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**A**fter a decade of ruining the game of Squash in India, SRFI has finally run out of luck. What all it had done to the detriment of the game has been reported far too frequently to be repeated here, but anyone who needs details can refer to the petition filed in Delhi High Court by A.I.Singh and Others against Union of India, SRFI and Others (available on ISP website)

Firstly, SRFI has been caught red-handed harboring and promoting age-fudgers. Ravi Dixit, SRFI's latest blue-eyed boy, proclaimed by Cyrus Poncha as SRFI's most promising import so far, has different date of births according to documents available with us! Ravi Dixit has 'won' the Boys Under-15 National Title beating Aditya Jagtap,

who is based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) had written to SRFI asking for stripping Ravi of the title and giving it to Aditya. SRFI's reply that Ravi had been tested by SRFI was grossly unsatisfactory. **SRAM has now passed a resolution barring Ravi from participation in any tournament in Maharashtra unless tested for age by SRAM.** The decision has been communicated to the Sports Ministry and Government Observer for squash (Brig. Raj Manchanda) with a request for intervention.

Subsequently, SRFI did not send Ravi for the German Junior Open, reportedly citing that he did not get a visa. We find this impossible to believe, since Ravi is the reigning Scottish Under-15 Champion (until Scottish Squash takes appropriate measures) and has travelled to various other countries for participation in Squash tournaments.

Secondly, the players from Chennai, past and present, are not exactly excelling, as Cyrus Poncha keeps claiming. Reminding one of medieval alchemists trying to turn lead into gold, Cyrus said- "Our experiment with success continues this year: too with more promising junior players headed for this championship", before departing for German Junior Open 2007 with several players who had nothing to do with SRFI. Aditya Jagtap, won the Under-15 title, and the results SRFI's Chennai-based players got ranged from Runner's-Up position to 47/51 positions. But then, let's not forget that Cyrus got a Dronacharya Award, most undeservedly, only by harping about his imaginary role in several players' development. Players are having to leave Chennai, and those based elsewhere have begun to realize that SRFI may have a facility for training, **but no soul or passion to train players.** Aditya Jagtap's win at the German Open has proved beyond a shadow of doubt that success and SRFI are not even remotely connected- one doesn't have to be subservient to SRFI to succeed- far from it in fact. Less said about Maj. S. Maniam's contribution to SRFI's misadventures the better, but it is important to point out that he has failed to maintain his dignity and image he was once known for. Instead, he has become just another pawn to Ramachandran, at the detriment of Indian players including the Chennaites. Saurav Ghosal, who has now become India's top ranked PSA player, has shot up in the rankings after leaving Chennai, and the other PSA players- Ritwik, Joshna and Dipika have no contribution from SRFI in where they are today. That Joshna and Deepika don't train in Chennai despite residing there says it all. Cyril Kuhn has left Chennai after shifting there, and spending 3 years there for training. Harinder Sandhu, India's first male champion at Scottish Junior and an extremely promising player while based at Chandigarh, has spent 4 years in Chennai and not achieved anything noteworthy. Just recently, Sujat Barua, who had also moved base to Chennai 2-3 years back has gone to Egypt to coach with Sammy Farag for a few weeks. Sammy was in Mumbai recently to coach the top players in a camp organized by ISP. Sujat was invited to attend, and was impressed with the meaningful training at this camp.

Just for the record, **Major Maniam** has been paid over fifty lakhs rupees from the Indian exchequer since he started his vacation in India as 'consultant' for Indian squash. Leave aside benefitting from his presence, **almost nobody in the squash community outside Chennai would even recognize him.** In the very least, he could have put his

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foot down in Ravi Dixit's case and stemmed the rot. Instead, as is widely believed, he used his influence in Malaysia to get Ravi an unjustified top seeding at Milo Open. Of course, **Ravi failed to win even a plate title!** He did win a small time Penang event though. By the way, SRFI needs to show results to the Government for getting funds, and renewing Maniam's contract, and this way it can at least say Indian players were 'top-seeds'! As for Cyrus, he must eat his dubious words about Ravi. On his blog, Cyrus made statements with the intent of misleading the nation, saying that Ravi was a **class ten student at Delhi**. Ravi lives in Chennai- doesn't Cyrus know better? **Ravi has in fact just passed his class twelve exam- we even have his report card!** Instead of abracadabra type 'experimenting' with elusive success, perhaps SRFI should have built credibility first.

Thirdly, SRFI has a lot of answering to do in several courts of law. Without repeating the details of past cases that SRFI has lost to players, the situation now is that it has hands full with the comprehensive case filed by A. I. Singh in Delhi High court. SRFI is vehemently trying to convince the court that the case is not admissible on technical grounds, but the court has so far disagreed. This case is being seen by many as the turning point in the fortunes of Indian squash's- a deliverance from evil.

**Fourthly, the Sports Ministry is believed to be taking SRFI to task.** The setup at the top levels has changed. According to sources, in response to various complaints received, the sports ministry has assured that SRFI will no longer be allowed to be mischievous. We hope so.

Finally, it is fair to say that **SRFI has lost sight of its objectives.** A Federation is supposed to govern, organize and promote its sport. Instead of doing that, SRFI has virtually killed the sport. **Only players based in Chennai, and able to follow SRFI's own rulebook, are considered favorably.** For all SRFI cares, the others can go play another sport. Ramachandran has boasted on many occasions about his experience of over 25 years in the sports business. The accumulated track record doesn't speak well for him, and his bio-data looks quite messy, more so now than ever. In conclusion, we hope he retires gracefully after a long and unsuccessful inning while he can.

## SRFI'S AGE FRAUD CALENDAR

Following is the SRFI's unofficial calendar of milestones on its disastrous route leading to it's being caught abetting age fraud, promoting cheats, and ultimately being caught while promoting Ravi Dixit, a player imported from its ally Dhampur Sugar Mills (DSM), itself notorious for churning out age fudgers into Indian Squash. One of them- Imran Khan has gone on to be caught by the police for bank dacies.

**1998** Junior Nationals at Daly College Indore : The SRFI found players from DSM with conflicting dates of birth. Since the brainwave of promoting age fudgers to show its own 'achievements' had not yet struck SRFI, it disqualified the following players - U-16 Pradeep Thakur, U-14- Vikas Garg, Vikas Kumar and Vishal Sharma. This established that DSM was guilty of promoting age fudging, and SRFI noted and took action about this. Imran Khan from Dhampur won the U-12 category and 3 years later the SRFI discovered that he was 2 years overage! **Sharad Sharma, the DSM henchman and sports in charge was mainly responsible for all the age manipulation and continues to do so.**

**2001** Junior Nationals at Chennai : Four DSM players Naresh Kumar,

Ravi Dikshit, Imran and Farman Khan were tested for age and the latter two were disallowed! No revised dates of birth were publicized and nor was any ban or stripping of titles announced. **This was the first signal to age fudgers that in case they got caught, no noteworthy repercussions are likely.**

**2002** Little Masters at Mumbai : A SRFI entry list showed that the dates of birth of their affiliated states were not mentioned. **This set the stage for SRFI itself flouting norms,** and for obvious reasons. SRFI entered a player from Tamil Nadu named M. Parthiban who was going to be the cause of future controversy.

**2003** SRFI started touting Parthiban as the greatest Indian prodigy of squash! The DSM became affiliate members of the SRFI and the process of making the DSM boss Vijay Goal the President of the Delhi Squash Association and giving him affiliation status initiated. It is important to note here that prior to this when the committee of DSA was not to SRFI's liking (but working hard to promote squash in Delhi) DSA remained disaffiliated by SRFI for several years, as is SRAM presently. SRFI's ground was that DSM (and SRAM) have failed to pay a paltry affiliation fee. Thus began the mutually beneficial symbiosis of supplying overage candidates to the SRFI who would then propagate them as the underprivileged children resurrected by the SRFI into champions- all at the expense of government funds and bonafide players' anguish.

**2004** Delhi Tournaments: Sharad Sharma started signing the entry forms of all the Dhampur players including the fictitious ages and excluded filling the columns under schools to avoid detection. **All players' addresses were given as E 348, Greater Kailash, New Delhi, which was the DSM guesthouse!**

DDA Open, Sri Fort, Delhi : Numerous parents made complaints against the DSM juniors playing in the wrong categories. A bone test was conducted on some players by an ally of DSM itself. As expected, all the players got a clean chit!

An Age Fraud Circular was issued by the SRFI which ironically mentioned the name of the ex National coach Gajender Singh Rathod who himself was implicated in winning two Over 35 age group tournaments a few months later despite being around 33 years old. Imran, Farman, Paramjeet and Ravi Dixit from DSM were called for age tests to Chennai. The first three were found guilty. Indian Squash Professional's Prosquash magazine carries a detailed article on age cheating highlighting M. Parthiban, whose first name has now been changed to Aiyappan and D.O.B. Reduced!

**2005** Qatar Juniors International Open : Four months after Paramjit was found one year overage by the SRFI and banned by the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra, **SRFI rewarded him by a direct selection into the U-15 boys team representing India!**

Rajasthan Open : SRFI sent Sujat Barua's (by now Chennai based) entry in the U-17 and U-19 categories but it was changed to U-15. A protest against his age was registered during the Little Masters in Mumbai and after a test in Chennai by SRFI, he was found overage though no exact results were declared and in the

next tournament Central India he was put in the U-17 category. In fact, SRFI has never been transparent about its age tests, never mentioning where and by whom the tests were conducted. **Till date, SRFI never sends the date of births of its player on entry forms, despite its own stipulation in its entry forms!**

**2006** The Government Observer Brig. Manchanda (ret'd), Arjuna Award winner in squash, made a complaint to the ministry about A. Parthiban's age. In the Long Term Development Plan (LTDP) report by the SRFI, suddenly Parthiban's age appeared as 11/2/86 instead of 11/12/87 making him overage for a great deal of National and International events he had already played. Anyway, both these dates are fictitious as he is actually about 2 years older and the last date was a ploy to minimize the damage and stop any investigations! Since the SRFI sponsored him and made his passport, how come they gave the wrong dates for international tournaments? After this, he was dropped by the SRFI like a hot potato as all their dreams and aspirations to convert an average street child into a champion and make a statement crumbled. **The introduction of Parthiban to the squash circuit was also to vindicate the failure of their ICL Academy to produce even one homegrown male player and to shrug off the player importer's tag but their unethical methods resulted in a disastrous scandal!**

Rajasthan Open : The 'takeover' of the Delhi Squash Association by the Dhampur Sugar Mills and their bond with the SRFI created another milestone. The SRFI accredited age fudgers Imran and Farman Khan were suddenly resurrected into the U-19 and U-17 draws for this tournament by the National Federation itself despite having crossed the prescribed age! A few months later Imran was arrested for a second time, this time for a bank dacoity! **Is this an outcome of teaching youngsters to cheat?** Sharad Sharma had got Imran appointed in a junior school as a squash coach despite knowing about the robberies committed by him. He had also been sent for a squash-coaching clinic to Chennai on the recommendation of the DSA despite all these vices.

**2007** SRFI's next trump card was Ravi Dixit the U-15 Junior National Champion. Again a product of DSM and thus entirely under their control and though tainted of age fraud, it had never been proved. In 2003 documents had been sent to the SRFI revealing that Ravi was overage but the SRFI decided to keep quiet and use them for blackmail for the future. Ravi looks young so he escaped suspicion. Anyway, touted as the next prodigy from a poor background he was featured in many top newspapers as the future of Indian squash. The National coach Cyrus Poncha released two stories about him, and mentioned about him being in the 10th standard in DPS Delhi etc. Then he won the Scottish Open U-15, news that was also covered by some TV channels. **Recently, it was discovered that he had already given his 12th board exams from a Dhampur School affiliated to the UP Board in Allahabad** and some documentary evidence was found and verified that he had fudged his age and thus many of his National and International titles were defunct. According to rules, minimum age stipulated by various states for admissions as well as obtaining registration for board exams mean that Ravi could not be eligible to sit for class 12 exams if he is the age he claims to be.

During one of its 'age test' SRFI had tested Karan Thariyalam (Rajasthan). At the Otters Open In May 2007, when SRAM conducted age tests, **Karan ended up with three different dates of birth as per documents with SRAM.** Therefore, his Under-13 runners-up

position at the last National Championship is in question. It will be interesting to see what SRFI does about this. Meanwhile SRAM has sent a show cause notice to Karan to explain his stand.

**Present-** The President of SRAM, the largest and most powerful squash association in India has written to the SRFI Secretary General to disqualify Ravi Dixit and announce Aditya Jagtap as the U-15 National Champion and the same should apply to the Inter State Team Championships.

Meanwhile, ISP has initiated action against Gajender Singh Rathore. Last year SRFI had given him an award for excellent coaching.

In the final analysis the SRFI, in connivance with DSM, are the main perpetrators of age fraud in India. Vijay Goel, Boss of DSM, ought to know that **age fudging cannot produce champions.** Instead, by showing innocent children a wrong path, **the possibility of producing dacoits is much higher.** Meanwhile, irreparable harm is caused to the children who lose out because of the cheats. Age fudgers are the crutches SRFI is holding on to for propping its flagging image- something they don't need to do. DSM and SRFI's antics have killed squash in Delhi with Karm Kumar being the only player progressing despite the system. The hope is that Rahul Kumar, Col. Narjit Singh and others can undo the harm done by SRFI, DSM, Sharad Sharma etc and revive Delhi squash.

Near Future- A system of Squash (and sports) administration that is just and fair. **Ramachandran replaced by a person having self-respect, who can think big and has a positive approach- for whom welfare of players and children is the top priority.**

## ANOTHER SRFI FIASCO

**I**n a much-touted training program for Indian juniors, SRFI arranged for some players to go to Malaysia with ICL coach Cyrus Poncha prior to the Milo Open. According to SRFI, they were supposed to train with Malaysia-based Pakistani coach Ejaz. In addition, they were to play matches as part of a five-test series.

What happened in reality was not quite according to plan. As soon as the first few matches were held, the hosts realized that the Indian standard was so poor that carrying on would be detrimental to their own game, and affect results. The top Malaysian players like Ivan Yuen, Mohs. Asyraf etc made themselves scarce asap. For the few matches held, no results were announced, much to everyone's curiosity!

We hope this was not an extended holiday at the government's expense.

## WORLD SQUASH ACADEMY LAUNCHED

**A**mar Haksar, prominent Squash Coach, has joined hands with Peter Nicol to form the World Squash Academy (WSA) in an effort to promote the game nationally and internationally by creating development programs for those interested in playing competitive and/or recreational squash. WSA's primary goals include getting more people to learn the game, providing support to those who want to take it up competitively, building ties with schools and universities abroad for those juniors who are looking at squash for

leverage with academics for scholarships to study overseas, etc.

As part of launching WSA, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of May, Peter Nicol was in Mumbai to conduct clinics at Otters as well as the Bombay Gymkhana. At Otters, he played an exhibition match with the recent Otters Million Champion Samy Farrag. He shared some of his knowledge over the course of these days just to provide a small glimpse into what is planned. WSA will tie up with the Egyptians, Pakistanis and Australians to build a world-class platform from which India can launch itself into becoming a major squash playing country. The key to WSA's success revolves around its all-inclusive plan i.e. bringing local people and resources together rather than staying fragmented as has been the case up to now. Amar has successfully established similar programs in other sports including Cricket.

WSA's goal is to bring clubs, coaches and players together under one umbrella in order to lift the level of squash in India. WSA will be looking to encourage (financially) both players as well as local professionals and coaches. Peter will be an integral part of this program. He will be sharing all his knowledge, and helping to create world-class competitive programs for players. He will visit India 2 or more times each year to conduct specialized and intense clinics for competitive players. Furthermore, he will help build WSA's franchise in the international market. All benefits that accrue from networking will be made available to players and clubs who become members of the World Squash Academy.

Currently, there are over 100 players in Mumbai representing the WSA. These players are from various clubs including CCI, Bombay Gym, Otters Club and Willingdon Sports Club, Mahalaxmi. WSA is also coaching the Mumbai Navy team, which will be playing the Inter-Services Championship in Chennai. Talks are on with numerous clubs and organizations in Mumbai and other parts of India to establish WSA franchises so they can share the knowledge that Peter will bring to the table. Several of the top players already part of the program, including Vikas Jangra, Aditya Jagtap, Vikram Malhotra, Sachika Balvani, Mahesh Mangonkar, Raghav Mehrotra and Kunj Rawani to name a few. Several coaches and markers are on-board too. The players mentioned, and a few others, will form an Elite WSA Team, which will train together for the 2007 Nationals to be held in Ajmer later this year. There is corporate support for the program and players, which will come into play as soon as a few more clinics are held around the country and overseas. Corporate sponsorship will help these players gain more exposure in the international playing field.

WSA will shortly host Paul Assaiante, who is the Head Coach of Trinity College, USA. The Trinity Squash Team has won the US National title for the last 9 years in a row. He will conduct a weekend clinic in Mumbai along with senior Trinity players such as the 2000 British Open U-19 Champion Baset Ashfaq. His clinic will include discussions on how to apply for squash scholarships to colleges and high schools in the USA.

## THE LEELA ISP SQUASH CLASSIC 2007

### A parting gift for Capt Nair

(27/5/007)

The Leela 'B' team gave The Leela Palace and Hotels Group chairman Capt CP Krishnan Nair a fitting parting gift when claiming the The Leela-ISP Classic team title in the handicap squash event at the hotel's glass-back courts.

This was the last event at these courts which will be relocated after

January 2008.

Way back in 1984, Capt Nair had built these courts because he wanted to play the sport he was introduced to by his General during his army days at the US Club in Mumbai in 1947.

Several national and international stars have come up from the courts under the guidance of Chandrakant Pawar, backed by Indian Squash Professionals' Mahendra Agarwal. Fittingly, playing for The Leela 'B' in their last match were the Gen Next Pawars, his son Sanjay Pawar and Ajay. Both won their singles inspite of stiff handicap, of sometimes 8 points, in a 11-point game. They got their trophies from Capt Nair. He told the players: "I congratulate you for playing the game of leaders. In squash one learns to take the lead and keep it."

Capt Nair said he had to ensure a six-inch waterproofing layer to ensure the courts came up in the basement of the hotel.

Now a Spa will come up in its place and the courts will be relocated to the business park next door, which will also have tennis, which was the first sport played there with one of their directors, Vijay Amritraj playing along with a kid named Prakash.

Also present on the occasion was Busi Kuzway, consul general for South Africa and Samy Farrag, Egyptian coach brought here by ISP.

Coming back to the final, The Legends looked all set to exact revenge on The Leela 'B' when the experienced IP Singh of NMSA took the first game against Ajay Pawar. Despite a steep handicap Pawar fought back to draw level with a 12-10 victory in the third. All hopes of a good start for NMSA vanished as Pawar kept his concentration firmly on the game. A determined Pawar took the third game 11-8 to ensure a 1-0 lead for the home team.

NMSA, who are known particularly for their strength in doubles, then took on the pair of Sanjay Pawar and Vikram Kalludi. The pair of Shashi Gupta and Sonu Mirani of NMSA were made to sweat it out on court. Pawar and Kalludi refused to give into their more experienced opponents. Gupta and Mirani took the first game but Pawar and Kalludi came back to win the second 11-8. In the all important decider Gupta and Mirani made their experience



Ankita receiving trophy from Busi Kuzway, consul general of South Africa



The winning The Leela team members along with ISP officials and Chief Guest Capt. C.P. Krishnan Nair

count as they gave their team a great chance to script a comeback victory.

The deciding singles saw Gupta play against Sanjay Pawar. In a close first game the lead went back and forth but Pawar seemed to have the legs to take him a game up with a 11-9 win. The second game saw Gupta use all the skill he had to out play the younger Pawar. Gupta drew level with a 11-5 win. The deciding third game saw Gupta finding it increasingly difficult to cope up as she failed to take a single point after having a handicap of seven. Pawar won 11 points in a row to hand his team the title as well as a purse of Rs 10,000. NMSA-The Legends bagged Rs 6,000 for their efforts.

Earlier, NMSA had got past Hyatt Regency while The Leela 'B' got the better of NMSA 'B' to squash any hopes of a all NMSA final.

By Pradeep Vijayakar

## RESULTS

### FINALS :

**The Leela 'B' bt NMSA-The Legends (2-1)**

**Singles:** Ajay Pawar bt IP Singh 7-11, 12-10, 11-8;

**Doubles:** Sanjay Pawar/ Vikram Kalludi lost to Sonu Mirani/ Shashi Gupta 8-11, 11-8, 6-11;

**Singles:** Sanjay Pawar bt Shashi Gupta 11-9, 5-11, 11-7.

### SEMIFINALS :

**NMSA "THE LEGENDS" BEAT HYATT REGENCY "A" (2-1)**

**Singles :** I. P Singh Beat Ajit Singh 11-4, 13-11

**Doubles :** Sonu Mirani & Shashi Gupta Lost to Riaz Mohd & Yakub Sheikh 9-11, 10-12

**Singles :** Shashi Gupta Beat Yakub Sheikh 11-8, 9-11, 11-8

**Leela Team "B" Beat NMSA Team "B" (2-1)**

**Singles :** Ajay Pawar Beat Shyam Wadkar 12-10, 13-11

**Doubles :** Sanjay Pawar & Vicky Kalludi Lost to Dr. Sheshadri & Leon Emanuel 2-11, 11-5, 5-11

**Singles :** Sanjay Pawar Beat Leon Emanuel 11-9, 11-9

## ISP - POLICE GYMKHANA DOUBLES

### Vikas Jangra triumphs

(1/4/2007)

**V**ikas Jangra of the Indian Navy continued to play sublime squash as he beat Vikram Malhotra of Otters in straight games in the ISP-Police Gymkhana Singles Top Eight tournament held at the glass-backed squash courts of the Police Gymkhana.

Jangra beat Malhotra 11-4, 11-8, 11-6 to win the title as well as a purse of Rs 6,000 while Malhotra earned Rs 3,000.

The doubles encounter was also a straight-sets affair with favourites Cyrus Vakil and Chetan Ladiwala going down to Sanjay Goel and Shiv Malhotra 15-14, 15-12.

Playing his shots, Malhotra managed to catch Jangra unaware on a few occasions. He pushed Jangra all the way but Jangra, like a true champion, came up with the right shots at the right time to win the game.

The handicap doubles encounter was a close affair. The first game went right down to the wire with both pairs having a chance to close out the game. Sanjay Goel and Shiv Malhotra held their nerve to win 15-14.

The second wasn't as close but was still an exciting affair with Cyrus Vakil of Willingdon Club and Chetan Ladiwala of CCI playing some good shots.

## RESULTS

### FINALS :

**Doubles Handicap :** Sanjay Goyal / Shiv Malhotra beat Cyrus Vakil / Chetan Ladiwala 15-14, 15-12

**Mens Top-8 :** Vikas Jangra beat Vikram Malhotra 11-4, 11-8, 11-6

### SEMIFINALS :

**Doubles Handicap :**

Cyrus Vakil / Chetan Ladiwala beat Shashi Gupta / Leon Emanuel 11-15, 15-11, 15-12

Shiv Malhotra / Sanjay Goyal beat Riaz Mohd / Harjinder 15-9, 15-11

**Mens Top-8 :**

Vikas Jangra beat Sandeep Jangra 11-8, 12-10, 11-8

Vikram Malhotra beat Aditya Jagtap 13-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-7



Winners along with ISP Officials

## OTTERS SQUASH OPEN TOURNAMENT

(19/5/2007)



Winners at the prize distribution function of Otters Open

### RESULTS

- Mens:** Samy Farrag bt Parthiban Aiyappan 9-3 9-0 9-1  
**Womens:** Mandy Kennedy bt Ankita Sharma 9-2 9-7 9-1  
**Professionals:** Temo Gomez bt Rohit More 10-8 9-2 9-2  
**Boys Under 15:** Ankita Sharma bt Dheeya Somaiya 9-0 9-5 9-3  
**Girls Under 17:** Dheeya Somaiya bt Shria Khatri 9-6 9-3 9-7  
**Boys Under 19:** Rishi Jalan bt Karm Kumar 6-9 9-1 9-7 9-5  
**Boys Under 17:** Rishi Jalan bt Karm Kumar 9-0 9-2 9-2  
**Boys Under 15:** Abhishek Pradhan bt Aakash Borwankar 9-0 9-0 9-4

## ISP'S CAMP FOR TOP PLAYERS

(31/01/2007)

**S**usan Pallikal, the mother of India's beautiful-looking squash player Deepika Pallikal, who had trained in Egypt, recommended the name of Sammy Farrag to Indian Squash Professionals' founder-director Mahendra Agarwal and he readily agreed to the idea of inviting Sammy to conduct a coaching camp.

The upshot of it was that the former World No 58 came down here for a camp which provided cheer for the local kids who are starved of expert coaching of the highest level.

The ISP and the parents pooled in their resources and Farrag trained the kids at the The Millennium Club.

An immediate beneficiary was Ankita Sharma, who had Farrag in her corner during the Otters Million Open. She heeded his advice to slow down the game in the U-15 girls final and won against top seed Dheeya Somaiya of Indore who had won the U-17 title.

Ankita, the daughter of the top cop Pradeep Sharma said: "I was wondering how to get the points because she was good. But then the change of tactics helped." Coach Farrag said: "As Ankita was heavy I told her to slow down the exchanges and attack when her opponent was in the back of the court. I had seen that the other girl was nervous and told Ankita to wait for her to make mistakes."

Interestingly, Farrag also did the same thing himself against the young Parthiban Aiyappan from Chennai. "I slowed down the game, he made the mistake of playing at my pace and I beat him." Farrag, who beat young and old Indian champs like Manish Chotrani and Sandep Jangra, won Rs One Lakh for his title, a bonanza he would hardly have expected when he agreed to come to coach.

Farrag comes from a country where squash is booming like nowhere else. Egypt are the world champs and have three players in the top ten and many in the top fifty of the professional rankings. When told that we had seen his countryman Ramy Ashour win the Herald Maritime squash title in 2005, Farrag said: "Ramy is World No 3 and won't be long before he becomes No 1. He has already beaten No 1 Amr Shabana." Farrag said he had worked with Ramy at a critical time after his knee injury but added: "No coach can claim "I made him" Ramy is self-made.

Farrag himself played alongside Jansher Khan, Chris Dittmar, Brett Martin Rodney Eyles on the circuit. "I was still young but couldn't make the top rungs."

Squash he says is No 2 sport in Egypt after soccer with handball and basketball not far behind." Farrag holds a German passport having lived and coached there for nine years.

Meanwhile, the city's kids should thank their stars and ISP that they had a chance to train with an Egyptian who is coaching future champs. Like Alia Balbaa who made the girls U-15 British Juniors final in 2007 and Amr Alia Khalifa who won the British Junior U-15 title last year and won Egypt's U-17 title just before Farrag came down here.

### PRO SQUASH SPOKE TO FARAG THE DAY HE LEFT FOR HOME

Egyptian coach Sammy Farrag likes Mumbai and says "I hope I can come back and settle down here for a while."

**How did you enjoy the Mumbai stay?**

The clubs are good but the people at the clubs could help by giving youngsters more time to play and work at their game. I am sure ISP will move in this direction.

**What about the talent here?**

The talent is there. The kids need to work hard at their game, the skills are there. Their attitude towards the game will count. The sport needs total commitment without distractions.

**What points did you stress upon?**

The kids are good they need a lot of physical work and technical too. The physical work and discipline was lacking when I took over. Also when it came to stretching there was a problem. You need a minimum 45 minutes stretching.

**How do the kids improve further?**

I would suggest they come to Egypt for a while. One hopes there is somebody to support them in his.

**How were the facilities?**

They could have been better.

**What about your game against Peter Nicol?**



Participants along with Coach Sammy Farrag and Mahendra Agarwal (Founder/Director, ISP)

It was a good game. He put a lot of pressure. He was picking up all my winners, but then he was No 1, though retired he is still very fast.

#### Which players impressed you?

Vikas Jangra is definitely good, also Vikram Malhotra, Abhishek Pradhan, Sandeep Jangra. They have tournaments here but the players need professional help.

#### What is the follow up?

They need a lot of gym work I took them to the gym and showed them their next training schedule for the next few months. A lot of boasting has to be practised. They can do swimming, skipping, we in Egypt don't do much road work. I saw them taking notes so I think they will follow what I told them. I hope I can come back and maybe settle down here for a while. It's all up to the ISP.

By Pradeep Vijayakar

## ANAKA IN TOP FORM IN MALAYSIA

Anaka was in top form at the juniors squash events in Malaysia. She defeated Saumya Karki to claim the Milo All Star Malaysian Junior Open 2007 - Girls U 13 category in Kuala Lumpur. She used the old-style good length drives to beat her opponent who has improved her fitness. She also used the shots in the front of the court to advantage while winning a 9-4, 9-2, 9-3 victory in 28 minutes.

Anaka also claimed the Penang Open title repeating her win over Saumya 9-1, 9-5, 10-9. The 9th standard student of Church Park Sacred Heart, Chennai had won the Malaysian Junior title in two previous years.

Ravi Dixit won the boys U-17 title at the Penang International Junior Squash Championships. Ravi defeated Ng Jo Wen, winner of the Malaysian Junior Open, in the final of the Penang title in close four games 9-7, 9-2, 8-10, 10-8. Ravi used the drop shot to good effect. In the semi-finals, Ravi turned the tables on South African Stephano Gras 9-4, 9-6, 9-0. Ravi had lost to Stephano in five sets at the Milo. This is Ravi's 1st international title in the boys U-17 category. He had previously won the Scottish Junior Open in Dec 2006 in the U-15 category. Other Indians making the last four were Anwesha Reddy (Girls U-17), Ramit Tandon (Boys U-15 runner-up), Dheeya Somaiya (Girls U-15), Pankhuri Malhotra (Girls U-11), Akshay Deepak (Boys U-15) 4th position.

## COACHING COURSE ANNOUNCED

ISP will conduct courses meant for coaches, aiming to take them to a higher level of coaching by enhancing their knowledge base to international standards. The courses will be in two levels- Advanced and Elite, together equivalent or higher than the highest level internationally. The first course is the Advanced level, which will tentatively be held in July at Delhi, and repeated in other cities as per demand. The course will be presented by India's highest qualified squash coach- A. I. Singh, who has also prepared the manual. The manual has been inspected by Squash Australia's National Coaching Manager Jeffrey Wolstein, himself a renowned coach. His comments about the manual, details of the course, fees etc are on the ISP website.

In addition to squash coaches, the course is open to coaches of other sports, players and parents. Registration of interest in attending the course can be made currently, following which exact dates will be

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## RESULTS

### Finals :

**TOP 8 MEN'S DOUBLES :** Vikram Malhotra / Niraj Shirgaonkar beat Sandeep Jangra / Vikas Jangra 15-13, 10-15, 15-10

**HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES :** Shiv Malhotra / Sanjay Goyal beat Vivek Khanna / Vivek Dalal 15-12, 11-15, 15-14

### Semi Final :

#### HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES :

Vivek Khanna / Nilay Dalal beat Vijay Waghele / Jayesh Agrawal 13-15, 15-11, 15-10  
Shiv Malhotra / Sanjay Goyal beat Prabhakar Darekar / Niraj Kakar 15-11, 15-13

#### TOP 8 MEN'S DOUBLES :

Vikram / Neeraj beat Harjinder Singh / Cyrus Vakil 15-12, 15-9  
Sandeep Jangra / Vikas Jangra beat Manish Chaitrani / Avinash Bhavnani 11-15, 15-8, 15-6

**ADITYA JAGTAP- EFFORT = RESULT**

(BY A.I. SINGH)



**A**ditya Jagtap is undergoing a growth spurt in his game, that is! There was a time when he, and his parents looked for every possible opportunity for him to coach with known coaches, train at venues where good players trained and

would be willing to play with him, and even traveled to far-off lands in search of good training. Having coached Aditya for over a year in his initial growth stage, I have seen first hand how hard Aditya has worked. The level of determination in him, and the level of initiative his parents took to support him are exceptional. I've been in Mumbai for four years now and have coached for six years prior to that, which was with the 'right stuff' including Harinder Sandhu. The one thing that is clearly lacking in most aspiring players in Mumbai across the board is the level of determination and hard work required for excelling in Squash. Many players, and more so their parents talk about this aspect, but their understanding and intent is limited to theory only- I have no hesitation in making this sweeping statement. However, the Jagtap's are clearly not 'soft'. That they mean business is proven by the fact that early on when Aditya started with me, I rated him extremely delicate and immature, and unable to implement mentally the training inputs I provided especially ones dealing with the mental toughness aspect. But look at Aditya now- mature, tough and determined- physically and mentally. This transformation may have started at my instigation, but occurred largely while Aditya trained independently since January 2006, so the credit is his. Presently, Aditya is gaining match exposure at various clubs with a variety of players, going to different clubs each day of the week. Thursday is the day I get hammered! But then, Aditya is now good enough for ISP to invite him to play Men's Top-8 invitational tournaments! The process of acquiring training knowledge and utilizing it effectively is continuing, and as I see it, we have a likely world-class player here.

**INTERVIEW****A.I. - Where did you pick up game of squash?**

Aditya- When I had been to Ahmednagar on vacation in 2000, my uncle who is in the army took me to see him play squash. I liked the game and started from there.

**A.I. - What are your achievements so far?**

Aditya- Currently I am ranked two in European Squash Federations ranking- this is my best so far. There are many other titles- Winning the U-15 German Open, Runner-up position in the Nationals and some international titles. I performed well in Nordic Junior open and won it and Belgium Junior open was a good experience where I lost in the finals. I was playing really well in British Junior open, but unfortunately I had to play with top seed in pre-quarters and I lost to him and got 9th position. Earlier I have also won Milo International Junior Squash tournament and won in Penang Junior twice.

**A.I. - How do you train?**

Aditya- I usually do two sessions a day. During morning sessions, I focus on Physical fitness in which I follow a programme covering running, ghosting and weight training. Usually in the evening sessions, I do drills or match play. Currently I am focusing more on my physical fitness and movement.

My father being a national basketball player himself knew how much effort it takes to reach the top and he guided me that way and I am proud to be his son. My mother was more of help in the later stages. She knows and understands the game really well after endless hours of sitting on the bench watching me play. She has always encouraged me, always been there for me and guided me to where I am. I wouldn't have been here without their help in my squash in every possible way. I do have my occasional grumblings with them but we always put that behind and do better.

**A.I. - What's your advice to other upcoming players?**

Aditya- In any kind of training or fitness regime, you have to undergo extreme hard work which may lead to tremendous bouts of pain and tiredness but it will help you in the long run to make you better and better. If you are ready to put more work and more effort, you are bound to achieve more success. Nothing comes easy!

For youngsters, they might watch good players and feel that they are too far behind to catch up with them and they might give up hope too soon. But you should never stop trying as I am sure if you are determined you will achieve whatever you deserve one day.

When I first started playing squash with my dad, there were many decent players in the club. We used to wait for hours before we could get to play even for 20 minutes- nobody ever played with us! But we wanted to learn so badly that we never gave up. I kept pestering the people there to play just one game with me until finally they would give me a game. It was tough but we never gave up and after some time when I began playing well everyone came to ask me if I could have a game with him or her. So you keep going and nothing is impossible.

During world juniors in Pakistan, my dad saw many coaches doing grooving sessions with players and those sessions became part of my regular training. No coach has ever spent so much of time with me in the court as my father.

My dad worked so hard for me he used to sit up late just to find out on the net the perfect way to hit the ball. He was the one I played with when no one used to play with me. He used to always say to me whenever a player said no to play with me believe in yourself and this guy will come back one day asking you to play with him.

**A.I. - What about your coaching so far?**

Aditya- During my initial years I was training with Pawar Sir. During that time, I used to go to Jindals where I used to play with different players under the guidance of Sunil Verma. After that, I worked with you for more than year. Although these days I am training independently, I do get valuable inputs from you from time to time. I have also got very good exposure while working with renowned and experienced international coaches, which I feel is equally important.



Although I have worked with them all, I have realized that it's your own hard work and efforts you put in matters the most.

**A.I.- Well I guess this is the perfect occasion to clarify the doubts some parents have. Would you like to elaborate our coaching tenure, why it was suspended, our present relationship etc? Speak freely. This has implications for other players following you.**

Aditya- When I started working with you, for first couple of months it really worked well. However, later on I felt the intensity of the training was not enough since I was used to working much harder and in a more systematic and organized way as far as drills structure in sessions is concerned.

I wanted to work independently for some time just to see whether it works or not. I did try that and in this process, I evolved more as a player.

As you have rightly said I wasn't tough and independent earlier, however, your training has helped me to become mentally and physically strong and independent. This has helped me to raise the standard of my game considerably. Now I know precisely the areas I need to work on.

Even though I am not training with you anymore, I know we do not have any grudges against each other. I enjoy playing with you on Thursdays and I always get to learn something more from you.

**A.I.- To make our trainees eventually become self-sufficient, and then only to mentor them occasionally, is every coach/teacher's aim- I am glad this happened so early on in your case. What do you intend to do in the future?**

Aditya- Hopefully become a good squash player! I am training hard and I wish to become a professional squash player.

**A.I.- I hope you continue working hard, and acquire a sound knowledge base that will enable you to train independently and scientifically at a professional level. Enough of Squash though- what are your hobbies?**

Aditya- I like to play chess and football. I am ardent fan of Manchester United -FC and I do not miss even a single match of theirs. I love to read adventures and fictions as well as biographies. I have read biographies of Lance Armstrong, Michael Jordan, Wayne Rooney, David Beckham and many others, they are my source of inspiration. I am also learning to play Guitar, it is very soothing and it helps me to relax.

## SRAM JUNIOR RANKINGS AS ON 1ST-MAY-07

## BOYS UNDER 15

1. Mahesh Mangaonkar
2. Abhishek Pradhan
3. Aakash Borwankar
4. Caran Arora
5. Viraj Nayak
6. Rohan Vora
7. Ness Billimoria
8. Samir Mistry
9. Rahil Fazelbhoy
10. Ishan Advani
11. Shashi Pandey
12. Arjun Kochhar
13. Vrishab Kotian
14. Aditya Kochhar
15. Raghav Mehrotra
16. Nitin Singh

## BOYS UNDER 19

1. Vikram Malhotra
2. Cyrus Vakil
3. Laxman Joshi
4. Aditya Jagtap
5. Kunwarpal Singh
6. Akhilesh Nayak
7. Aditya Gupta
8. Anup Sharma
9. Jay Dalal
10. Amay Merchant
11. Angad Marwah
12. Aadit Zaveri
13. Mahesh Mangaonkar
14. Abhishek Pradhan
15. Zahen Dastur
16. Pranay Merchant

## GIRLS UNDER 15

1. Saumya Karki
2. Ankita Sharma
3. Sachika Balvani
4. Shria Khatri
5. Anju Sharma
6. Urvasi Joshi
7. Shweta Yadav
8. Ria Dalwani
9. Sanjana Merchant
10. Ayesha Khandelwal
11. Khushi Agarwal
12. Henna Kapadia
13. Sanaya Merchant
14. Jui Kalgutkar
15. Sera Merchant
16. Alisha Sachdev

## GIRLS UNDER 19

1. Shivangi Paranjpe
2. Shanaz Dastur
3. Rinki Sori
4. Saumya Karki
5. Ankita Sharma
6. Sachika Balvani
7. Shaheda Madraswala
8. Namrata Purohit
9. Shaheen Madraswala
10. Tanya Arora
11. Ayesha Thanawala
12. Anoushka Patel
13. Anissa Malhotra
14. Shyamli Patel
15. Niyati Mirani
16. Sakshi Samtani

## Note :

1. Some players crossing over to the Higher Age Group have been moved to the higher category. Those who are going to cross over before the Junior Nationals in October 2007, please inform the SRAM immediately at the following email address : sramsrankings@yahoo.com

2. Please note that these rankings are provisional and this is the start of the process to establish a firm criteria. Any ideas/feedback can be mailed.



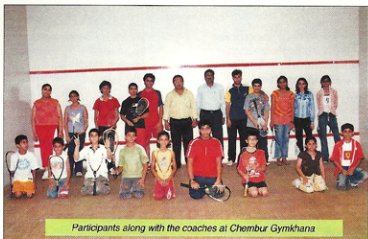
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## ISP FREE SQUASH COACHING CAMP



Participants along with the coaches at Chembur Gymkhana

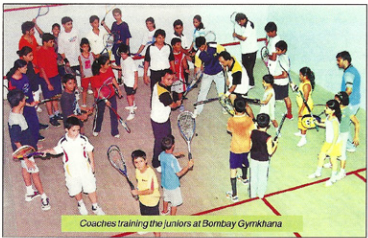
**I**ndian Squash Professionals (ISP) organized a FREE squash coaching camp from 23rd April to 4th May 2007 at Chembur Gymkhana under the guidance of ISP coach, Mr. Joginder Singh with assisting coach Anjum Shaikh.

According to the coaches and participants, the camp was a great success. We got more entries than we expected, said the ISP coaches. There were 35 players in the camp and among them 8-10 players were beginners taking up the game. The camp consisted of game practice, fitness training, jogging, drill etc.

Players participating in the camp wanted such camps to be arranged every year. Even the parents of some players played and enjoyed the game. Mrs. Sushma, mother of Jui Kalgutkar said- "I enjoyed a lot. We never had such a camp in Chembur Gymkhana. There should be more such camps."

By Riaz Mohammed & Joginder Singh

## RAJU CHAINANI COACHING CAMP



Coaches training the juniors at Bombay Gymkhana

**S**RAM organized a month long free "Raju Chainani FREE squash coaching camp" for juniors at Bombay Gymkhana during this summer vacation from 23rd April to 18th May 2007. Riaz Mohammed, who was assisted by coach Sunil Bhandari (Police Gymkhana), Santosh Kharat (US Club), Devdas Tambe (Bombay Gymkhana) and Joginder Singh (ISP) conducted the camp. 40 participants

attended the camp, coming from locations as far as Borivali and Churchgate. The spectrum of players ranged from beginners to advanced, to the youngest being just 6 years of age! Parents of the participants wished there were more such camps in the city. There was a tournament amongst the participants on the last day where Numair Sahani (13yrs) was the winner and Ronak Kamath (16yrs) was the runner's up. Late Raju Chainani's dad Bipu Chainani and sister Lata Chainani awarded the winners with certificates. There were four outstanding students- Numair Sani & Zarina Sani, Ronak Kamath, and Rameez. Raju Chainani's Father met the players and the parents.

By Riaz Mohammed & Joginder Singh

## BETTER DAYS FOR SQUASH WITH ITS ELEVATION AS PRIORITY SPORT

**T**hanks to Saurav Ghoshal's Asian Games bronze medal, squash has become a priority sport after the recent shuffle by the sports ministry which is monitoring the sporting federations more than before. Federations claim to be autonomous but only those which can say they don't depend on government for funding for tours.

This means the government will spend on the full expenses of the Indian squash team for four tours and part expenses for two others. The government has a right to do this since it is spending money. It has a right to ensure it is money well spent on teams that perform and win medals. We hope benefit will filter down all over India and not be centralized in any one location.

Mahendra Agarwal, founder director, reacted positively: "It's good news from the ministry of sports, which has taken up our effort when late Mr. Sunil Dutt had given cash prize to Joshna Chinappa to the tune of Rs. 7 lakhs for her achievement in India and abroad. India now has many top players like Ritwik Bhattacharaj, Saurav Ghosal, Joshna Chinappa, Dipika Pallikal and Aditya Jagtap who are doing well abroad".

## SAURAV WINS CHENNAI OPEN

**S**aurav won the ICL Chennai Open and announced: "I need to play in more tournaments and higher ranked players to achieve big. I need to come into the top 15," said the No 42 ranked player. Saurav defeated an unfit Wai Hang Wong (Hong Kong) 11-3, 11-2, 11-3. It was an anti-climax as the Hong Kong player had impressed in the quarterfinal and semifinal.

Top seed Ghosal was never stretched in the tournament and found some resistance early in the first game. But once the Kolkata got into the groove with his crosscourts and drops. Wong found it difficult to match his rival. Wong, who suffered a hamstring pull during the semifinal, gave up the fight in the second game and lost it 11-2.

Saurav took a 7-0 lead as Wong remained a spectator in the third game. The second-seeded Wong managed to win a couple to make it 2-9, before the Indian reached 10-2. Saurav won the third 11-3 for his second PSA title in his appearances in four finals. "I was expecting a much tougher fight from him. He was never in the groove," said Saurav.

"I suffered a hamstring pull during the semis. I tried a lot of massage in the morning, but could not recover fully. I did not want to simply come and shake hands with him and concede the match. That's why I played," the 30-year-old Wong, ranked 97 in the world, said.

## RESULTS

### Finals :

[1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [2] Wai Hang Wong (HKG) 11-3, 11-2, 11-3

### Semi-finals:

[1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [5] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-9, 11-10 (2-0), 11-10 (2-0)  
 [3] Dick Lau (HKG) bt [2] Wai Hang Wong (HKG) 7-11, 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6

### Quarter-finals:

[1] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [8] Naresh Kumar (IND) 11-5, 5-11, 11-4, 11-6  
 [5] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [4] Neil Hitchens (ENG) 9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 10-11 (1-3), 11-4  
 [3] Dick Lau (HKG) bt Parth Sharma (IND) 5-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-10 (2-0)  
 [2] Wai Hang Wong (HKG) bt [7] Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) 5-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-7

## NICOL HAPPY THE PROS ARE GETTING THEIR DUE THANKS TO ISP

By Pradeep Vijayakar



Peter Nicol looks upon ISP Platinum Jubilee Magazine while interview with Pradeep Vijayakar

**M**umbai: England's Peter Nicol World No 1 in squash for five years and Egypt's Sammy Farrag, World No 58, slugged it out in an exhibition game at the Otters Club squash courts giving an unforgettable display of strokeplay, fitness and court coverage to the fifty odd kids and their parents.

Farrag, brought from Egypt by ISP to train the kids, had his moments and almost won. But he tired in the third game and lost the match. But he earned tribute from Nicol, who has beaten all of the Egyptians giants of his time like Ahmed Barada, Amr Shabana, Karim Darwish and Co.

Nicol, who is here on a reconnaissance visit for World Squash Academy headed by Amar Haksar, was happy to see ISP's Platinum Jubilee issue and when told that ISP was going all out to help upgrade the professionals, said: "Why not? They are the ones who are working hard they should get the most benefit from the game."

### Later he answered a few questions from PRO SQUASH

#### How's does it feel coming back?

It's great after eight years. I remember my three Mahindra Open titles. The kids who used to look after me were great. The kids I saw at the CCI and Otters reminded me of them.

#### What plans do you have for India?

It's like Scotland where I come from. They didn't know big squash. But I made it to the world stage from there. Indians can do that. I have seen Ritiwik and Saurav, they are models to follow.

#### How can we go about the process?

Don't push the kids hard. Till 15-16 let them enjoy all sports, then let them specialize. That's what I did playing football, cricket, table tennis, badminton till I was 16 then got to squash.

#### What was it like playing the Pakistanis and Egyptians?

They were all good. They just wanted to win that's why it was tough.

#### Why don't we see the good old drives to length and parallels?

The racquet head speed has increased making it easier to hit hard crosscourts. The game has become more open, there is less use of the good old straight drive and the parallels. The game has become more dynamic.

#### How's your second innings?

My Events Sports Marketing organizes major events in England, like the World Squash awards and a host of things- it's a new business. We charge big money but the value we deliver is six times that amount.

#### Which are the emerging countries?

India, no doubt, China, South America, US from where a world champion will emerge. It's 14 years since they switched from hard to soft ball, the champ will come from the next teen generation of the US.

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**"AGE-FUDGERS, HERE I COME"**

Dr. Bhujang U. Pai

At the recent Otters Million Open Tournament, SRAM started the process of age determination tests for players participating in tournaments within Maharashtra. Dr. B. U. Pai conducted the tests. Dr. Pai is the Head of Imaging and Radiology department at P. D. Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Institute, Mumbai. Prosquash had the privilege of interviewing him. In addition to being a panel member of BCCI and MSSA, he is now a panelist for SRAM. He is widely considered a leading expert in the field of age determination tests.

**Prosquash- Please tell us about yourself, your background in sports and squash, and medicine.**

Dr. Pai- I've been an avid sportsman since childhood. I studied in St. Xavier's High School, Ville Parle and was passionate about Cricket and Athletics. Later, I represented Mithibai College in Cricket. I studied Medicine at Grant Medical College, and started my career at the Holy Family Hospital. I played Squash regularly till 2002, and would love to resume if I can find a partner.

**Prosquash- When and how did you start age determination tests?**

Dr. Pai- I started over 10 years back. Being in the related field of specialization, I used to keep getting references for age determination of players in various sports, especially Cricket. At that stage, none of the tests we had were accurate- the margin of error was 3 years! We needed an accurate test, and eventually started using the TW2 test. At that point, Mr. Ratnakar Shetty of Mumbai Cricket Association approached me. Several cases of age discrepancy were detected. The testing method was found so useful that BCCI adopted it when it emerged that all over India, several players were getting eliminated due to cheats. Since then, nefarious activities stopped.

**Prosquash- How is the TW2 test done and how accurate is it?**

Dr. Pai- The test measures 20 bones and determines age of the subject. It is valid till age 18, until bones fuse. It is accurate to an error of 6 months at most. The test is very specific and sensitive. In a country where fictitious birth certificates can be procured easily, this test can put an end to age fraud in sports.

**INTERNATIONAL RESULTS ALL FINALS****24-04-2007: FROS OPEN TOURNAMENT, DENMARK**

Romain Tenant (FRA) bt Dick Lau (HKG) 11-10 (2-0), 11-1, 11-4

**25-04-2007: WOMEN'S SEOUL OPEN - SOUTH KOREA**

Natalie Grinham (AUS) bt Nicol David (MAS) 9-4 9-4 9-0

**30-04-2007: NWFP PESHAWAR INT, PAKISTAN**

Mansoor Zaman (PAK) bt Amir Atlas Khan (PAK) 11-8, 11-9, 11-4

**01-05-2007: LOOSE SWISS CLASSIC, SWITZERLAND**

Eric Galvez (MEX) bt Rafael F Alarcon (BRA) 4-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-6

**12-05-2007: DEVON AND EXETER OPEN, ENGLAND**

Bradley Ball (ENG) bt Chris Ryder (ENG) 11-8, 11-9, 11-6

**14-05-2007: WOMEN'S TEXAS OPEN, DALLAS, USA**

Natalie Grainger (USA) bt Rebecca Chiu (HKG) 9-0, 9-1, 9-4

**14-05-2007: ITALIAN OPEN, BRESCIA, ITALY**

Scott Handley (ENG) bt Tony James (AUS) 11-7, 11-9, 11-5

**16-05-2007: ATLANTA OPEN, ATLANTA, USA**

Yasser El Halaby (EGY) bt Omar Elborolossy (EGY) 11-3, 11-6, 11-7

**20-05-2007: WOMEN'S CARCASSONNE OPEN, FRANCE**

Laura Hill (ENG) bt Orla Noom (NED) 10-8, 5-9, 9-4, 9-6

**21-05-2007: LE SPORT OPEN, RHOS-ON-SEA, WALES**

Ben Ford (ENG) bt Nicolas Mueller (SUI) 7-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-10

**24-05-2007: PRESIDENT PSF INTERNATIONAL, PAKISTAN**

Amir Atlas Khan, 9-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-6 Mansoor Zaman

**05-06-2007: FLUID LINE OPEN WA, AUSTRALIA**

Scott Arnold (AUS) bt Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) 11-10 (5-3), 2-11, 11-7, 11-7

**MENS RANKING JULY 2007**

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

**WOMENS RANKING JULY 2007**

POS	PLAYER	FROM
1	NICOL DAVID	MAS
2	NATALIE GRINHAM	AUS
3	RACHAEL GRINHAM	AUS
4	TANIA BAILEY	ENG
5	NATALIE GRAINGER	USA
6	VICKY BOTWRIGHT	ENG
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