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OTTERS OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Saurav, Mandy triumph in PSA Otters Open

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Winners of Otters Open snapped with Otters President Dilip Dandekar and Chief Guest Aamir Khan and wife Kiran Rao

the ingredients of a thriller.

Bhattacharya seemed well on his way to victory after winning the opening games in tight finishes, including surviving a scare while leading 8-5 and allowing Ghosal to close in at 9-9 in the first. But Ghosal ignored his much accomplished opponent's reputation to play uninhibited squash. He chose to play the game he is accustomed to and it paid off.

In a pulsating decider, Bhattacharya led 9-7 before enjoying two match balls at 10-8 and 10-9, but he hit the tin on two occasions while Ghosal earned a 'stroke' in between to surge to a crucial 11-10 advantage. Another 'stroke' and Ghosal sealed a memorable victory, prior to his maiden World Open he is eager to play in Cairo.

"It was an important tournament to win. It was a hard match especially coming back from two games down. I was not getting my shots in the first two games, while Ritwik hit the ball really well. The pressure is always there while playing Ritwik. But I hung in there and tried to get my rhythm," explained Ghosal. Said Bhattacharya: "The game I was playing, was good enough. I don't think I could do anything different. But Saurav played well. I had earlier lost in five games to Manish Chotrani and Siddharth Suchde on the same court, and I guess losing to Saurav was the only thing remaining!" Ghosal earned \$1,282 for his effort, while Bhattacharya settled for \$877.

Mandy Kennedy of England made the tournament her own when she bagged the women's crown following another shock 9-5, 9-0, 9-7 victory over second seed Alisha Mashruwalla of Maharashtra in the Otters Open, which was concurrently held with the PSA Open. Much was expected from Alisha back from the US but

Second seed Saurav Ghosal staged a dramatic recovery to shock top seed Ritwik Bhattacharya 9-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-10 (2-0) in an absorbing 'derby' championship clash to clinch the PSA Otters Open Squash title, at the Otters Club, Bandra.

World No 59 Ghosal took 75 minutes to earn his maiden PSA title, while beating arch rival and world No 43 Bhattacharya on only the second occasion.

In a quality contest marked by long rallies and brilliant stroke play, both treated the jam-packed Otters Club to delightful squash that had all



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unfortunately her game seems to have stagnated and the final was a lame affair.

Making her debut in the competition at 38, Mandy, who surprised top seed Surbhi Mishra of Rajasthan in the quarter-finals and No 5 Harita Omprakash in the semi-finals, completed her giant-killing spree to help herself to the winner's purse of Rs 20,000 (approx \$426).

"I did not know what to expect. I do not really play tournaments, so this was nerve-racking. I beat the No 1 and No 5 seeds the other day and Alisha is No 2. So I am very happy. I played well in patches. My serve was more effective and my drop shots were better," explained an excited Mandy after the match, watched by her husband Simon, and kids Ben and Megan.

If Mandy was the 'queen' from England, Vikram Malhotra of Mumbai was the 'prince' after clinching a double crown following contrasting victories in the boys' under-19 and under-17 finals.

The H R College lad was taken the distance after trailing 1-2 and claimed the under-19 title with a 3-9, 9-2, 3-9, 9-3, 9-1 victory over Parth Sharma of Rajasthan.

Parth was the favourite playing the best squash he has ever played and was on a giant killing spree having beaten current Junior National Champion Sandeep Jhangra twice in this tournament. He also demolished the much fancied Manek Mathur in straight games in the quarter finals conceding only 8 points in the entire match. His dream run however came to an end when he ran into the mercurial and extremely talented and now fitter Vikram Malhotra in the finals.

As top seed, Vikram later returned to demolish second seed Laxman Joshi 9-3, 9-0, 9-0 for under-17 title.

Harinderpal Sandhu of Chennai won the Men's Open crown after beating Vikas Jangra 9-7, 9-6, 9-0. Earlier in the semifinals Harinder scalped the top seed Gaurav Nandrajog in a hard fought match which saw Gaurav getting extremely frustrated and running out of ideas.

India's top juniors, Sandeep Jhangra, Harinder Pal Sandhu, Vikram Malhotra, Parth Sharma and Naresh Kumar have set the alarm bells ringing for the seniors giving a clear indication that their time has come.

Number one seed Ravi Dixit of Chennai earned the boys under-15 title after a marathon 10-9, 6-9, 9-10, 9-4, 9-3 victory over a determined second seed Aditya Jagtap in a thriller.

RESULTS

PSA Others Open: Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Ritwik Bhattacharya (Ind) 9-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-10 (2-0).

Men's Open: Harinder Sandhu (Chennai) bt Vikas Jangra (Mah) 9-7, 9-6, 9-0.

Boys U-19: Vikram Malhotra (Mah) bt Parth Sharma (Chennai) 3-9, 9-2, 3-9, 9-3, 9-1.

Boys U-17: Vikram Malhotra (Mah) bt Laxman Joshi (Mah) 9-3, 9-0, 9-0.

Boys U-15: Ravi Dixit (Chennai) bt Aditya Jagtap (Mah) 10-9, 6-9, 9-10, 9-4, 9-3.

Boys U-13: Mahesh Mangaokar (Mah) bt Abhishek Parchan (Mah) 9-6, 8-2, 9-10, 9-3.

Boys U-11: Kush Kumar (Del) bt Arjun Kochhar (Mah) 9-4, 9-4, 9-4.

Women's Open: Mandy Kennedy (England) bt Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) 9-5, 9-0, 9-7.

Girls U-17: Surbi Mishra (Raj) bt Shivangi Paranjpe (Mah) 9-7, 9-7, 9-5.

Girls U-13: Saumya Karki (Mah) bt Sachika Balwani (Mah) 9-7, 10-9, 9-5.

Men's Over-35: Rohit Thawani (Mah) w/o Deepak Kochhar (Mah)

Men's Over-45: Vaman Apte (Mah) bt Deepak Kochhar (Mah) 6-9, 9-3, 4-9, 9-3, 9-3.

Professionals: Balamurgan (Chennai) bt Rohit More (Mah) 9-2, 9-6, 9-0.

SOUTH ASIAN GAMES

Joshna best in South Asia

Take away Malaysia and Hong Kong and our women are among the best in Asia. That was proved when Joshna Chinappa won the women's title at the South Asian Federation Games in Sri Lanka. Joshna was lucky that Carla Khan was not fit to play the entire event. Or she may have made it tough for her. Carla is ranked higher than Joshna in the WISPA rankings.

In the final Joshna beat her Chennai teammate Deepika Pallikal. Pakistan's other girls like Maria Toor are coming up slowly but surely. But they will take time. Till then the No 2 spots will be Sri Lanka's who had both the semi-finalists the - Guruge sisters.

In the men's Pakistan ruled the roost. Ritwik Bhattacharya and Saurav Ghosal did not play as they were preparing for the World Open in Egypt. India sent Gaurav Nandrajog and Harinderpal Sandhu who reached as far as the semi-finals losing to the finalists Mansoor Zaman and Amir Atlas.

Left-hander Zaman, the world No 28 from Peshawar, faced 16-year-old compatriot Aamir Atlas Khan. Second seed Khan shocked his more experienced top-seeded opponent by taking a 2/1 lead in the final but Zaman regained his composure to win 9-5, 7-9, 4-9, 9-2, 9-0 to retain the title he won two years ago in Islamabad, his home city.



Dipika Pallikal, Joshna Chinappa, Nirasha Guruge, Tehani Guruge showing off their medals at the prize distribution function.

RESULTS

Men's Final: Mansoor Zaman (PAK) bt Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) 9-5, 7-9, 4-9, 9-2, 9-0

Semi-finals: Mansoor Zaman (PAK) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 9-0, 9-2, 9-2

Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3

Women's Final: Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Dipika Pallikal (IND) 9-6, 9-5, 9-1

Semi-finals: Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Tehani Guruge (SRI) 9-3, 9-0, 9-5

Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Nirasha Guruge (SRI) 9-7, 9-6, 9-3

SAURAV AND RITWIK EYE THE SQUASH LADDER



Saurav Ghosal

(By Pradeep Vijayakar)

India's top two stars, Saurav Ghosal and Ritwik Bhattacharya had mixed fortunes on the national circuit. Saurav won the Nationals in Ritwik's hometown Delhi. Ritwik, however, won the Golcha Rajasthan Open in Jaipur. In both finals the bridesmaid was Gaurav Nandrajog.

Both the Indian stars know how tough life is in the world market. Both lost in the first round qualifying to local Egyptians at the World Open in Cairo. Next up is the Doha Asian Games in Qatar. A medal in Doha will ensure that squash players get on the government's radar, and all will benefit from it. During the Nationals the two stars spoke to Times correspondent Mandakini Raina. Excerpts from the interview:

One more National crown for Saurav Ghosal. Of course he must thank Gaurav Nandrajog for getting his arch-rival Ritwik Bhattacharya out of the way. But relations between the two are the best. "There is no big rivalry between us. We share a healthy relationship and I respect Ritwik for his achievement. The point is that even if Ritwik stops playing, or doesn't break into the top 10 or 20, his biggest achievement will still be that of making the impact he has on the professional tour," says Saurav.

It was at a national championship in Kolkata that Saurav discovered squash, through Ritwik. A little less than a decade later, he doesn't just cheer on from the sidelines but matches shots and poses as his strongest challenger. Saurav has shifted like Ritwik to train in the U.K. Says he about the change: "Before I went to train and study at Leeds I knew I was quick. A year now into training, my techniques and shot selection have improved. There is substance to my game; my whole game is measured, my swing has changed, there is more variety to my shots. And now if I lose, I can analyse as to what went awry," he discloses.

Interaction with the greats of the game has meant a change. "Willstrop believes in discipline, of the mind as well. He's made me learn to think my game out. I'm not arguing with the umpires anymore. Even at the World Open qualifier, I kept my cool, laughed an incident off."

One step closer to top-10 by 2010 then, a goal he'd made public not too long ago? "Realistically, I know I still can't take a set off the top 20 yet. But the gap is bridging, slowly, surely. By 2007 I hope to break into the top 30," Saurav says.

Ritwik, responsible partly for rescuing the sport from obscurity, hopes the learning by trial and error ends here and now. "When I started off the infrastructure wasn't in place, I wasn't even thinking of the international circuit. But having gone through the grind, one only hopes belief remains in the sport. We need coaches and structures put in place. Instead, what we have is a disjointed set-up where accessibility is poor," Ritwik rues.

His short-term goal is to break into the top 30 by the end of the year

thereby grabbing the chance to play the best at every event. "It's one thing to watch from the outside, another to play against them and know what you are up against. You could play court all you like but you have to play on grass to know how to play on grass, don't you," he explains. But being the 'path-finder' one can only do so

AAMIR, ACTING AND SQUASH



Mandy Kennedy (Winner Women's Open) receiving trophy from Aamir Khan

The Otters Club Open was made more memorable by the presence of film star Aamir Khan. He plays squash at Otters Club and agreed to Micky Makhija's request to be the chief guest. He watched the final between Saurav Ghosal and Ritwik Bhattacharya. Later he said in his speech he loved to watch sports because he learnt a thing or two about acting.

He was referring to the 'dives' of football players during World Cup soccer and to the actions of Ritwik and Saurav in the final. Whenever they clashed and there was an obstruction, they would come aside and gesture as if they had done nothing! Lovely acting. Aamir and wife Kiran Rao spent some time the squash kids. Asked he planned to make more sports films Aamir said 'One Lagagaan is enough.' He plans to make a children's film. It was good to see Aamir at a sports function after some time. One had seen him at Otters almost 15 years ago at a Triathlon he took part in. One also saw him at a badminton event at Khar Gymkhana. Baddy is another sport he loves.

DUTCH JUNIOR OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Dipika Dominates

(17/07/2006)

India's Dipika Pallikal won the Dutch Junior Open Squash Championship in the girls' under-15 category, beating Nouran Alaa El Toky 9-6, 9-4, 9-3, in the final, at Amsterdam.

Not dropping a game in the entire tournament, the top seed defeated Heng Yi Liam (9-0, 9-1, 9-4), Wee Nee Low (9-0, 9-3, 9-4), Yan Xin Tan (10-8, 9-7, 9-3) and Vidya Rajan (10-8, 9-7, 9-5) before prevailing in the final.

The victory makes it a hat-trick for the 14-year-old, who had earlier won the title in 2004 (under-13) and 2005 (under-15).

Source : <http://www.worldsquash.org/>

DELHI TOO HAS ITS BUDDING SACHIKA



Sachika Ingale

Mumbai has its squash kid, Sachika Balwani who has been doing well in the under-11, 13 and 15 events. Delhi too has its Sachika. It's Sachika Kumar Ingale, whose strong backhand is lethal enough to send little boys packing.

Sachika Kumar Ingale, 11, is living a family dream, of making her a national squash champion.

With all the signs of a star, and quite an accomplished one at that with bio-data including films and a dozen advertisements, Sachika has chosen a tougher road to stardom - the sporty road to success. "But that's alright. I like doing both. I enjoy squash better," said Sachika.

Brother Naeem, at 15, takes care of the morning jogging routine, while mother Ritu takes care when it comes to hitting the gym.

Her father, Wing Commander Vijay Ingale is no stranger to the world of squash. A Services player for 20 years, he is using his years of experience and knowledge to help his daughter polish her talent.

She has been lucky in ways. With a sponsor almost finalised, Sachika should hope to cash in on being able to participate in as many, and as big competitions to make her way, to the top.

Having won the Pathways All India junior inter-school squash competition in April, winner in the under-13 category and runner-up in the under-15, Sachika has the Sub-Junior Nationals in mind, to be held in Kolkata later this year in October. What gives her the edge over others in her category is "the personalised attention and coaching plus her commendable grit and determination," according to her father. "She enjoys her game, it motivates her to do other chores, complete homework for example," said Wg Cdr Ingale.

He hopes, like Sachika herself, that a day comes when she would be expected and revered in equal portion. Sachika, like other yet-to-be-teens enjoys her movies, drawing and painting. She's also a stickler when it comes to animals, her pet poodle having come from the prize money she won at the Northern India Open in 2005.

With favourites like Joshna Chinnappa and Ritwik Bhattacharya, one does hope this firebrand of a player finds her place in the sun.

Mandakini Raina, The Times of India

ADITYA WINS MAIDEN INTERNATIONAL TITLE



Aditya Jagtap

Aditya Jagtap (14) has participated in Nordic Junior Squash Tournament 2006 Super Series tournament in European Squash Circuit, which was held from 29th Sept till 1st Oct. in Malmö (Sweden). He has won this tournament playing in boys under 15 category. In finals he beat 2nd seeded Nicholas Hopcroft from England 9-2, 9-6, 9-1. This was his first victory in European Circuit tournaments. On his way to finals he

also beat top seed Tim van der Pluijm (Netherlands) 9-0, 9-0, 9-2, 5th seed Ryan Whitley (England) 9-2, 9-1, 9-0 and 3/4 seed Daniel Mekbib (Czech Republic) 9-10, 9-4, 9-2, 9-0. Due to this victory he will be in top 10 in European Squash Federation Ranking.

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QATAR AIRWAYS CHALLENGE, HYDERABAD

Nicol is the Champion

(09/07/2006)

Top seed Nicol David dethroned Rachael Grinham as the Qatar Airways Challenge champion in an enthralling final. It was anybody's game for the first two sets as they traded their full repertoire of shots, but when Nicol opened up an early lead in the third she never looked back.

"I learned from the first game as the match progressed," said the new champion. "I started to make her run around the court, and she started to feel it, I could sense her gasping for breath. The scoreline makes it look as if the last two games were one-sided, but it was much harder than that."

Grinham was upbeat in defeat: "I still feel good, happy with my game, I just died in the end. Even in the third and fourth I felt in it at the start of the games but then I just stopped. 'I've had some hard matches this week, my body needs to get used to playing three or four hard matches in a row, it's something I haven't done for a while.'"

RESULTS

Finals:

[1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [2] Rachael Grinham (Aus) 4-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-0

Semi-finals:

[2] Rachael Grinham (Aus) bt [3] Natalie Grinham (Aus) 9-4, 4-9, 9-4, 9-2

[1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [5] Jenny Duncalf (Eng) 5-9, 6-9, 9-6, 9-3, 9-0

NORTHERN INDIA OPEN 2006

RESULTS

(18/7/2006)

Men: Shoaib Hassan (Pak) bt Sourav Ghosal (Ind) 9-2, 5-9, 2-9, 9-1, 9-3.

Boys: Under-17: Raza Yaqub (Pak) bt Gunraj Singh (Ind) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1.

Under-15: Aurangzeb Khan (Pak) bt Awais Rahim (Pak) 9-6, 2-9, 9-6, 9-4.

Under-13: Hamza Bukhari (Pak) bt M. Haroon Rasheed (Pak) 6-9, 9-1, 9-1, 7-9, 9-1.

Under-11: Ali Bukhari (Pak) bt Amaad Farid (Pak) 9-0, 2-9, 9-1, 10-8.

Under-9: Ramit Bhargav bt Divyanshu Sharma 9-2, 9-4.

Women: Mekhala Subedar bt Surbhi Mishra 9-4, 6-9, 9-4, 9-4.

Girls: Under-17: Surbhi Mishra (Ind) bt Zoya (Pak) 9-1, 9-3, 6-9, 2-9, 9-7.

Under-15: Harita Omprakash (Ind) bt Roshna Mehboob (Pak) 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.

Under-13: Sachika Ingale (Ind) bt Krishna Thapa (Nep) 3-9, 9-5, 1-9, 9-7, 10-8.

Under-11: Tanvi Khanna (Ind) bt Heba Johnson (Ind) 9-0, 9-5, 5-9, 9-7.

THE LITTLE MASTERS JUNIOR SQUASH TOURNAMENT

(23/09/2006)



All the Winners of the different categories of SKF-Little Masters All India Junior Squash Tournament, 2006 organized by the Willingdon sports Club, with chief guest H. R. Prasad (Chairman, Willingdon Sports Club).

FINALS :

- Boys U-19 :** 1-Sandeep Jangra bt 2-Vikram Malhotra 9-5, 9-1, 9-5.
Boys U-17 : 1-Vikram Malhotra bt 3-Cyril Kuhn (TN) 9-6, 9-6, 6-9, 9-6.
Boys U-15 : 1-Karan Malik (TN) bt 2-Aadit Zaveri 10-8, 9-0, 9-2.
Boys U-13 : 1-Mahesh Mangaonkar bt 3-Caran Arora 9-1, 9-6, 9-2.
Boys U-11 : 2-Raghav Mehrotra bt 1-Arjun Kochhar 9-7, 9-1, 9-5.
Boys & Girls U-9 : Rajat Agarwal bt Sandeep Paswan 9-4, 9-6, 9-1.
Girls U-19 : 1-Shivangi Paranjpe bt 2-Harita Omprakash 6-9, 10-8, 9-2, 9-5.
Girls U-15 : 1-Harita Omprakash (TN) bt Dheeya Somaya (Indore) 9-2, 9-5, 9-1.

SEMIFINALS :

Boys U-19:

- 1-Sandeep Jangra bt Cyrus Vakli 9-0, 9-2, 9-0;
 2-Vikram Malhotra bt Naishad Lalwani 9-1, 9-5, 9-0.

Boys U-15:

- 2-Aadit Zaveri bt 3-Mahesh Mangaonkar 9-4, 9-6, 9-4;
 1-Karan Malik (TN) bt Aakash Borwankar 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

Boys U-11:

- 1-Arjun Kochhar bt Yaduveer Singh (Indore) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0;
 2-Raghav Mehrotra bt 3-Kunj Rawani 9-4, 8-10, 9-4, 9-2.

Boys & Girls U-9:

- Rajat Agarwal bt Trilok Sadarangani 9-1, 9-4, 9-3;
 Sandeep Paswan bt Yohan Surti 9-6, 9-3, 9-4.

Girls U-19:

- 1-Shivangi Paranjpe bt Saumya Karki (JSA) 9-2, 9-3, 9-7;
 2-Harita Omprakash (TN) bt Swati Muchhal (Indore) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1.

Girls U-15:

- 1-Harita Omprakash (TN) bt 4-Saumya Karki 9-2, 9-4, 9-10, 9-3;
 Dheeya Somaya (Indore) bt Swarnalatha (TN) 9-4, 9-2, 9-5.

Top seeds Sandeep Jangra and Shivangi Paranjpe extended their domination in squash in the under-19 age group, but in contrasting fashion, winning the boys and girls titles of the **SKF India Ltd.** sponsored, SKF-Little Masters All India Junior Squash Tournament, 2006 organized by the Willingdon Sports Club.

Jangra had the measure of the lethargic and erratic second seed Vikram Malhotra romping home 9-5, 9-1, 9-5. However Shivangi dropped the first game to her younger rival from TN, Harita Omprakash, huffed and puffed before winning a close second game and then came into her own to take the next two with ease.

Shivangi's 6-9, 10-8, 9-2, 9-5 victory and the purse of Rs 18,000 turned out to be an early gift for the talented lass who turns 16 on 24th. Jangra won Rs 30,000 for his efforts.

However, there was some consolation for Malhotra, the top seed in the boys under-17, who dropped a game to TN's Cyril Kuhn before winning 9-6, 9-6, 6-9, 9-6 and Rs 18,000 in prize money.

Another convincing winner was top seed Karan Malik of TN, who routed second seed Aadit Zaveri 10-8, 9-0, 9-2 for the boys under-15 title. Malik simply packed too many punches for Zaveri, making him look pedestrian at times. Aadit has emerged as a much improved player in the tournament. He beat Mahesh Mangaonkar quite comfortably in the semifinals.

Mahesh Mangaonkar continued his domination of the Under-13 section, beating Caran Arora in three straight games.

Raghav Mehrotra pocketed his second title when he upset Arjun Kochhar in three games in the Boys Under-11 event.

Rajat Agarwal emerged as the latest Champion from Club Aquaria when he beat Jindal Academy's Sandeep Paswan convincingly for the Under-9 category. Rajat Agarwal was unseeded in the event as he has never reached higher rounds in any tournament earlier.

Harita Omprakash took the Girls under-15 title defeating Dheeya Somaya.



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JSW-KARNATAKA STATE OPEN

(1/07/2006)



All winners along with the management of JSW

The first JSW-Karnataka State open squash championship was held at the Jindal Vijaynagar Sports Complex, Vijaynagar Works, Bellary, Karnataka from June 28 to July 1.

Laxman Joshi and Aparajitha lifted the title in the boys and girls under-19 categories respectively. While Joshi beat compatriot Kunwarpal Singh 9-8, 9-4, 9-0, Tamil Nadu's Aparajitha got a walk-over Rinki Soni in the finals.

The four-day event has attracted about 120 players from all over the country, including about three dozen from the Jindal Squash Academy in Thane district, Maharashtra.

Speaking to the Press, Vinod K. Nowal, executive director, JSW Steel, Vijaynagar said, "JSW Steel and JSW Foundation have strived to promote sports at the National level. The tie-up with the Karnataka Squash Racquets Association is for the next four years".

The championship was held in open category (for men and women) besides the Under-19, Under-17, Under-15, Under-13 and Under-11 age groups for boys and girls. About 40 players from Mumbai, 20 from Chennai and almost the same number from Karnataka participated. Rs. One lakhs was the prize money for the winners while the sponsors Jindal South West Steel provided boarding and lodging for all participants. With such encouragement, hopefully higher rated players will consider participating in future editions of the tournament.

Special thanks to Mr. Sajjan Jindal

RESULTS

Girls Under 11: Urwashi Joshi bt Ruchi Mishra 9-0, 9-0, 9-0

Boys Under 11: Aditya Khatri bt Nikhil Mishra 9-6, 9-0, 9-2

Girls Under 13: Anju Sharma bt Shweta Yadav 9-0, 9-2, 9-2

Boys Under 13: Pragun Khemka bt Shashi Pandey 9-6, 9-6, 6-9, 9-3

Girls Under 15: Aparajitha bt Rinki Soni 9-2, 9-5, 9-0

Boys Under 15: Prithvi Aditya bt Yaksh Davar 9-6, 9-7, 9-6

Boys Under 17: Laxman Joshi bt Nitin Chauhan 9-4, 9-3, 9-6

Girls Under 19: Rinki Soni bt Aparajitha (walkover)

Men: Sarvesh Chauhan bt Kunwarpal Singh 9-1, 9-10, 9-0, 9-7.

RAMESH D. SINGH - BUSY AS A BEE



Ramesh Singh

Perhaps D stands for Dynamo in his middle name! This coach has to be seen in action to be believed. Starting his coaching sessions at 5.00 PM sharp everyday at Goregaon Sports Club, he has his players all charged up in no time at all, and keeps them that way for an hour each at least. His sessions go like clockwork- the players warm up on their own quite

meticulously, and then enter the court with him for a doze of squash and zest. Developing fitness is his forte, and with a course for coaches coming up, producing accomplished players is not too distant a vision for Ramesh.

Ramesh got into sports in 1992 with learning Lawn Tennis under Santosh Lokhand at Kamat's Club, and in due course became his assistant. In addition, he learnt Table Tennis, Badminton and Swimming. In 2002, the Squash Trainer at the club went on a months leave, and Ramesh took charge temporarily. Seeing his enthusiasm level, the members prompted him to pursue Squash professionally. So he went to Baburao Salvi at Andheri Sports Complex to take training from him for 2 months and started playing professionally.

Ramesh joined Goregaon Sports Club in 2004. His trainee Suruchi Gupta reached the Semifinal of Hero Honda Khar Gym Championship. Presently, some of his promising players include Rahul Shah, Siddhant and Rajiv, while Ashaye Kejdiwal and Aditya Singhi have developed well under him. Owing to his dedication and zeal, each and every player who knows him gives him sincere respect and admiration. No wonder the three Squash Courts at GSC are always fully booked, and if you blink, it seems Ramesh is in all three courts at the same time!

54TH NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

National titles for Saurav and Joshna

(10/09/2006)

Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa came through contrasting fortunes to pocket the Men's and Women's titles respectively at the 54th National Squash Championship, at Delhi Gymkhana, Safdarjung.

Ghosal, currently at 50th position in world rankings, razed down fourth seed Saurav Nandrajog in a somewhat one-sided contest.

While WISPA 54th ranked Joshna beat Dipika Pallikal for her fifth straight triumph. It was Ghosal's second national crown, which came after 44 minutes and fetched him Rs 40,000 in winner's cheque.

Nandrajog was a shadow of the player who had shocked top seed and world no 41 Ritwik Bhattacharya in the semifinal.

His good performance was restricted to the third game when he rebounded from being 0-7 down to make it 6-8 and saved five championship points before succumbing to his rival. "I made too many unforced errors, and I lost the ball from my vision frequently", said the 21-year old local lad.

Nandrajog, who was playing in his maiden final, received the ultimate praise from his conqueror. "Ritwik, Siddharth (Suchde) and me are the top three in the country, and by beating Ritwik, Gaurav has shaken the apple-cart. We have to be wary of him now because he has improved a lot, said Ghosal after the match".

RESULTS

Men's Final

[2] Saurav Ghosal bt [4] Gaurav Nandrajog 9-3, 9-2, 9-7

Women's Final

[1] Joshna Chinappa bt [2] Dipika Pallikal 9-2, 9-5, 9-4

Men Semifinal: Gaurav Nandrajog (TN) bt Ritwik Bhattacharya

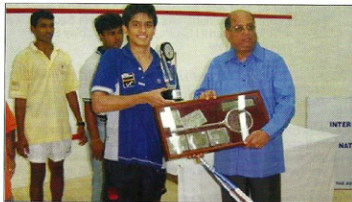
(Del) 6-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-1;

Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Siddharth Suchde (Mah) 10-8, 9-3, 9-0.

Women Semifinal: Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Surbhi Mishra (Raj) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2;

Dipika Pallikal (TN) bt Anwesha Reddy (TN) 9-1, 9-3, 9-0.

Source : <http://www.squashsite.co.uk>



Champion Saurav Ghosal receives the trophy from Commander-In-Chief trophy from N. Ramachandran

INTERSTATE SQUASH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Tamil Nadu wins team championship

(05/09/2006)

Tamil Nadu won the National team title beating Services 2-0 in the final of the 2006 Inter-State squash championship at the Delhi Gymkhana Club.

Playing its fourth final in as many years, Tamil Nadu avoided the mistakes of 2005 when it lost to Maharashtra, by going on the offensive from the start. Harinder Pal Singh wasted little time in beating Vikas Jangra though he was made to rally in the opening and the third game. After winning the first two games 9-2, 9-0, Harinder was forced on the backfoot as Jangra took a 5-0 lead and

then led 8-5, but the Tamil Nadu player rallied brilliantly to win the match.

Parth Sharma dominated from the start and closed the match in 35 minutes to give Tamil Nadu a deserving title in the championship held under the aegis of the Squash Rackets Federation of India.

Former champion New Delhi salvaged some pride by winning the bronze medal. Playing without its top three players, New Delhi struggled against giant-killer Rajasthan before scoring a 2-1 win in just under two hours.

Sohail Kapur gave the hosts a 1-0 lead when he defeated Gautam Sharma 9-6, 9-7, 7-9, 9-2. But Gunraj Singh brought Rajasthan back into contention by beating Amandeep Singh in straight games. The Delhi coach, Muktiar Ali, took to the court in absence of his injured ranked players and outlasted Kapil Murjani, giving away just one point.

RESULTS

Source : The Hindu

Tamil Nadu bt Services 2-0:

Harinder Pal Singh (Tamil Nadu) bt Vikas Jangra (Services) 9-2

9-0 10-8 (35m)

Parth Sharma (Tamil Nadu) bt Shakti Singh (Services) 9-1 9-3 9-4

RAJASTHAN OPEN NATIONAL LEVEL SQUASH

Ritwik avenges defeat

(16/09/2006)

Ritwik Bhattacharya showed his defeat at the hands of Gaurav Nandrajog at the Nationals was not due to poor play but because of some niggles when he avenged the defeat at the finals of the Harish Chandra Golcha Memorial Rajasthan Open Squash Championship played from September 12 to 16 in Jaipur.

Ritwik had been troubled by a stomach ailment but did not let anyone know. But he recovered somewhat to put it across Gaurav in the final. The women's title was claimed by Joshna Chinappa who beat Surbhi Mishra, who hails from here. Mumbai lass Shivangi Paranjape had done well to reach the semis.

The under-19 title was claimed by Parth Sharma who had shown his advance at the Asian Juniors. He beat his sparring partner at the ICL Academy, Nareesh Kumar in the finals.

Chennai had another winner in Cyril Kuhn in the under 17 ranks. He beat Ravi Dixit who however won the under-15 title.

Karan Tharyamal won the under-13 title.

Category	Winner	Runner's Up
Men's Open	Ritwik Bhattacharya	Gaurav Nandrajog
Women's Open	Joshna Chinappa	Surbhi Mishra
Boys U-19	Parth Sharma	Nareesh Kumar
Girls U-17	Surbhi Mishra	Shivangi Paranjape
Boys U-17	Cyril Kuhn	Ravi Dixit
Boys U-15	Ravi Dixit	Karan Malik
Boys U-13	Karan Tharyamal	Deepak Mishra

LAXMAN- SURVIVAL OF THE 'FITTEST'



Laxman Joshi

awarded with a fairplay award at Western India Open in 2004. Excerpts from the interview.

ISP- When and how did you start playing Squash?

Laxman- I was initially a swimmer. I started in 2000 in Jindal Academy where I learnt about Sandeep Jangra and his success and the popularity of squash, and wanted to be in the limelight too.

ISP- You are the fittest player in Maharashtra. How hard do you train?

Laxman- At least two hours a day. This includes fitness and ball drills.

ISP- How do you manage your studies?

Laxman- I go to college in the morning, have extra classes in the afternoon, and train in the evening from 6 to 9 p.m.

ISP- What is your aim?

Laxman- My aim is to be better at squash. I want to be Under-17 National Champion.

RAJAT- PINT SIZED- HAS ARRIVED

In times where wit and fine sense of humor are getting harder to find, it is good to come across a squash player who has these qualities in abundance, and whose squash skills are developing quickly as well. The player is just 8 years of age, and has just won his first title- All India Little Masters Open Under-9 Champion. A student of Don Bosco Borivali and training at Club Aquaria, names that are now synonymous with Squash Champions, the player is Rajat Agarwal. His coach A. I. Singh had the pleasure of interviewing him right after his title win. Ask witty Rajat a googy question, and expect a funny



Rajat Agarwal

answer. With those listening to the interview splitting their sides with laughter, here is how the hilarious interview went.

A.I.- Rajat, give me an interview. I'll ask you some question, you give me answers.

Rajat- Bye Bye. (Tries to run away).

A.I.- (Catches him). This is not like a school test. Only Squash questions. How do you feel after winning your first title?

Rajat- (Sits down. Contemplates). Well, I won my first title. Big achievement.

A.I.- (Ignores the contemplation). Are you happy or sad?

Rajat- First write what I said.

A.I.- (Obeyes). Okay. Now?

Rajat- Very very happy yeah

A.I.- How have you managed to win such a big title?

Rajat- Plan was to make opponent run all the time and play the ball away from him even if that was risky. In the last game, I tried to relax mentally, swing freely and serve well. That helped me win 9-1.

A.I.- Surely you must have done something in training to be able to do all that in a big match?

Rajat- Did more fitness.

A.I.- Do you like fitness training?

Rajat- Little bit. First I used to hate it.

(So much so, that one day while training, I asked him if he doesn't want to train hard, why not retire from Squash. The answer- "Retire? Even if I Expire, I'll go up and play Squash!"). But I'll train harder now.

A.I.- (Throwing a googly) How many rackets have you broken so far?

Rajat- 3. Slazenger, Head, Dunlop.

A.I.- Last time I asked you said 10. When I asked when you will score 100, you said 'dekhte hain'. So?

Rajat- (Amused) What silly questions you're asking. I don't want an interview. (Goes away for a drink).

A.I.- Come back. Tournament rules say you must meet reasonable requests for interviews. I'll complain to (Tubby) sir (Tournament director).

Rajat- No. (Has second thoughts) Show me? (Is shown the rule, is satisfied and comes back).

A.I.- What do you want to achieve?

Rajat- Maharashtra Ex- No-1 in Under-9.

A.I.- What? Let me explain. You're already Maharashtra No-1, and probably India no-1 in Under-9, Boys and Girls.

Rajat- Then World Under-9 Champion.



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A.I.- There is no World Under-9 Championship. Only Under-19. The best you have is British Under-13 Boys Title. Want it?

Rajat- Oh! (Frustrated) From where to where you have taken the interview. (Cuts a long story short) I want to beat Arjun Kochhar 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 like he beat me yesterday (in Under-11).

A.I.- Anything else you want to say?

Rajat- No.

A.I.- Any thanks to anyone?

Rajat- My coach and parents.

A.I.- In that order- first coach then parents?

Rajat- Yes. (Runs away).

RITWIK IN BECKHAM'S LEAGUE

(By Pradeep Vijayakar)



Ritwik with actress Neha Dhupia

Mumbai: It's not often that a squash player gets a limelight deserved for India's cricket heroes. But it happened on Wednesday at one of Mumbai's leading malls, Lifestyle at Phoenix High Street.

Indian squash hero Ritwik Bhattacharya was opening a Police sunglasses outlet along with Bollywood star Neha Dhupia, with whom he has been linked in recent times.

Ritwik really enjoyed the attention and said the Police watches appealed to him because they were sporty. But he emphasised that the exposure he was getting as brand ambassador for Police was good for the sport in the long run.

Asked how a squash player got the chance to be in the company of heroes like Bruce Willis, George Clooney and David Beckham, Ritwik said: "I have been the national No 1 for eight, nine years. Plus Hareesh Chainani of Ganga watches was looking for a face that was not so known in India and so he picked me."

Ritwik is luckier than his contemporaries. He said the top pros of the game are not known to endorse any products. "As far as I know Malaysian Aslan Iskander does some stuff back home."

Ritwik hasn't been signed by any other product so far. But India's No 2 woman player Deepika Pallikal has been modelling regularly.

October 2006

TRI UNIVERSITY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

(04/09/2006)

The Sesquicentennial Tri University Squash Championship was declared open by Dr. Vijay Khole, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai at the Sah & Sanghi Squash Court at the scenic Police Gymkhana on 3rd and 4th October 2006. In addition to the Universities belonging to the Tri University collaboration (Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras) Pune University also participated through invitation. After two days of competition the final standings were 1. Mumbai University, 2. Pune University 3. Calcutta University 4. Madras University. This championship was organised at the initiative taken by Dr. Ms. Indu Sahani and was hosted by H. R. College on behalf of the Mumbai University.



Dr. Ms. Indu Sahani

At the closing ceremony held at NSCI, Mahalaxmi Dr. A. D. Sawant Pro Vice Chancellor was the Chief Guest. Other Guests of Honours included Brig. Raj Manchanda, Principal Dr. Ms. Indu Sahani. Mr. Farhan Aghadi, a parent, hosted the dinner.

This was the 72nd tournament conducted by Indian Squash Professionals

Prosquash convinced Ms. Indu Sahani, Principal H. R. College to spare a few moments for an interview.

Prosquash- H. R. College and Squash are quite synonymous. How come H.R. produces so many Squash players?

Ms. Indu Sahani - Generally, students playing Squash for H.R. had already picked up Squash while in school- most of them studied in schools in south Mumbai where squash is quite popular. Realizing we had so many good squash players motivated us to organize an event like this, and encourage them in any way we can. In fact, it is the students who encouraged us to take initiatives.

Prosquash- H.R. stands out as far as promoting all sports is concerned. How do you manage to excel thus?

Ms. Indu Sahani - We have sports Councils for each sport, consisting of representatives from amongst the students. We try to involve a maximum number of students through the council into sports and aim for maximum participation for all.

Prosquash- You have a very talented player- Vikram Malhotra in your college.

Ms. Indu Sahani - Oh yes! A brilliant boy, unassuming and low profile. He is an example of how a sportsman should be.

Prosquash- Do tell us about your own sporting background.

Ms. Indu Sahani - I play Tennis and swim regularly. I was a Table Tennis champion for my college (H.R.Collegel). I've played Badminton too.

Prosquash- What does the future hold for Squash at H.R.?

Ms. Indu Sahani - The future is bright. We will make this event more popular. We want the present champions to mentor other players. We will shortly organize meets where they can address the other upcoming players.

RASGOLLAS AND SQUASH (ARTICLE BY RAJU CHAINANI)



Late Raju Chainani

It is a very tangy cocktail. The city with the Garden of Eden is putting up two glass-back squash courts which would make the Calcutta Rocket Club the best complex in the country. With the backing of ITC, who have pumped in Rs. 15 lakhs, the stage is set for the East to take over from the West as the Mecca of Indian Squash.

The new courts will each have a spectator capacity of 240 seats with the side galleries to accommodate the standing audience. The outside construction is ready and the glass-backs have already been shipped. In another three to four months the finishing touches will be put to the squash complex.

The brain trust behind this scheme have been Micky Chinoy (president of the West Bengal Squash Association), D.G. Rajan (vice-president, Calcutta Rackets Club) and Shishir Bajuria (secretary of the Squash Federation of India). Bombayites are quite familiar with D.G. Rajan. In days gone by, he was the secretary of Bombay Gymkhana squash and handled many a volcanic situation, particularly at the Inter-club event. He was also associated in bringing the Maharashtra State event from Deolali to Bombay under flagship of Hong Kong Bank. The latest feather in his cap is something for everyone in India an squash to be proud of. It's been a splendid team effort by the trio.

Calcutta's reward for building this complex is the Asian Championships, scheduled for February 1990. Harry Nair, secretary of the Asian Federation, has already visited Calcutta to see how preparations are going ahead.

And so, there is a mouth-watering prospect of seeing the likes of Jehangir and Jansher play in India. But that is going to be in Calcutta and not in Bombay. Our politbureau have politely declined the offer of staging the Asian. It cannot be for lack of sponsorship.

Perhaps there is still time to do something about this. Surely, a tournament of this status can be staged at two venues. Since Calcutta has got first run on the event, maybe the Maharashtra Association can offer to hold the initial rounds of the team championships in Bombay. The final can be held in Calcutta.

This would give our locals a chance to see the superstars in action.

It means a lot of organisation and an additional plane journey but that is not a big price to pay for, being part of the Asian championships. We can organise the event, Reliance Cup style, so that the two cities get the benefit. And any sponsor would thereby get double mileage.

This is going to be the first ever visit by the likes of Jehangir and Jansher to India. It's something we should capitalize on. So what if we have to eat humble pie and be the bridesmaids. Surely, that is no reason to deny Bombayites a chance to see the world's best. If Calcutta can have Adam, we'll have to settle for Eve.

Let me take this a stage further. Suppose, for arguments sake, the politbureau decides that the organisation part as too much for them to handle and let Calcutta do the honours. We still can hold something like a charity match or have a curtain raiser to the event.

An India-Pakistan encounter would be a sell-out. Suppose we had this in aid of the Prime Minister's Drought Relief Fund and followed it up with a charity dinner. Bombayites would see the top stars, the cream of industrialists would meet them and that could open a lot of doors. It's something that the two giants of squash, Mahindra and Mahindra and Sah and Sanghi might wish to ponder on.

Holding a major tournament in two venues is not a novel idea. Some years ago, the opening rounds of the British Open were shifted to Birmingham, Leicester and Sheffield. It gave the locals a chance to see Barrington, Hunt, Zaman and other top stars. It helped squash develop in areas outside London.

It, therefore, came as no surprise when ICI decided to hold a Masters Invitation in Edgbaston. Matches would go on into the late hours. People used to come up from London to watch. One can think of at least few occasions when Ananth Nayak and myself caught a packed midnight train back from Edgbaston Priory.

The Asian Championships is only a year away. There's a lot of work to be done and the likes of Chinoy, Rajan and Bajuria are well aware of this. Mean time, my official friend who was educated in the Garden of Eden (and not Eaton) as he pronounces it, is all excited about his latest advertising slogan, 'ITC, rasgollas and squash. Made for each other'.



Aabhinav

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13th October – 21st October

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25th October – 28th October

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29th October – 1st November

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10th December – 14th December

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22nd December – 24th December

Delhi Open

27th December – 30th December

Scottish Junior Open, Edinburgh

2nd January – 6th January 2007

British Junior Open, Sheffield

MENS RANKING OCTOBER 2006

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

WOMENS RANKING OCTOBER 2006

POS	PLAYER	FROM	LAST POS
1	NICOL DAVID	MAS	1
2	VANESSA ATKINSON	NED	2
3	RACHAEL GRINHAM	AUS	3
4	NATALIE GRINHAM	AUS	4
5	VICKY BOTWRIGHT	ENG	5
6	JENNY DUNCALF	ENG	6
7	TANIA BAILEY	ENG	7
8	MADELINE PERRY	IRL	8
9	OMNEYA ABDEL KAWY	EGY	9
10	ALISON WATERS	ENG	10
51	JOSHNA CHINAPPA	IND	54

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

25/09/2006 : IX ALBIERTO OPEN, COLOMBIA

[2] Peter Barker (ENG) bt [6] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-6, 11-10 (3-1), 11-7

22/09/2006 : ST LOUIS OPEN, USA

[4] Stewart Boswell (AUS) bt [2] John White (SCO) 11-6, 11-2, 11-10 (2-0)

21/09/2006 : IMPULS OPEN, NETHERLANDS

[Q] Michael Fiteni (MLT) bt [Q] Shaun le Roux (ENG) 11-5, 11-6, 11-4

19/09/2006 : GERRARD BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Karim Darwish (EGY) 2-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-4

08/09/2006 : WOMEN'S FOF WAH CANTT SQUASH OPEN – PAKISTAN

Sharon Wee (MAS) bt [2] Delia Arnold (MAS) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3

03/09/2006 : WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS, HUNGARY

[1] GREAT BRITAIN bt [2] FRANCE 2-1

27/08/2006 : CENTRAL OPEN, NEW ZEALAND

Mens : [2] Kashif Shuja (NZL) bt Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-10 (2-0), 6-11, 11-6, 5-11, 11-10 (5-3)

Womens : [1] Kasey Brown (AUS) bt [2] Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) 9-6, 5-9, 9-5, 9-7.

21/08/2006 : ALTIPOWER TILBURG SQUASH OPEN, NETHERLANDS

[1] Scott Handley (ENG) bt [8] Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) 11-5, 11-4, 11-8

21/08/2006 : WOMEN'S ALEXANDRIA SPORTING CLUB SQUASH OPEN, EGYPT

[2] Isabelle Stoeher (FRA) bt [3] Raneem El Weleily (EGY) 9-2, 9-6, 6-9, 9-0

18/08/2006 : FIVE STAR FINANCE AUCKLAND SQUASH OPEN, NEW ZEALAND

[1] Jonathan Kemp (ENG) bt [3] Mike Corren (AUS) 11-4, 11-9, 11-2

13/08/2006 : BAY OF PLENTY OPEN, NEW ZEALAND

[4] Kashif Shuja (NZL) bt [6] Jason Mudge (AUS) 11-9, 10-11 (0-2), 7-11, 11-4, 11-4

12/08/2006 : JERICHO OPEN, CANADA

[2] Melanie Jans (CAN) bt [1] Alana Miller (CAN) 9-3, 10-9, 6-9, 9-0

08/08/2006 : HELIOPOLIS SQUASH OPEN, EGYPT

[5] Wael El Hindi (EGY) bt Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) 11-10 (3-1), 11-4, 11-9

02/08/2006 : PENANG OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP, PENANG, MALAYSIA

[1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [2] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 9-5, 9-6, 5-9, 9-3

THE LEELA ISP SQUASH CLASSIC (HANDICAP TEAM EVENT)

Khar Gym 'B' wins Leela squash

(9/7/2006)



At the prize distribution function (L to R) : Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP), Vijay Waghela, Rajesh Rajani, Dhiraj Nagpal, Vinod Rijhwani (winning Khar Gymkhana team members) along with Mr. Khalid A-H Ansari (Chairman Emeritus, SRAM) and Noreena (Vice President, ISP)

game after he led 10-8, but Harjinder fought back and had two chances to close out the game after leading 12-11 and 13-12 but he missed on both occasions. Dhiraj tried hard to fight back but it was Harjinder who handed him the game after he made two errors on the last two points of the game. The second game also was extremely close but Dhiraj battled it out prevailing 11-9.

The biggest upset of the day was provided by Club Millennium's Sanjay Goyal who beat Rohan Gracious - a player on the Mens Open circuit. The first game was straight forward with Rohan winning it 11-6. Goyal stormed back to win the second 13-11, deceiving his younger opponent with some good drop shots. The third game was a lot easier in some respects for Goyal who had by now frustrated Gracious. The latter just couldn't come back into the game and lost 7-11.

Khar Gym 'B' recovered after their mini shock and won the doubles when Rajesh Rajani and Vinod Rijhwani defeated the pair of Riaz Shaikh and Sanjay Goyal 11-4, 6-11, 11-6.

Professional Vijay Waghela (Khar Gym 'B') proved to be too strong for Jay Thapa (Juhu Club Millennium) giving him little opportunity for a fight in his 11-9, 11-9 victory.

RESULTS

Finals:

Khar Gym 'B' bt Club Millennium 3-1

Dhiraj Nagpal bt Harjinder Singh 15-13, 11-9;
Rohan Gracious lost to Sanjay Goyal 11-6, 11-13, 7-11;
Rajesh Rajani/ Vinod Rijhwani bt Sanjay Goyal/ Riaz Shaikh 11-4, 6-11, 11-6;
Vijay Waghela bt Jay Thapa 11-9, 11-9

Semi Finals:

Juhu Club Millennium bt JVP 'A' 3-2

Harjinder Singh lost to Uday Mehta 9-11, 11-7, 11-13;
Ashish Bhagra lost to Vivek Khanna 11-8, 7-11, 5-11;
Sanjay Goyal/Riaz Shaikh bt Ashish Mehta/ Sanjay Kalate 11-9, 9-11, 12-10;
Sanjay Goyal bt Ashish Mehta 8-11, 11-7, 11-8;
Jay Thapa by Sanjay Kalate 11-9, 11-6.

Khar Gym 'B' bt Khar Gym 'A' 3-0

Vijay Waghela bt Nishant Mohammed 11-8, 8-11, 11-4;
Dhiraj Nagpal bt Karan Malhotra 11-8, 5-11, 11-8;
Rajesh Rajani/ Vinod Rijhwani bt Shiv Malhotra/ Mahesh C. 11-8, 11-8.

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