Hong Kong's Leo Au Chun the Eventual runner-up saw him come from 0-2 down to clinch the match. Jangra was leading 2-1 but made mistakes in the fourth game against Malaysian Ivan Yuen who made the semis.

Ramit was up against a taller opponent Malaysia's Cheong Kah Wah and struggled to pick up his drops. Anaka Alankamony, who recently won the Malaysian Junior Open, was the youngest participant of this event.

RESULTS

Boys U-10:

Max Lee Ho Yin (HKG) beat (5/8) Leo Au Chun Ming (HKG) 9-6, 9-6, 10-8

Boys U-15: (2) Danish Atlas (PAK) beat (1) Sheikh Salqib (PAK) 9-1, 5-9, 9-3, 9-4

Girls U-19 (2) Low Wee Wern (MAS) beat (3/4) Leung Shin Nga (HKG) 1-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-4

Girls U-15 (3/4) Dipika Pallikal (IND) beat (1) Tong Tsz Wing (HKG) 9-2, 9-4, 9-5

JOGINDER SINGH DAYAL INTERVIEW

Joginder Singh Dadiyal, better known as Jogi, is a familiar face at each tournament ISP organizes. Coaching since five years, he is based at Andheri Sports Complex and Forest Club, Hiranandani, Powai. Dependability is his hallmark- be it for handling the running of a tournament, or refereeing of matches. Totally dedicated to the game of Squash, it's a matter of time before he make it big. A. I. Singh, another Squash coach, caught up with Joginder for a surd to surd chat-



Joginder Singh

A.I.- So buddy, who are the promising players you're coaching?

Jogi- Jui Kalgutkar, Mudit Gupta and Shivam are the ones to watch out for in the near future, amongst others. Jui has some exceptional abilities in terms of following instructions to the letter. All are U-11 or U-9.

A.I.- How do you find coaching as an occupation?

Jogi- Good fun! What can be better than being with kids, playing with them, and making a living out of it!

A.I.- That's right. But it's not all fun, is it?

Jogi- It is, until parents come along. They interfere too much, and sometime I feel like taking a break for a few days. They should treat coaching exactly the same way as school, where it takes 10 years for a child to develop. Instead of expecting miraculous results in 3-4 months, they should realize it takes 3-4 years for children to even grasp and apply the basics, leave aside performance. Parental pressure can only delay good performance. And schools don't let parent in the classrooms, do they?

A.I.- I know. Luckily, I can spank naughty parents and still earn a living! So how do you manage then?

Jogi- I just think 'maro gol' to parents, and focus on the kids. One look at them, their hard work despite the toughness I put them through, and their improvements, and all my worries disappear. And I'm ready for some more coaching!

Note for parents getting children coached-

With most parents not being experienced competitors in a rigorous and complex sport such as Squash, and emotional parental ties getting in the way of exposing their children to the hardening that Squash requires, it is worthwhile for parents to obtain some information on coaching before or during enrolling children for coaching. Research on the influence of parental involvement on children and children's performance is easily available on the Internet. The objective of obtaining such information should be to know why they should abstain from involvement, and not to get involved in the coaching process! In any case, parents who feel they know better, or can help develop their wards Squash, shouldn't need a coach!

UP-COMING SQUASH PLAYER



Samir Mistry

13 Years Old Samir Mistry, Student Of VIII standard of RIMS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL JUHU is a very talented and brilliant boy. He is very good in studies and also a good Snooker player. Playing Squash for the past three years he has participated in all the Squash tournaments held in Bombay. He is presently taking training at OTTERS CLUB in Bandra. He has also played Squash Tournament in Canada in 2005 and won a silver medal in U-13 category. Recently he attained the third position in the RAJIV GANDHI MINI OLYMPICS 2006 IN U-

15 category and his aim is to become No. 1 in his age group.

His Father Salim Mistry also plays Squash, and Winner Of 2002 Doubles Handicap Squash Tournament at Juhu Centaur

TOURNAMENTS PLAYED

- ✦ 28th Bombay Gymkhana Maharashtra State open (SEMI FINALIST)
- ✦ BOYS U-11, QUATERFINALIST BOYS U-13)
- ✦ Western India Open Squash Tournament (QUATERFINALIST BOYS U-13)
- ✦ Little Master Junior Squash Tournament (QUATERFINALIST BOYS U-13)
- ✦ Grishma Matunga Gymkhana open Squash Tournament (QUATERFINALIST BOYS U-13)

A DARK HORSE EMERGES

Sagar Murdeshwar has literally landed in the thick of Squash action in Mumbai out of nowhere. His abilities with the racket and ease of movement around court leave no doubt in anyone's mind that he is an extremely talented player who has announced his arrival by claiming the 2nd position (U-15) at the Rajiv Gandhi Mini Olympic Squash Championship in May. On the way to the final, he topped higher rated players like Pranay Merchant and Samir Mistry.



Sagar Murdeshwar

14 years of age, Sagar has played Squash for 3 years. He used to play tournaments, but lost in the earlier rounds. He reached the Quarter Final of the The Club Championship recently, losing to Viraj Nayar, and 2 years back he lost in the Quarter Final of Matunga Open in U-13 to Laxman Joshi. When

asked by Prosquash about his excellent results recently, and ambitions from here onwards, he replies with remarkable maturity- "I'm getting good results as my game is coming together on its own. It is too premature to set targets right now, but I can make it big with proper training". He reveals that he plays with Abhishek Pradhan, Mahesh Mangaonkar etc at Club Aquaria. His other interests include Tennis, music, reading etc, and he plays Football for his school.

SMALL PACKAGE, BIG RESULT.

This youngster has CHAMPION written on every line on his palm. And we don't mean only a Squash champion. We mean Champion in the real sense of the word- a Champion in Attitude- Raghav Mehrotra. Mature far beyond his tender age of 10 1/2, I realized the instant he turned up for enrolling in the CCI Squash Academy (which I ran then) that here was a gifted and more importantly a well groomed child. From his picking up the nuances of Squash to battling it out with me and other players for Ladder Rankings in Chess or Connect Four- his intelligence and grasp and competitiveness was obvious.



Raghav Mehrotra

So it was a matter of time before this dynamo from Cathedral School won his first title- the Rajiv Gandhi Mini Olympic Squash U-11 title, shocking higher seeded Arjun Kochhar and Top Ranked Ishaan Advani on the way. His tenacity and shot selection were of the highest order for anyone Under-11. In this interview after the victory, when asked how he felt, he says- "Cool!" With nervousness not in his dictionary, asked about his ambitions, he calmly says- "(To) Just play well. Winning or losing doesn't matter".

Well said, young man!

SPEED 97 INTER CLUB SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2005-06

RESULTS

- Men's Open :** Sadiq Madraswala (CCI) bt Rohit More(CCI) 0-9
2-9 10-8-9-19-4
- Men's Over 35 :** Jehangir Surti (WSC) bt Jay Thapa (WCG) 9-3
9-3-9-1
- Boys' U 19 :** Naishad Lalwani (CCI) bt Cyrus Vakil (WSC) 7-9-9-4-9-3-9-1
- Boys' U 15 :** Aadit Zaveri (Bom Gym) bt Sanmeet Anand (Otters Club) 9-2-9-3-9-5
- Women's Open :** Shivangi Paranjpe(Bom Gym) bt Madhura Paranjpe (Bom Gym) 9-2-9-6-9-2
- Men's Open Doubles :** Sadiq / Nichad bt Vijay / Rajesh 9-0-9-6



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With Mothers Day being celebrated in the recent past, Prosquash was keen to find out about the women behind some of our young champions' success. Here's what we learnt about

Chanda Kochhar- Arjun's Kochhar's (Boys U-11 Top Gun) Mother; Anjali Manganar- Mahesh Manganar's (Boys U-13 Big Boss) Mother; Manisha Rawani- Kunj Rawani's (Boys Under-9 Little King) Mother; Sumita Advani- Ishan Advani's (Boys U-11 Leading Star) Mother.

Prosquash- *What is your occupation and work like?*

Chanda- I am in the Banking industry and I work with ICICI Bank Limited.

Anjali- I am a Management Consultant.

Manisha- I'm a housewife.

Sumita- I am a banker by profession, employed in the Private Wealth Management team of YES Bank.

Prosquash- *How much time and attention do you manage to devote to your son's Squash?*

Chanda- Primarily, it is my husband Deepak who devotes time and attention to Arjun's Squash. He is quite actively involved in his training and accompanies him for most of his tournaments. Whenever he is not able to do so because of his work pressure, I accompany Arjun to his tournaments.

Anjali- A lot!

Manisha- Not much during the weekdays since Kunj's coach Mr. Flamesh More takes care of his coaching. But on weekends, I do try to take him to Bombay Gym where he coaches with Mr. Vaman Apte.

Sumita- I am more of a supportive mother - as my husband, who himself is a keen squash player - has happily taken the onus and responsibility of Ishan's coaching. He accompanies him in the mornings to the Courts at least 4 times a week.

Prosquash- *In case you are not actively involved in his squash, how do you motivate your son and how do you contribute to his progress in squash?*

Chanda- I think motivation comes from creating a "mindset" and an "attitude". I believe that any initiative that any of us takes, we should do it with a "Pursuit of Excellence" - and it is this attitude that I try to instill in my children. Additionally of course, I also believe that fitness and right diet are very important for success in any sport and I take care of Arjun's diet and fitness.

Anjali- Mahesh is a hard working boy. He knows that as parents we will always be there for him. Be it training, matches, or anything else. Both Mahesh's father Dayandand, and me have played some sport in our younger days and know how much of hard work and dedication is required to come up in this field.

Manisha- Kunj himself is so interested in playing that I do not have to push him. But on times we do have to guide him. His motivator is Mahesh Manganar.

Sumita- I think one of the key factors in competitive sports is a happy environment at home and school - it is my responsibility to manage the fine balance between his social, academic and sporting life - by instilling strong value systems - leading to a well balanced but tough mind.

Prosquash- *Where do you see your son in squash eventually what are your dreams and expectations of him?*

Chanda- Eventually, I would like to see him emerging as the National Champion and representing the country at various international tournaments.

Anjali- Mahesh is still playing only the U13 category. That means he still has a long way to go. It is a bit early to make long term plans for him. But yes if he wants to continue with playing squash so be it.

Manisha- I have no dreams as such and am happy with what Kunj does. I wish that he keeps enjoying the game and tries to deliver his best.

Sumita- All mothers expect the best from their child - I just wish Ishan to believe in himself - not be driven only by ranks - accept losses and successes with humility. I am certain with this attitude, success will be achieved at the highest level, which will make us and him proud.

Prosquash- *Anything else you'd like to share with us?*

Chanda- My belief is that any sport is not just about winning or losing. Sport really leads to the development of character of a human being and develops a much more well-rounded personality; and this is what I think Squash would contribute in shaping Arjun's character and future.

Anjali- The most encouraging thing today for all the squash lovers in Mumbai is the number of opportunities today's youngsters have to develop their skill by way of training camps, tournaments, etc. that are always happening.

Manisha- ISP is doing a great job by encouraging junior players by organizing number of tournaments during the year. Wishing ISP all the best for the great work.

Sumita- Children must be passionate about whatever it is that they do. Ishan decided to pursue Squash so passionately and it is his dedication and love for the sport that has shown results.



Chanda Kochhar



Anjali Manganar



Manisha Rawani



Sumita Advani

PENANG INTERNATIONAL AND MILO - ALL STAR JUNIOR SQUASH



Winner of the Boys U-13 with his goodies at the Penang International Squash Championship 2006

The strong Indian contingent team came up with commendable performances at the Penang International Junior Squash Championship with three players winning, whilst a number of other players finished in good positions in their respective categories.

The Boys U-11 was an all India affair which as usual saw Mahesh Mangaonkar and Abhishek Pradhan going hammer and tongs at each other. The five setter swung one way to another and finally an extremely tired but tenacious Mahesh Mangaonkar over came Abhishek Pradhan 9-7 in the fifth game of the five set thriller which ended at 9-5, 6-9, 9-5, 9-10, 9-7.

The Boys U-19 winner was Naresh Kumar an ex Dhampur player who has now shifted to the ICL Academy in Chennai who won a battle of attrition against Randy Lim of Malaysia in 3 games 9-2, 10-9, 9-6. It was a battle of nerves as the games were lengthy with each player waiting for the other to make a mistake.

The Boys U-17 saw Vikram Malhotra seeded four in the tournament battle it out in the semifinals against top seeded Australian Aaron Fyfe. Vikram was in his elements and displayed a wide array of stroke play hitting winners almost at will and completely demoralised any hopes his opponent would have and wound up a 3-0 winner. The finals was no different which the towering 5.4 feet South African Wesleyley Daniel learnt the hard way as he had no reply to the amazing racket work and stroke play of the Indian. This match too was won in straight games 9-3, 9-3, 9-4.

The other commendable performances came from Parmjeet Singh and

Gunraj Singh who finished in 6th and 7th position respectively. Deerav Moolani and Aadri Zaveri performed well in the Boys U-15 while Ishaan Advani was outstanding in the U-11 category in which he came runners up. Arjun Kochar and Aditya Khatri achieved 3rd and 7th position in this event.

The Girls too did well with Lakshya Raghavan finished 5th in the Girls U-11. The Girls U-13 saw Anika Sharma, Saumya Karki and Shriya Khatri finish 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively while Dheeya Samyath stood 5th and Rinki Soni stood 8th in the Girls U-15 category.

The Milo All Star Championship saw good performances from a number of Indian players who achieved good positions while the most outstanding performances came from Anaka Alakmony who won the Girls U-13 title.

HYDERABAD TO HOST WISPA'S QATAR AIRWAYS CHALLENGE

Qatar Airways Challenge will move to India this year

The Qatar Airways Challenge will move to India from Doha this year. The third biggest championship on the Women's International Squash Players' Association World Tour, boasting a prize fund of \$79,550, will be played from 4-9 July in Hyderabad.

In an exciting innovation that will ensure a great presentation for Indian and world-wide TV audiences, the final rounds will be played on an all-glass court erected in front of the Falakruma Palace, an historic building set on a hill overlooking the city of Hyderabad. Early rounds will take place at the Secunderabad Club.

Announcing the women's championship, which will be the biggest ever to be held in India, Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Mr Akbar Al Baker said the airline was delighted to be backing a sport which is gaining huge recognition and reputation around the world.

"We are pleased to be taking the sport to India and staging the tournament in Hyderabad, a city Qatar Airways flies to four times a week.

"Qatar Airways looks forward to welcoming the world's top women squash players for what promises to be an exciting event with excellent prize money on offer. Many of the players will be flying to India with Qatar Airways and sampling the award-winning Five Star hospitality that we are renowned for around the world."

WISPA Chief Executive Andrew Shelley responded: "This is an exciting development of our enduring partnership with Qatar Airways. It was always the intention to move to destinations for the airline, and the news is certainly already creating a stir in Hyderabad where Indian Cements, Taj Hotels, SRFI and the venues are pulling out all the stops to support us. It is a major worldwide televised WISPA championship and the setting in India will certainly do it justice this year."



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ICL CHENNAI OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP (17/06/2006)

Bhattacharya celebrates six of the best in Chennai

Ritwik with the winners trophy along with N. Ramachandran (Secretary General, SRFI)

Local hero Ritwik Bhattacharya beat Dutchman Dylan Bennett in the final of the 4th ICL Chennai Open Squash Championship at the ICL Squash Academy in Chennai, India, to notch up his sixth PSA Tour title win in six finals.

It was a fairly one-sided match Bennett seemingly affected by his semi-final match 24 hours earlier.

But defending champion Bhattacharya, the 26-year-old second seed from New Delhi, was in fine form as he raced to his 11-4, 11-2, 11-7 victory in 25 minutes.

"This is the first time I have seen Ritwik play so very well," said Major Maniam, Consultant Coach of the Squash Rackets Federation of India. "His length was crisp and penetrating and his drops were absolutely devastating. He managed to control his opponent with medium-paced drives, excellent lobs and killer drops. Overall, the match was a pleasure to watch."

The SRFI is planning to host a bigger event next year in the event's fifth year. "The 2006 event has been a successful tournament," said a spokesman for the championship. "The SRFI gave Ritwik a financial incentive as he broke into the top 50 two months ago."

RESULTS**Final:**

[2] Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) bt [3] Dylan Bennett (NED) 11-4, 11-2, 11-7

Semi-finals:

[3] Dylan Bennett (NED) bt [6] Majid Khan (PAK) 11-4, 11-8, 10-11, 11-7

[2] Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) bt [4] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 8-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-7

Quarter-finals:

[6] Majid Khan (PAK) bt [1] Khayal Muhammad Khan (PAK) 11-10 (2-0), 8-11, 11-5, 5-11, 11-5

[3] Dylan Bennett (NED) bt [8] Wai Hang Wong (HKG) 11-4, 11-8, 10-11 (0-2), 11-7

[4] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [7] Tom Richards (ENG) 6-11, 11-7, 11-10 (7-5), 11-5

[2] Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) bt [5] Yasir Butt (PAK) 9-11, 11-3, 11-7, 11-3

Source : www.worldsquash.org

BAJWA RETAINS RIGHTS TO SUPER SERIES FINALS

US-based squash promoter Satinder Bajwa of Complete Squash Solutions (CSS) has reached an agreement with the Professional Squash Association (PSA) to retain exclusive rights to the Super Series Squash Finals for a further five years, making it the professional game's longest-running promoter partnership in the UK and the second longest worldwide behind the Hong Kong Open.

Last year Bajwa, currently Head Coach at Harvard University, celebrated his tenth anniversary as promoter of the prestigious eight-man event and his sixth year of promoting the tournament in partnership with London-based Sports Marketing Agency, WSM. The new deal will see him take the tournament through to the year 2010.

"The Super Series Finals has become a landmark event on the professional calendar and is held in high esteem by players and fans alike," said Bajwa. "The event has continued to grow year on year and I look forward to working with my event partners WSM to build on the success of the past decade.

"These are exciting times for the world game. Standards are higher than ever, the world elite is as competitive as it has been for many a year and the sport is looking increasingly attractive to sponsors. We hope to take the event onto a whole new level in the coming years."

The Super Series Finals brings together the top eight qualifiers from the annual PSA Super Series Tour to compete in a week-long, grand final. The tournament boasts one of the richest prize funds in the sport and TV highlights are distributed to a large global audience.

The tournament was first staged at the Vitis Club in Switzerland back in 1992, at which time Bajwa was coach and mentor to world champion Jansher Khan. After two years, he then took the event to the Galleria shopping complex in Hatfield and sponsorship investment from Equitable Life quickly followed.

Three years later, in 1999, and with Khan's career drawing to an end, Bajwa felt it time for another change and the event was moved once again - this time to the unique location of Broadgate Arena in the heart of London's Square Mile. Again the event attracted vital financial support, this time from British Land plc, owners of the Broadgate Arena - and when Equitable Life bowed out in 2002, Brit Insurance stepped in to take on the title sponsorship.

The tournament has produced some classic encounters over the years. Peter Nicol's victory over Simon Parke in the 2000 final is still considered one of the finest matches of all time, and earned a standing ovation from, amongst others, the then Minister for Sport Kate Hoey MP. Nicol's defeat to arch rival Jonathon Power three years later is also widely talked about as one of the greatest of the 43 matches played between the pair.

NOTE FROM ISP

Squash in Mumbai is at an all time high in terms of number of tournaments being organized and the number of participants in every tournament. Recently, there was an occasion when three tournaments were organized in succession and each was well attended. Doubles handicap tournaments have excellent participation levels, with enthusiastic players commuting long distances for their matches.

In order to streamline the manner of conducting tournament and thereby facilitating each participant as well as organising officials and the venue host, we need to enforce the rules on walkovers strictly. **WALKOVERS WILL BE GIVEN IN CASE PLAYER IS NOT READY TO PLAY AT MATCH TIME.** As for reporting, it can be done upto match time, provided player has informed the tournament desk.

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

AUGUST

- 3-6 : Indian Junior Open - Chennai
 7-13 : Otters Club Open - Mumbai
 16-20 : Hong Kong Junior Open - All Junior age groups
 18-26 : South Asian Games - Sri Lanka

SEPTEMBER

- 1-5 : Inter State Squash Championships - Delhi
 6-10 : National Championships- Delhi -Men, Women, Prof, Masters
 4-9 : Singapore Junior Open - All junior age groups
 12-16 : Jaipur Club Harish Chandra Golcha Championship-Jaipur
 19-23 : WSC Little Masters - Mumbai - All Junior age groups

OCTOBER

- 3 : 7 : Northern India Championships - Delhi- Men, Women & Juniors
 8 : 12 : 13th DDA Squash Open - Delhi - Men, Women & Juniors
 13 : 21 : World Masters - Cape Town, South Africa
 25-28 : Sub Jr. / Jr. Nationals - Kolkata - All Jr. age groups
 29-1 Nov : Junior Inter State - Kolkata - B & G U19 & U15

MENS RANKING JULY 2006

POS	PLAYER	FROM	LAST POS
1	AMR SHABANA	EGY	1
2	DAVID PALMER	AUS	2
3	THIERRY LINCOU	FRA	3
4	ANTHONY RICKETTS	AUS	4
5	JAMES WILLSTROP	ENG	5
6	PETER NICOL	ENG	6
7	NICK MATTHEW	ENG	7
8	GREGORY GAULTIER	FRA	8
9	KARIM DARWISH	EGY	9
10	LEE BEACHILL	ENG	10
39	RITWIK BHATTACHARYA	IND	43
61	SAURAV GHOSAL	IND	67

WOMENS RANKING JULY 2006

POS	PLAYER	FROM	LAST POS
1	VANESSA ATKINSON	NED	1
2	NICOL DAVID	MAS	2
3	RACHAEL GRINHAM	AUS	4
4	NATALIE GRINHAM	AUS	3
5	VICKY BOTWRIGHT	ENG	5
6	JENNY DUNCALF	ENG	6
7	MADELINE PERRY	IRL	7
8	TANIA BAILEY	ENG	9
9	OMNEYA ABDEL KAWY	EGY	10
10	LINDA ELRIANI	ENG	8
60	JOSHNA CHINAPPA	IND	61

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

28/06/2006 : **WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN, AUSTRALIA**
 Kasey Brown (AUS) bt Diane Desira (AUS) 9-2, 9-1, 9-3

24/06/2006 : **MDO OPEN, BRAZIL**

Rafael Alarcon (BRA) bt Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-6, 11-5, 11-6

22/06/2006 : **GREEK OPEN, ATHENS, GREECE**

Jonathan Komp (ENG) bt Davide Bianchetti (ITA) 11-9, 7-11, 11-10, 11-4

21/06/2006 : **ORNITARGIN OPEN, BRAZIL**

Rafael F Alarcon (BRA) bt Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-9 8-11, 11-7, 11-4

21/06/2006 : **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN, AUSTRALIA**

Men's : Dan Jenson (AUS) bt Mike Corren (AUS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-3
 Women's : Kasey Brown (AUS) bt Diane Desira (AUS) 6-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-5

22/05/2006 : **WOMEN'S CARCASSONE CITY SQUASH OPEN**

Oria Noom (NED) bt Margriet Hulsman (NED) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0

12/06/2006 : **NARACOORTE OPEN, AUSTRALIA**

Men's : Dan Jenson (AUS) bt Jason Mudge (AUS) 11-4, 11-5, 11-4
 Women's : Kasey Brown (AUS) bt Melissa Martin (AUS) 9-4, 9-5, 9-4

08/06/2006 : **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, HUNGARY**

Gregory Gautier bt Borja Golan 9-2, 9-0, 10-8

31/05/2006 : **MERRIDEN SQUASH OPEN**

Mike Corren (AUS) bt Steve Finitis (AUS) 10-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-4

30/05/2006 : **EUROPEAN JUNIOR U15/17**

U-15 : Germany bt Switzerland 2-1
 U-17 : Germany bt England 2-1

26/05/2006 : **LIGURIA OPEN, ITALY**

Davide Bianchetti (ITA) bt Mark Krajcsak (HUN) 11-5, 11-2, 11-7

22/05/2006 : **HYATT REGENCY PERTH WA OPEN, AUSTRALIA**

Mike Corren (AUS) bt Scott Arnold (AUS) 11-6, 11-6, 11-9

17/05/2006 : **HURGHADA INTERNATIONAL 2006**

Omneya Abdel Kawy bt Rachael Grinham 9-6, 9-2, 7-9, 0-9, 9-2

13/05/2006 : **HILTON OPEN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Scott Arnold (AUS) bt Mohd Nafizwan Adnan (MAS) 9-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-6

12/05/2006 : **ALTANTA OPEN**

Shawn DeLierre bt Eric Galvez 4-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5, 11-7

11/05/2006 : **GERMAN JUNIOR OPEN, GERLINGEN, GERMANY**

Men's U-19 : Kristian Frost Olesen (DEN) bt Mohd Asyraf Azan (MAS) 9-4, 9-4, 7-9, 9-3
 Women's U-19 : Camille Serme (FRA) bt Lucie Fielova (CZE) 4-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-0

26/4/2006 : **COMPANION CHALLENGE CUP 2006, BRAZIL**

Rafael Alarcon bt Tarek Momen 11-8, 7-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5

16/04/2006 : **MEN'S CROATIAN OPEN, CROATIA**

Simon Parke (ENG) bt Fabien Versaille (FRA) 11-8, 11-8, 11-6

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