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## RAMY MASTERS MATTHEW IN MUMBAI

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**E**gypt's Ramy Ashour has won many admirers with his courageous, inventive and remarkable stroke-play. He boosted his chances of becoming world No.1 in January when he beat Englishman Nick Matthew 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9 in the finals of \$152,500 Punj Lloyd PSA Masters title at the Bombay Gymkhana in Mumbai.

Fourth seed Matthew is enjoying the form of his life and arrived in the final of the penultimate PSA Super Series event of the year without dropping a game. Meanwhile Ashour, still smarting from his straight games loss in last month's World Open final in Kuwait, had avenged that defeat by beating fellow countryman Amr Shabana in the semi-finals - and was ready to tip the scales in his pre-final three-all head-to-head count against the Englishman.

The 22-year-old from Cairo led from the outset in the opening skirmishes soon moved a game up. But it was Yorkshireman Matthew who was in the ascendancy throughout the second game and levelled the score after 41 minutes.

It was neck and neck throughout third - with Matthew mostly in the lead. But, a point away from game ball at 9-7, Matthew saw the third seed romp away with four points in a row to reclaim the advantage. Ashour maintained the momentum to go 3-0 ahead in the fourth - but Matthew led twice thereafter at 5-3 and 7-5. The Englishman went on to save two match balls from 7-10 down -

but Ashour converted his third attempt to record his 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9 title-winning triumph after 79 minutes. The win marks Ashour's first Super Series success of the year, but the 13th PSA Tour title of his career - of which, remarkably, eight are Super Series!

"I've got great respect for Nick - he played so well tonight, he's really improving his attacking game, and he mixed up his pace really well," Ashour said afterwards. "I think Nick and I really play well together, we seem to have a complementary game, and to keep pushing each other up." This is my first win of the year - I'm so happy and I hope I'll just keep on playing like that in Saudi, and after that. Win or lose, I just want to play well." Matthew, who reached



Ramy Ashour (EGY) Winner and Nick Matthew (ENG) Runners Up showing off their trophies.

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a career-high world No4 last month, is widely being tipped as a future world number one back in his home country: "I guess there was a lot at stake today - the PSA Masters title, the world number one. It was a lot to handle, and maybe I was thinking about it too much," admitted the 29-year-old from Sheffield.

"I've learnt from this, and I'll be keeping challenging for the number one spot. "But he was playing better squash than me today, that's about it. I'm disappointed with my performance, my movement to the front was not good enough, and of course, all credit to Ramy, who was 80% responsible for it - his racquet skills, his movement, his shots. "But I still lost 20% of it, and that made the difference."

#### FINALS:

Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt Nick Matthew (Eng) 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9.

#### SEMI-FINALS:

Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt Amr Shabana (EGY) 11-9, 13-15, 11-8, 11-2  
Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Peter Barker (ENG) 13-11, 11-6, 11-5

#### QUARTER-FINALS:

Amr Shabana (EGY) bt Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-5, 5-11, 12-10, 11-7  
Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt David Palmer (AUS) 11-8, 16-18, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8  
Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Thierry Lincou (FRA) 11-8, 11-7, 11-4  
Peter Barker (ENG) bt Laurens Jan Jansma (NED) 11-8, 11-7, 11-5

#### 2ND ROUND :

Amr Shabana (EGY) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-6 6-11 11-5 12-10

#### 1ST ROUND :

Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Cameron Pilley (Aus) 11-8, 11-2, 12-11, 11-8  
Alister Walker (ENG) bt Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) 11-4, 11-5, 11-3

#### RESULTS



battle royale between Shorbagy the junior world champ and No 7 England's James Willstrop who was the next casualty. One by one the seeds were being taken out so that the last eight stage had six seeds left and the final was between No 3 and No 4.

As used to happen when two Pakistanis would clash in days past one would get to see the full range of squash shots. Nowadays, with the warm conditions, the ball very hot, players are playing the percentage game and a lot of shots are on the back burner like the attacking serve, the kill from back the drop and back from back, the overheads into the nick, the tickle boast or the cork-screw serve.

The basic game was what the English displayed. The flair came from the Egyptians. The fitness came from the Europeans and the Aussies. There were four-five world champs in the fray. What counted was who was the better player on the day.

A feature of the event that fortune didn't often favour the underdog or the one who needed the slice of luck. This fickleness came in the way of Saurav Ghosal taking Amr Shabana to the decider, Peter Barker from taking the first game against Nick Mathew.

What was important was that we saw the future of squash in the form of Shorbagy who has often come in the way of our Saurav winning the World Junior Crown.

The Indian kids got to watch the way the champions prepared, the way they warmed up the way they cooled down, the way they took things in their stride, the way they gave points to their opponents which had been awarded to them and above all the intensity of their approach. The players who went for their shots had the better results.

Of course there was the odd argument against the referee's decision but it happened after the referees were a little tardy in following the ball some sighting problems.

Of course with the tin no longer there and being lowered it is a hard call to see whether the ball was down for there is no difference in sound which the old tin used to give us. In time electronic devices will help the referee till then we will have to tolerate dissent.

Of course the 'lets' and obstructions will continue as players feel the need to occupy the T and control the game. But if the consistency is there from the referees then players take the cue and conform.

But on all accounts this PSA was a grand success from the Ivy Sports managed by Raj Arora and Ritwik Bhattacharya. The national federation didn't co-operate with the courts from Chennai not made available and Ziad Al Turki had to send them all the way from from Saudi Arabia. There were some clearances to be taken care of and prize money issues. However all was well when it ended well.

After a series of big events in Chennai and Kolkata Mumbai had its place in the sun.

Delhi will take over the baton for the Commonwealth Games whose facility will no doubt be used by Punjab Llyod for their next edition. But as the PSA chairman said, the momentum must be kept whether it is Chennai or wherever.

Ritwik and Raj have shown the way. Punjab Llyod followed suit. We had the Maharashtra sports minister Mr Suresh Shetty coming. We had Dilip Vengsarkar, Leander Peas and other VIPs to buck up the unsung Indian squash players. Let us hope Mumbai and Maharashtra will keep the squash flag flying as it was at the start of the 40's after which the Services took over.

By Pradeep Vijayakar

## PSA Masters an unforgettable squash feat

The next best thing to happen to Mumbai after the visits of Jahangir and Jansher Khan was the top 31 players of the world descending in the metro for the \$152,500 Punjab Llyod PSA Masters. The only one missing was No 1 Karim Darwish but the feast of squash provided by the other three Egyptians like Amr Shabana, Ramy Ashour and Mohamed El Shorbagy made light of Darwish's absence.

Ramy Ashour, the 2005 Herald Maritime Open winner at the Otters Club when he earned his Mumbai fans, added a cheque of more than twice the Rs 4 lakh amount to his kitty. He received nearly \$23,000 in the event organised to a nicety by Ivy Sports of former India champ Ritwik Bhattacharya and Raj Arora.

A delighted Ramy said, "I knew it would be a tough match. But I am happy with the way I have played here the whole week.

Loser Nick said, "It was a rubbish match. We both played terribly but on big points he attacked better than me."

It was flair against efficiency both players are among the fitter ones on the circuit Nick hadn't lost a game in the tournament and there had to be a first time and it happened at the outset of the final when he lost 6-11. He recovered to win 11-9 the second, had his moments in the third and fourth but couldn't go for the kill.

The tournament began with No 1 seed Greg Gaultier crashing out to Englishman Daryl Selby. Day two saw Saurav Ghosal write the proudest page in Indian squash beating No 15 Aussie Cameron Pilley. There was a grand



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1. Kids dancing at the event.
2. The Trophies
3. Saurav in action against Cameron Pilley
4. Ace tennis player Leander Paes watching the match.
5. Neha Dhupia with PSA Chief Zaid Al Turki, Trick Todd and Hisham Ashour.
6. Gulshan Grover (Film Actor) with Lt. Gen. Pradeep Khanna (GOC Southern Command)
7. Ritwik in action against Walker

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**L**t Gen Pradeep Khanna, GOC Southern Command, who was the chief guest said he had played squash since 1944. He played in the early days at the National Defence Academy at Khadakvasla near Pune about 200 km from Mumbai. He said he gave it up at the age of 44 when his son, coached by Ritwik Bhattacharya, beat him 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

His presence evoked memories of squash in the Services who were the pioneers of the game after the Cricket Club of India and other clubs took over. In fact early Indian teams were mostly made up of army, navy and air force players.

**I** just wanted to thank Mr Punj who trusted us and got squash back in India. With his help, we'll be able to raise squash profile for the years to come. I wanted to thank also, IVY Sport for putting this event together. But most of all, I really want to thank the crowd, they've made this week a magic one with their presence and support...**Ziad Al Turki**



**I**t is sad that in India cricket dwarfs every other sport. Sorry to say I didn't know who Saurav was. We need to create awareness about all sport.....**Dilip Vengsarkar**

## Comments on Saurav making history

He has come of age.  
**Prakash Ghoshal (Saurav Ghoshal's father)**

It is a big boost to the event  
**Ziad Al Turki, PSA Chairman**

He had the potential to do it in front of his home crowd and in home conditions. It was a matter of self belief. We all know his retrieving is very good.

**Saurav's manager at Pontefract**

He is tough mentally. Pilley was exhausted, the fact that he had to change his shirts thrice and Saurav not once proves that.

**Lee Beachill, PSA COO**

Saurav does well at home. He had match-point against me at Kolkata recently. It is good for Indian squash.

**Ong Beng Hee**

We Indians are good to be among the top 20. All we need is self-belief and Saurav showed that tonight.

**Ritwik Bhattacharya**

1. Lt. Gen. Pradeep Khanna (GOC Southern Command)
2. Mr. Suresh Shetty (Minister for Sports, Government of Maharashtra) along with Mr. Ranjan Sanghi (President, SRAM), Ashok Rao (President, Bombay Gymkhana)
3. Dilip Vengsarkar with Ritwik Bhattacharya
4. Misha Grewal with Ritwik's Mother.
5. Raj Arora with Ritwik Bhattacharya



**P**SA Masters began with a pleasant surprise a visit by the Maharashtra sports minister Suresh Shetty.

The newly-appointed Shetty addressed the crowd before the opening game of the night. He said his first priority would be to put a sports policy in place. "I have watched squash since a long time," he said. He hails from Marol which is also the place where Mahendra Agarwal the founder of Indian Squash Professionals lives.



**O**ne got to see Misha Grewal, India's squash queen of the 90s at the event. Delhi-based Misha was recently seen with the Commonwealth Games torch in London. She plays more badminton than squash at the Siri Fort complex. Her son Neil was busy taking autographs.

She admitted she had put on weight and squash would be tough. She has another baby and that takes up all her time. She was happy to meet up with players of her time like Manish Chotrani, Akhil Behl. Ritwik's mom Rani gave Misha company.



**O**n behalf of the Mumbai crowd, thanks to Mr Punj and Ziad, they've been fabulous..... **RAJ AROA**



1. Group picture of the participants.
2. Saurav Ghosal in action
3. World Squash Federation President N. Ramchandran at the finals.
4. Children hoisting flags of participating countries
5. Kids dancing at the event

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## TV coverage and joint events road to Olympic recognition: Gough (CEO, PSA)

Alex Gough, former world No 5 from Wales, says increased TV coverage and joint men's and women's events are the road-map for Olympic recognition for squash. The new CEO of the Professional Squash Association talks about the state of sport.



Alex Gough

Excerpts from the interview :

### How was the Mumbai experience?

The crowd was fantastic it was amazing to see kids rooting, the atmosphere was fantastic.

### In your new job what's your vision for the sport?

The message from the IOC is clear. They want us to get more TV exposure than at present. We are in the process of signing up with Sunset Vine in Europe and Total Sports in Asia. Cricket, remember got big because of TV.

### Are you happy with the way women's squash is growing?

It is okay. PSA is aiming at joint events. We are in the process of signing an MOU with WISPA. That would be a big step towards the Olympic goal.

### Which new nations are on the upswing?

There's India. Saurav reached the second round which vindicates this view. In Europe, Spain and Portugal came in the top ten. A Spanish player also made the top ten. There's just Julian Illingworth in the US whose squash is too-much Ivy League-oriented. Their girls are doing better than boys.

### The big question, China?

If it was an Olympic sport they would have been right up there by now. It will take time. We will have to make them look at squash differently.

### Why Pakistan squash has slumped?

Even in the days of Jahangir and Jansher they didn't have a lot many class players. Just those two incredible champions. It was a tough act to follow. Maybe the hunger players of that time had isn't there now. Squash was a ladder up to prosperity. Things are more comfortable for them today, the economic level has gone up. That explains the lack of depth.

### Finally what makes Egypt tick?

Things began happening after Ahmed Barada came on the scene. They turned him into a super star like David Beckham. The newspaper Al Ahram was sponsoring him, the media hype was big and it has sustained. Cairo is like a full country crammed in one city. There are any number of class players, they enjoy playing against one another day in and day out, their internal competition is tremendous and from that comes quality.



Zaid Al Turki

## Mumbai squash fans keep players motivated as in Cairo: PSA chief Zaid Al Turki

India must not stop after holding this mega squash event the \$152,000 Punj Lloyd Masters, says Zaid Al Turki, the Saudi chairman of the Professional Squash Association. Having staged PSA events in Saudi Arabia, a minor squash nation, for five years now, Turki says it is only after

watching quality squash that children will be inspired to see a future for themselves in the sport.

Excerpts from the interview:

### What was the experience of watching an Indian event for a change?

Great. It is good to see a PSA mega event back after so many years. I am delighted Atul Punj has made a commitment for three years. The atmosphere is very much like Cairo where the fans get behind the players. That is

necessary. In Europe the fans are much reserved. They go for football. It is important that squash players stay motivated by the fans.

### Did the playing conditions measure up?

There were some warm nights. But the players enjoyed it. Some of them who lost early stuck around to do some sight-seeing.

### How popular is the sport in Saudi?

It wasn't very popular. But after staging a PSA event for five years now our stands are full for our event. The richest PSA event a \$250,000 affair which brought the curtain down on the season. This year we will stage the World Open. After each event the number of kids playing goes up. If they see quality squash the kids know there a future for them in the sport. And the results are showing. We had a top three finish in the Arab League GCC playoffs.

### Do you have a junior programme going?

I sponsor children's coaching in Egypt. We began with 25 and have now kept a batch of 15. I am sad Indian juniors backed out of a tournament we had where kids from most Asian countries came.

### Have you made an impact in Asia?

Not yet, we are not that level but in course of time we will reach there once our 14-year-olds in training raise the level of their game.

### Do you have Pakistani coaches?

Just a few. A majority are from Egypt. We send our players to Egypt.

## Willstrop sees bright future for Indian squash



James Willstrop

No 6 seed James Willstrop of England has been impressed by the staging of the Punj Lloyd PSA Masters in Mumbai. He says the interest he has seen in Mumbai augurs well for the future of Indian squash which can only take good strides.

Excerpts from the interview

### How did you enjoy this event?

All of us players are pleased. It's fantastic for world squash to have such an event in India.

### What your impression of Indian squash standards?

Saurav beating Cameron Pilley was great. He is in a position to take big strides. The TV coverage has been good. There are a lot of pluses overall. The kids will no doubt be inspired by all this. I saw the British Junior champion Mahesh Manganar here as a volunteer. With the right kind of resources the future will be bright.

### With Pakistan fading away England and Egypt are set for a long reign.

It's a cycle, I am sure Pakistan will come back. Amir Atlas beat Greg Gaultier this year. England have made a good impact over the last few months. We won the world team title twice before this year. Nick Mathew and Peter Barker did well to reach the semis. We have a good back-up.

### What's your view about the Egyptians?

Shabana and Ramy have proved what they can do. Shorbagy is very good. I lost to him in that close encounter.

### What will you remember 2009 for?

Reaching the final of the British Open. But the ankle injury and surgery in April will also rankle.

By Pradeep Vijayakar

# MAHARASHTRA STATE OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

(18/10/2009)

Saurav, Joshna champions

**T**op seeds Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won their respective finals at the 34th Bombay Gymkhana-HSBC Maharashtra Open squash championship 2009.

In the women's final, Saumya Karki took on Joshna Chinappa, who had played only one match before the finals. Joshna was given a tough fight by the gutsy youngster. Joshna edged out her opponent in straight sets 11-8 11-2 11-9.

The men's final between Saurav Ghosal and Gaurav Nandrajog was a tight contest as well. The world No. 34 won 11-7 11-6 11-7.

## RESULTS

**Men:** Saurav Ghosal bt Gaurav Nandrajog 11-7 11-6 11-7;  
**Women:** Joshna Chinappa bt Saumya Karki 11-8 11-2 11-9;  
**Boys U-19:** Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Karm Kumar 11-5 12-10 11-3;  
**Girls U-19:** Saumya Karki bt Shria Khatri 11-6 11-8 11-8;  
**Boys U-17:** Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Aakash Borwankar 11-8 11-1 11-5;  
**Girls U-17:** Saumya Karki bt Shria Khatri 11-7 11-8 11-5;  
**Boys U-15:** Abhimanyu Shah bt Anuj Bahl 8-11 11-6 11-6 11-9;  
**Girls U-15:** Urvashi Joshi bt Aishwarya Kulkarni 11-4 11-5 11-4;  
**Boys U-13:** Yohan Pundole bt Kunj Rawani 11-9 11-6 11-13 11-2;  
**Girls U-13:** Aishwarya Nambiar bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya 11-6 11-5 1-11 11-6;  
**Boys U-11:** Dev Vazirani bt Chaitanya Shah 11-8 11-5 11-5;  
**Girls U-11:** Nikita Joshi bt Daksha Pathak 7-11 5-11 11-9 12-10 11-9;  
**Professional:** Amjad Khan bt Rohit More 11-5 10-12 11-7 11-9;  
**Over 55:** Pranab Dutta bt Sudhir Sood 11-2 11-3;  
**Over 45:** Col Ashun Bahl bt Vaman Apte 11-6 3-11 6-11 11-8 11-3.

## JSW Karnataka State Open Squash Championship (9/10/2009)

### Boys:

**Under-11:** Solomon bt Vikas Sharma 11-3, 12-10, 11-4  
**Under-13:** Abhay Singh bt Aishwarya Singh 11-8, 15-13, 11-5  
**Under-15:** Varish Salani bt Akhlesh Yadav 11-4, 11-9, 11-7, 11-9  
**Under-17:** Prithvi Aditya bt Shashi Pandey 15-13, 11-4, 14-12  
**Under-19:** Abhinav Sinha bt Shashi Pandey 11-2, 11-9, 11-5  
**Men:** Navin Jangra bt Laxman Joshi 11-6, 11-3, 10-12, 1-11, 6-11  
**Over-35:** V. Laxman bt Arup Aditya 11-4, 11-4, 11-4  
**Girls:**  
**Under-11:** Vedika bt Seema Joshi 13-11, 11-9, 11-3  
**Under-13:** Aishwarya bt Kamlesh 11-1, 11-3, 11-2  
**Under-15:** Varsha Pandey bt Likhita Dugar 11-8, 4-11, 5-11, 9-11  
**Under-17:** Urvashi Joshi bt Shruti Dugar 11-4, 11-2, 11-2

# UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI INTER-COLLEGE SQUASH

(11/11/2009)

Laxman Joshi retains collegiate crown



Winner Laxman Joshi flanked by runner-up Cyrus Vakli (left) and second runner-up Arun Sharma

**L**axman Joshi beat Cyrus Vakli to retain the title in the Inter-Collegiate Squash Tournament, organised by the University of Mumbai and H.R. College Sports Council, at the Police Gymkhana, Marine Drive.

In a repeat of last year's final, defending champion Joshi once again romped to an impressive 11-2, 11-3, 11-9 win over the formidable Vakli, who came up with a late challenge in the third game.

Joshi snatched the opening two games that included a double stroke in quick succession in the second game. He faced stiff resistance from Vakli who went up 6-5, 8-6 and 9-8 in the crucial third. But Joshi rallied brilliantly and smacked crucial winners in the end to take the game and match away. Earlier, in the semi-finals, Joshi overcame Waqar Pathan of Mithibai 11-5, 11-0, while Vakli rallied from a 1-2 deficit to beat Arun Sharma of Lokmanya Tilak, Vashi 11-6, 9-11, 9-11, 11-2, 11-4.

Sharma beat Pathan in the play-off for third and fourth positions. The tournament kicks off a series of events being organised by the H.R. College Sports Council to celebrate the college's Golden Jubilee Year.

## RESULTS

**Final:** Laxman Joshi (H.R. College) bt Cyrus Vakli (H.R. College) 11-2, 11-3, 11-9.

**Semi-finals:** Laxman Joshi (H.R. College) bt Waqar Pathan (Mithibai) 11-5, 11-0, 11-6  
 Cyrus Vakli (H.R. College) bt Arun Sharma (Lokmanya Tilak, Vashi) 11-6, 9-11, 9-11, 11-2, 11-4.

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# WESTERN INDIA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

(14/11/2009)

Gaurav retains title, double for Saumya



Gaurav Nandrajog (Winner, Men's Open) and Saumya Karki (Winner, Women) with their trophies.

**T**op seeds and favourites Gaurav Nandrajog and Saumya Karki lived up to their reputations and bagged the men's and women's titles, respectively, in the 66th CCI-Western India Open Squash Tournament at the CCI.

India No. 4 and defending champion Nandrajog rallied from a 0-2 deficit to overcome second seed Sandeep Jangra of the Services 7-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-6 to retain his crown, in a quality championship round that lasted 49 minutes.

Karki enjoyed a rewarding day following victories in the women's and girls' under-19 finals and helped herself to a grand double on an exciting day of squash.

Karki faced second seed Ankita Sharma in both finals and won in contrasting fashion, with Sharma coming up with a strong challenge in the women's clash that could have gone either way.

Boys under-19 top seed Ravi Dixit denied state mate Vrishab Kotian a double with a 11-4, 11-4, 11-3 victory.

Kotian made amends by clinching the boys under-17 title as the No. 1 seed following a hard-fought 11-5, 11-5, 10-12, 14-12 win with Borwankar springing up a late challenge.

## RESULTS

**Men's Open:** 1-Gaurav Nandrajog (Delhi) bt 2-Sandeep Jangra (Services) 7-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-6.

**Women:** 1-Saumya Karki (Hiranandani Club) bt 2-Ankita Sharma (Otters Club) 11-7, 14-12, 10-12, 11-3.

**Boys U-19:** 1-Ravi Dixit (TN) bt 2-Vrishab Kotian (TN) 11-4, 11-4, 11-3.

**Boys U-17:** 1-Vrishab Kotian (TN) bt Akash Borwankar (Mumbai) 11-5, 11-5, 10-12, 14-12.

**Boys U-15:** 2-Vijay Kumar (Raj) bt 3/4-Raghav Mehrotra (CCI) 5-11, 11-

2, 11-4, 11-7.

**Boys U-13:** 1-Yohan Pandole (Bombay Gym) bt 2-Kunj Rawani (NSCI) 11-7, 11-13, 11-5, 11-7.

**Boys U-11:** 3/4-Yash Bhargav bt 3/4-Chaitanya Shah (Bombay Gym) 9-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-3.

**Girls U-19:** 1-Saumya Karki (Hiranandani Club) bt 2-Ankita Sharma (Otters Club) 11-9, 11-8, 11-7.

**Girls U-15:** 1-Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) bt 2-Aishwarya Kulkarni (Jindal) 11-6, 11-4, 11-7.

**Girls U-13:** 1-Aishwarya Nambiar (Kandivli SC) bt 2-Jui Kalgutkar (Chembur Gym) 11-8, 11-4, 11-6.

**Girls U-11:** 1-Nikita Joshi (Otters Club) bt 2-Daksha Pathak (Jindal) 9-11, 4-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-6.

**Under-9:** 1-Veer Chotrani (Otters Club) bt Tushar Shahani 11-4, 11-6, 11-9.

**Professionals:** 1-Amjad Khan (Delhi) bt 2-Rohit More (CCI) 11-3, 12-10, 11-5.

**Over-35:** 1-Manish Chotrani (Khar Gym) bt Rishad Pandole (CCI) 11-9, 11-11, 11-8, 11-7.

**Over-45:** Vaman Apte (CCI) bt Anant More (CCI) 11-13, 11-0, 11-8, 11-6.

**Over-55:** Ramesh More (Bombay Gym) bt Ravi Puri (Bombay Gym) 11-5, 11-6, 11-7.

## ROSHAN SURPRISE FINALIST AT BRITISH JUNIORS

(06/01/2010)

**R**oshan Kumarakannan was the lone standard-bearer from India at the Tecnifibre British Junior Open Squash Championships at Sheffield. He was the lone Indian finalist making the grade in the u-13 event. He beat two Egyptians on the way to the final but was beaten by top seed Youssef Mohamed 11-5, 11-5, 11-2 in just 19 minutes.

Top seed Abhishek Pradhan in the u-17 crashed out as did Mahesh Mangaonkar, Aditya Jagtap and Deepika Palikall, the No 2 seed. Said coach Cyrus Poncha about Roshan, the 12-year-old product of the ICL Academy, "He is aggressive, he has great hands."

Egypt claimed all eight titles for the first time in the history of the tournament. In the men's U19 final, UK-based Egyptian Mohamed El Shorbagy beat compatriot Karim Abdel Gawad 11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9 - not only becoming only the second player to win three successive U19 titles, but also extending his unbeaten record in the championships since January 2006, when he won the U15 crown, followed the next year by the U17 title.

## RESULTS

### MENS U19:

[1] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [2] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) 11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9

U17: [2] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [5/8] Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) 11-9, 12-10, 5-11, 11-4.

U15: [3/4] Shehab Essam (EGY) bt [3/4] Dylan Murray (USA) 11-5, 3-11, 11-4, 20-18.

U13: [1] Youssef Mohamed (EGY) bt [5/8] Roshan Kumarakannan (IND) 11-5, 11-5, 11-2

### WOMENS U19:

[1] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [5/8] Salma Hany (EGY) 11-8, 11-7, 11-3.

U17: [1] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [2] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 11-6, 11-4, 11-4.

U15: [1] Yathreb Adel (EGY) bt [3/4] Mariam Ibrahim Motwaly (EGY) 13-11, 12-10, 11-5.

U13: [3/4] Mayar Hany (EGY) bt [1] Nouran Johar (EGY) 5-11, 11-5, 11-3, 9-11, 11-8.

## Interview with Madhav Dhingra a junior squash player

**M**adhav Dhingra is a junior player who shot into prominence at the CCI Western India Open 2009 by being awarded the most promising player of the tournament (along with Yash Bhargava from Delhi). He studies at the Dhirubhai Ambani International School. He is thirteen years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



Here is a write up from him about his squash, studies, interests and ambitions!

"I took up squash at the age of eleven. It all started when I started playing with my brother and father every Sunday at Otters Club. Later I joined the W.S.A. camp run by Mr. Amar Haksar at the Otters Club. I started taking interest in the game. He encouraged me and told me that I had it in me which led me to take up the game seriously. My best result so far is being runner-up in the Matunga Gymkhana in early February 2009. I also represented Maharashtra team in the interstate league. I came third in the Otters Club ICS-Reality Cup, 2008. But my best result so far was the double semi-finals in the CCI Western India open! I was also awarded the 'Man of the Tournament' at the same event.

I do train hard and put in a lot of effort every day. I play about 2-3 hours every day and an hour more on weekends. My schedule comprises of 5 fitness sessions and 5 squash sessions through the week. I also swim and jog at times to keep myself fit for tournaments. I do my fitness sessions with Mr. Ahmed Yusuf from Egypt who is my mentor too and I play at Otters with Mr. Santosh More and started training with Mr. Vaman Apte.

I balance my studies and squash very well. Even though I miss a lot of school,

I don't lag behind with my school work. My teachers at school are supportive and help me catch up with my missed work. I believe in planning to be a successful sportsman without compromising on studies. I don't really get any time to meet my school friends outside school.

I like listening to music and swimming. I also like to play chess and watch basketball.

My ambition is to make a mark in under 15 junior nationals next year get a good world junior ranking in the following years. I want to establish my name in the squash world."

### Pune Open Squash (6/10/2009)

- Open** : Naveen Jhangra bt Mahesh Mangaonkar 10-12, 11-9, 11-11, 12-10, 11-9  
**Boys U-19** : Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Abhinav Sinha 11-5, 11-13, 11-6, 11-8  
**Boys U-17** : Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Rohan Vora 11-8, 11-4, 11-4  
**Boys U-15** : Anuj Bahl bt Abhimanyu Shah 10-12, 12-10, 11-6, 11-9  
**Boys U-13** : Yohan Pandole bt Aditya Khatri 11-8, 12-10, 11-8  
**Mixed U-11** : Aryaman Adik bt Chaitanya Shah 11-3, 11-1, 12-14, 8-11, 11-8  
**Women** : Saumya Karki bt Shria Khatri 11-7, 11-9, 11-2  
**Girls U-17** : Saumya Karki bt Shria Khatri 11-2, 11-7, 12-10  
**Girls U-15** : Saumya Karki bt Aishwarya Nambiar 11-3, 11-4, 11-3  
**Girls U-13** : Aishwarya Nambiar bt Gayatri Raheja 11-3, 11-9, 5-11, 11-6  
**Professionals** : Sanjay Pawar bt Vijay Waghela 11-7, 11-7, 11-8  
**Over 35** : Mohanish Sawant bt Rohit Thawani 8-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-9  
**Over 40** : Mohanish Sawant beat Col Ashun Bahl 11-4, 11-9, 11-9  
**Over 45** : Col Ashun Bahl beat Col Lalit Agnihotri 11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 8-11, 11-9

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## Sub Junior/Junior Nationals

Aditya Jagtap does UK coach proud by claiming U-19 crown

(Indore : 25/10/2009)



The Junior Nationals were held from 21-25 October 2009 at Day College, Indore at their squash facility with 8 court including 3 old non-glass back, and two brand new glass back ones. This year's Junior Nationals was a great one.

Watched by Ian Thomas, head coach of Jonah Barrington's Squash Academy where he is training, Mumbai lad Aditya Jagtap was crowned U-19 champion at the National Sub-junior and Junior Squash Championship at the Daly College courts at Indore. It was a doubly sweet night for Maharashtra as in the girls section, they claimed three out of five titles through Saumya Karki (U-17) who surprised the superior Anaka Alankamony of Tamil Nadu, Urvasi Joshi (U-15) and the Nikita Joshi (U-11).

Aditya defeated Tamil Nadu's Ramit Tandon 11-8, 11-8, 11-5 in the U-19 final. He had lost to Vikram Malhotra in last year's final when he could have played in the U-17 event. Said Ravi, Aditya's proud father, "Aditya has been winning from the U-13, U-15 and U-17 ranks and this was his fifth final. He maintained the display of fast and powerful squash and sailed through the tournament without dropping a game. His movement on court was swift and he was ever keen to play attacking squash."

Aditya is studying in Millfield School in Somerset, England. In March he was part of the team that won the National Squash title. Egypt's world junior champ Mohamed El Shorbagy and younger brother Marwan played at No 1 and 2 for Millfield, Aditya at No 3 and another Indian Adit Zaveri at No 4. Aditya said about his show, "The semi-final against Karan Malik was the toughest event. I did not expect Ramit to make the final I thought I would meet Ravi Dixit."

Asked about his England stint, Aditya said, "I am studying in the 12th standard and will hope to go to a US for collegiate studies."

## RESULTS

- Boys U-11** - Solomon Ravi (TN) beat R.A. Charaiyaseelan (TN) 11-4 11-5 11-9  
**Boys U-13** - Roshan Kumarakannan (TN) beat Sandeep Ramachandran (TN) 12-10 11-8 11-7  
**Boys U-15** - Deepak Mishra (TN) beat Kush Kumar (TN) 11-4 11-6 8-11 11-8  
**Boys U-17** - Abhishek Pradhan (TN) beat Mahesh Mangoankar (MAH) 13-15 11-8 11-7 11-8  
**Boys U-19** - Aditya Jagtap (MAH) beat Ramit Tandon (TN) 11-8 11-8 11-5  
**Girls U-11** - Nikita Joshi (MAH) beat Daksha Pathak (MAH) 12-10 11-3 11-9  
**Girls U-13** - Rayna Kishanchandani (MAH) beat Birva Godhasara (GUJ) 11-2 11-2 11-4  
**Girls U-15** - Urvasi Joshi (MAH) beat Lakshya Ragvendra (TN) 11-8 3-11 7-9 11-7  
**Girls U-17** - Saumya Karki (MAH) beat Anaka Alankamony (TN) 6-11 4-11 11-6 11-5  
**Girls U-19** - Dipika Pallikal (TN) beat V. Anwesha Reddy (TN) 11-5 11-5 11-6

## Interstate Squash Championship

(Indore : 29/10/2009)

## B19 - Positions 1 to 4 - FINAL

## TAMIL NADU 'A' beat RAJASTHAN 'A' 2-0

- {2} Ramit Tandon (Tamil Nadu 'A') beat {1} Ashray Ohri (Rajasthan 'A') 11-7 11-8 5-11 11-2  
 {4} Vrishab Kotian (Tamil Nadu 'A') beat {3} Utaksh Kumar (Rajasthan 'A') 11-13 11-5 11-6 13-11

## DELHI 'A' beat MAHARASHTRA 'A' 2-0

## B19 - Positions 1 to 4 - 3rd/4th Place Playoff

- {2} Shkir Hussain (Delhi 'A') beat {2} Pranay Merchant (Maharashtra 'A') 11-7 11-8 5-11 13-11  
 {4} Ashaya Jain (Delhi 'A') beat {4} Rohan Vora (Maharashtra 'A') 11-8 12-10 11-10 12-11-6

## B15 - Positions 1 to 4 - FINAL

## TAMIL NADU 'A' beat MAHARASHTRA 'A' 2-0

- {1} Kush Kumar (Tamil Nadu 'A') beat {1} Anuj Bahl (Maharashtra 'A') 11-7 11-8 11-9  
 {3} Rishi Tandon (Tamil Nadu 'A') beat {3} Raghav Mehrotra (Maharashtra 'A') 11-8 11-5 11-7

## B15 - Positions 1 to 4 - 3rd/4th Place Playoff

- RAJASTHAN 'A' beat MAHARASHTRA 'B' 2-1  
 {1} Vijay Kumar (Rajasthan 'A') beat {1} Arjun Kochhar (Maharashtra 'B') 11-13 11-7 9-11 11-2  
 {3} Siddharth Singh (Rajasthan 'A') lost to {3} Madhav Dhingra (Maharashtra 'B') 4-11 12-10 6-11 5-11  
 {2} Harshit Muchhal (Rajasthan 'A') beat {2} Ishan Advani (Maharashtra 'B') 11-8 8-11 7-11 12-10 13-11

## Girls 19 - MAHARASHTRA beat DELHI 'A' 3-0

- {1} Saumya Karki (Maharashtra) beat {1} Sachika Ingale (Delhi 'A') 11-9 11-9 11-5  
 {4} Urvasi Joshi (Maharashtra) beat {3} Janet Vidhi (Delhi 'A') 11-1 11-4 11-2  
 {2} Ankita Sharma (Maharashtra) beat {2} Pankhuri Malhotra (Delhi 'A') 11-4 11-2 11-8

## Final positions in Girls 19

1. Maharashtra 2. Tamil Nadu 'A' 3. Delhi 'A' 4. Tamil Nadu 'B' 5. Delhi 'B' 6. Gujarat

## 57th National Squash Championship

Saurav asserts his class, Joshna wins ninth crown

(Indore : 20/12/2009)

Saurav Ghosal affixed his stamp of authority as he toyed with Harinder Pal Singh on way to a 11-2, 11-5, 11-3 victory in the men's final of the Kingfisher 57th National squash championship.

Though the two train together in Leeds and know each other's game inside out, there was a distinct difference in class. While the 20-year-old Harinder Pal tried to use power to stay in the match, Saurav teased him with his deft play and mixed up the pace nicely to baffle his opponent.

More than winning his fifth National title, and the fourth on the trot, the 23-year-old Saurav was happy that he was able to entertain the packed

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gathering, in earning his most convincing title till date.

"It has been a good season. I should have won a few more matches at the international level, and figured in the early 20s rather than the late 20s in the rankings, but overall am happy with my game", said Saurav, even as he quickly conceded that he deserved a 10-day break from the circuit, to recoup for the more challenging season ahead.

The women's final provided a little more drama, as the top-seeded Joshna won her ninth National title with a 11-7, 9-11, 11-7, 11-5 victory over Anaka Alankamony.

To her credit, Anaka pulled hard from 6-6 in that second game, as she sent Joshna sprawling on the floor and smacked a couple of winners to be up 9-6. Joshna did fight back with smart shots, but Anaka pulled it off for a well deserved game.

Joshna played a more solid game thereafter even though Anaka latched on to her, at least in the third game.

"Definitely it did not go the way I had planned. She played well, in that second set. Once I started focusing on my game, I was not worried about what she was doing", said Joshna, who won her seventh National title on the trot.

"It is just another National title", said Joshna, who knows that Bhuvaneswari Kumari holds the record with 16 titles.

## RESULTS

**Men:** Saurav Ghosal bt Harinder Pal Singh 11-2, 11-5, 11-3;  
**Women:** Joshna Chinappa bt Anaka Alankamony 11-7, 9-11, 11-7, 11-5;  
**Third place:** Aparajitha Balamurukan bt Saumya Karki 16-14, 9-11, 13-11, 11-9.  
**Over 35:** Udal Singh (DEL) beat Dalip Tripathi (WB) 11-9 11-3 12-10  
**Over 40:** Rohit Thawani (PNE) beat Mohanish Sawant (PNE) 11-8 7-11 11-7 11-5  
**Over 45:** O'Neil Pramanik (WB) beat Yudhishtira Kapur (DEL) 11-6 11-3 11-3  
**Over 50:** Vaman Apte (MAH) beat Viney Singh (KAR) 11-5 11-6 11-9  
**Over 55:** B.I. Singh (DEL) beat Rajiv Reddy (TN) 11-9 11-9 11-6  
**PRO:** Bhaskar Balamurugan (TN) beat Ayappan Parthiban (TN) 11-8 11-7 11-12 12-14 11-7

## Indian Players in International Events

### Siddharth loses to Delasaux In BC Open (29/11/09)

**Final:** [Q] Laurence Delasaux (ENG) bt [3] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 12-10, 11-3, 11-1  
**Semi-finals:** [3] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt [5] Eddie Charlton (ENG) 11-9, 16-14, 11-5  
**Quarter-finals:** [3] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt [7] Lewis Walters (ENG) 11-2, 12-10, 11-6  
**1st round:** [3] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt [Q] Justin Todd (CAN) 11-8, 11-4, 11-5

### PSA Indian Squash Challenger No5, Chennai, India (25/11/2009)

**Final:** [3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [2] James Snell (ENG) 11-6, 13-11, 11-7  
**Semi-finals:** [3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [1] Andrew Wagih Shouky (EGY) 11-5, 11-8, 12-10  
**Quarter-finals:** [3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) 13-11, 7-11, 14-16, 11-9, 11-4  
**[5] Ahmed Hawas (EGY) bt Ravi Dixit (IND) 1-11, 11-5, 11-7, 9-11, 11-9**  
**[2] James Snell (ENG) bt [6] Naresh Kumar (IND) 13-11, 11-4, 11-8**  
**Men's 1st round:** [7] Choong Kam Hing (MAS) bt [Q] Vikas Jangra (IND) 11-4, 11-6, 12-10  
**[3] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt [Q] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 7-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 11-8**  
**Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) bt [8] Basem Makram (EGY) 11-8, 11-5, 11-5**  
**[5] Ahmed Hawas (EGY) bt [Q] Sandeep Jangra (IND) 8-11, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-8**  
**Ravi Dixit (IND) bt [4] Aqeel Rehman (AUT) 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9**

[6] Naresh Kumar (IND) bt Jo Wen Ng (MAS) 9-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-2, 11-3

[2] James Snell (ENG) bt Ramit Tandon (IND) 14-12, 11-6, 11-6

### Women's WISPA Indian Challenger No3, Chennai, India

**Quarter-finals:** [1] Siti Munirah Jusoh (MAS) bt [8] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-7, 11-7, 11-6  
**[4] Zoe Petrovsky (AUS) bt [6] Anaka Alankamony (IND) 11-8, 11-6, 2-11, 11-8 (29m)**  
**[2] Fiona Moverley (ENG) bt [7] Anwesha Reddy (IND) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5**  
**1st round:** [8] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) bt Maggy Marshall (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 1-11, 12-10

### Saurav Ghosal loses in 2nd round of Kuwait Men's World Open Squash (3/11/2009)

**2nd round:** [1] Karim Darwish (EGY) bt [29] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-4, 11-5, 9-11, 11-1  
**1st round:** Saurav Ghosal beat Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) 0-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-5

### Saurav and Deepika loses in the 1st round of Cathay Pacific Gale Well Hong Kong Open (14/10/2009)

**Men's 1st round:** [4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [Q] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-6, 11-4, 11-9  
**Women's 1st round:** [16] Raneem El Welley (EGY) bt [Q] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7  
**Men's qualifying finals:** Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Nicolas Mueller (SUI) 11-7, 11-9, 11-9  
**Women's qualifying finals:** Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Joelle King (NZL) 14-12, 11-5, 11-5

### PSA Indian Challenger No: 4 and WISPA Indian Challenger No:2 Chennai (10/10/2009)

**Finals: WISPA:** [3] Orla Noom (NED) bt [2] Joshna Chinappa (IND) 11-8, 11-4, 12-10  
**Semifinals:** Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 11-8, 11-7, 11-8  
**Quarterfinals:** Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Jenna Gates (Eng) 11-2, 11-8, 8-11-4  
**Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Laura Pomportes (Fra) 11-5, 11-5, 11-6**  
**First round: PSA:** Mazen Gamal (Egy) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (Ind) 11-9, 6-11, 11-7, 11-9;  
**Mathieu Castagnet (Fra) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (Ind) 7-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7, 12-10;**  
**Shamsul Islam Khan (Pak) bt Naresh Kumar (Ind) 11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7;**  
**Second round (qualifying): PSA:** Naresh Kumar (Ind) bt Vikas Jangra (Ind) 6-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-9;  
**Gaurav Nandrajog (Ind) bt Ravi Dixit (Ind) 11-8, 12-10, 11-6;**  
**WISPA 1st round:** Anwesha Reddy (Ind) bt Lucie Fialova (Cze) 11-9, 5-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-5;  
**Orla Noom (Ned) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) 11-1, 11-6, 11-2;**  
**Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Jenna Gates (Eng) 11-7, 11-5, 11-4;**  
**Elise Ng (HKG) bt Anaka Alankamony (Ind) 7-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8, 11-8;**  
**Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Coline Aumard (Fra) 11-8, 11-5, 11-3.**  
**WISPA 2nd round qualifying:** Anaka Alankamony (Ind) bt Shria Khatri (Ind) 11-4, 11-2, 11-3;  
**Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) bt Zephania Curguen (Ind) 11-8, 5-11, 11-7, 4-11, 11-7**

### Saurav and Deepika lose in the 1st round of Qatar Squash Classic, Qatar (23/11/2009)

**Men's 1st round:** [6] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [Q] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 12-10, 12-10, 11-4  
**Men's qualifying finals:** Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Mansoor Zaman (PAK) 11-4, 11-6, 11-6  
**Men's qualifying 1st round:** Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Danish Atlas

Khan (PAK) 11-5, 11-4, 11-3

**Women's 1st round:** [7] Laura Massaro (ENG) bt [Q] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-9, 11-5, 12-10

**Women's qualifying finals:** Alana Miller (CAN) bt Joshna Chinappa (IND) 5-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9

Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Sharon Wee (MAS) 11-5, 9-11, 11-1, 11-2

## Siddharth loses in the quarterfinals of Rhode Island Squash Open, USA (22/11/2009)

**Quarter-final:** [4] Liam Kenny (IRL) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-6, 5-11, 11-6, 11-1

**1st round:** Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt [6] Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) 12-10, 11-7, 7-11, 8-11, 11-6

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## INTERNATIONAL RESULTS ALL FINALS

**13/12/2009 : SPANISH OPEN 2009**

Kashif Shuja bt 11-7, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8

**11/12/2009 : MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2009, MONACO**

Laura Massaro bt Madeline Perry 11-5, 11-9, 11-13, 2-11, 11-6

**07/12/2009 : EDMONTON OPEN 2009, CANADA**

Mohammed Abbas bt Omar Abdel Aziz 11-8, 8-11, 11-3, 11-2

**05/12/2009 : TURIN OPEN 2009,**

ITALY/Steve Finitis bt Jose Facchini 11-7, 11-5, 11-0

**01/12/2009 : BC SQUASH OPEN, CANADA**

Laurence Delasaux (ENG) bt [3] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 12-10, 11-3, 11-1

**24/11/2009 : SASKATOON BOAST 2009, CANADA**

Laurence Delasaux bt Aaron Frankcomb 11-7, 11-3, 11-5

**17/11/2009 : BALTIMORE CUP 2009, USA**

Amr Swelim bt Scott Arnold 11-7, 11-6, 11-7

**11/12/2009 : MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2009**

LAURA MASSARO (ENG) (1) bt MADELINE PERRY (IRL) (2) 11-5 11-9 11-13 2-11 11-6

**30/12/2009: DUTCH OPEN, VICTORIA CLUB, KRALINGEN**

[4] Daryl Selby (ENG) def [2] Cam Pilley (AUS) 11-9 4-11 11-7 12-10

**4/10/2009: MEN'S WORLD TEAM SQUASH, DENMARK**

[1] EGYPT bt [3] FRANCE 2/1

Karim Darwish lost to Gregory Gaultier 11-8, 5-11, 8-11, 2-11

Ramy Ashour bt Renan Lavigne 11-3, 11-4, 11-5

Amr Shabana bt Thierry Lincou 11-6, 7-11, 12-10, 12-10

**Play-Offs :17th place:**

[16] HONG KONG bt [9] INDIA 2/1

Leo Au bt Gaurav Nandrajog 9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-2

Dick Lau bt Ritwik Bhattacharya 5-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-5, 11-6

Max Lee lost to Harinder Pal Sandhu 6-11, 11-9, 8-11

[9] INDIA bt [17/24] DENMARK 2/1

Ritwik Bhattacharya bt Rasmus Nielsen 4-11, 10-12, 11-9, 11-9, 11-8

Harinder Pal Sandhu lost to Kristian Frost Olesen 10-12, 9-11, 2-11

Gaurav Nandrajog bt Kim Povlsen 12-10, 11-3, 11-6

[9] INDIA bt [17/24] AUSTRIA 2/1

Harinder Pal Sandhu bt Jakob Dirnberger 11-5, 13-11, 11-9

Ritwik Bhattacharya lost to Aqeel Rehman 8-11, 9-11, 9-11

Gaurav Nandrajog bt Stefan Brauneis 11-7, 11-3, 11-5

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RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Ramy Ashour	EGY
2	Nick Matthew	ENG
29	Saurav Ghosal	IND
101	Siddharth Suchde	IND
102	Harinder Pal Sandhu	IND
113	Ritwik Bhattacharya	IND
161	Nareesh Kumar	IND
189	Gaurav Nandrajog	IND
231	Ravi Dixit	IND
355	Ramit Tandon	IND
361	Abhishek Pradhan	IND
387	Karan Malik	IND
419	Aditya Jagtap	IND
419	Maresh Mangaonkar	IND
419	Waqar Khan Pathan	IND

## WOMENS RANKING JANUARY 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Natalie Grinham	NED
34	Joshna Chinappa	IND
46	Dipika Pallikal	IND
87	Anaka Atankamony	IND
107	Aparajitha Balamurukan	IND
114	Anwesha Reddy	IND
149	Surbi Misra	IND
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