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## OTTERS OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT 2011

At Oters Club, Bandra, Mumbai

**Harinderpal, Saumya, Mahesh, Ashwarya, (14/05/2011)**  
**Yohan, Sandeep, Kush & Veer emerge supreme**



Winners All: Yohan Pandole (U-15), Mahesh Mangaonkar (U-19), Saumya Karki (U-17), Kush Kumar (U-17), Sandeep Paswan (U-13), Veer Chotrani (U-11), Harinderpal Sandhu (Mens Open), Ashwarya Bhattacharya (U-13), Manish Chotrani (Over-35) and Rohit More (Professionals)

**D**efending men's champion Harinderpal Singh Sandhu of Tamil Nadu retained his title, while Saumya Karki earned another double for the second time in succession, in the Rs. 8 lakh Oters Open Squash Tournament.

Top seed Sandhu overcame third seed Mahesh Mangaonkar of Mumbai 11-9, 6-11, 11-7, 11-6 in an exciting final that lasted 80 minutes. Favourite Sandhu endured a stiff challenge from underdog Mangaonkar,

who has just made the transition to the senior category after being a top junior with significant international exposure.

CCI lad Mangaonkar, the 2009 under-15 British Open champion, ran Sandhu close in the opening game for a promising start. He revealed his potential for future glory by snatching the second set and impressing with a 7-4 lead in the third before Sandhu crawled back to take the game and match away.

"It wasn't an easy match. Mahesh played really well and gave me a tough time in the first two sets. Of course he's just joined the seniors ranks but he showed he has great potential. I've gone through the same phase," said Sandhu after the match. Sandhu earned Rs. 1 lakh for his effort, while Mangaonkar received Rs. 50,000. Top seed and defending champion Saumya Karki retained the Women's and under-17 titles in a repeat of last year's effort. Second seed Kush Kumar upset top seed Deepak Mishra for the boys' under-17 title in an all-Tamil Nadu final, while favourite Aishwarya Bhattacharya of Jindal Squash Academy won the girls under-13 and under-15 titles for a deserving double.

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## Women's Asian Junior U19 Championship 2011

At Jordan (26/06/2011)

**Anaka bags Asian squash gold**



Anaka Alankamony showing her trophy

**A**naka Alankamony avenged her defeat at the Asian Team championships earlier this year in Sri Lanka to notch up her maiden victory against Tsz Wing Tong of Hong Kong 6-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7, 11-7 to win the Asian junior squash championships.

She emulated the feats of her illustrious compatriots Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal, the earlier victors from India.

Just 16 years and eligible to take part in the newly introduced under-17 category, Anaka was determined to make a mark in the under-19 girls championship. The gritty girl did struggle, particularly in the initial phase when the excessive bounce and speed of the ball unsettled her.

To add to her discomfiture, Tong kept the ball hard and low consistently. The first game was quickly won by Tong 11-6.

Anaka won the second game 11-8 but Tong bounced back to take the third (12-10) over extra points. Committing lesser mistakes, the Indian bounced back into the match and ended the 75-minute tussle in her favour by picking up the next two games at identical 11-7 scores.

While Anaka triumphed, Ramit Tandon in the under-19 boys and Saumya Karki in under-17 girls had to settle for the silver medals. Ramit had beaten Danish Atlas Khan in the team event in Sri Lanka. But after taking a game and leading 7-2 in the next, Ramit slipped whereas Danish gained in confidence to seize the initiative. Ramit went down 11-9, 7-11, 4-11, 5-11.

Earlier, Saumya Karki went down fighting to top-seeded Ho Ka Po of Hong Kong in four games. Ho Ka Po won 17-15, 10-12, 11-5, 11-3.

### Finals :

**Girls U-19:** Anaka Alankamony bt Tsz Wing Tong 6-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7, 11-7.

**U-17:** Ho Ka Po bt Saumya Karki 17-15, 10-12, 11-5, 11-3.

**Boys U-19:** Danish Atlas Khan bt Ramit Tandon 11-9, 7-11, 4-11, 5-11.

## WISPA Indian Challenger women's squash 2011

At Chennai

(23/04/2011)

**Urquhart tames Joshna, claims title**

**A**ustralia's Donna Urquhart dashed home hopes of success in the Women's Indian Challenger when she beat Joshna Chinappa in the final of the WISPA World Tour 12 squash event at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai.

Chinappa, the fourth seed from India, made her breakthrough in the semi's where she beat higher-ranked national rival Dipika Pallikal, the No2 seed, in five games to also reach the 12th Tour final of her career.

In the finals Chinappa, the reigning and ten times Indian national champion, took the opening game against Urquhart - and looked set to repeat her upset over the world No16 in their last meeting in Malaysia over two years ago.

But Joshna, ranked 20 places lower, was unable to push on as Urquhart increased her variety of strokes to wrap up the match with confidence, winning 8-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6 in 39 minutes.

### ALL RESULTS

**Final :** Donna Urquhart (Aus) bt Joshna Chinappa (Ind) 8-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6.

### Semifinals :

Donna Urquhart (Aus) bt Lisa Camilleri (Aus) 8-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6;

Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 6-11, 11-9, 11-6, 6-11, 11-6.

**Quarterfinals:** Donna Urquhart (Aus) bt Tenille Swartz (RSA) 11-8, 14-12, 11-6

Lisa Camilleri (Aus) bt Siti Munirah (Mas) 11-9, 11-9, 11-4  
Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Misaki Kobayashi (Jpn) 11-4, 11-5, 11-6

Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Melody Francis (Aus) 11-6, 11-5, 11-6

### Pre-quarterfinals :

Donna Urquhart (Aus) bt Anaka Alankamony (Ind) 11-9, 11-3, 17-15;

Tenille Swartz (RSA) bt Lakshya Ragavendran (Ind) 11-3, 11-6, 11-3;

Lisa Camilleri (Aus) bt Laura Pomportes (Fra) 11-4, 11-3, 11-6;  
Siti Munirah (MAS) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (Ind) 7-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 11-2;

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Melody Francis (Aus) bt Adel Weir Nunan (RSA) 11-4, 11-6, 11-3;

Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Siyoli Waters (RSA) 11-7, 11-7, 8-11, 11-0

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

## Buler Challenge Cup

At Hong Kong (17/04/2011)

Sandhu lost to Aron in finals &amp; Deepika in semis

**Finals Men's:** Aaron Frankcomb (AUS) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 12-10, 11-6, 12-10**Women's:** Annie Au (HKG) bt Donna Urquhart (AUS) 11-9, 7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7**Semi-final Men's:** Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Dick Lau (HKG) 8-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-7**Women's:** Annie Au (HKG) bt Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-7, 11-2, 11-1**Quarter finals Mens:** Harinderpal Sandhu bt Jan Koukal 11-9, 8-11, 8-11, 11-2, 11-9**Women's:** Annie Au bt Joshna Chinappa 12-10, 14-12, 11-8  
Dipika Pallikal bt Melody Francis 11-9, 9-11, 11-6, 11-2**First round: Mens:** Harinderpal Sandhu (Ind) bt Bader Al Hussaini (Kuwait) 10-12, 11-2, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10**Women's:** Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt [Q] Siyoli Waters (RSA) 11-6, 11-5, 11-7

Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Elise Ng (Hkg) 11-6, 11-3, 11-6

## Cannon Kirk Homes Irish Open

At Dublin (17-04-2011)

Sandhu lost to Aron in finals

**Men's Final:** Tarek Momen (EGY) bt [1] Stewart Boswell (AUS) 12-10, 11-7, 8-11, 11-3**Women's Final:** [4] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [3] Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) 13-15, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10, 16-14**Semifinals: Men's:** Tarek Momen (EGY) bt [3] Saurav Ghosal (Ind) 8-11, 2-11, 12-10.

Ghosal w-d injured.

**Quarterfinals Men's:** [3] Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Siddharth Suchde (Ind) 11-4, 11-6, 11-7**Round One (Men):**

[Q] Siddharth Suchde (IND) beat [Q] Matthew Karwalski (AUS) 11-4, 12-10, 11-6

[3] Saurav Ghosal (IND) beat [Q] Henrik Mustonen (FIN) 11-8, 12-10, 11-3

**Qualifying results (men) Final Round:**

Siddharth Suchde (Ind) bt Sean Le Roux (Eng) 11-5, 4-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7

## PSA Challenger 5 Millicent Open

At South Australia (12/06/2011)

It's 50-UP &amp; another title - or Corren while Mahesh loses in quarters

## ALL RESULTS

**Final:** [1] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [2] Rex Hedrick (AUS) 11-7, 11-8, 11-5**Semi-finals:** [1] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [8] Elvinn Keo (MAS) 11-4, 11-3, 9-11, 11-9

[2] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [5] Aqeel Rehman (AUT) 11-8, 11-2, 11-8

**Quarter-finals:** [8] Elvinn Keo (MAS) bt [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 14-12, 2-11, 12-10, 14-12 (60m)**2nd round:** [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Joseph Watts (NZL) 11-3, 11-1, 11-6 (21m)**1st round:** [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [3] Nathan Stevenson (AUS) 11-4, 6-11, 8-11, 11-8, 20-18 (73m)

## PSA Challenger 5 Chateau Tanunda

Australian Open, Adelaide (07/06/2011)

Mahesh loses in 2nd round

**Final:** [1] Kashif Shuja (NZL) bt [2] Mike Corren (AUS) 11-7, 4-11, 13-15, 11-5, 12-10 (75m)**Semi-finals:** [1] Kashif Shuja (NZL) bt Evan Williams (NZL) 11-8, 11-6, 11-7 (25m)

[2] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [3] Rex Hedrick (AUS) 5-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-5 (89m)

**2nd round:** [3] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 7-11, 12-10, 13-11, 2-11, 11-7 (80m)**1st round:** [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [Q] Paul Coll (NZL) 10-12, 11-9, 11-4, 11-4 (51m)

## PSA Challenger 15 Jena International

At Hawally, Kuwait (19/06/2011)

Sandhu loses in quarters of Jena Open

**Final:** [3] Simon Rosner (GER) bt [1] Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) 3-11, 11-5, 11-6, 9-11, 11-9 (68m)**Semi-finals:** [1] Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK) bt Ali Farag (EGY) 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6 (49m)

[3] Simon Rosner (GER) bt [Q] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) 11-7, 11-9, 11-4 (34m)

**Quarter finals:** Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) beat Harinder pal Sandhu 13-11, 11-5, 11-5.**1st round:** [Q] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Jaymie Haycocks (ENG) 11-8, 9-1 ret.**Qualifying finals:** Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Mohammed Yaqoob Hajayah (KUW) 11-7, 11-5 ret. (22m)

## 16th Asian Individual Squash Championships 2011

At Penang, Malaysia (01/05/2011)

Adnan, David win Asian titles

**Finals: Men's:** [3/4] Mohd Nafizwan Mohd Adnan (MAS) bt [1] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 11-8**Women's:** [1] Nicol David (MAS) bt [2] Au Wing-Chi Annie (HK) 11-3, 11-2, 11-5**Semifinals: Men's:** [1] Ong Beng Hee (MAS) bt [5/8] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-6, 11-9, 6-11, 10-12, 11-4**Quarter Finals Men's:**

[5/8] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt [3/4] Abdullah Khalid H. Al- [2] Farhan Mehboob (PAK) bt [9/16] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) 11-8 11-8 11-4

**Women's:** [3/4] Delia Odette Arnold (MAS) bt [5/8] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 9-11 11-7 5-11 11-5 11-9**1st round:**

Men's: Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Chen Shu-Kai (TPE) 11-4, 11-3, 11-6





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5	Amr Shabana	EGY
6	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
7	Peter Barker	ENG
8	Thierry Lincou	FRA
9	Mohamed El Shorbagy	EGY
10	Mohd Azlan Iskandar	MAS
26	Saurav Ghosal	IND
64	Siddharth Suchde	IND
113	Harinder Pal Sandhu	IND
178	Sandeep Jangra	IND
185	Ravi Dixit	IND
231	Gaurav Nandrajog	IND
238	Mahesh Mangaonkar	IND
367	Ramit Tandon	IND
425	Nikhil Punwamy	IND
430	Supreet Singh	IND
430	Aditya Jagtap	IND
430	Abhishek Pradhan	IND
430	Vrishab Kotian	IND

## WOMENS RANKING JULY 2011

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Jenny Duncalf	ENG
3	Rachael Grinham	AUS
4	Madeline Perry	IRL
5	Alison Waters	ENG
6	Kasey Brown	AUS
7	Laura Massaro	ENG
8	Omnaya Abdel Kawy	EGY
9	Annie Au	HKG
10	Camille Serme	FRA
26	Dipika Pallikal	IND
34	Joshna Chinappa	IND
121	Anaka Alankamony	IND
121	Aparajitha Balamurukan	IND
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# Milo All Star & PBA Penang Junior Open Malaysia

At Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia **Report by A. I. Singh** (31st May to 5th June)

**T**his year the Milo All Star Junior Open Squash Tournament was well attended, with several countries sending large contingents- Malaysia (of course), India, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Iran, Pakistan, Jordan, Indonesia, and Japan. The accommodation was top notch (Hilton PJ, as usual), and the breakfast spread more varied than before. Availability of water at the secondary venue (B B School), which is inherently hot and poorly ventilated, could be looked into. The rectified draws were well balanced, ensuring that players from the same country did not meet in early rounds as far as possible.

Amongst the Indian's the best result was that of Veer Chotrani (Boys Under-11), who finished 2nd, losing to an obviously overage player Ahmad Tarar from Pakistan. Tushar Shahani stood 6th. Both the players train at Khar Gymkhana Squash Academy. Advait Adik of Oters Club won the Special Plate event, and Aryanam Adik won the Plate event in Boys U-13. Akansha Salunkhe (Goa) won the Special Plate in Girls U-13. Kush Kumar (Delhi) stood 3rd in Boys U-17. Robin Mann (Delhi) stood 4th in Boys Under-13.

The PBA Penang Junior Open (which I attended for the 1st time) was a truly fantastic tournament. The venue is amazing, and the officials, especially Aaron Soya (ex PSA player), went out of their way to make participants comfortable. While the Milo Official dinner was skipped by many who got tired waiting for formalities, the Penang one was more of a party! The food was fantastic, every country had designated tables and hosts, and the atmosphere was electric. Every country presented their special skills in fields other than squash, and while the New Zealand team won the contest, the solo singing and guitar performance from an Aussie girl was outstanding.

In this tournament, Veer stood 3rd, Tushar 5th and Robin 8th (withdrew due to injury).

While on paper, the Pakistanis won most titles, it is pertinent to note that though as players they may be very skilled, they need to show their squash skill in their correct age categories. While Mr. Tarar (Ahmed Tarar's Father) went hoarse extolling his sons 'achievements' and ambitions to make him a world champion, it was blatantly obvious that the boy is no less than 12 years of age, yet proudly having him participate in U-11! If he has already won the same titles last year (fudging even then), what's the point of making him play in U-11 again? Many such silly and futile attempts have been made earlier to make world champions, but all have resulted in no more than depriving deserving players of their due, and the cheating player fading away into oblivion. Cases in point would be Adil Maqbool (Pakistani based in Dubai, whose Father claimed he was taken straight to the squash court

after birth), Bilal Zaman (known as 'Uncle' in BJO circles), and even our own Ravi Dixit (whose 2 age certificates are with us) for that matter. The other Pakistan player who won the Under-15 titles at Milo and Penang himself went about announcing he was 17 years old! If this continues unchecked, we will soon have some hairy legs in skirts from Pakistan in the Girls categories!

Having said that, one realizes that the players themselves are not to blame. It is the devious parents who put that unrequired burden of guilt on their own children's shoulders in a futile bid to give them an advantage. I hope the situation is rectified, by parents and tournament organizers, and the talented players go on to become champions in their correct age groups. Champions are who others look up to.

## SRFI not on list of recognised bodies

Article in Hindustan Times, New Delhi (17/05/2011)

**H**ockey India & Squash Racquets Federation of India is not recognised by the sports ministry.

The ministry has, from this year onwards, decided to give recognition to federations on an annual basis, and among the leading sports bodies that have missed out this time are wrestling, badminton, squash and the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). While the ministry has de-recognised HI for flouting guidelines relating to age and tenure of officials, the wrestling federation finds itself being left out because of its recently-held elections that's been challenged in court.

"Only 22 federations have fulfilled the ministry's guidelines and they have been granted recognition for this year. We expect that, in the coming months, other federations too will fulfil the norms and get on board," said Sports Authority of India (SAI) secretary, Gopal Krishna.

**ON THE BACKFOOT** The federations left out by the ministry will not get direct financial assistance and will have no say in the making of the Long Term Development Plan. The selection of coaches will also be the ministry's prerogative.

"We don't want players to suffer so we are not stopping financial assistance to the disciplines whose federations are not recognised. The ministry will directly look after the financial matters relating to coaching and participation of the teams in international events," said a ministry official. "We didn't even call the federations not recognised by us for the steering committee meeting."



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## PROSQUASH speaks to Robin Mann upcoming squash player and squash professional Amjad Khan

### Robin Mann

Robin Mann is a Delhi based player who has been making spectacular progress since the last couple of years. He has achieved some splendid results both at the national and international levels. He is representing India at the Asian Junior Championship in Jordan. Here is an interview with Robin!



**Prosquash- What are your best results so far?**

**Robin- My best results so far are- 2nd runners up (3rd place) in Milo All Star Junior Squash Championship held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2009- Boys U-11 and 2011- Boys U-13); selected to represent India in Asian Juniors to be held in Jordan from 21st June to 25th June 2011; Runners up in PBA Penang Junior Open Squash Championship (2009); Winner Delhi Open in 2008 (Boys U-11); Winner DDA Open in 2009 (Boys U-11).**

**Prosquash- How did you start playing squash? Please mention about your progress from starting till now?**

**Robin- I grew up watching my Dad play and developed an interest in the sport. I have progressed incredibly in the past 4 years. I have a very good coach- Puneet sir, who is always helping to adopt better technique and in increasing stamina.**

**Prosquash- How much do you train? Please share some details on how you train.**

**Robin- I train 2 hours a day sincerely for 6 days a week except the days when I'm not in town, and during and before exams. I mainly do the drills other than matches.**

**Prosquash- Where do you study? Does the school support your efforts in Squash?**

**Robin- I study in Lotus Valley International School. Frankly, my school does not support or motivates me for this sport!**

**Prosquash- How about studies- do you manage studies and squash?**

**Robin- Yes, I am doing fairly well in studies!**

**Prosquash- What is your ambition?**

**Robin- To be a leading squash or sports person in India as well as on International level.**

**Prosquash- Do you have interests other than squash?**

**Robin- Yes, my interests are playing football, listening to music, watching movies, playing Xbox!**

### Amjad Khan



**PROSQUASH : How did you start your coaching and who is your role model, if any?**

**AMJAD : Basically I am not from a squash background. I start to play squash from the year of 1999 to be a successful squash player and coach. And yes, My role model is RITWIK BHATTACHARYA, he is a national champion. I took encouragement from him.**

**PROSQUASH : What is your present location where you work and where all have you coached?**

**AMJAD : Presently, I am coaching in school name is VASANT VALLY SCHOOL in Delhi. I've coached several players who are now at the International level.**

**PROSQUASH : How do you keep yourself fit?**

**AMJAD : To keep my self fit I do running, skipping and inside squash court I do sprints, as they helps to increase my stamina.**

**PROSQUASH : Who are the players you've coached earlier and the prominent ones now?**

**AMJAD : I have coached two prominent squash players. They are from under 13th boys, One of them is KUSH KUMAR and another one is DEEPAK MISHRA.**

**PROSQUASH : In your view how has squash grown and how would you recommend squash to those wishing to start?**

**AMJAD : Squash is very different game. If you want to play squash first you must improve your speed strength and mental skills. And once you start to play this game will definitely will build your confidence and stamina. For your future this game is very helpful if you are planning to take admission abroad.**

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## PSA Kolkata International

At the Calcutta Racket Club

## Karim Crowned Kolkata King (04-04-2011)

In the longest three-game match either player had ever played, world No3 Karim Darwish overcame fellow Egyptian Omar Mosaad in today's final of the \$35000 PSA Kolkata International tournament at the Calcutta Racket Club.

In the semifinals Karim Darwish dashed hopes of local success when he defeated the Kolkata-born Indian number one Saurav Ghosal in the semi-finals.

Despite the distraction of the cricket world cup final, Calcutta Club regulars turned up as if bound by duty to support their fourth-seeded local hero in his match against the Egyptian favourite.

"Ghosal did not disappoint. And had the opening game ended up in his favour, then who knows?"

The 24-year-old world No23 matched Darwish shot for shot and, after trailing 0-3, caught up with the Egyptian at 7-7. Ghosal retrieved almost every ball with amazing agility. Tied at nine-all, a 'stroke' went against Ghosal, and Darwish followed that up with a perfectly played drop to steal the first game.

Ghosal came back all guns blazing in the second and from 4-4 opened up a 10-4 lead. He kept the ball in play and mixed it up with a range of drops and boasts. Darwish helped Ghosal's cause with a couple of mistimed shots that hit the tin.

But, with the score poised at one game all and 2-2 in the third, Ghosal tripped on Darwish's heel and crashed into the wall, bruising his knee. The Indian star took a three-minute time-out to apply ice, but the break did not help his cause.

Darwish took full advantage and went on to claim the 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 11-4 victory in 54 minutes

## ALL RESULTS

## Finals :

[1] Karim Darwish (EGY) bt [2] Omar Mosaad (EGY) 12-10, 12-10, 11-4 (91m)

## Semi-finals:

[1] Karim Darwish (EGY) bt [4] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 11-4 (54m)

[2] Omar Mosaad (EGY) bt Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) 11-6, 11-4, 11-4 (28m)

## Quarterfinals:

Saurav Ghosal ( Ind ) bt Amr Khaled Khalifa (Egy) 11-8, 6-2, concd.

## First round:

Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt Bradley Hindle (Mlt) 12-10, 12-10, 11-2  
Karim Abdel Gawad (Egy) bt Siddharth Suchde (Ind) 11-9, 5-11, 11-5, 11-7

2nd Pathways World School,  
Aravali Invitational Inter  
School Squash 2011

(13-04-2011)



Winner's (PWS) Under - 15 Team Event

Pathways World School, Aravali won the 2nd Pathways World School, Aravali Invitational Inter School Squash Tournament 2011, Under-15 boys. This was held from 12th to 13th April, 2011 at the school courts.

There were total seven teams from Delhi and NCR including two teams from outside Delhi. The teams that participated were- Pathways World School -Blue; Pathways World School -Red; Mayo College, Ajmer; Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehardun; Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi; Ahlcon International School, New Delhi; Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi. Following are the results of the matches we played with different schools in under- 15 (Boys) category.

League Match	PWS Vs RIMCA	PWS won by 5-0
Quarter final	PWS Vs Modern Sch	PWS won by 5-0
Semifinal	PWSB Vs PWSR	PWS won by 3-0
Final	PWS Vs Mayo Sch	PWS won by 3-0

In individual competition there were 32 participants from seven different schools.

Finals was played between Harsh Jain PWS, Aravali and Siddharth Singh Mayo College, Ajmer. Siddharth won the title.

## Team Event Ranking

- 1) Pathways World School -Blue
- 2) Mayo College, Ajmer
- 3) Pathways World School -Red
- 4) Modern School, Barakhamba
- 5) Ahlcon International School, New Delhi
- 6) Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehardun
- 7) DPS R K Puram, New Delhi

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Shivnaryan Singh (Ramas Sweet) and Kiran Sharma (Kiran Studio) giving the trophy to Aishwarya Nambiar (Winner, Girls U-15)



Mukesh Desai (Pathik Computers) and Sunli Gupta (Winmark Enterprise) presenting the trophy to Rahul Kumar (Runners up in Mens over-55)



Anil Mahesh (Hon. Jt. Sec. Juhu Gymkhana) giving trophy to Gary Nkshcike (Runners up Mens Over-35)



Ramesh Yadav (Commissioner Income Tax) giving away the trophies to Vinod Rihwani and Rajesh Rajani (Runners up in doubles handicap)



Madhukar Musle (Avanish Developers) and Kantibhai Shah (Metal Tubes and Rolling Mills Ltd) giving away the trophy to Deepak Moolani (Runners up Mens Over-45)



Turabali Majal (VP Sales, Crystal Mirage) and Ganeshan Balasubramaniam (GM, DHFL) presenting the trophy to Veer Chotrani (Winner in Boys Under-11)



Karan Mehra giving away the trophies to Kishore Chhabria & Inderjeet Singh (Winner of Doubles Open)



Narendra Gour (Director, ISP) & actress Riya Sen giving away the trophy to Arjad Khan (Winner in Professionals event)

# 100TH TOURNAMENT



Noreena Pereira (VP, ISP) presenting the memento to Mr Padmakar Valvi (Hon. Sports Minister, Government of Maharashtra)



Actress Rati Agnihotri presenting the trophy to Harshi Kaur Jawanda (Runners up in girls under-19 event)



Mohit Agarwal (Head) presenting the trophy to Aishwarya Singh (Runners up in boys under-15 event)



Rajeev Dube (Starwing Developers Pvt Ltd) and Xavier Marquis presenting the trophy to Vivek Dinodia (Runners up in under-19 event)



Sandeep Jhangra & Vikas Jhangra (Runners up in doubles event) receiving the trophies from Ashish Gupta (President, ISP), Raj Arora and Shiv Mahotra (Sec. Gen., SRAM)



Dwrek Raj (President, Juhu Gymkhana) giving away the trophy to Akhilesh Yadav (runners up boys under-17)



Group photo of the event



## Squash - A- Mile

Caran Arora - Going the extra mile to Make A Difference

(19/06/2011)

**C**aran Arora, conceived and enterprisingly led an admirable initiative to help the underprivileged. In a unique event at the Bombay Gymkhana Courts, hundreds of squash players of all ages and sizes came together to show support for Concern India Foundation, an NGO that believes in 'Helping People Help Themselves'. Through Health, Education & Community Development it supports the most vulnerable sections of our society, including children, youth, women, the specially challenged and the elderly. ([www.concernindia.org](http://www.concernindia.org))

**ISP spoke to Caran about the event****ISP : How did you come up with this idea.**

**Caran :** It wasn't very original. I read about a similar event in England several years ago and the idea stuck. I felt that we could emulate that effort by bringing the squash fraternity together in an event that involved **GIVING**. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to some work with some underprivileged families in Karjat, this was perhaps the impetus for this effort.

**ISP : Squash-A-Mile, tell us something about the event**

**Caran :** It essentially involved walking or running a mile on the squash court, that is approximately 165 court lengths. People came forward linking their pledges/donations to the number of lengths run by themselves or any of their friends or simply gave amounts that they were comfortable with. Basically the idea was creating a format that was a 'fun' way to raise money.

**ISP : What kind of targets did you have in terms of funds to be raised and how did you do eventually**

**Caran :** I began with a target of Rs. 75,000 which was quickly revised to Rs. 1,00,000 after some deliberations with the Concern India team. When I began approaching friends, fellow squash players, sports lovers etc. I was absolutely overwhelmed with the generous response across the board. Immediately, I decided to stretch the target to Rs. 2,00,000 and I'm pleased to report that we finally ended the collection at Rs. 3,05,951

**ISP : Would you say that the culture of 'GIVING' is growing****all the time**

**Caran :** Without a doubt - YES. People have been really large hearted and generous. It was heartening to see so many people come forth so spontaneously with their presence, energy and contributions.

**ISP : What kind of effort went into the planning of the event**

**Caran :** The objective was to create a 'carnival' atmosphere on a Sunday Morning. So we needed some good music, food and energy. Fortunately the rain stayed away and hundreds of people showed up adding to the tremendous energy. It was a delight to see so many young squash players have a blast. We had some prizes for the youngest, oldest and fastest participants. My granddad was the oldest participant at 75, Agastya Raichand was the youngest participant at 4, and Shashi Pandey set the court on fire with a time of 7:42 for the mile

**ISP : Who were the top players who participated**

**Caran :** Saurav and Siddharth ran the mile before they left for England some days ago. Ritwik was an integral part of the event encouraging the youngsters to push harder. He ran as well. Aditya Jagtap was also there till the end.

**ISP : Do you plan to make this an annual event**

**Caran :** Looking at the success of this event, it seems like the logical thing to do. I am not likely to be here next year and plan to pass the baton to some enthusiastic juniors to take this forward. It will be fantastic if this could be done year after year.

**ISP : The Squash Fraternity is indeed proud of you. Any thing that you'd like to share with our young players**

**Caran :** It has been an extremely rewarding effort. Being grateful for what we have is perhaps the starting point. The important thing is to try and do something, even if very small, for those who are less fortunate. The feeling is something that is difficult to describe. I can say, however, that it feels real good. We can all make a difference.



Some of the 230 participants make a happy picture for the 'Squash-A-Mile' event held at the Bombay Gymkhana on Sunday 19 June 2011



## Golden Open PSA World Tour Challenger 5

### Karwalski Strikes Gold in Kalgoorlie and Mahesh loses in quarters

At the YMCA in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia (07/06/2011)

Australia's Matthew Karwalski beat Englishman Anthony Graham in the final of the Golden Open to win the PSA World Tour Challenger 5 squash title at the YMCA in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Mahesh had the 1st round win very easily against Joseph of new Zealand but in the quarters he had to face no 1 seeded Mathew of Australia and he still fought and being 2-2 he lost the decider.

#### ALL RESULTS

**Final:** [1] Matthew Karwalski (AUS) bt [3] Anthony Graham (ENG) 11-9, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9 (39m)

**Semi-finals:** [1] Matthew Karwalski (AUS) bt [4] Justin Beard (AUS) 11-8, 8-11, 11-6, 7-11, 11-5 (50m)

[3] Anthony Graham (ENG) bt [2] Mike Corren (AUS) 3-11, 11-3, 11-7, 11-6 (48m)

**1st round:** [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [Q] Joseph Watts (NZL) 11-2, 11-3, 11-5

## ANKITA SHARMA ON A GIANT KILLING SPREE

**P**ROQUASH speaks to budding squash player Ankita, she started playing squash when she was 11 at The Leela under the guidance of, Samy Farang (Egypt), Khalid Atlas Khan (Pak) and C.S.Pawar. Now she has been selected to represent India in World Juniors in Boston, USA in the team event. She was also runners up in the Junior Nationals in 2010.

#### PROQUASH: How did you start playing squash?

**ANKITA:** I started playing squash because of my dad. He used to play squash at the Leela. He and Mahindra Uncle encouraged me and my sister to start playing this sport and that's how it started.

#### PROQUASH: How much do you train?

**ANKITA:** I train 4 hours everyday. Two hrs in the morning and 2 hrs in the eve.

#### PROQUASH: From whom have you taken training till now?

**ANKITA:** I started playing squash with pawar sir. He taught me the basics. I have also trained at Jindal Academy with Mr.Sunil Verma. I have also been to Egypt to train under Mr. Amir Wagih, and am currently training under Naresh Kumar.

#### PROQUASH: Where do you study and does your college support you in playing sport?

**ANKITA:** I am studying at NM college, from where I am doing my BCOM. Yes my college supports me a lot and also take care of my attendance whenever I am out for any Tournament, as well as my academics by taking re-exams.



#### PROQUASH: What are your aims in life? Your future in squash?

**ANKITA:** My aim in squash to become National Champion and also to come in top 50's in the WISPA rankings. In academics, I will be proceeding with LAW after my grad. And aim to clear the UPSC exams in the near future. I will continue playing squash all my life, and professionally as much as I can.

#### PROQUASH: Which match did you scored the best?

**ANKITA:** My best match till date was the Hongkong Open, when I played 11-11 and won the finals from the then top seed Ho Ka Po in 3 straight games.

#### PROQUASH: How did you keep your self fit?

**ANKITA:** I keep myself fit by not only playing squash, but also doing spinning, gym and swimming thrice a week.

#### PROQUASH: Who is your role model in squash?

**ANKITA:** My role model in squash is Mr. Amr Shabana from Egypt. He is not only a fantastic squash player, but also a great human being, with a heart of gold!

#### PROQUASH: Whom do you attribute your progress or success to?

**ANKITA:** Firstly, I attribute my success to my parents, who have always supported me and been there with me in all walks of life. It also goes to my friends- Imroze and Waqar, who have always encouraged me, my sister Niketa who has always been by my side, whether I win or I lose! My coaches, The list is never ending!

#### PROQUASH: Does squash run in your family?

**ANKITA:** Squash definitely runs in my family. My father plays squash for fitness, and we have on going discussions on squash whenever possible.

#### PROQUASH: Interest apart from squash?

**ANKITA:** My interest apart from squash are surfing the net, listening to music, swimming, aqua sports, adventure sports, watching movies, playing with my chintu cousins!