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JVPG-GVK 2nd Braveheart Ashok Kamte Squash Classic 2010

At Juhu Vileparle Gymkhana Club, Mumbai (27/03/2010)

Vikas Jangra, Ankita Sharma lift titles



Back row : All winners along with Sanjay Goyal (Sec. Gen, ISP), Ashish Gupta (President, ISP) front row : Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Dir, ISP) Anil Mahesh (Hon. Jt. Sec., Juhu Gymkhana), Chief Guest Ms. Archana Yagi (DIG, CISF), Ms. Revati Dere (Sister in law of late Ashok Kamte), Shiv Malhotra (Secretary General, SRAM) and Harsh Toteja (Chairman Squash Committee, Juhu Gymkhana)



Harish Kumar (Film Actor) along with Riaz Mohammed (Chief Coach, ISP), Vikas Jangra, Sahil Vora, Mahesh Mangoankar, Vikram Malhotra (Doubles open finalist & runners up) and Sanjay Goyal

It was entertaining squash at its explosive best and the end of two gruelling finals, one going to four games on one the whole distance, Vikas Jangra and Ankita Sharma emerged the men's and women's champions respectively in the JVPG-GVK 2nd Brave Heart Ashok Kamte Squash Classic, 2010, played at the squash courts of the Juhu Vileparle Gymkhana.

Vikas Jangra the former Services Champion, lost the first set tie break 14-16 against British Junior Open winner Mahesh Mangoankar, before showing tremendous reserves of stamina, combined with a fine combination of shots to win the next three games 11-7, 11-7, 11-5 to bag the winner's purse of Rs 8,000.

The women's open final was the best encounter of the day, pitting youth v/s experience. The 16-year-old Ankita Sharma, recovering from a mild bout of food poisoning, lost the first set 8-11 against the more experienced former junior national squash champion Deepali Anvekar-Parikh, but bounced back to win the second game tie-breaker 14-12 and the third 11-9. However, not one to give up easily, Deepali who had back problem, stayed in the match by winning the fourth game 11-8 before Ankita played some excellent shots to win the decider 11-8, the final scores reading 8-11, 14-12, 11-9, 8-11, 11-8. Ankita took home a purse of Rs 7,000/-.

The Doubles Open affair was a very lengthy one. Vikram Malhotra was paired with his Trinity College counterpart Saahil Vora. The three games went over 2 hours 10 minutes before Vikram and Sahil won by 2-1 beating Mahesh Mangoankar and Vikas Jhangra.

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PROSQUASH speaks to two young upcoming squash players

Veer M. Chotrani, 8, is a junior squash player and son of former National Champion, Manish Chotrani. He has reached the finals of every tournament that he had ever played since October 2008 and have won 11 tournaments so far. Veer studies in Jomonabai Narsee School and is in the 3rd grade.



Veer Chotrani

PROSQUASH : How did you take up squash, and what are your best results so far?

Veer : I started playing squash at the age of four and a half when I would just knock the ball for 10-15 minutes at home or with Mr. Vijay Waghela at Khar Gymkhana or with my father at Otter's club. At 5 ½ years I joined the W.S.A. camp at Otter's club run by Mr. Amar Haksar. At 6½ years I played my 1st tournament.

Recently I have won 7 tournaments in a row in my category, my best results being winner U-9 & 3rd position U-11 (Where I beat the 3rd seed) at the all India J.S.W. squash championship held in Feb. 2010.

PROSQUASH : Do you train hard?

Veer : I train very hard for 2 hrs daily at Khar Gymkhana with Mr. A.I. Singh. My training includes squash, fitness and Yoga. A.I. sir is very supportive and encouraging and rewards me with his famous ice-tea when I perform well. On Sundays I play with my father who is my idol.

PROSQUASH : How about studies?

Veer : I have been able to manage my studies very well so far. My school is very supportive and my teacher helps me to catch up with the missing work during tournaments so that I don't lag behind the class. I also have very supportive friends who help me to complete my missing work.

PROSQUASH : Do you have other interests too?

Veer : I like to cycle and play chess in my free time

PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?

Veer : I love squash and my aim is to become the world junior champion.

Aryaman Adik, 10, is a player with a never say die attitude. A swimmer who has taken up squash, he has got some excellent results within the last year, and his rate of progress has caught the attention of many in the squash circle. He trains at Otters Club and is a student of Bombay Scottish, Mahim.



Aryaman Adik

PROSQUASH : How did you take up squash, and what are your best results so far?

Aryaman : I started when I was 8. I used to swim earlier, but did not enjoy it much. I saw others playing squash, and took it up. Mr. Santosh More taught me about 'length' and basics. I attended a camp under Mandy Kennedy and learnt about movement, placing etc. Some of my results in Boys Under-11 category are-

MSA-NIKE 5TH Inter School Squash, Feb 2010-Winner
Sub Junior Nationals, Oct 2009- 4th place
Maharashtra Open Oct 09- Semi Finalist
CCI Western India Open 2009- Semi Finalist
Pune Open- Winner
Otters Open 08- Runners Up

PROSQUASH : Do you train hard?

Aryaman : Of course! I play for at least 1 hour 3 days a week. Ahmed trains me for fitness for an hour thrice a week. I train with Vaman Apte Sir on the weekends and also Avinash Bhavnani Sir is working hard to improve my game.

PROSQUASH : How about studies?

Aryaman : I manage to score about 80%!

PROSQUASH : Do you have other interests too?

Aryaman : Yes- Cricket and Football.

PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?

Aryaman : I'll be World No-1!

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Aditya Jagtap wins Welsh Junior Open Titles: (18/03/2010)



Aditya Jagtap receiving the winners trophy at Welsh Junior Open

Top-seeded Indian Aditya Jagtap returned to Cardiff to defend the men's title he won for the first time last year – and duly reached the final as expected in the Welsh Junior Open Squash Championships, one of the leading events on the European Squash Federation Junior Circuit, in Cardiff, England.

The 17-year-old, a pupil at Millfield School in England, faced 16-year-old Egyptian Marwan El Shorbagy, a 3/4 seed who upset England's second seed Tom Dwyer in the semi-finals.

Jagtap, the Indian Junior National champion, was in sparkling form in the final, despatching El Shorbagy 11-6, 11-6, 11-5 to retain the title in style.

RESULTS FINAL: [1] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [3/4] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-6, 11-6, 11-5

SEMI-FINALS: [1] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [5/8] Theodore Anderson (IRL) 5-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7
[3/4] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [2] Tom Dwyer (ENG) 11-3, 11-5, 14-12

MEN'S U-19 QUARTER-FINALS: [1] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [9/16] Nyall Driscoll (WAL) 10-12, 11-7, 11-6, 11-3

Aditya loses in French Junior Open: Austria (3/3/2010)

Aditya overcame fifth seed Nicholas Hopcraft of England in the quarter finals of the French Junior Open Squash Championships, one of the leading events on the European Squash Federation Junior Circuit staged in Lille, Austria.

But in the semifinals he faced a stiff contest from top seed of Germany Rudi Rohrmüller. The German came from behind to beat the Indian 13-11, 11-5, 11-9 in the 30 minute encounter.

RESULTS FINAL: [3] Lucas Serme (FRA) bt [1] Rudi Rohrmüller (GER) 8-11, 13-11, 12-10, 11-5

3RD POSITION: [4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [2] Robert Downer (ENG) 6-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-8

SEMI-FINALS: [1] Rudi Rohrmüller (GER) bt [4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) 13-11, 11-5, 11-9

[3] Lucas Serme (FRA) bt [2] Robert Downer (ENG) 11-6, 11-5, 7-11, 11-4

MEN'S U-19 QUARTER-FINALS: [4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [5] Nicholas Hopcraft (ENG) 11-7, 11-9, 11-4

All India Inter University squash

Dayanand Stadium, Haridwar (26/02/2010)



L to R : Waqar Pathan, Arun Sharma, Laxman Joshi, Kuwarpal Singh, Nitin Chauhan (Winners of Team Event) at All India Inter University Squash Championship

INDIAN PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Saurav loses in the first round of Canary Wharf Classic, London UK (27/03/2010)

Round 1 : Saurav Ghosal (Ind) lost to [3] James Willstrop (Eng) 7-11, 8-11, 9-11

Aditya lost to Rudi Rohrmüller in the semifinals of French Junior Open Squash Championships, Austria (03/03/2010)

Semi-finals: [1] Rudi Rohrmüller (GER) bt [4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) 13-11, 11-5, 11-9

Quarter-finals: [4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [5] Nicholas Hopcraft (ENG) 11-7, 11-9, 11-4

Joshna loses in the 1st round of Creteil International 2010, France (28/02/2010)

Round 1 : [5] Joshna Chinappa (Ind) lost to [Q] Heba El Torky (Egy) 6/11, 7/11, 7/11

Deepika loses in the semifinals of Swedish Open 2010, Sweden (08/02/2010)

Mens Round one : Saurav Ghosal (Ind) lost to [1] Nick Matthew (Eng) 7/11, 4/11, 11/5, 5/11

Womens Semifinals : Dipika Pallikal lost to Annelize Naudé 9-11, 8-11, 1-14

Quarterfinals : Dipika Pallikal bt Maud Duplomb 11/4 11/4 11/9

Round 1 : [3] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Lovisa Forstadius (Swe) 11-7, 11-1, 11-10

Joshna loses in the semifinals of Chairman's Cup 2010, Hong Kong (30/01/2010)

Semi-finals: [1] Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) bt [4] Joshna Chinappa (IND) 11-9, 11-8, 11-8

Quarter-finals: [4] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt [Q] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 12-10, 11-5, 11-9

1st round: [4] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Melody Francis (AUS) 5-11, 11-8, 11-7, 8-11, 11-1

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS ALL FINALS

07-03-2010 : National Bank Financial International, Montreal, Canada

Laurens Jan Anjema bt Daryl Selby 11-9, 11-8, 11-1

02-02-2010 : Motor City Open, Michigan, USA

Karim Darwish bt Azlan Iskandar 11-3, 11-7, 11-4

05-02-2010 : Burning River Classic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Alison Waters bt Omneya Abdel Kawy 11-7, 11-9, 7-11, 3-11, 11-6

08-02-2010 : Swedish Open, Linköping, Sweden

Nick Matthew bt James Willstrop 11-9, 11-6, 6-2 Ret

08-02-2010 : Bluenose Classic, Nova Scotia Finalita, Canada

Daryl Selby bt Thierry Lincou 11-2, 10-12, 11-8, 12-10

14-02-2010 : Pepsi Whiteoaks Open, Ontario, Canada

Jan Koukal bt Robin Clarke 1-6, 10-12, 13-15, 11-8, 11-5

15-02-2010 : British Nationals

Mens : Nick Matthew bt James Willstrop 11-5, 11-6, 11-6

Womens : Alison Waters bt Jenny Duncalf 10-12, 11-7, 4-11, 11-7, 12-10

16-02-2010 : Savcor Finnish Open, Mikkeli

Olli Tuominen (Fin) bt Henrik Mustonen (Fin) 11-4, 11-3, 11-5

28-02-2010 : Creteil Open, France

Nour El Tayeb bt Camille Serme 11-8, 11-9, 8-11, 8-11, 11-8

28-02-2010 : North American Open, Richmond, USA

Nick Matthew bt Rami Ashour 11-9 16-14 5-4 Ret.

12-01-2010 : Pyramid Open, Tuckahoe, Ny, USA

Ali Anwar Reda bt Ryan Cusickly 9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-8

16-01-2010 : Open Du Gard, Nimes, France

Amr Khaled Khalifa (Egy) bt Fabien Versaille (Fra) 9-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-6

18-01-2010 : Liberty Bell Open, Berwyn, Philadelphia, USA

Amanda Sobhy bt Olivia Blatchford 11-9, 11-4, 11-8

29-01-2010 : JP Morgan Tournament of Champions, New York, USA

James Willstrop (ENG) bt Rami Ashour (EGY) 12-10, 11-5, 9-11, 11-3

30-01-2010 : Pakistan Circuit #1 Lahore, Pakistan

Mansoor Zaman (Pak) bt Waqar Mehboob (Pak) 8-11, 11-5, 10-12, 11-4, 11-4

30-01-2010 : Rocafort Open, Barcelona, Spain

Oriol Salvia (Esp) bt Lewis Walters (Eng) 11-4, 11-9, 11-5

30-01-2010 : Talisman Bankers Hall Open, Calgary, Canada

Arturo Salazar (Mex) bt Jan Koukal (Cze) 11-4, 7-11, 11-7, 12-10

SHABANA SQUASH CAMP IN CAIRO

Prodigy sports is conducting Shabana Squash Camp in Cairo from 19th of June till 1st of July 2010. One can enjoy 2 weeks of squash with the 4 times world champion and 3 years world # 1 AMR SHABANA in addition to discovering ancient Egypt through organized tours to the museums, the Pyramids, the Nile river, and much more. All information regarding the 2010 Shabana Squash Camp is now available on website : www.prodigyeg.com

MENS RANKING APRIL 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Rami Ashour	EGY
2	Nick Matthew	ENG
3	Amr Shabana	EGY
4	Karim Darwish	EGY
5	James Willstrop	ENG
29	Saurav Ghosal	IND
90	Siddharth Suchde	IND
98	Harinder Pal Sandhu	IND
114	Ritwik Bhattacharya	IND
181	Gaurav Nandrajog	IND
195	Nareesh Kumar	IND
220	Ravi Dixit	IND
229	Ramit Tandon	IND
304	Abhishek Pradhan	IND
341	Karan Malik	IND
394	Sandeep Jangra	IND
394	Waqar Khan Pathan	IND

WOMENS RANKING APRIL 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Jenny Duncalf	ENG
3	Natalie Grinham	NED
4	Alison Waters	ENG
5	Rachael Grinham	AUS
30	Joshna Chinappa	IND
43	Dipika Pallikal	IND
65	Anaka Alankamony	IND
90	Aparajitha Balamurugan	IND
92	Anwesha Reddy	IND
113	Surbhi Misra	IND
197	Ankita Sharma	IND
239	Harshit Kaur Jawanda	IND

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Harsh Toteja giving away the trophy to Deepali Anvekar-Parikh (Runners up, Women's Open)



SRAM felicitated Shriya Khatri for winning Nationals (Girls U-19) at the hands of Raj Manchanda (legendary squash player) and Shiv Malhotra



Anil Mahesh giving away the trophy to Sachin Jadhav (Semifinalist, Men's Open)

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The Club Squash Classic 2010

(Men's Top-8 / Double's Handicap / Junior Events at The Club,
Andheri West, Mumbai (24/02/2010))

Chotrani makes Mangaonkar sweat for title



All the winners with their trophies along with officials of The Club Benard D'Souza (Manager, Food and Beverages) and Rajesh Sawant (Manager, Health Club Manager)

Former men's national champion Manish Chotrani proved he still has it in him to battle it out with the best when he ran Mahesh Mangaonkar close before going down in four games in the final of the Men's Top-8 of the Rs 52,000 prize money The Club Squash Classic 2010, organized by ISP at the squash courts of the The Club, Andheri West, Mumbai.

Chotrani, who is extremely fit for his age of 40 plus, had a few lessons to teach the British Open Junior champion as he won the first game 11-9, and fought tooth and nail in the second before losing it 13-15.

The strain of playing the semi-finals just an hour earlier and two tight games seemed to be telling on Chotrani as he lost the third 7-11, but he found his second win in the fourth and used his wide repertoire of strokes as he matched the talented Mangaonkar stroke for stroke before losing the tantalizingly close match 10-12.

The boys under-15 final encounter was also a thriller between Madhav Dhingra of Otters Club and Akhilesh Yadav of Jindal Squash Academy and went the distance before Dhingra won 11-6, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-4.

The girls under-15 final was a cakewalk for Jindal Academy's Urvasi Joshi, who is also the current national champion, and she romped to a 11-8, 11-4, 11-2 victory.

RESULTS FINALS:

Men's Top 8: Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Manish Chotrani 9-11, 15-13, 11-7, 12-10

Men's Handicap Double's: Avinash Bhavnani/Sameer Mistry bt Sanjay Pawar/Virendra Pawar 11-15, 15-10, 15-5

Boys Under 15: Madhav Dhingra bt Akhilesh Yadav 11-6, 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-4

Boys Under-13: Aditya Khatri bt Sandeep Paswan 9-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-6

Boys/Girls Under-9: Veer Chotrani bt Advait Adik 11-6, 11-1, 9-11, 11-8

Girls Under 15: Urvasi Joshi bt Aishwarya Kulkarni 11-8, 11-4, 11-2.

SEMIFINALS:

Boys / Girls U-9:

Veer Chotrani bt Ansh Vora 11-2, 11-3, 11-2

Advait Adik bt Yash Fadte 7-11, 11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 11-4

Boys U-13:

Aditya Khatri bt Aryaman Adik 11-4, 11-7, 11-7

Yohan Surti bt Sandeep Paswan 13-11, 11-8, 11-2

Girls U-15:

Urvasi Joshi bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya 11-5, 11-7, 11-6

Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Varsha Pandey 11-3, 10-12, 11-5, 11-9

Boys U-15:

Akhilesh Yadav bt Devchand Rai 7-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-6, 11-9

Madhav Dhingra bt Sumar Rao 11-2, 10-12, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6

Doubles Handicap:

Sanjay Pawar / Virendra Pawar bt Sonu Merani / Shashi Gupta 15-11, 15-11

Sameer Mistry / Avinash Bhavnani bt Mahesh Mangaonkar / Abhinav Sinha 15-9, 15-10

QUARTERFINALS:

Boys U-13:

Aditya Khatri bt Srivastav Ritwik 11-9, 11-13, 11-6

Yohan Surti bt Devjeev Kapoor 11-5, 11-0

Sandeep Paswan bt Yohan Surti 13-11, 11-8, 11-2

Ayaman Adik give W/O to Siddhanth Iyer

Girls U-15:

Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Videta Nevatia 13-11, 13-1

Varsha Pandey bt Rhea Advani 11-7, 11-2

Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Ruchi Mishra 11-2, 11-6

Urvasi Joshi bt Daksha Pathak 11-1 11-0

Boys U-15:

Madhav Dhingra bt Basant Singh 11-5, 11-7

Devchand Rai bt Aishwarya Singh 9-11, 11-8, 11-4

Akhilesh Yadav bt Puneet Parekh 11-7, 11-5

Sumet Rao bt Aditya Khatri 12-10, 12-10

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JSW All India School & Junior College Squash Championship 2010

Junior Events at Jindal Squash Academy, Vashind, Thane (07/02/2010)

Saumya, Mistry excel in JSW All-India Squash

Fifteen-year-old Saumya Karki of Hiranandani School, Thane, bagged the girls under-19 title in the Rs 2 lakh prize money JSW All-India Schools & Junior College Championship, which concluded at the Jindal Squash Academy, Vasind. The boys under-17 title was won by Samir Mistry of Rims International College with hard fought five game win over S M Mutha College's Shashi Pandey. However, the grueling match took its toll on Mistry and he was unable to play the under-19 final against the same opponent, giving him a walkover in the process.

The 16-year-old Mistry showed great resilience and grit to down the bigger built Pandey after the match was tied at 2-2 to win the decider and match. Mistry prevailed 11-5, 13-11, 6-11, 7-11, 11-9. It was unfortunate that he had to concede the under-19 final.

Saumya Karki, who was the top seed in the girls under-19 age group, beat second seed Ankita Sharma from N M College 11-7, 11-13, 11-3, 12-10 for her second back-to-back girls under-19 title. A week ago Saumya won the u-19 title in the All India Little Masters Squash Championship. Saumya pocketed Rs 8000 for her win.

The Chief guest of the evening Col. M. L. Bhandari (General Manager HR, JSW), gave away the prizes of all the winners.



All the winners with their trophies along with the office bearers of Jindal Steel Works and Indian Squash Professionals

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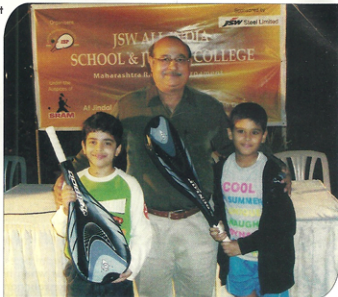
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I feel myself blessed to play here at JSA. Having world class court and the guidance of the coach Sunil Verma has really filled passion in me for this game. Today I am extremely happy, when I play at JSA at the age of 45. Its really Sunil who has done it. Thanks to Sunil and promoters, and the JSA staff for this promoting attitude.

O.P. GUPTA (PRINCIPAL, JINDAL VIDYA MANDIR)

Winner of the essay writing contest conducted at the event.

April 2010



Col. Bhandari (General Manager HR, JSW) along Boys U-9 category Veer Chotrani (Winner) and Tushar Shahani (Runners Up)

RESULTS FINALS:

- Boys Under 19:** Shashi Pandey (S H Mutha College) bt 1-Samir Mistry (Rims International college) (Match Conceded)
Boys Under 17: 1-Samir Mistry (Rims International College) bt 2-Shashi Pandey (S H Mutha College) 11-5, 13-11, 6-11, 7-11, 11-9.
Boys Under 15: 2-Akhilesh Yadav (Bhaskar Hindi English School, Ambivali) bt Kunj Rawani (Don Bosco School, Borivali) 12-10, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9.
Boys Under 13: 1-Kunj Rawani (Don Bosco School, Borivali) bt 3-Sandeep Paswan (Jindal Vidya Mandir) 11-5, 11-4, 11-5.
Boys Under 11: 2-Chaitanya Shah (Cathedral & John Cannon School) bt 1-Siddharth Iyer (Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane) 11-9, 11-5, 11-6.
Boys Under-9: 1-Veer Chotrani (Don Bosco, Borivali) bt 2-Tushar Shahani (Arya Vidya Mandir, Bandra) 6-11, 11-4, 11-7, 10-12, 11-3.
Girls Under 19: 1-Saumya Karki (Hiranandani Foundation School, Thane) bt 2-Ankita Sharma (N M College) 11-7, 11-13, 11-3, 12-10.
Girls Under 15: 1-Urvashi Joshi (Jindal Vidya Mandir) bt 3-Yarsha Pandey (Jindal Vidya Mandir) 11-4, 9-11, 11-4, 11-4.
Girls Under 13: Aishwarya Nambiar (Rustamjee Cambridge School) bt 1-Aishwarya Bhattacharya (Hiranandani Foundation) 11-6, 11-6, 11-8.
Doubles: Laxman Joshi/Arun Sharma bt Kuwarpal Singh/Nitin Chauhan 15-12, 15-8.

Matunga Gymkhana Junior Squash Open 2010

Junior Events at Matunga Gymkhana, Mumbai (23/01/2010)

Veer, Jui, Aditya bag honours



All the winners along with their trophies at the event

Aditya Khatri and Jui Kalgutkar fashioned upset victories to clinch the boys and girls under-13 titles, respectively, in the Matunga Gymkhana Junior Open Squash Tournament.

Chembur Gymkhana's Kalgutkar kicked off a final day of thrilling encounters when she rallied from a 1-2 deficit to upset favourite Aishwarya Nambiar 11-8, 5-11, 6-11, 13-11, 14-12 in a nail-biting championship round.

In a contest that had all the thrills and chills and went down to the wire, Kalgutkar overcame match point to snatch victory from defeat against a formidable opponent who had the match in her grasp but failed to capitalize on Kalgutkar's blemishes.

Nambiar, who was in line for a double crown, was denied again when Aishwarya Kulkarni scored an upset 11-4, 11-5, 11-7 win in the girls' under-19 final.

Aditya Khatri stunned Kunj Rawani 11-9, 8-11, 12-10, 11-13, 14-12 in a boys' under-13 thriller for a surprise victory.

Khatri engaged Rawani in long rallies and seized the opportunities that came his way. Khatri also survived match point in the decider and snatched a cherished victory when Rawani hit the tin.

In another close championship round, favourite Veer Chotrani survived a strong challenge before overcoming Tushar Sahani 10-12, 11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10 for the under-9 title.

Dev Vazirani (boys' under-11), Madhav Dhingra (boys' under-15) and Sashi Pandey (boys' under-19) were the other title winners.

BOYS U19: Sashi Pandey bt Nitin Singh 12-10, 11-6, 11-13, 11-8
 Deevur Moolani bt Deepesh Borhade 11-8, 11-4, 11-4
 Ness Billimoria bt Javed Mohammad 12-14, 12-10, 11-9, 8-11, 12-10
 Samir Mistry bt Deepak Sarwan 11-4, 11-9, 11-4

ALL RESULTS :

FINALS:

MIXED U-9 : Veer Chotrani bt Tushar Sahani 10-12, 11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10
GIRLS U-13: Jui Kalgutkar bt Aishwarya Nambiar 11-8, 5-11, 6-11, 13-11, 14-12
GIRLS U-19 : Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Aishwarya Nambiar 11-4, 11-5, 11-7
BOYS U-11 : Dev Vazirani bt Chaitanya Shah 11-7, 13-11, 11-8
BOYS U13 : Aditya Khatri bt Kunj Rawani 11-9, 8-11, 12-10, 11-13, 14-12
BOYS U-15 : Madhav Dhingra bt Akhilesh Yadav 11-5, 11-3, 11-9
BOYS U-19 : Sashi Pandey bt Samir Mistry 11-7, 11-6, 11-9

SEMI FINALS

MIXED U-9 : Veer Chotrani bt Yash Fadte 5-11, 11-4, 11-9, 11-4
 Tushar Sahani bt Advait Adik 11-6, 6-11, 11-4, 11-2
GIRLS U-13 : Aishwarya Nambiar bt Daksha Pathak 11-0, 11-3, 11-2
 Jui Kalgutkar bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya 11-9, 11-7, 12-14, 11-9
GIRLS U-19 : Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Maanvi Chopra 11-5, 7-11, 11-3, 11-9
 Aishwarya Nambiar bt Namrata Purohit 11-2, 10-12, 11-9, 11-7
BOYS U-11 : Dev Vazirani bt Aryan Parekh 10-12, 11-8, 12-10, 11-7
 Chaitanya Shah bt Siddhant Iyer 13-15, 11-5, 11-3, 11-6
BOYS U-13 : Kunj Rawani bt Aryan Hemdev 11-6, 11-8, 11-8
 Advait Adik bt Zahaan Motiwala 11-4, 11-4, 11-6
 Aditya Khatri bt Yohann Surti 11-4, 11-7, 11-4
BOYS U-15 : Madhav Dhingra bt Sumer Rao 11-0, 11-9, 11-5
 Akhilesh Yadav bt Numair Sani 9-11, 11-4, 11-2, 11-4
BOYS U-19 : Sashi Pandey bt Deevur Moolani 11-7, 6-11, 11-7, 11-4
 Samir Mistry bt Ness Billimoria 6-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-7

QUARTER FINALS

MIXED U-9 : Veer Chotrani bt Ishan Jindal 11-2, 11-1, 11-4
 Yash Fadte bt Aahan Nalavadi 14-12, 11-8, 11-8
 Advait Adik bt Zahaan Motiwala 11-4, 11-4, 11-6
 Tushar Sahani bt Danush Dumasia 11-3, 11-3, 11-1
GIRLS U-13 : Aishwarya Nambiar bt Akanksha Salunke 11-2, 11-3, 11-3
 Daksha Pathak bt Nikita Joshi 11-7, 9-11, 11-7, 12-10
 Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Shrishti Nagar 11-3, 11-7, 11-1
 Jui Kalgutkar bt Anushka Nair 11-9, 5-11, 12-10, 11-3
GIRLS U-19 : Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Anushka Nair 11-3, 11-4, 11-2
 Maanvi Chopra bt Divya Gursahani 11-9, 11-4, 11-6
 Namrata Purohit bt Kareena Fagwani 11-3, 11-2, 11-2
 Aishwarya Nambiar bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya 11-2, 9-11, 6-11, 11-6, 11-9
BOYS U-11 : Dev Vazirani bt Aayush Bhanjali 11-4, 11-4, 11-3
 Aryan Parekh bt Abhinav Thyagrajan 11-0, 11-5, 11-5
 Siddhant Iyer bt Ivan Philip 13-11, 11-6, 15-13
 Chaitanya Shah bt Jash Chheda 11-2, 11-1, 11-3
BOYS U-13 : Kunj Rawani bt Aman Kumbhani 11-3, 11-3, 11-1
 Aryan Hemdev bt Rohan Advani 11-8, 11-2, 11-2
 Yohann Surti bt Armaan Adik 7-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-4
 Aditya Khatri bt Karan Rathore 11-6, 11-11, 11-3, 11-6
BOYS U15 : Madhav Dhingra bt Ankit Acharya 11-4, 11-3, 11-2
 Sumer Rao bt Armaan Shaik 12-10, 11-7, 9-11, 11-5
 Numair Sani bt Mishal Nathani 11-7, 11-5, 11-9
 Akhilesh Yadav bt Anshul Goyal 11-2, 11-5, 7-11, 11-8

MSSA-NIKE 5TH Inter School Tournament

At Police Gymkhana and Bombay Gymkhana (04/02/2010)

Ash wins Inter-School title

All the winners along with coach Joginder Singh and Ajaz Shaikh

Aishwarya Nambiar of Rustumjee Cambridge International School (Dahisar) denied Jui Kalgutkar of St Anthony Girls School (Chembur) a hat-trick as she beat her 11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 11-3 in the final of the girls under-13 MSSA-Nike Inter-School Squash Tournament at the Bombay Gymkhana.

RESULTS FINALS :**Girls U-11 :** Nikita Joshi bt Akanksha Rao 11-5, 11-4, 11-5**3rd and 4th place :** Aditi Prasad bt Aditi Raheja 12-10, 5-11, 11-7**Girls U-13 :** Aishwarya Nambiar bt Jui Kalgutkar 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-3**3rd and 4th place :** Gayatri Raheja bt Anushka Nair 11-13, 11-9, 11-6**Girls U-16 :** Maanvi Chopra bt Khushi Agarwal 11-1, 11-8, 1-11, 11-9**3rd and 4th place :** Shehnaz Modi bt Kareena Sagwani 12-10, 11-3**Boys U-9 :** Veer Chotrani bt Tushar Shahani 11-9, 13-15, 11-7, 16-14**3rd and 4th place :** Advait Adik bt Zahan Motiwala 11-7, 11-2**Boys U-11 :** Aryaman Adik bt Aryan Parekh 11-2, 11-8, 11-8**3rd and 4th place :** Chaitanya Shah got W/O from Dev Vazirani**Boys U-13 :** Kunj Rawani bt Yohan Surti 11-5, 11-2, 15-13**3rd and 4th place :** Viraj Nadkarni bt got W/O, from Rajat Agarwal**Boys U-16 :** Rohan Parajpe bt Mahdov Dhindra 11-9, 11-7, 8-11, 11-6**3rd and 4th place :** Yohan Pandole bt Sumer Rao 11-8, 6-11, 11-8**SEMIFINALS :****Girls U-11 :** Nikita Joshi bt Aditi Raheja 11-4, 11-1, 11-4**Akanksha Rao bt Aditi Prasad 11-2, 11-6, 11-5****Girls U-13 :** Aishwarya Nambiar bt Anushka Nair 11-3, 11-6, 11-5**Jui Kalgutkar bt Gayatri Raheja 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-5****Girls U-16 :** Khushi Agarwal bt Shehnaz Modi 11-4, 11-5, 11-6**Maanvi Chopra bt Kareena Sagwani 11-5, 11-7, 11-3****Boys U-9 :** Veer Chotrani bt Zahan Motiwala 11-5, 11-2, 11-5**Tushar Shahani bt Advait Adik 12-10, 8-11, 11-9, 11-2****Boys U-11 :** Aryan Parekh Got W/O from Dev Vazirani**Aryaman Adik bt Chaitanya Shah 6-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7****Boys U-13 :** Yohan Surti bt Rajat Agarwal 11-7, 13-11, 11-1**Kunj Rawani bt Viraj Nadkarni 11-5, 11-4, 11-9****Boys U-16 :** Madhav Dhingra bt Sumer Rao 11-5, 11-9, 11-8**Rohan Parajpe bt Yohan Pandole 11-5, 11-8, 11-5****The Little Masters Junior Squash 2010**

At Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai (31/01/2010)

Maresh and Saumya clinch squash titles without dropping a single game

There was no such thing as competition for these two under-19 boys and girls. For, right from Round One to the final of the Rs 2,69,000 prize money All-India Little Masters Squash Tournament, organised by Willingdon Sports Club, top seeds Saumya Karki (girls) and Maresh Mangaokar (boys) did not drop a single game.

In fact, Karki and Mangaokar finished their summit clashes in less than half an hour.

While Karki triumphed 11-9, 11-9, 11-5 over Urvashi Joshi, Mangaokar registered an 11-6, 11-6, 11-6 win against Pranay Merchant.

RESULTS FINALS:**Boys U-19:** 1-Maresh Mangaokar bt 2-Pranay Merchant 11-6, 11-6, 11-6**Boys U-17:** 3-Samir Mistry bt 4-Ness Billimoria 13-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9**Boys U-15:** 1-Abimanyu Shah bt Madhav Dhingra (MAH) 11-8, 9-11, 15-13, 7-11, 11-5**Boys U-13:** 1-Kunj Rawani bt 3-Velavan Senthilkumar (TN) 11-5, 11-8, 11-8**Boys U-11:** Siddhanth Iyer bt 2-Chaitanya Shah 11-9, 6-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9**Boys & Girls U-9:** 1-Veer Chotrani bt 2-Tushar Shahani 11-3, 11-9, 11-1**Girls U-19:** 1-Saumya Karki bt Urvashi Joshi 11-9, 11-9, 11-5**Girls U-15:** 1-Urvashi Joshi bt 2-Aishwarya Nambiar 13-15, 11-6, 12-10, 9-11, 11-4**Girls U-13:** Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Aishwarya Nambiar 7-11, 6-11, 11-8, 13-11, 11-5**Girls U-11:** 1-Nikita Joshi bt 2-Daksha Pathak 11-4, 11-7, 11-2**Most Promising Boy:** Madhav Dhingra**Most Promising Girl:** Urvashi Joshi

All the winners with their trophies

PROSQUASH speaks to

Sr. Insp. Nasir Pathan and two top professionals

By Pradeep Vijayakar

A big heart for squash

NASIR PATHAN tells PRADEEP VIJAYAKAR how his passion for squash helped him come back after by-pass heart surgery to resume the sport.



Sr. Insp. of Police Nasir Pathan

Senior Inspector of Police Nasir Pathan of Rawale Police Station, Navi Mumbai learnt of his heart problem while playing squash. He had his heart surgery done by renowned heart specialist Dr Ramakant Panda in June 2008. He was advised to take break from squash but his love for this sport could not stop him. He entered the squash court again after 90 days and is now playing regular and better squash than before. Here is an exclusive interview of this squash aficionado

When did you start playing and who introduced you?

I started playing in 1995 when I was introduced to the sport by my friend Mukesh Desai/Aman Agarwal.

What has squash done to you fitness-wise. Does it help you in your job?

Squash has improved my fitness level and my ability to keep my cool in the toughest of situations, which is a very normal part of the nature of my work. I take out all my anger on that poor rubber ball.

What level do you play, any tournaments?

Though I don't play professionally, I did reach the semifinals of some doubles tournaments.

What message you would send to the fellow cops about sport and squash. Are the Mumbai policefolk a sporting lot?

The only message I would like to give is that our job being so strenuous, squash helps one to build focus on something and also it is a very good stress-buster. The Mumbai police are definitely a sporting lot. They are actively involved in many sports like cricket, volleyball, running, rugby and swimming, among others.

After bypass surgery was it a psychological hurdle to resume playing?

Not at all. In fact I was very keen on stepping on to the court as soon as possible, but the doctors and my family didn't let that happen. Still they couldn't hold me back for more than 90 days.

What were the first steps?

After surgery, there was a lot of physiotherapy involved to get my heart back on track and gain momentum as early as possible.

Do you feel scared to go all out for rallies?

No. Squash saved my life. Because of this very sport I realized the need for a heart check-up, which led to the surgery. Then and now, I am not scared to give my 100% on or off the court!

Jogi who is a hit at ISP

Joginder Singh, in a few years' time has become a vital cog in the wheel of the Indian Squash Professionals. The coach scarified his playing career when pro Riaz asked him to dive into coaching. Today 'Jogi' not only conducts ISP events but coaches at three centres: Hiranandani Forest Club, Andheri Sports Complex (ASC) and the National Sports Club of India (NSCI) at Worli, under Riaz.



Joginder Singh

Jogi, as he is called, began playing when introduced to the sport by Chandrakant Pawar at Andheri. He then came under the influence of Riaz. He did his Level I coaching with Riaz.

He is happy that his efforts has seen at least one youngster come to the top: Jui Kalguthkar who wins the under-11 titles regularly. But he is sure that she is now training with some other coach. "I am sorry that we do the hard work, teach these players the basics which is a hard thing, and when our time comes to get the credit someone else is in charge and takes the plums."

But that won't deter 'Jogi' from continuing in his job to unearth talent under the ISP banner. "I have some 30 people from all ages at the Forest Club. Half a dozen at ASC and Riaz has some 60 at NSCI where I assist him."

Jogi finds the Forest Club facilities the best. "There is the forest behind which is good for training and I take the players for physical work there. They are happy."

Jogi says Riaz is quite selfless. "Where others would have kept a control on you, Riaz is okay with me branching out on my own and making my own niche. Quite selfless of him, which is why he is regarded highly among the professionals."

One day 'Jogi' hopes he will get credit for having produced a champion.

Gopi the smiling pro at Bombay Gym

One of the oldest pros in Mumbai squash is Gopi Mohite who has been working at the Bombay Gymkhana courts since 1981. One who has been responsible for many of the gymkhana kids going into the national and international stage Mohite has been a silent and unassuming worker always with a smile.

Mohite rose from the tennis courts in 1979 to odd jobs at the squash courts in 1981 to the marker's post and finally

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professionals champion of India in 1989!

Says Gopi about his squash, "When I began I would play with both hands because of the tennis influence. Dr Deodhar told me to play with one hand."

In time Mohite began putting the youngsters through their paces. Recalls Bombay Gymkhana veteran Ravi Puri about Gopi, "Ramesh More and one Mani were the two pros at the gym. Whenever the courts were vacant Gopi would try and play. Mani went away and Gopi got his chance. At first I would outplay him. Today I would struggle to get a point off him."

As a pro Gopi says he was happy to see the likes of Misha Grewal, Rashid Jehangir rise to international level from the courts. Also Ben. In their wake of course there have been scores of youngsters who benefited from Gopi's guidance and also that of Ramesh More.

Gopi's play reached a good level witness his reaching the finals of the National professionals event nine times. He won it in 1989 when the 9-time winner Chandrakant Pawar was away in Dubai. He beat CCI pro Anant More in the final. Gopi has won the CCI pro title five times and takes pride in defeating Jahangir Surti in an over-35 open event.

Gopi is 47 today and father of three. None of his children have taken to squash. In contrast to Pawar who has put his entire family into the sport and not without reward. "I stay at Kandivli it's tough for the children to travel so far for squash."



Gopi Mohite

CHENNAI OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP PSA EVENT (08/03/2010)

Final: [1] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) bt [2] Jonathan Kemp (ENG) 14-12, 11-9, 11-9

Semi-finals: [1] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) bt [3] Mohd Ali Anwar Reda (EGY) 9-11, 11-8, 11-7, 7-11, 12-10

[2] Jonathan Kemp (ENG) bt [4] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 13-15, 15-13, 11-9, 11-6

1st round: [3] Mohd Ali Anwar Reda (EGY) bt Ramit Tandon (IND) 11-4, 11-7, 11-4

[8] Alan Clyne (SCO) bt [Q] Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) 11-7, 11-3, 8-11, 11-9

[6] Chris Simpson (ENG) bt [Q] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 14-12, 3-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-7

[4] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [Q] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 11-7, 11-6, 11-7

Qualifying finals: Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Vikas Jangra (IND) 11-7, 11-1, 11-5

Ritwik Bhattacharya (IND) bt Stuart Crawford (SCO) 11-8, 8-11, 11-2, 13-11

Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Elvinn Keo (MAS) 11-7, 11-6, 13-11

Kristian Frost Olesen (DEN) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-8

WISPA EVENT (08/03/2010)

Women's final: [1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [2] Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 11-6, 11-4, 11-6

Semi-finals: [1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [7] Kasey Brown (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-4

[2] Jenny Duncalf (ENG) bt [6] Camille Serme (FRA) 11-6, 11-9, 11-8

1st round: [1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [Q] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-6, 11-9, 11-5

[7] Kasey Brown (AUS) bt Joshna Chinappa (IND) 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-5

Qualifying finals: Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Aisling Blake (IRL) 11-8, 11-6, 11-5

Donna Urquhart (AUS) bt Anaka Alankamony (IND) 11-3, 12-10, 12-10

INDIAN CHALLENGER NO.4

WISPA EVENT (23/01/2010)

Final: [2] Joey Chan (HKG) bt [3] Lauren Siddall (ENG) 11-2, 11-6, 11-6

Semi-finals: [3] Lauren Siddall (ENG) bt [1] Joshna Chinappa (IND) 10-12, 11-9, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5 (55m)

Quarter-finals: [1] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt [6] Lauren Selby (ENG) 11-7, 11-6, 8-11, 11-1

1st round: [1] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Surbhi Misra (IND) 11-4, 11-2, 11-7

[6] Lauren Selby (ENG) bt Anaka Alankamony (IND) 13-11, 11-7, 12-10

[3] Lauren Siddall (ENG) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-5, 11-7, 11-2

[Q] Siyoli Waters (RSA) bt [4] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 10-12, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-8

[8] Coline Aumard (FRA) bt Anwesha Reddy (IND) 11-9, 11-7, 11-0

Qualifying finals: Siyoli Waters (RSA) bt Anika Sharma (IND) 11-3, 9-11, 11-1, 11-3

Faustine Gilles (FRA) bt Surbhi Misra (IND) 5-11, 13-11, 11-5, 11-3

1st qualifying round: Anika Sharma (IND) bt Aisha Al-Hamad (KUW) 11-4, 11-1, 11-2

INDIAN CHALLENGER NO.6

PSA EVENT (13/01/2010)

Final: Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [4] Abdullah Almezayen (KUW) 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 7-11, 13-11

Semi-finals: Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt Stephen Copping (RSA) 11-4, 11-6, 11-9;

Abdullah al-Mezayen (KuW) bt Robbie Temple (Eng) 7-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-6.

Quarter-finals: [2] Robbie Temple (ENG) bt [5] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-5, 11-8, 9-11, 11-7 (54m)

1st round: [1] Stephen Copping (RSA) bt [Q] Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) 11-2, 6-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-5

[7] Kristian Frost Olesen (DEN) bt [Q] Naresh Kumar (IND) 11-5, 11-2, 11-8

[6] Karim AGA Samy (EGY) bt Ravi Dixit (IND) 13-11, 13-11, 11-4

[8] Anson Kwong (HKG) bt [Q] Parthiban Ayappan (IND) 11-9, 11-5, 11-7

[5] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Leo Au (HKG) 11-4, 11-3, 11-8

[2] Robbie Temple (ENG) bt [Q] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 11-6, 11-3, 11-5

Qualifying finals: Naresh Kumar (IND) bt Naveen Jangra (IND) 11-5, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9

Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt Deepak Mishra (IND) 11-3, 11-7, 11-5

Parthiban Ayappan (IND) bt Karan Malik (IND) 11-9, 6-11, 11-5, 11-4

Gaurav Nandrajog (IND) bt Balamurukan (IND) 11-8, 11-3, 11-6

1st qualifying round: Naveen Jangra (IND) bt Vrishab Kotian (IND) 11-6, 11-6, 11-7

Deepak Mishra (IND) bt Waqar Khan Pathan (IND) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4

Parthiban Ayappan (IND) bt Kush Kumar (IND) 11-5, 11-9, 11-7

B Balamurukan (IND) bt Zeyad Tareq Alowaesh (KUW) 11-13, 11-3, 11-8, 11-7

CHENNAI OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Event at Chennai (18/03/2010)



The winners in various categories pose with Srivatsan Subramanian, Secretary General, SRFI.

India's Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal clinched the Chennai Open squash mixed doubles championship with an 11-8, 11-4 victory over Mohd. Ali Anwar Reda and Rachael Grinham at the India Cements Squash Academy.

England's Jonathan Kemp and South Africa's Stephen Coppinger took the men's doubles crown after a 5-11, 11-6, 11-8 win over Scots Harry Leitch and Alan Clyne, while top seeds Jenny Duncalf and Rachael Grinham scraped through 8-11, 11-9, 11-8 in the women's final against Aussies Donna Urquhart and Kasey Brown.

In the mixed, Saurav Ghosal did the bulk of the work and came up with finishing drop shots each time a rally was inordinately extended. The Indians trailed 4-6 in the first game before they ran away with five successive points. A forehand drop-shot by Pallikal, gave them the game 11-8.

Grinham slipped a couple of times to start the second game as the home pair hurried to 4-0. Thereafter, the local favourites performed the mere formality of preserving the lead, winning the second game 11-4.

Ghosal, along with Harinder Pal Sandhu, also took third place in men's doubles with an emphatic win over Scotsmen Chris Small and

Lyall Paterson. The Ghosal-Sandhu duo needed 40 minutes for its 11-5, 11-10 victory.

Third-place honours were also in store for Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal in the women's doubles, but only after they had slaved for three games against Jaclyn Hawkes of New Zealand and Samantha Teran of Mexico. India's two premier women players finally pulled through 11-7, 6-11, 11-6 in 38 minutes.

Alan Clyne and Frania Gillen finished with the bronze in mixed doubles, beating the English pair of Chris Simpson and Jenny Duncalf 11-8, 11-6 in 24 minutes

ALL RESULTS :

Men's Doubles Finals:

Jonathan Kemp (Eng) & Stephen Coppinger (RSA) bt Harry Leitch & Alan Clyne (Sco) 5-11, 11-6, 11-8.

Third place:

Saurav Ghosal & Harinder Pal Sandhu (Ind) bt Chris Small & Lyall Paterson (Sco) 11-5, 11-10.

Semifinals:

Jonathan Kemp (Eng) & Stephen Coppinger (RSA) bt Saurav Ghosal & Harinder Pal Sandhu 5-11, 11-10, 11-9;
Harry Leitch & Alan Clyne (Sco) bt Chris Small & Lyall Paterson (Sco) 11-7, 11-3.

Women's Doubles Finals :

Jenny Duncalf (Eng) & Rachael Grinham (Aus) bt Donna Urquhart & Kasey Brown (Aus) 8-11, 11-9, 11-8.

Third Place:

Joshna Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Jaclyn Hawkes (NZ) & Samantha Teran (Mex) 11-7, 6-11, 11-6.

Semifinals:

Jenny Duncalf (Eng) & Rachael Grinham (Aus) bt Dipika Pallikal & Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 11-9, 11-9
Donna Urquhart & Kasey Brown (Aus) bt Jaclyn Hawkes (NZ) & Samantha Teran (Mex) 11-6, 11-7.

Mixed Doubles Finals :

Saurav Ghosal & Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Mohd. Ali Anwar Reda (Egy) & Rachael Grinham (Aus) 11-8, 11-4.

Third Place:

Alan Clyne & Frania Gillen (Sco) bt Chris Simpson & Jenny Duncalf (Eng) 11-8, 11-6.

Semifinals:

Saurav Ghosal & Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Alan Clyne & Frania Gillen (Sco) 9-11, 11-6, 11-7
Mohd. Ali Anwar Reda (Egy) & Rachael Grinham (Aus) bt Chris Simpson & Jenny Duncalf (Eng) 11-9, 6-11, 5-11.

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