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When sport and showbiz went hand in hand

(31/01/2007)



From L to R: Noreena (Vice President, ISP), Narendra Gour (Director, ISP), Ashish Gupta (President, ISP), Kangana Ranawat (Actress), Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP), Navneet Soni (Director, ISP) and Ashok Nagpal (Treasurer, ISP)



At the fashion show of Indian Squash Professionals : Nisha Sagar (Fashion Designer) and Hema Malini (Actress) walking the ramp.

Who says that sport and showbiz can not go hand in hand? Not ISP. They ensured the two did and made doubly memorable the Platinum Jubilee All India Squash Carnival-ISP's 75th tournament. At grand finale the sportsguys and girls, after sweating it out on the courts, donned elegant dresses and walked the ramp in company of the leading models of the city and had fans clapping in delight.

Indian Squash Professionals has probably never planned a tournament so far in advance and in so much detail as it did for this gala event. Tentative dates were decided way back in April 2006, and detailed planning started in November.

The scale of the event was always supposed to be BIG! Eventually, the tournament turned out to be one of the biggest India had ever seen. The groups in which events were held were unprecedented for any single championship ever held in India. Categories from Under-7 to Over 55 allowed players to compete with their own peers, as did team partners of varying age and caliber in the Doubles (with and without Handicap) categories. The location within Mumbai had to be convenient for players from all across Mumbai, as well as convenient for outstation participants' accommodation. So, the centrally located Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana and The Club (Andheri West) were identified. The tournament was sponsored by Mid-Day, Radio Mirchi, The Club, Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana and Popple Jewellers. The prize money was in the region of Rs 5.4 lakhs., with the Men's Open Winner prize being Rs 1,00,000 and the runner-ups being Rs 50,000. There were fabulous prizes upto the semi-finalists in each category. The scale of the tournament, the spread of age groups and the abundance of sponsors led to a record number of entries- over 382 for singles, including four from Pakistan and 90 for doubles.

The matches went as per schedule, and most categories saw top-seeded players emerge winners, the only upset coming in the Professionals section with Sanjay Pawar



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Photographs of prize distribution



From L to R : Ritvik Bhattacharya (Winner, Mens Open), Neha Dhupia (Actress), Mahendra Agarwal, Riaz Mohammed and Jogi Singh (Squash Coach)



Actress Amrita Arora along with Ashish Gupta and Mahendra Agarwal



Ms. Vandana Popley along with Shiv Kumar Dhanuka (Director, ISP) giving away the trophy to Rahu Kumar (Runner's up, Mens Over 45)



Actress Geeta Basara along with Mr. & Mrs. Pradeep Sharma and Mahendra Agarwal



Chaitanya Choudhary (Actor) and Sanjay Nirupam (Former M.P.) receiving bouquets from Ashish Gupta and Shiv Malhotra



Deepika Pallikal receiving her trophy from Khalid A-H. Ansari (Chairman Emeritus, SRAM) and Mahendra Agarwal



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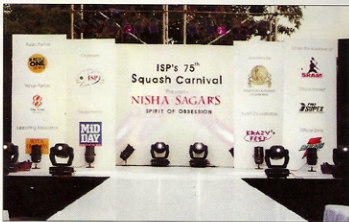
beating top-seed Mahesh Verma. Ritwik Bhattacharya was never really in trouble in the final of the Men's Open event, beating second seed Khalid Atlas in three straight but enthralling games. Joshna Chinappa, on the other hand, found life quite easy against Dipika Pallikal in the Women's Open section. Vikram Malhotra won the Boy's Under-19 title, and in the Doubles category, with the experience of Manish Chotrani giving depth and solidity to the team won that event as well. Cyril Kuhn, now planning to cool his heels in Germany after a three-year training stint in Chennai, earned himself a farewell gift—the Under-17 title. Aditya Jagtap is the undisputed king of the Boys Under-15 category, while Mahesh Manganar and Rajat Agarwal have made winning titles a habit. Saumya Karki won the Girls Under-15 title, justifying her top status in the age group.

The icing on the cake came after the matches were over. The closing ceremony of the tournament was splendid enough to be remembered for a long time. The highlight of the evening was a fashion show by eminent designer Nisha Sagar. The squash players were delighted to see their idols Ritwik and Joshna walk the ramp! Dipika and Vikram did so too, and clearly have a bright future in modelling. Dipika is already one.

A galaxy of celebrities added glitter to the function—actress Neha Dhupia gave away trophy to Mahendra Agarwal on behalf of the professionals. Amrita Arora (whose birthday was celebrated by ISP by cutting the cake) and Kangna Ranaut, who launched the Platinum Jubilee Magazine and top models Aryan Vaid, Nethra Raghuraman, Shonal Rawat, Anjali Raut, Jyoti Jha, Moushmi Badra, Kutiya Bindiwala, Sonama Chakrawarty walked the ramp. Page 3 personalities like Usman Atzal, Ashmit Patel, Pradeep Sharma, Sanjay Nirupam, Geeta Basra, Pamela Yash Chopra, Yashodhara Suresh Oberoi, Meghna Oberoi and Chaitanya Choudhary were also present. There was a spectacular fireworks display by Morani's, but it paled beside the brightness of the illustrious actress Hema Malini who adorned the stage. The attractions included a lucky draw for a diamond pendant by Popley Jewellers.

Sriram Iyer, who sang in a woman's voice, added to the variety entertainment as Pakistani's players danced to the music on stage followed by the Mumbai squash kids. Surii Gupta and Mora Murarka from Crazy feet and ISP Committee Members did marvellous work by organising a flawless fashion show

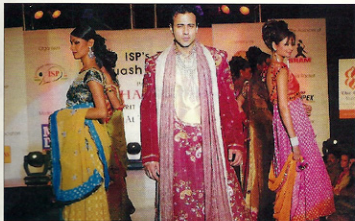
It was a night of vibrance and youth, never to be forgotten.



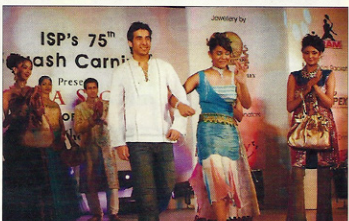
The ramp on which sports persons as well as the models walked



The Committee Members of Indian Squash Professionals



Aryan Vaid (Actor) walks the ramp

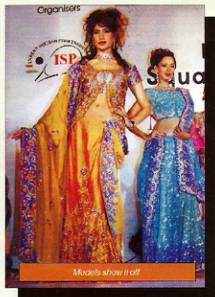


Vikram Malhotra (Winner, Boys U-19) and Deepika Pallikal (Runner's up, Womens Open) shows his modelling skills

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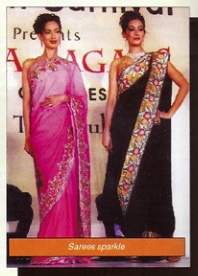
Photogallery of Platinum Jubilee prize distribution & fashion show



Models show it off



Ritvik and Joshua in a new role

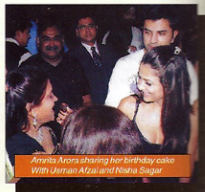


Sarees sparkle

Mahendra Agarwal is the Kerry Packer of Indian squash.
.....Khalid A-H. Ansari.



"In terms of the vibrant and festive feel during any tournament I have seen worldwide, this was indeed exceptional, especially during the prize distribution ceremony.....A.J.Singh



Amrita Arora sharing her birthday cake with Usman Afzal and Hena Sagar



Actress Hema Malini and Nisha Sagar (Fashion Designer) along with Sauri Gupta and Mona Muska (Organisers, Crazy Feet)

The show was excellent I think this is the biggest show in the history of squash.....Sunil Verma



Yashodhara Coori with designer Meghana



Mahendra Agarwal along with the coaches of ISP



Dina Agarwal & Anita Musle giving away the prizes



Ashish Gupta (President ISP) and Noreena (Vice President ISP) hosting the show



Insha Mahan Gupta giving away the trophy to Pradeep Sharma on behalf of Anika Sharma



Models show that sarees can sail

This tournament was an ideal combination of top class competition generous prizes and superb entertainment with all 4 Delhiite entries excelling 1 Winner-2 Runner Ups and 1 Semi-Finalist.....Rahul Kumar (Sec. SRFD)



The most outstanding merger of squash and glamour I have ever seenShyam Wadkar

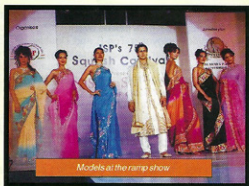


Seema Agarwal & Varun Agarwal giving away the prizes



Singer Sai Ram Jey

It was very delightful Squash extravaganza and I wish ISP success in its future ventures,Brig. Raj Manchanda



Models at the ramp show



Striking pose



Pamela Chopra



The huge turnout at the club



Mehendra Agarwal with Khalid Atlas Khan

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CLUB PRANA - ISP SQUASH CLASSIC

(7/01/2007)



Vikas Kapai (EAM, Hyatt Regency), Ritu Tawde (Health Zone Manager) along with ISP officials and Winners Manish Chotrani (Men's Top8), Rajesh Rajani & Vinod R. (Doubles Handicap)

The year began with ISP organizing its penultimate tournament before the mega platinum jubilee event. ISP's 74th tournament was the brief but very enjoyable Top-8 and Doubles Handicap format. The host Hyatt Regency ensured superb hospitality. "I've never seen food like this at any tournament before" was an often repeated comment from losing junior participants who gorged on the Chocolate Pastries, Caviar, Smoked Salmon and lots more!

As for the Squash, Manish Chotrani showed Vikram Malhotra a few tricks yet again in the Top-8 Final. He recovered from the first game loss to beat Vikram 9-11, 11-2, 11-7, 12-10.

In the doubles handicap final, the fancied pair of Rajesh Rajani and Vinod Rizvani beat Siddarth Samantharay and Riaz Mohammad 15-14, 15-9 to claim the title.

Mr. Vikas Kapai (EAM, Hyatt Regency) and Ritu Tawde (Health Zone Manager) gave away the prizes.

Finals :**Doubles :**

Rajesh Rajani / Vinod R. bt Riaz Mohammed and Siddharth Sachdev 15-14, 15-9

Top 8 :

Manish Chotrani bt Vikram Malhotra 9-11, 11-2, 11-7, 15-10

Semifinal :**Doubles Handicap :**

Riaz Mohammed / Siddharth S. bt Leon Emanuel / Hemant

Khera 17-14, 15-13

Rajesh Rajani / Vinod R. bt Dhiraj Nagpal / Vijay Waghela 15-14, 11-15, 15-8

Mens' singles Top 8:

Manish Chotrani bt Harjinder Singh 13-11, 11-9, 11-0

Sachin Jadhav bt Alok Mathur 5-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-2, 13-11

Quarterfinals :**Handicap Doubles:**

Rajesh Rajani/ Vinod R. bt Pranay M/ Riyan B 15-13, 17-16; Cyrus Vakil/ G Mathur bt Rajat G/ Kahan Gandhi 15-13, 9-15, 15-12;

Sanjay/ Chandan bt Sunil/ Gopi Mohite 7-15, 15-5, 15-7;

Dhiraj Nagpal/ Vijay Waghela bt I.P.Singh/ S. Wadkar 15-12

15-14;

Sanjay Goel/ Rohan Gracias bt M. Desai/ Salim 9-15, 15-10,

15-13;

Rajat Agarwal/ K. Gandhi bt Dr. Panwani/ K Bamaia 15-13,

11-15, 17-15;

Siddarth S / Riaz Mohd bt Shivam/ Rahul Modi 15-11, 15-12;

Ashish Gupta/ Harjinder Singh bt Shashi Gupta/ Sonu Mirani

15-8, 11-15, 15-13.

Men's singles Top 8:

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Sachin Jadhav bt Alok Mathur 5-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-2, 13-11

Cyrus Vakil bt Dhiraj Nagpal 11-4, 14-12, 11-8

Vikram Malhotra bt Siddharth S 11-7, 7-11, 12-10, 11-9

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JUI KALGUTKAR



Jui Kalgutkar

The Under-9 category boys are a worried lot these days. That is because there is a young lady amidst them, looking to give them a nightmarish workout on the Squash court. Some boys have fallen to her sword (racket), some have survived bruised, and a few risen to the challenge- so far, that is!

Jui Kalgutkar, a petite 8 year old from St. Anthony Girls' High School is a Semi-finalist of the ISP Platinum Jubilee Squash Carnival. She defeated higher rated players on her way, and eventually lost to champion Rajat Agarwal. Jui has reached Quarter-finals in earlier championships. Here's an interview -

Prosquash- Well done for reaching your first Semi-final! How do you feel about boys and girls having a common category in Under-9 age group?

Jui- I feel there should be separate events for boys and girls.

Prosquash- Yes, but you know, there aren't enough girls in U-9 for us to have a separate event for them.

Jui- I hope more girls take up Squash so we can have a separate event. Until then, I am happy competing with boys!

Prosquash- Well, they might not be so happy! How and when did you start playing squash? How do you train?

Jui- I started 3 years back. My Father took me to see squash one day, and I got interested. I practise for 2 hours every morning.

Prosquash- Where do you train and who is your coach?

Jui- I'm coached by Mr. Jogi (Joginder Singh) at Powai Hiranandani Forest Club, and practice by myself at Chembur Gymkhana.

Prosquash- Who is your favourite player, and what are your ambitions?

Jui- My favourite player is Joshua. I want to be the best, and participate in the Olympics when Squash is included in it.

Prosquash- What other interests besides squash do you have?

Jui- Dance (Western), Badminton and swimming.

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Squash is a vibrant and prospering sport in Mumbai. It has a plethora of competitions and age groups, and enjoys support from various bodies, clubs, sponsors etc. However, eventually what make the sport what it is, are the players. Each player adds his own unique presence and colour to the sport. One remarkable player Prosquash met up with is 68 years young Brian Sutton. A.I. Singh had a delightful interview with him at the ISP Platinum Jubilee Squash Carnival.

A.I.- So how did your match go?

Brian- Fantastic. I lost! It was a great 5 setter.

A.I.- Are you enjoying the tournament? And Mumbai?

Brian- Yes, the tournament is great. Mumbai- I've been here for 6 years now! I came to Mumbai for a 2-week holiday, and liked it so much that I shifted here! What I found endearing about Mumbai is its friendliness and family values. Make friends with one and you're a friend of the whole family. I liked the weather too.

A.I.- Where were you prior to shifting?

Brian- England. I've lived in Miami for 10 years as well!

A.I.- What's your background- occupation, sports etc?

Brian- I was in the field of Animal Insurance. I was a Badminton player, but switched to Squash due to shoulder problems. I've played Squash since 50 years, but seriously only since 30 years! I've played Basketball (broke my ankle at age 55), Cricket, Football, Baseball and Table Tennis. I've represented England at Athletics at age 17. I now play squash at Andheri Sports Complex. I stay at Kandivli, and wish I could play closer to home, but for some strange reason, Goregaon Sports Club does not offer membership to foreigners!



Brian Sutton

YAKUB SHAIKH - SQUASH COACH



Yakub Shaikh

Prosquash- How did you take up Squash and coaching?

Yakub- I was first introduced to Squash in 1993 with Indian Squash Professionals during a free Coaching Camp under Riyaz Mohd at Andheri Sports Complex. From there, I developed a liking for Squash and I started playing as Professional.

Prosquash- Which clubs have you coached at, and where are you at the moment?

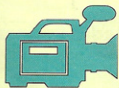
Yakub- I have worked in several Clubs like Asmita Club, Club Aquaria, Royal Palm Golf and Country club and The Club at Andheri. At present, I am working with Indian Squash Professionals and Spring Club as Professionals and do Coaching in Hotel Hyatt Regency and The Leela.

Prosquash- Which tournaments have you played?

Yakub- I have Played many Tournaments like Videocon Classic, Diwan Housing Squash Open, HSBC Tournament, and C I Western India Open. I also played National Squash Open in Chennai.

Prosquash- Tell us about your coaching experience?

Yakub- I have done Squash Coaching Level 1 course conducted by Abdul Shaikh from Canada and also worked with Top Coach Rehmat



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Khan for 1 year. I have trained many players like Ankita Sharma and Sachin Jadhav. I started Coaching for Indian Squash Professionals in Mumbai and all over Maharashtra. I have done 11 Coaching Camps including ones in Mandapeshwar Club, U S Club, IMSE Dhanush Navy Nagar and Bombay Gymkhana. I've conducted camps outside Mumbai at Sangli (Maharashtra), Aurangabad, Solapur, and also done Coaching in Dehra Dhun and Mussoorie at Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Administration (Mussoorie). In this Academy there were 80 Players- all IPS and IAS officers in the making.

MSSA INTER SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL SQUASH

(25/02/2007)



Winners along with ISP officials

The 2nd edition of this tournament was organized by MSSA and conducted by ISP at Bombay Gymkhana. There were 5 age groups and over a 100 participants played.

Rahil Fazalbhoy (Rizvi Springfield School, Bandra) won the first title of his career when he beat Vishabh Kotliyan (Don Bosco, Borivalli) in a well contested five setter- 11-8, 8-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-8. Vishabh himself was playing his first final, and has made tremendous progress recently, having taken to squash just a year back. Ishan Advani (Cathedral and John Connon) stood 3rd in this Boys Under-13 category.

In the Boys Under-11, Kunj Rawani (Don Bosco, Borivalli) beat Yohan Pandole (Cathedral and John Connon) in a close match to take the Boys Under-11 title- 4-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-4, 11-9. Karan Kochhar (Cathedral and John Connon) was 3rd, receiving a walkover from Rajat Agarwal (Don Bosco, Borivalli), whose Grandfather sadly expired just as he was preparing for the match. Our condolences to the family.

The Boys Under-15 saw Abhishek Pradhan (Don Bosco, Borivalli) take yet another title, beating Akash Borwankar (Rustomjee Cambridge)- 11-9, 11-7,

7-11, 11-6. Pranay Merchant (Bombay International) stood third.

Ankita Sharma (AVM, Juhu) needed to play only one match in the entire tournament due to very few entries and 'no-shows' by opponents. She beat Sanaya Merchant (J.B Petit Fort) 11-1, 11-8, 11-1. In the Girls Under-13 section, Sanjana Merchant (Bombay International) bt Khushi Agarwal (Rustomjee) 11-6, 11-8, 11-1. Ayesha Khandelwal (Bombay International) stood third.

RESULTS

ALL FINALS :

Boys U-11 : Kunj Rawani (Don Bosco) bt Yohan Pandole (Cathedral and John Connon) 4-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-4, 11-9

Boys U-13: Rahil Fazalbhoy (Rizvi) bt Vishabh Kotliyan (Don Bosco) 11-8, 8-11, 9-11 11-8, 11-8;

Boys U-15 : Abhishek Pradhan (Don Bosco) bt Akash Borwankar (Rustomjee, Dahisar) 11-9, 11-7, 7-11, 11-6;

Girls U-13 : Sanjana Merchant (Bombay International) bt Khushi Agarwal (Rustomjee) 11-6, 11-8, 11-1;

Girls U-15 : Ankita Sharma (AVM, Juhu) bt Sanaya Merchant (J.B Petit Fort) 11-1, 11-0, 11-1.

ALL SEMIFINALS

Girls U-15 :

Ankita Sharma (No Show-w/o)
Sanaya Merchant w/o Anica Chaturvedi

Girls U-13 :

Sanjana Merchant bt Ayesha Khandelwal 11-4, 11-4, 11-6
Khushi Agarwal (No Show-w/o)

Boys U-11:

Kunj Rawani bt Rajat Agarwal 11-4, 11-8, 11-4
Yohan Pandole bt Karan Kochhar 11-5, 11-4, 11-4

Boys U-13 :

Rahil Fazalbhoy bt Arjun Kochhar 11-8, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9
Vishabh Kotliyan bt Ishan Advani 11-10, 11-9, 11-4

Boys U-15 :

Abhishek Pradhan bt Viraj Nayar 11-5, 11-9, 11-1
Aakash Borwankar bt Pranay Merchant 11-6, 11-4, 7-11, 11-7

SIDDHARTH SUCHDE IS US COLLEGIATE CHAMP

(04/03/2007)

Siddharth Suchde put aside the disappointment of last year's loss of his team Harvard by claiming the National Individual US Collegiate Squash titles. Harvard scored a double, the first since 2000 when Princeton did it, when their Kyla Grigg won the women's title for 2007.

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Suchde and Sanchez battled it out for an hour and three quarters. (photo © 2007 Leslie Lane)

Suchde took the court against favored Mauricio Sanchez of Princeton. Sanchez had already beaten Suchde twice this season, both times in straight games.

"The difference this time was my mental attitude," said Suchde. "As a senior, I really wanted this and I came into it with a great attitude. My coaches told me a few things to do, and I stuck with those. The key was keeping things simple."

Simple or not, the two protagonists battled it out on a hot court for an hour and forty five minutes before Suchde came away with the tie. "Two great players, great squash and great sportsmanship," said Sanchez's coach,

Princeton's Bob Callahan.

"It was so great being able to both enjoy my win and then go out there and cheer on my friend and teammate Sid," concluded Grigg.

RESULTS

FINALS :

Potter Cup (Men's National Title):

[3] Sidharth Suchde (Harvard) bt [2] Mauricio Sanchez (Princeton) 9-2 7-9 10-8 9-2

Ramsay Cup (Women's National Title):

[1] Kyia Grigg (Harvard) bt [6] Kristin Lange (Penn) 9-5 7-9 9-3 9-5

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd April to 21st May :

Raju Chainani free squash coaching camp at Bombay Gymkhana (Camp for only juniors)

4th May to 6th May :

German Junior Open

20th May to 27th May :

Otters Club Open, Mumbai - Seniors & Juniors

30th May to 4th June :

Malaysian Junior Open, Kuala Lumpur

6th June to 10th June :

Penang Junior Open, Penang

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RESULTS OF INDIAN PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

British Junior Open (06/01/2007)

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All Winners

Anaka Alankamony (Chennai) and Saumya Karki (Maharashtra) did well to finish 3rd and 4th respectively in the Girls Under-13 age group. Sachika Balwani had lost to Saumya Karki in the 4th round..

Mahesh Mangaonkar (Maharashtra) reached the highest round for any Indian boy at the tournament, losing in the quarter-final to Nematullah Khan of Pakistan. Aditya Jagtap, even though ranked 2 in European Circuit, was surprisingly drawn to meet the top seed Amr Khalid Khalifa (Egypt). Aditya lost to him in the 3rd round 9-2, 9-2, 9-2. Ravi Dixit and Ramit Tandon also lost in the same round.

In Boys Under-17, Cyril Kuhn lost in the 3rd round to Ivan Yuen seeded 5-8, who eventually finished 3rd, while Karan Malik lost in the 1st round.

In the girls Under-15, Anika Sharma reached the 3rd round, losing to 5-8 seeded Haret Ingham (England). Dipika Pallikal, seeded 5-8, lost to 9-16 seeded Misaki Kobayashi (Japan) in the 3rd round.

Scottish Junior Open (30/12/2006)

Ravi Dixit won the Boys Under-15 title at the Scottish Junior Open. He beat Cheong Kah Wah (Malaysia). Mahesh Mangaonkar (Maharashtra) won the Boys Under-13 Title, beating Dylan Murray (USA). Saumya Karki (Maharashtra) stood Runner-up in Girls Under-13, while A. Aparajitha (Chennai) beat Sachika Balwani (Maharashtra) for the 3/4th place match in the same age group.

Chennai based Ramit Tandon, training at ICL academy run by SRFI, lost in the 2nd round, though he was top-seeded in the Boys Under-13.

In the Boys U-17, Karan Malik (Chennai) lost in the first round, while Cyril Kuhn, who had moved to Chennai 3 years ago but has now left for better training options, lost in the 3rd round.

RESULTS

FINALS:

Girls U-13: Manat Allah Naser (Egy) bt Saumya Karki (Ind) 9-0, 9-4, 9-0

3rd/4th: Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) bt Sachika Balwani (Ind) 9-1, 10-9, 9-0

Boys U-13: Mahesh Mangaonkar (Ind) bt Dylan Murray (Usa) 9-7, 9-2, 5-9, 9-7

Boys U-15: Ravi Dixit (Ind) bt Kah Wah Cheong (Mas) 9-4, 8-10, 5-9, 9-6

SEMI-FINALS:

Girls U-13: Sachika Karki (Ind) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) 7-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, 10-8

Manat Allah Naser (Egy) bt Sachika Balwani (Ind) 9-2, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-6

Boys U-13: Mahesh Mangaonkar (Ind) bt Joshua Sekhar (Can) 9-3, 9-2, 10-8

QUARTER FINAL

Girls U-15: Hannah Anthony (Sco) bt Anika Sharma (Ind) 9-0, 9-5, 9-2

Girls U-13: Saumya Karki (Ind) bt Michelle Gemmill (Can) 5-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-4

Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) bt Millie Pughe (Eng) 9-4, 9-2, 9-5

Sachika Balwani (Ind) bt Shria Khatri (Ind) 9-0, 9-7, 9-1

Manat Allah Naser (Egy) bt Anaka Alankamony (Ind) 6-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-4

Boys U-15: Ravi Dixit (Ind) bt Alea Radwan (Egy) 10-9, 9-1, 9-1

Boys U-13: Mahesh Mangaonkar (Ind) bt Ryosel Kobayashi (Jpn) 9-5, 9-3, 9-4

Joshua Sekhar (Can) bt Rishi Tandon (Ind) 1-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3

Dylan Murray (Usa) bt Shrawan Kaul (Ind) 9-0, 9-1, 9-1

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Winners along with SRFI Coach Cyrus Poncha

Asian Junior Open (10/02/2007)

Sandeep Jhangra (Maharashtra) lost in the Quarter Final of the individual event to Abdul Khalid Al Mazyen (Kuwait) 1-9, 7-9, 4-9. Harinderpal Singh and Parth Sharma lost in the pre-quarter finals to Mohd. Asyraf (Malaysia) and Leo Au (HK) in five games each. In the Girls Individual event, Dipika Pallikal gave a walkover to Kwon Sung Eu (Kor) and Anwesa Reddy lost to Tong Tz Wing (HK) 2-5, 4-9, 7-9 in the 2nd round. In the Team event, India finished 3rd behind Pakistan and Malaysia. They beat Hong Kong 2-1. Surprisingly, an Indian Girls Team was not fielded by SRFI.



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RESULTS

Men's 1st round:

Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Fong Tai Kei (MAC) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0
 Parth Sharma (IND) bt Wong King Ngo (HKG) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0
 Marcus Phua (SIN) bt Rarrit Taridon (IND) 6-9, 9-3, 9-10, 9-0, 9-4
 Naresh Kumar (IND) bt Lee Jin Tong (KOR) 9-3, 9-5, 9-2
 Sandeep Jangra (IND) bt Sou Ka Hou (MAC) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0

2nd round:

Tong Tsz Wing (HKG) bt Anwesa Reddy (IND) 9-2, 9-4, 9-7
 Kwon Sung-Eun (KOR) bt Dipika Pallikal (IND) w/o

2nd round:

Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Chan Kai Chi (HKG) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3
 Naresh Kumar (IND) bt Ahmad Al-Randi (KUW) 9-3, 5-9, 9-5, 9-0

3rd round:

Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 5-9, 9-5
 Leo Au (HKG) bt Parth Sharma (IND) 7-9, 9-6, 8-10, 9-7, 9-3
 Elvinn Keo (MAS) bt Naresh Kumar (IND) 2-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-6
 Elvinn Keo (MAS) bt Naresh Kumar (IND) 2-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-6

Quarter-finals:

Abdullah Almezayen (KUW) bt Sandeep Jangra (IND) 9-2, 9-5, 9-1

ISP-JVPG SQUASH COACHING CAMP

(31/12/2006)

ISP organized a free coaching camp at Juhu Ville Parle Gymkhana during the winter vacations. A.I. Singh, who was assisted by Sachin Jadhav, Anil Mohite and Manish Chavan, conducted the camp. 40 participants attended the camp, coming from locations as far as Borivali and Churchgate. There were outstation players too, and one had bunked college for attending the camp, so we won't name him! The spectrum of players ranged from beginners to advanced, young to very young- young being Bhushan Kumar and Sunil Goel- both 41, and youngest being Khushi Tomar- just 6 years of age!

The ten-day camp had each day divided into 4 sessions for different groups of players, spread over 4 hours each day. The groups had been formed according to the playing standard of participants. The most advanced group, consisting of Ashok Suhag, Nilay Dalal, Ajan Jayant, Viraj Nayar, Kahan Gandhi, Sunil Goel, Gautam Modi and Rahul Modi started the proceedings each day. The focus area for this group was to learn some tactics, and refine their technique to implement those tactics. As their drills and energy reserves neared depletion, the next group of intermediate players would start limbering up, and challenging the tired first group players for matches! This second group consisted of Akshay Ahuja, Rahul Rajani, Rishabh Wadhwa, Shivam Mehta, Aashay Kejdiwal, Aditya Singhi and Rajat Agarwal, who doubled up as the camp entertainer with his antics. In fact, the camp had begun with an exhibition match between Rajat and Aditya. The stakes were high, as Aditya, being an Under-11 player, had to beat Rajat (Under-9 champion) in order to qualify for participating in ISP Platinum Jubilee tournament! He managed.

As the 2nd group's training progressed, the other group players would play 'fun games' in the tennis courts. Some of the players who enjoyed the camp and attended regularly were Eera, Yuvraj, Aditya, Dhruv, Divya, Shashir, Hrushi, Jeet, Ramiz, Hussain, Gauri, Kanai, Aniket, Sahej, Arjuna, and Karan (from Bangalore). Then they had about two hours to continue having fun while learning some basics of squash. This group was made aware of fundamentals such as

and Ideal Grip, Swing etc, which they could practice during and after the camp. Enjoying a group atmosphere and forming friendships was a priority. A brief talk on Nutrition was delivered to the players by A.I. Singh.

ISP also gained from the camp. Several beginners were initiated to squash due to this camp. Further, as per observations from participants and feedback from coaches, future camps will have stipulations that participants must compulsorily attend on the first day, and then attend at least 50% of the sessions. It observed that players who miss the briefing, basics of squash, planning for the camp etc on the first day never really gel with the rest of the players and cannot be oriented later.

The camp served as an excellent opportunity to enhance the coaching skills of the assisting coaches, who started with some amount of hesitation in addressing groups of players, but eventually overcame their shyness and did well to manage large groups and hold their attention to the drill objectives.

Capt Suvarna, Asst. Controller (Sports) of Juhu Ville Parle Gymkhana, handed the participation certificates to players at the end of the camp.

The next camp is planned for May. This will be a longer duration camp in terms of days and hours for each day, with totally separate timings for advanced players, and a 30 minute transition time before the other group players arrive. This will enable each group to be managed more effectively and provide breaks for coaches. A training plan that includes progression for each player's capabilities will be provided to each participant of every group. Keep an eye on our website for that camp's announcement!



Participants of the camp along with their coaches

AGE FUDGERS BEAWARE

SRAM and ISP have facility for age testing. We (SRAM & ISP) reserve the right to conduct age test on any suspicious player participating in their tournaments

ISP SWELLS AS WELL AS INTEGRATES



Karan Mehra



Imroze Pathan



Ajit Singh

ISP is happy to welcome on board three new members—Imroze Pathan, Karan Mehra and Ajit Singh. We hope their combined enthusiasm will ensure the ISP does not rest on its laurels, 75 tournaments and all, but keep thinking out of the box to make the squash scene brighter and brighter. All of us know that the potential of this sport is big and has not been utilised fully. ISP has been striving to do this in various ways.

And a coincidence, unintended, about the three new members is worth mentioning. They belong to three different communities. That unwittingly ensures the thing called integration which sport is all about. Imroze is Muslim, Karan is Hindu and Ajit Singh is Sikh.

30/01/2007 : EBS Dayton Open, USA

Men's : Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt John White (SCO) 8-11, 7-11, 11-6, 11-10(2-0), 11-2

22/01/2007 : Comfort Inn Evergreen Squash, Canada

Shahier Razik (CAN) bt Renan Lavigne (FRA) 8-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-5

24/01/2007 : Infor Windy City Open, Chicago

Amr Shabana (EGY) bt Anthony Ricketts (AUS) 11-8, 11-8, 11-10 (5-3)

15/01/2007 : Women's Squash Open, Greenwich

Natalie Grinham (AUS) bt Natalie Grainger (USA) 9-7, 9-5, 9-7

13/01/2007 : PACE Canadian Squash Classic, Canada

Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt David Palmer (AUS) 11-7, 11-3, 11-4

09/01/2007 : Women's Marsh Apawamis Squash Open

Natalie Grinham (AUS) bt Vicky Botwright (ENG) 9-3, 9-3, 9-3

MENS RANKING MARCH 2007

POS	PLAYER	FROM
1	AMR SHABANA	EGY
2	GREGORY GAULTIER	FRA
3	DAVID PALMER	AUS
4	THIERRY LINCOW	FRA
5	RAMY ASHOUR	EGY
6	ANTHONY RICKETTS	AUS
41	RITWIK BHATTACHARYA	IND
45	SAURAV GHOSAL	IND

WOMENS RANKING MARCH 2007

POS	PLAYER	FROM
1	NICOL DAVID	MAS
2	NATALIE GRINHAM	AUS
3	RACHAEL GRINHAM	AUS
4	TANIA BAILEY	ENG
5	VICKY BOTWRIGHT	ENG
6	NATALIE GRAINGER	USA
7	OMNEYA ABDEL KAWY	EGY
38	JOSHNA CHINAPPA	IND

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

05/03/2007 : Salzburg Open, Austria

John Rooney (IRL) bt Ricky Davies (WAL) 11-6, 11-2, 11-2

02/03/2007 : FAJR Squash International, Iran

Gary Wheadon (RSA) bt Sherif Kamel (EGY) 9-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 11-9

03/03/2007 : Bear Stearns Championship, USA

Amr Shabana (EGY) bt Anthony Ricketts (AUS) 7-11, 11-3,

23/02/2007 : Bluenose Squash Classic, Canada

Shahier Razik (CAN) bt Borja Golan (ESP) 5-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6

2/02/2007 : Evergreen Oregon Squash Open, USA

Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) bt Peter Barker (ENG) 11-4, 11-4, 11-2

05/02/2007 : Virginia Pro Squash Championship, USA

Anthony Ricketts (AUS) bt Lee Beachill (ENG) 11-8, 11-7, 11-10 (2-0)

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