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OTTERS OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT 2010

At Otters Club, Bandra

(03/07/2010)

Talent aplenty at Otters Open

By Pradeep Vijayakar here is future for Indian

saugsh after Ritwik and Sauray. That was the message from the Otters Devotie Squash Open 2010, organized and hosted by Otters Club, Bandra and cosponsored by HSBC. The two Jangra cousins, Vikas and Sandeep, lit up the show and the icing was India No 3 Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu claiming his biggest jackpot of his career Rupees one lakh for the men's title

Women's top seed Saumva Karki of Mumbai earned a double in the absence of the top-notchers Joshna and Deepika.

Harinderpal overcame fourth

seed Vikas Janara of Navy 11-

3, 11-5, 11-8 in the final in 35 minutes. After racing to a 2-0 advantage, Harinderpal trailed 1-4 and 4-8 in the crucial third game when he relaxed his grip. Jangra seized the opportunity and showed signs of a comeback with the lead but lost seven points in a row that helped Harinderpal snatch the game and match.

All winners of the tournament with their trophies at the event.

Both the finalists had hovered on the bring in the earlier rounds. Vikram Malhotra. on vacation from his Trinity stint in the USA, all but beat Vikas with amazing variety of strokeplay in the quarter-final. But for being jet-lagged and everything going fuzzy for him, Vikram may have gained the day. Harinder had also virtually lost his semi-final to a classy Sandeep Janara. But the winners that Janara played in the first two games he won didn't materialise in last two and allowed Harry to breathe free.

Vikas had caused the big upset by begting top seed Ritwik Bhattacharya in the semis. Ritwik had lost to Sauray when he was favourite in the opening edition of this event some time ago. Ritwik had been in training but less on court and more off court on the sands.

The tournament will be remembered for Otters Club players gaining their limelight after quite some time. The best of them was 15-year-old Sachika Balyani who shocked Ankita Sharma in the women's semi-final with a confident display in a match that was marred by complaints about obstruction. The other Otters winners were Veer Chotrani who has made the under-9 event in city squash his own domain. He beat his Otters Club teammate Advait Adik in a gripping five-setter. Veer showed he is game to handle the big boys also when taking Dev Vazirani to five sets in the U-11 semi-finals.

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Pakistan ht Kuwait 2-0 Quarterfinals:

India bt Hong Kong Ching 2-0

Harindernal Singh Sandhu bt Dick Lau 14-12, 11-2, 11-7:

Sauray Ghosal bt Max Lee 11-7, 12-10, 11-6 Pool matches

India bt China 2-0 (day 2)

Sauray Ghosal bt Wang Junjie 11-4, 11-4, 11-5 Harinderpal Singh Sandhu bt Shen Jiaqi 13-11, 11-4, 11-9

India bt Japan 3-0 (day 1) Sauray Ghosal bt Shinosuke Tsukue 11-9, 11-9, 11-6

Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu bt Bumpei Kawano 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 Ritwik Bhattacharva bt Takanori Shimizu 11-9, 12-14, 11-6, 11-7

Umed Club Jodhpur Open National Level Squash Championship 2010 (23/04/2010)

At Umed Club, Jodhpur

Finals:

Mens: Siddharth Suchde beat Ritwik Bhattacharya 11-5,9-11,13-11.16-14

Under 19: Ravi Dixit beat Vrishabh Kotian 3-0

Under 17: Vrisabh Kotian beat Uttkrash Kumar 11-5,11-7,7-11,11-

Under 15: Manik Dutta beat Vijay Kumar 11-8,8-11,11-7,11-6 Over 35: Deepak Moolani beat Khangaram Choudary 11-6,11-8.11-3

Sami finale

Mens: Siddharth Suchde beat Sandeep Janara 11-9.11-6 11-6

Ritwik Bhattacharva beat Harinderpal Singh 11-8.11-9.8-11.11-6

Under 19: Ravi Dixit beat Dheerav Moolani 11-1,11-6,11-5 Vrishabh Kotian beat Sakir 11-7.11-6.11-8 Under 17: Vrishabh Kotian beat Manik Dutta 11-6,12-

10 11-7 Uttkarsh Kumar beat Tushar Kothari 11-4,11-5,13-11 Under 15 : Manik Dutta beat Mohammed Ashraf 11-4.11-6.11-4

Vijay Kumar beat Harshit Muchhal 11-7,11-8, 5-11,11-7 Over 35 : Deepak Moolani beat Baliinder Singh





The PSA Tour inks 3 Year Deal with Kuwait

(28/4/2010)

PSA Celebrates Major Three-Year Kuwait Agreement

he Professional Squash Association is celebrating a major agreement with Sheikha Fadia Al-Sabah of Kuwait which will augrantee three PSA World Tour events in the Middle East country each year for the next three years, spearheaded by the Kuwait Open as part of the PSA Super Series.

An annual \$10,000 1-star and \$15,000 11/2-star event will be complemented by the HH Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah Trophy. The Patriarch Amir, Kuwait Open - which boasts a \$172,500 prize-

The Kuwait Open has been a leading annual event on the PSA Tour since first backed by Sheikha Fadia Al-Sabah in 2004 - and will continue to be a popular Middle East stop-off on the Tour's flagship PSA Super Series. The 2010 Kuwait Open takes place from 28 October to 2 November

Under Sheikha Fadia's guidance, Kuwait hosted the 2009 Men's World Open - a star-studded championship which was staged at the Green island Resort and boasted a world record \$277,500 prize-

"We are delighted to have signed such an important three-year deal with Sheikha Fadia Al-Sabah," said PSA CEO Alex Gough. "She is determined to keep pushing the profile of the sport in Kuwait and indeed the world!

"The two smaller events are a fantastic boost to the up-and-coming players in Kuwait and the region - and will prove to be a useful stepping stone in the Kuwaiti players' development.

"Following on from a successful 2009 World Open, it is wonderful to see the Kuwait Open return for its sixth time," added Gough. "The PSA World Tour is going from strength to strength and Sheikha Fadia's long-term commitment for these nine events is proof of this."

Pakistan sauash legend Jahangir Khan, the former World Sauash Federation President who is an adviser to Sheikha Fadia Al-Sabah. added: "Sheikha Fadia is passionate about sport and has a great vision for Squash in Kuwait.

"This is a wonderful deal both for the PSA and its elite players from all around the world, as well for the growth of Squash in Kuwait," said the six-time World Open champion and record 10 times winner of the British Open title.

Source: www.sauashtalk.com

Nicol David Celebrates Half Century In New WISPA World Rankinas

World No. 1 for 50 months

alaysia's Nicol David reaches her 50th month as world number one, according to the June Women's World Squash Rankings, published by the Women's International Squash Players' Association (WISPA).

The 26-year-old from Penang first hit the top spot in January 2006 - then began her current uninterrupted reign as world number one from August in the same year

With 44 WISPA Tour titles to her credit, Nicol David now boasts the longest run at the top of the world rankings since New Zealander Susan Devoy dominated the women's game from the mid 80s to the early 90s.

England's Jenny Duncalf is at two in the new list - ahead of Grinham sisters Rachael, who rises to three, and Natalie, who slips to four.

But two southern hemisphere players have much to celebrate in the June rankings: Australia's Donna Urquhart jumps three places to a career-high No16 to consolidate her status as her country's third highest-ranked player.

The 23-year-old left-hander from New South Wales has won four Tour titles and reached her ninth final at the Chairman's Cup in Hong Kong in January.

And Joelle King doubles New Zealand interest in the top 20 by making her debut in the elite group. The 21-year-old from Cambridge has exceeded expectations in all four WISPA Tour events in which she has competed this year - and, unseeded, secured her fifth title at the Texas Open in the USA in April after beating top seed Rachael Grinham in the final!

Indian players in International Event

Surbhi Misra loses in the guarters of NSC Series No3 Squash Championships, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: 27/6/2010

Quarter-finals: [2] Kylie Lindsay (NZL) bt [7] Surbhi Misra (IND) 11-8, 11-7, 11-6

Women's 1st round: [7] Surbhi Misra (IND) bt [Q] Mayu Yamazaki (JPN) 6-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-9

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Harinder Pal Sandhu lost to unseeded Chris Truswell (ENG) at Kent Open, Maidstone, England: 04/06/2010

1st Round : [Q] Chris Truswell (ENG) bt [7] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 8-11, 11-2, 10-12, 11-8, 11-7

Sauray Ghosal loses in the 2nd round of Sky Opens Up For World No1 Matthew: 23/5/2010

Final: [2] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [4] Karim Darwish (EGY) 6-11, 11-7, 12-10 13-11

2nd round (top half of draw): [1] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-5, 11-8, 11-7

1st round: Sauray Ghosal (IND) bt [16] Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS) 11-9, 4-11, 11-8, 11-2

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS ALL FINALS

14/06/2010: La Ciotat International, France Borja Golan Bt Stéphane Galifi 11-7, 11-3, 8-11, 11-1

07/06/2010: Golden Open, Kalaporlie, Australia Mike Corren (Aus) Bt Nathan Stevenson (Aus) 11-9,11-2.11-4

31/5/2010 : Black Knight Open, Perth Lisa Camilleri Bt Melody Francis 11-3, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6

31/05/2010: City Of Perth International, Perth

Mike Corren Bt Rex Hedrick 6-11, 11-8, 11-1, 11-7 31/05/2010 : Cerdil Open, Dourados, Brazil

Jan Koukal bt Rafael Alarcon 8-11, 11-9, 14-12, 11-5

25/05/2010 : Almere Trophy, Netherlands Aisling Blake bt Lauren Siddall 11-9, 11-3, 11-7

23/05/2010 : El Salvador Open, Club Maya, San Salvador Jan Koukal bt Eddie Charlton 11/9, 11/3, 11/6

23/05/2010 :Sky Petrosport Club, Cairo

Nick Matthew bt Karim Darwish 6-11, 11-7, 12-10, 13-11

18/05/2010 : Internacional Sporta Open, Guatemala Arturo Salazar Bt Eric Galvez 11-2, 11-9, 6-11, 10-12, 11-6

18/05/2010: Novartis Open, Amman, Jordan Adel El Zarka bt Ahmad Alzabidi 11-7, 11-5, 9-11, 12-10

18/05/2010 : Carcassonne Comeback, Carcassonne, France

Line Hansen bt Orla Noom 6-11, 11-8, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4

10/05/2010 : Internationaux De France, Bordeaux

Jonathan Kemp bt Stephane Galifi 11-4, 11-6, 1-11, 11-9

10/05/2010: Top End Open, Darwin, Australia Zac Alexander bt Mike Corren 11-6, 11-2, 11-5

09/05/2010: Hurghada International, Cairo Omneya Abdel Kawy bt Engy Kheirallah 11-4, 11-8, 14-12

MENS RANKING IIILY 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nick Matthew	ENG
2	Ramy Ashour	EGY
3	Amr Shabana	EGY
4	Karim Darwish	EGY
5	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
26	Saurav Ghosal	IND
88	Siddharth Suchde	IND
95	Harinder Pal Sandhu	IND
141	Ritwik Bhattacharya	IND
179	Gaurav Nandrajog	IND
184	Naresh Kumar	IND
209	Ravi Dixit	IND
224	Ramit Tandon	IND
324	Abhishek Pradhan	IND
354	Sandeep Jangra	IND
366	Karan Malik	IND
418	Aditya Jagtap	IND
418	Waqar Khan Pathan	IND

WOMENS RANKING HILLY 2010

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RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Jenny Duncalf	ENG
3	Rachael Grinham	AUS
4	Alison Waters	ENG
5	Natalie Grinham	NED
28	Joshna Chinappa	IND
38	Dipika Pallikal	IND
59	Anaka Alankamony	IND
82	Aparajitha Balamurukar	1 IND
83	Surbhi Misra	IND
87	Anwesha Reddy	IND
171	Ankita Sharma	IND
209	Harshit Kaur Jawanda	IND



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Dad Manish, a two-time National champion, continues to play in the senior category. In fact he won the over-35 event where he gat a walkover from Paul Ferreira who had a sudden attack of flu . Otters had another title when in another all-Otters final, the boys u-15, Madhav Dhingra beat Sumer Rao.

No 2 seed Mahash Mangaonkar Idaimed the under-19 tille beating No 4 Vrishab Kotian from Tamil Nodu 11-3,11-3,11-7. The scores don't convey the closeness of the tussle and how Kotian made his opponent fight for every point. In the third Kotian boded like gaining the upperhand but with Mahash not willing to let go control of the Kotian found himself cramped to hit winners. Mahash created a grand impression with matching Hardnafer for stroke and playing some better ones in the quarter-fined which may hope his way. And with Chennais Vrishab Kotian matching Mahash for long rollies there is a better outlook there. Earlier Delh's Korm Kumar has a good show against Aditya lagtip and Mahash. But the after-effects of medicalion following be deadche caused him to withdraw from the men's and U-19 quarter for the Delh's lateres kacked luck as Sacheta Installation and the Control of the Contr

Over all, the event showed that a clutch of juniors are coming up and if all get equal chances there may be a better future for Indian squash. And the organisation by the band of Amit Gajwani, Avinash Bhavnani and Mickey Ahuja made for a smooth running of the event which had a record 700 entries

RESULTS

Finals:

Mens:

Harinderpal Sandhu (TN) bt Vikas Jangra (Navy) 11-3, 11-5, 11-8

1-Saumya Karki (Hirnanandani) bt 3-Sachika Balvani (Otters Club)

Girls U-13: Aishwarya Battacharya (Jindal) bt 1-Jui Kalgutkar (Chembur Gym)

11-7, 16-14, 9-11, 11-6 Girls U-15:

5-Konpal Patni (MP) bt 2-Aishwarya Bhattacharya 6-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-9

Girls U-17: 1-Saumya Karki (Hiranandani) bt 3-Shria Khatri (Hiranandani) 11-

0, 11-9, 11-0

Boys U-9:

Veer Chotrani (Otters Club) bt Advait Adik (Otters Club) 12-10, 11-

Veer Charles (Class Class) of Advant Adia (Ories Class) 12-10, 11-7, 9-11, 6-11, 11-5

Boys U-11:

2-Chaitanya Shah (Bombay Gym) bt 1-Dev Vazirani (Otters Club) 11-5, 9-11, 11-7, 11-9

Boys U-13: Velavan Senthilkumar (TN) bt 6-Harsh Wadhwa (Otters Club) 11-6, 11-6, 11-6

Boys U-15: Madhav Dhingra (Otters Club) bt Sumer Rao (Otters Club) 11-5,

11-3, 11-8 Boys U-17:

1-Vrishabh Kotian (TN) bt 2-Deepak Mishra (TN) 11-6, 11-4, 11-6.

Bovs U-19:

Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mumbai) bt Vrishab Kotian (TN) 11-3, 11-3, 11-7

11-7 Professionals:

4-Parmit Singh (MP) bt 3-Sanjay Pawar (Otters Club) 11-5, 11-4, 11-4

Vaman Apte (Mumbai) bt Deepak Moolani (Pune Club) 11-3, 11-9, 11-9

11-9 Over 35: Manish Chotrani (Otters Club) W/O Paul Ferrerira (Otters Club)

Semi-finals:

3-Sachika Balvani (Otters Club) bt 2-Ankita Sharma (Juhu Gym) 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9 Saumya Karki (Hiranandani) W/O Sachika Ingale (Delhi)

Girls U-13: Aishwarya Bhattacharya (Jindal) bt 3-Nikita Joshi (Otters Club) 114, 13-11, 11-8 1-Jui Kalgutkar (Chembur Gym) bt 5-Ashita Bengra (TN) 11-2, 11-1, 11-2

Girls U-17: 3-Shria Khatri (Hiranandani) bt 2-Ankita Sharma (Juhu Gym) 11-9,11-8,11-7

Saumya Karki W/O Sachika Ingale
Girls U-15:

5-Konpal Patni (MP) bt 1-Aishwarya Nambiar (CCI) 15-13,

11-5, 9-11, 11-7 2-Aishwarya Bhattacharya (Jindal) bt 3-Jui Kalgutkar

(Chembur Gym) 11-4, 11-7,11-8

Boys U-11:

2-Chaitanya Shah (Bombay Gym) bt 3-Varun Tiwari (Delhi) 11-9, 11-7, 11-7

1-Dev Vazirani (Otters Club) bt 5-Veer Chotrani (Otters Club) 11-13, 11-8, 11-3, 8-11, 11-5 Boys U-13:

6-Harsh Wadhwa (Otters Club) bt 7-Dev Vazirani (Otters Club) 11-8, 11-3, 11-2 Velavan Senthilkumar (TN) bt 1-Ranjit Singh (Delhi) 11-4, 6-

11, 10-12, 14-12, 11-7

Boys U-15:
Madhav Dhingra (Otters Club) bt 5-Rajat Sharma (Delhi) 11-

8,11-4,11-6 Sumer Rao (Otters Club) bt Guhan Senthilkumar (TN) 12-10,

14-12, 8-11, 6-11, 12-10 Boys U-17:

1-Vrishabh Kotian (TN) bt 4-Dhananjay Singh 11-8, 13-11, 11-5 2-Deepak Mishra (TN) bt 3-Tushar Kothari (Raj) 7-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6

U-9: Veer Chotrani (Otters Club) bt Sankalp Anand 11-5, 11-4,

11-3 Advait Adik (Otters Club) bt Sumer Marwah 11-0, 11-4, 11-0

Professionals:
4-Parmit Singh (MP) bt 1-Amjad Khan (Delhi) 8-11, 11-4, 11-

5, 11-6 3-Sanjay Pawar (Otters Club) bt 2-Rohit More (CCI) 11-2, 8-11, 8-11, 11-9, 13-11

Over 35: Paul Ferreira (Otters Club) bt Avinash Bhavnani (Otters Club)

Paul Ferreira (Otters Club) bt Avinash Bhavnani (Otters Club 11-9,11-9,11-3 Manish Chotrani (Otters) W/O Gopi Mohite (Bombay Gym)

Over 45: Vaman Apte (Bombay Gym) bt Gopi Mohite (Bombay Gym)

11-8,11-12,11-6,11-3

Deepak Moolani (Poona Club) bt Anant More (CCI) 10-12,11-7,11-13,11-4

MILO - All star Junior squash championship Clean sweep by India

(12/06/2010

wo Indians Ravi Dixit and Kush Kumar won the Milo All Star Malaysian Junior Open which concluded in Kuala Lumpur.

Dixit won the boys' under-19 title for the second year running defeating second seed Mohd. Zul Azri (Malaysia) 11-5, 11-7, 12-10. In the semifinal he had beaten Mujahid Hussain of Pakistan 11-2, 13-11, 13-11.

Kumar emerged winner in the boys' under-15 title beating Vin Tan (Malaysia) 11-7, (conceded). Vin Tan gave up after sustaining an injury. In the semifinal Kumar had ousted another Malaysian, Chris Lo Cheuk 13-11, 12-10, 11-6.

Another Indian to create a ripple was Dev Vazirani of Mumbai, who upset top-seeded Eugene Heng of Malaysia in the boys' under-11 semifinal. He won 11-9, 9-11, 3-11, 11-9, and 11-8. However in the summit round, Hammas Ahmed Tarar of Pakistan defeated Dev 11-8, 11-511-1

Penang Junior Squash championship

(05/06/2010)

ush Kumar in the under-15 and Akshay Deepak in the U-19 were the only Indian finalists in the PBA Penang International Junior Squash Championships played in the first week of June.

RESULTS

BOYS: Under-19: Cheong Kah Wah (Prk) bt Akshay Deepak (Ind) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5 Under-15: Gurshan Singh (Prk) bt Kush Kumar (Ind) 12-10, 2-

11, 1-7, 11-4

July 2010

PROSQUASH speaks to Advait young and upcoming squash player

Advait Adik a bundle of energy on the court

bundle of energy on the squash court is Advair! Adik. The eight-year-oid eight-ye



Why did you take to squash?

I was a swimmer at Otters Club winning events at the club level. Then I liked squash because my brother Aaryman was playing and took to it two years ago.

Who has been guiding you?

Santosh More sir, our professional has been my coach.

Why did you lose u-9 the final of the Otters Open?

I did not play my basic game in the first two. I refocused and won the next two. In the decider, Veer played some good drops and lobs. I was found wanting in tackling them.

Have you any injuries?

Few months back we were playing in the club and being mischievous my finger got jammed by mistake in the lockers room drawer! I have to go through surgery and stitches back and could not play squash for two months due to that.

Who do you admire?

My brother Aaryaman. I have many idols like Amr Shabana and Ramy Ashour who I saw at the Bombay Gymkhana PSA and also Saurav Ghoshal.

What is your ambition? To be a film actor.

to be a film actor.

By Pradeep Vijayakar

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PSA & WISPA Indian Challenger, at Calcutta Racket Club (14/04/2010)

Maiden WISPA title for Dipika as Saurav and Joshna loses in the semi's



Mohammed EL Shorbagy and Dipika Pallikal, Momen in the finals. with the men's and women's trophies.

court finishing.

seventh-seeded Tarek Momen.

pipika Pallikal onsured her graduation to the world of professional squash picking up her maiden WISPA title beating the secondseeded Emma Beddoes of England 3-1 in the women's final of the Indian Challenger at the Calcutra Racket Club.

With Saurav Ghosal ending the Indian hopes losing the men's semifinals, the PSA title went to third-seeded Mohamed El Shorbagy of Egypt, who beat compatriot Tarek

Dipika, who had many titles as junior player, made a determined bid playing her first seniors final. She made up for a slow start in the opening game with some brilliant front-

Dipita showed a better fitness level than her apparent Emma and effectively made the latter slop for the returns with her clever drops and boasts. Trailing 1-5 at one point, Dipita produced a series of winners to bring the score level at 7.7 while persisting in the rattack to wint the game 11-9. In the second game Dipita face no problem as she won the game easily by 11-8.

Emma, apparently unnerved by the level of her opponent's game, made a desperate comeback bid and succeeded a bit in the third game where she caught Dipika relaxing & made the scoreline 2-1, winning the game 11-9.

But in the fourth game Dipika was back to her devastating form and made short work of her opponent winning it and the match by 11-6.

Mohammad El Shorbagy, won a see-saw battle against compatriot and

Shorbagy won the first game easily but looked troubled by Momen's ploements to lose the next two games. But Shorbagy recovered in the focurint to even things up. The two players went neck and neck in the fifth till Shorbagy got a bit lucky with a 'no let' call in his favour and pulled away from there to clinch his first PSA title.

In the semi's of Men's open Saurav Ghosal failed to build on a bright start and went down fighting to the 3rd seeded Mohamed El Shorbagy of Egypt.

Saurav dominated the first game by winning it easily 11-5. But Shorbagy turned to his front game and successfully finished a series of returns to

make it 7-10 and levelled the game scores 1-1.

Playing his first semifinal of a five-star event, Saurav started feeling the heat. Shorbagy's command on the front-court game ensured that he won the third game 11-3.

The Indian, who wan both times in their previous two meetings, came back in contention in the fourth leading 8-4 at one stope. However, Shorbagy-won five consecutive points to make it 9-8. Sources solvaged a match point and earned two game points as the game slipped into tie-breaker. But Shorbagy held on and produced successive winners to win the game 14-12 and the match.

RESULTS

Mens:

Finals: Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egy) bt Tarek Momen (Egy) 11-7, 3-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8
Semifinals: Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egy) bt Saurav Ghosal (Ind) 5-11, 11-9, 11-3, 14-12

(Ind) 5-11, 11-9, 11-3, 14-12 Tarek Momen (Egy) bt Cameron Pilley (Aus) 11-13, 11-9, 11-6. 11-6

Quarterfinals: Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Adrian Grant (Eng) 8-11, 15-13, 11-5, 11-7

First round: Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Aaron Frankcomb (Aus) 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 Mohd Azlan (skandar (Mas) bt Siddharth Suchde (Ind) 11-5,

11-6, 11-5

Vomens

Finals: Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Emma Beddoes (Eng) 11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6

Semifinals: Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Sharon Wee (Mas) 8-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-9

Emma Beddoes (Eng) bt Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 11-7, 11-4, 11-8 Quarterfinals : Sharon Wee (Mas) bt Aparajitha

Ralamurukan (Ind) 11-5, 11-4, 11-7
Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Anaka Alankamony (Ind) 11-5, 11-2,

11-2 Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Gaby Schmohl (Sui) 11-8, 11-13, 11-5, 11-9

First round: Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) bt Harshit Kaur Jawanda (Ind) 11-2, 14-12, 11-4 Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Zephanie Curgenven (Eng) 11-3, 11-

2, 12-10 Anaka Alankamony (Ind) bt Surbhi Misra (Ind) 8-11, 14-16,

11-6, 11-7, 11-3 Gaby Schmohl (Sui) bt Anwesha Reddy (Ind) 2-11, 11-4, 11-

7, 11-2 Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Maggy Marshall (Aus) 11-6, 9-11, 11-3, 11-6

Emma Beddoes (Eng) bt Ankita Sharma (Ind) 11-2, 11-7, 11-

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ESR International doubles championship India's top two Joshna & Dipika wins

women's doubles (04/04/2010)



Dipika and Joshna

A ce Indian doubles pair of Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Palikalika hold their nerves to register a sensational victory over the experienced Australian duo of Kasey Brown and Donna Urguhart in the final of the ESR International doubles champions hip in Manchester, UK.

The Indian pair humbled Urquhart (world number 20) and Brown (world number 10) 11-10 3-11 11-10 in a 72-minute thriller.The Indians clinched two games via sudden-death. Though.

the Aussies dominated the match for most part, the Indians played the big points better especially Dipika was sharp in the decider.

Earlier, Chinappa and Pallikal had defeated top seeds and world number three England's Jenny Duncalf and Alison Waters for a place in the summit round. The English pair had won a medal in the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

This event was sanctioned and supported under the scheme Preparation of core probables for the Commonwealth Games 2010' to be held here from October 3 to 14.In the quarterfinals, Chinappa and Pallikal had upset another English combination of Dominic Llayd Waters and Laura Briggs 11-4 11-10.

Meanwhile, Chinappa and Harinder Pal Singh gat the better of Australians Melody Francis and Ryan Cuskelly 2-1 to enter semifinal of the mixed doubles category but then crashed out at the final-four round. They went down 0-2 to James Willstrop and Jenny Duncalf. Sourray Ghosal and Pallikal were edged out 0-2 by Nick Matthew and Allison Waters in mixed doubles quarterfinals. In the men's events, Ghosal and Parinder finished 8th, Rinivik Bhattacharya and Sandeep Jangra finished 11th and Gaurav Nandrajog and Siddharth Suchde finished 14th.

RESULTS

Finals : (best of 3 games)

Mens: Nick Mathew / Adrian Grant (ENG) bt David Palmer / Stewart Boswell (Aus) 11-10, 7-11, 11-9

Womens : Joshna Chinappa / Dipika Palikal (Ind) bt Kasey

Brown / Donna Urquhart (ENG) 11-10, 3-11, 11-10
Mixed: Jenny Duncalf / James Willstrop (ENG) bt Alison Waters

(Nick Mathew (ENG) 11 4-13

/ Nick Mathew (ENG) 11-6, 11-6
Semifinals: Women: Joshna Chinappa / Dipika Pallikal (IND)

bt Jenny Duncalf / Alison Waters (ENG) 6-11, 11-10, 11-3
Brown / Urquhart (AUS) bt Bailey / Kippax (ENG) 11-5, 11-8
Mixed: Duncalf / Willstrof (ENG) bt Joshna Chinappa / Harinder

Pal Sandhu (IND) 11-4, 11-2 Waters / Mathew (ENG) bt Nicol David / Ong Beng (MSA) 11-9, 11-8 11-8

Quarter Finals: Womens : Joshna & Dipika beat Dominic Lloyd/Laura Briggs (Eng) 11-4, 11-10

Mixed : Joshna Chinappa / Harinder Pal Sandhu beat Melody Francis/ Ryan Cuskelly 9-11, 11-5, 11-7

Sheikha Sheikha Saad Al Sabah International, Hawally, Kuwait

Dipika loses to Annie in the finals (17/06/2010)

ong Kong's Annie Au stormed to victory by beating Dipika Pallikal in the Women's Sheikha Sheikha Saad Al Sabah International, the inaugural \$11,600 WISPA World Tour squash event at the Qadsia Sporting Club in Hawally, Kuwait.

The 21-year-old top seed reached the final without dropping a game - winning each of her two previous matches in just 18 minutes and dropping only five points in her semi-final victory over Egypt's third seed Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy.

But Dipika Pallikal provided sterner opposition. The 18-year-old from India dropped the first two games - but got the better of the experienced Au, ranked 17 in the world, in the third to win by a tiebreak.

But left-hander Au regained the upper hand in the fourth to clinch her 11-6, 11-5, 11-13, 11-3 title triumph after 38 minutes.

Earlier second seed Dipika Pallikal needed four games to book her anticipated place in the finals. The 18-year-old world No. 40 from India battled for 38 minutes to get the better of Japan's fourth seed Misaki Kobayashi 11-6, 13-11, 4-11, 11-5.

Pallikal is celebrating her third appearance in a WISPA Tour final, while 21-year-old Au, ranked 17 in the world, is marking her ninth final.

RESULTS

Finals: [1] Annie Au (HKG) bt [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-6, 11-5, 11-13, 11-3

Semi-finals: [1] Annie Au (HKG) bt [3] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) 11-1, 11-2, 11-2

[2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [4] Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) 11-6, 13-11, 4-11, 11-5

Quarterfinals: [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [8] Laura

Pomportes (FRA) 11-6, 11-1, 8-11, 11-6

1st round: [3] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt Surbhi Misra (IND) 11-7, 11-4, 11-6

[2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Sara El Noamany (EGY) 11-4, 9-11, 13-11, 11-8



WSF patron Jahangir Khan, Sheikha Fadia Al-Sabah of Arab Squash Federation along with the winner Annie Au and runners up Dipika Pallikal

Joshna wins Germany ladies open title

(17/05/2010)



Joshna Chinappa and Gaby Schmohl

econd-seeded Joshna Chinappa lifted the German Ladies' Open squash title in Saarbrucken with a comprehensive 11-6, 11-7, 11-6 win over Switzerland's Gaby Schmohl.

Joshna who is India No.1 did not drop any game in the entire tournament and maintained a clean slate in the final, making short work of her Swiss opponent.

Schmohl was a surprise finalist after knocking out top seed Line Hansen in the semifinals. Joshna was never in any trouble, managing to take an early lead in all the three games and maintaining a perfect length and eve for her opponent.

Chinappa dismissed the unexpected finalist in just 22 minutes to earn the fourth WISPA Tour title of her career.

RESULTS

Finals: Joshna Chinappa beat Gaby Schmohl 11-6, 11-7, 11-6 Semifinals: Joshna beat Melissa Alves (France) 11-5, 11-5, 11-6 Quarter finals: Joshna beat Carrie Ramsey (Eng) 11-3, 11-8, 11-3 Round 1: Joshna beat Veronika Koukalava (CZE) 11-6, 11-7, 14-12

Aditya loses in the semifinals of German Junior Open (18/04/2010)

ditya lost to Amr Khaled Khalifa of Egypt in semifinals of German Junior Open Squash Championships. In the quarter finals he also beat Zahed of Egypt in a tough 5 setter. But he lost in the semi's to 2nd seeded Amr Khaled in a four setter.

RESULTS

[2] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [1] Rudi Rohrmuller (GER) 11-9, 11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-3 Semi-finals:

[1] Rudi Rohrmuller (GER) bt Islam El Fiky (EGY) 11-8, 11-13, 13-11, 11-6

[2] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [3] Aditya Jagtap (IND) 11-2, 11-2,

Quarter-finals - Men's U-19:

[3] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [5/8] Zahed Sherien (EGY) 10-12, 11-5, 8-11, 15-13, 11-2

Women's World Junior Squash Championship, Germany (30/06/2010)

Dipika settles for bronze medal while Anaka loses in quarters

manda Sobhy celebrated the perfect 17th birthday by beating Egyptian rival Nour El Tayeb in the final of the Women's World Junior Squash Championship to become the first US winner of the prestigious World Squash Federation event in its 16th year at the ACR Sportcenter in Cologne, Germany.

The victory not only ends Egypt's seven-year stranglehold on the title since 2003, but also consigned Cairo-based El Tayeb to a runner-up finish for the second year in a row.

Sobhy, whose success makes her the first US player to win a world singles title, is no stranger to historic achievements in the sport: In May, the left-hander became the first 16-year-old to win four WISPA World Tour titles - an achievement which has taken her to a career-high 36 world ranking.

In the bronze medal play-off match, India's No2 seed Dipika Pallikal made up for the disappointment of failing to make the final for the second successive year by battling to a 4-11, 11-4, 11-8.8-11.11-8 over favourite Nour El Sherbini in 52 minutes.

Anaka also made her presence felt in international junior circuit by losing junior champ from USA Amanda Sobhy.

RESULTS

Final: [3] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [4] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) 3-11, 11-7, 11-6, 11-7 (37m)

Third place play-off: [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [1] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 4-11, 11-4, 11-8, 8-11, 11-8 (52m)

Semi-Finals: [3] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [1] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 12-10, 14-12, 11-9 [4] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 15-13, 11-9, 11-9

Quarter-finals: [3] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt [8] Anaka Alankamony (IND) 12-10, 11-4, 11-6 (22m)

[2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [5] Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) 9-11, 11-9, 11-2, 12-10 (50m)

Pre-auarterfinals: Dipika Pallikal (Ind)) bt Salma Hany (Egy) 12-10, 11-8, 11-8 Anaka Alankamony (Ind) bt Catalina Pelaez (Col) 11-8, 11-8,

2nd round: [8] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt [9/16] Catalina Pelaez (COL) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (21m) [2] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [9/16] Salma Hany (EGY) 12-10,

1st Round: Dipika Pallikal bt Katie Tutrone (USA) 11-1,11-

4.11-2 Anaka Alankamony (Ind) beat Ashley Tidman (Fra) 11-4,11-7,11-9 Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) lost to Julia Lecog (Fra)

8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 4-11, 4-11 Anwesha Reddy (Ind) lost to Farah Abdel Meguid (Egy) 4-11,

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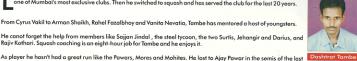
11-8, 11-2 (34m)

PROSQUASH speaks to three top squash professionals

From tennis to squash for Tambe

By Pradeep Vijayakar

ike a lot of Mumbai's professionals, Dashrath Tambe began as a tennis professional at Willindgon Sports Club, one of Mumbai's most exclusive clubs. Then he switched to squash and has served the club for the last 20 years.



From Cyrus Vakil to Arman Shaikh, Rahel Fazalbhoy and Vanita Nevatia, Tambe has mentored a host of youngsters. He canot forget the help from members like Sajjan Jindal, the steel tycoon, the two Surtis, Jehangir and Darius, and

Rajiv Kothari. Squash coaching is an eight-hour job for Tambe and he enjoys it.

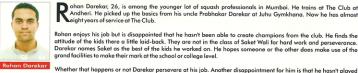
event. Thrice he went to the Nationals and reached the last eight losing to Rohit More the last time.

At 45 Tambe isn't getting younger but the fact that he is playing all the time makes him keep old age away. Indeed, the likes of Tambe, Prakash Yelve, Uttam Patkar are the life of Willingdon. Tambe is happy that the current chairman, Pushpak Merchant, provides them all the facilities they need to make a good job of it.

At first he and his family had doubts if the job would ensure him a good living. But after ISP came on the scene and the professionals began being regarded more seriously by the club secretaries things began improving. And with the parents of the children also pitching in life for a pro, is far far better than it was at the start.

Tambe says he will be eternally grateful for ISP's contribution and foresight.

Rohan's best yet to come



nohan Darekar, 26, is among the younger lot of squash professionals in Mumbai. He trains at The Club at Andheri. He picked up the basics from his uncle Prabhakar Darekar at Juhu Gymkhana. Now he has almost eight years of service at The Club. Rohan enjoys his job but is disappointed that he hasn't been able to create champions from the club. He finds the

attitude of the kids there a little laid-back. They are not in the class of Saket Wali for hard work and perseverance. Darekar names Saket as the best of the kids he worked on. He hopes someone or the other does make use of the grand facilities to make their mark at the school or college level.

much competitive squash, just some local events reaching the third or fourth round. He hasn't played the Nationals. Indeed there are a lot of things remaining to be done for Darekar, which suggests his best is yet to come. Generally he is happy that today professionals are not taken for granted as in years before. ``Today we command respect. No one does any dadagiri. I think it happened because we had support of the ISP, players and officials began to look at us in a different manner. I hope it

continues." Sanjay Salvi is grateful for ISP's networking

anjay Salvi is one professional who has made a smooth transition from badminton professional to one in squash. He was a badminton player. When squash courts came up at Club Aquaria in Borivli, he was attracted to the sport. When the courts were empty he would knock the ball around. Gradually he got the hang of the sport. In time he became the badminton professional.

Sanjay Salvi

He followed in the footsteps of his brother Aadesh who was also a badminton pro before taking up squash and is now a pro at Police Gymkhana where he plays with Additional Commissioner of Police Archana Tyagi and her husband.

Sanjay has been working for the past 15 years and now has shifted to hotel Hyatt near the airport. He is grateful to ISP for the new job. `They have been a boon for us. Whenever there is a vacancy at a five-star hotel or any club ISP alerts us and we get positioned there." As many residential complexes and new clubs have squash court in it ISP also find it difficult to get squash coaches now.

Saniav takes pride in that two players emerged from Club Aquaria in his time-Mahesh Mangaonkar and Abhishek Pradhan. He is grateful for the encouragement from the parents of Mahesh, especially his mother Anjali.

At Hyatt he is happy to see the progress being made by Ankita Sharma who has risen to the top four in the country, Sanjay plays in all professional events in the city reaching the last 16 stage not beyond. He hasn't yet played a National. At 33 he has age on his side.

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Asian Senior Squash Championship,

Mohd. Azlan, Nicol David emerge champions



Mohd, Azlan and Nicol David winners of the individual event

8th ranked Malaysian Mohd, Azlan defended his title while World, No. 1 Nicol David clinched her seventh successive Asian women's crown at the Indian Sauash Academy in Chennai.

Top-seeded Azlan led 11-8, 11-4, 3-0 when his opponent. Pakistan's Aamir Atlas Khan, conceded the match with persistent pain in the right shin which he has been experiencing for over six months

In the women's final. Malaysian Nicol David extended her domination over Hong Kong's Rebecca Chiu beating her seven sucessive times since 1998.

RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS:

MENS:

Finals:

Men: Mohd Azlan (Mas) bt Aamir Atlas Khan (Pak) 11-8, 11-4, 3-0 (conceded) Semifinals:

Men: Aamir Atlas Khan (Pak) bt Yasir Ali Butt (Pak) 11-6, 11-7,11-0 Mohd. Azlan (Mas) bt Saurav Ghosal (Ind) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5 Quarterfinals

Mohd. Azlan (Mas) bt Abdulla Almezayen (Kuw) 13-11, 11-7, 12-

Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Farhan Mehboob (Pak) 11-7, 11-1, 11-7 Aamir Atlas Khan (Pak) bt Mohd. Nafizwan (Mas) 12-10, 11-8, 11-5 Yasir Ali Butt (Pak) bt Ong Beng Hee (Mas) 10-12, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9

Pre-quarterfinals: Ong Beng Hee (Mas) bt Ritwik Bhattacharva (Ind) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6 Yasir Ali Butt (Pak) bt Harinderpal Singh Sandhu 8-11, 11-7, 11-6.

Mohd, Nafizwan (Mas) bt Siddharth Suchde (Ind) 11-13, 11-13, 13-11, 11-8, 11-8

Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Waqar Mehboob (Pak) 11-9, 11-5, 11-5 Second round:

Anson Kwong (HKG) bt Gaurav Nandrajog 10-12, 11-4, 11-5, 11-

Max Lee (HKG) bt Mahesh Mangoankar 11-2, 11-8, 11-6 Ivan Yuen (Mas) bt Sandeep Jangra 16-14, 11-6,12-14,11-4 Wagar Mehboob (Pak) bt Abhishek Pradhan 12-10, 11-4.

Saurav Ghosal bt Bumpei Kawano (Jpn) 11-2, 11-5, 11-3 Siddharth Suchde bt Shinnosuke Tsukue (Jpn) 11-3 11-7

Yasir Ali Butt (Pak) bt Ravi Dixit 11-6,11-6, 9-11, 11-7; Harinderpal Singh bt Bader E. Alhosaini (Kuw) 8-11 11-3 9-11, 11-9, 11-6

Ritwik Bhattacharya bt Naresh Kumar 11-7, 11-4, 11-13.

Gaurav Nandrajog bt Nigel Koh (Sin) 11-3, 11-7, 11-5 Abdulla Almezayen (Kuw) bt Vikas Jangra 11-4, 11-6, 11-4; Lee Se Hyun (Kor) bt Deepak Mishra 11-5, 11-1, 11-6 Sauray Ghosal bt Falah F. Mohammad (Kuw) 11-3, 11-4, 9-11, 11-4

Bumpei Kawano (Jpn) bt Naveen Jangra 17-15, 11-9, 16-14 Abhishek Pradhan bt Yang Wen-Chang (Tpe) 11-5, 11-2,

Siddharth Suchde bt Akshay Deepak 11-7, 11-3, 11-6 Mohd. Nafiizwan (Mas) bt Vrishab Kotian 11-7, 11-1, 11-4 Naresh Kumar bt Ahmad A. Al Randi (Kuw) 11-5, 6-11, 11-6, 11-9

Ritwik Bhattacharva bt Lee Seuna Taek (Kor) 11-6, 11-2, 11-

Harinderpal Singh bt Gihan Suwaris (Sri) 12-10, 11-6, 11-8 Ravi Dixit bt Hasan Abdullah (Ira) 11-6, 11-4, 11-5

WOMENS :

Finals:

Nicol David (Mas) bt Rebecca Chiu (HKG) 11-6, 11-7, 11-7 Semifinals: Rebecca Chiu (HKG) bt Joey Chan (HKG) 11-7, 11-9, 5-11.

15-17, 11-4 Nicol David (Mas) bt Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 11-5, 11-5, 11-2

Quarterfinals: Nicol David (Mas) bt Song Sun Mi (Kor) 11-4, 11-7, 11-7

Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Misaki Kobayashi (Jpn) 12-10, 11-8, Rebecca Chiu (HKG) bt Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 11-5, 11-13,

11-7, 11-6 Joey Chan (HKG) bt Delia Arnold (Mas) 11-4, 11-4, 11-6

Pre-quarterfinals: Rebecca Chiu (HKG) bt Anaka Alankamony 11-6, 11-8, 11-

Dipika Pallikal bt Low Wee Wern (Mas) 10-12, 12-10, 11-7,

8-11, 11-8 Joshna Chinappa bt Park Eun Ok (Kor) 11-3, 11-7, 11-9

First round:

Misaki Kobayashi (Jpn) bt Surbhi Misra 11-8, 11-6, 11-8 Dipika Pallikal bt Jiang Li (Chn) 11-0, 11-2, 11-4

Elise Ng (HKG) bt Aparajitha B. 11-3, 11-8, 11-7

Anaka Alankamony bt Xiu Chen (Chn) 11-5, 8-11, 11-6, 11-Park Eun Ok (Kor) bt Anwesha Reddy 7-11, 11-7, 11-2, 14-

Joshna Chinappa bt Dulakshi Elikewela (Sri) 11-2, 11-3, 11-

Joey Chan (HKG) bt Ankita Sharma 11-2, 11-6, 11-1 Chinatsu Matsui (Jpn) bt Saumya Karki 11-7, 11-4, 11-5

July 2010

Chennai (Individual and Team Event)

(08/05/2010)

Hongkong women beat India to emerge champions

ndian women's hopes of regaining the title were dashed as they put up a poor show against second seeded Hong Kong who crushed them 2-0 to regain the team title in the 15th Asian Squash championships at the Indian Academy courts.

It was a disappointing day for India as the team's star campaigner Joshna Chinnappa went down tamely. In the first singles match, Anika Alankamony, the rising talent, who was the youngest to win a WISPA singles title earlier this year, showed promise in the first game, up 2-6 against Goev Chang drew level 6-6 but Anika went on to win 7-11. However, Chan recouped in time to win the next three games 11-1, 11-9,11-7.

This put immense pressure on India's no 1 Joshna Chinnappa. But the world no 48, failed to hit form against Hong Kong's Rebecca Chieu, seeded no 2 and the singles runner up. Like Anaka, Joshna also began in style with a 7-4 lead in the first game. But Chieu with more experience behind her, drew level 7-7 with some fine shots even as Joshna failed to hold her nerve. Rebecca won 11-7 11-2, 11-5. The 2-0 lead meant that Hong Kong saved themselves

the trouble of playing the third singles in which Annie Au was to take on Dipika Pallikal. The Hong Kong eves required just 48 minutes to sweep the Indian eves off their feet, as it were.

Rebecca said "the win against Malaysia in the semifinals gave us the confidence and determination to win the crown

Hong Kong women had last won the team title in the year 2000.

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Women's Team Event:

Finals: Hong Kong China bt India 2-0 Joey Chan bt Anaka Alankamony 7-11, 11-1, 11-9, 11-7; Rebecca Chiu bt Joshna Chinappa 11-7, 11-2, 11-5). Semifinals . India bt Korea 2-0

Anaka Alankamony bt Kim Ga Hye 11-8, 11-3, 11-8 Joshna Chinappa bt Sun Mi Song 11-2, 11-4, 11-8 Hong Kong China bt Malaysia 2-1

Pool Matches: (as India topped their pool they were in semi-

India bt Hong Kong China 2-1 (day 2) Joshna Chinappa bt Rebecca Chiu 11-4, 11-7, 4-11, 11-7

Dipika Pallikal bt Annie Au 11-6, 11-4, 11-8 Anaka Alankamony lost to Joey Chan 3-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-5 India bt Sri lanka 3-0 (day 1)

Joshna Chinappa bt Sharya Guruge 11-2, 11-7, 11-3 Anaka Alankamony bt Damindi Udangawa 11-5, 11-1, 11-5 Surbhi Misra bt Dulakshi Elikewela 11-2, 11-4, 11-4.

India bt China 3-0 (day 1) Joshna Chinappa bt Jiang Li 11-5, 11-5, 11-3 Dipika Pallikal bt Xiu Chen 11-4, 11-8, 11-2

Anaka Alankamony bt Gu Jinyue 11-4, 11-5, 11-9



The winning team with their trophes

Pakistan wins the

Asian men's team event championship akistan and Hong Kong China emerged winners of the men's and women's team events at the Asian squash championships held at Indian Squash Academy.

Malaysia failed to retain the title after a disappointing 2-0 defeat to Pakistan in the final. National number three Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan went down 5-11,11-7, 4-11, 4-11 to Yasir Butt of Pakistan in the first tie.

Newly crowned Asian champion Mohd Azlan Iskandar was a big letdown as all the attention was on him to level the score but he floundered to go down 8-11, 9-11, 11-13 to Aamir Atlas Khan.

Azlan defeated Aamir in the final of the individual final after the Pakistani player retired in the third set because of a leg injury.

Pakistan stopped Malaysia from winning the team title for the third straight time. Malaysia won the last two editions in Taiwan (2006) and Kuwait (2008) by defeating Pakistan on both occasions

Debendranath Sarangi, the government of Tamil Nadu's sports secretary and Srivatsan Subramaniam, the SRFI secretary general, gave away the prizes.

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Mens Team Event:

Finals: Pakistan bt Malaysia 2-0

Yasir Ali Butt bt Mohd. Nafiizwan 11-5, 7-11, 11-4, 11-5; Agmir Atlas Khan bt Mohd, Azlan 11-8, 11-9, 13-11 Semifinals: Malaysia bt India 2-1

Mohd. Nafiizwan bt Harinderpal Singh Sandhu 12-10, 11-9,

Mohd. Azlan lost Saurav Ghosal 11-2, 8-11, 2-11, 4-11

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