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3rd GVK-JVPG Braveheart Ashok Kamte Squash Classic 2011

At Juhu Vileparle Gymkhana Club, Mumbai

(23/07/2011)

Karm, Urvashi emerge winners



From left to right: Winners Karm Kumar (Mens Open), Sumer Rao & Madhav Dhingra (Doubles Top 8), Sanjay Goyal (Secretary General, ISP), Ashutosh Sharma, Mrs. Archana Tyagi (DIG, CISF), Anil Mahesh (Hon. Jt. Secretary Juhu Gymkhana), Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP), Ashish Gupta (President, ISP), Tanay Punjabi (Boys / Girls U-9), Urvashi Joshi (Womens Open), Shashi Pandey, Kunwarpal Singh (Doubles Top 8)

11-5, 11-9, 11-9, and Karm received the winners purse of Rs 8,000.

The womens' open final was also one sided. Aishwarya started the match very well, to move to 8-6 lead in the first game but the experienced Urvashi came back very strongly to level scores at 10-10 and win the game 13-11. The next two games were easy for the top seed, the final score reading 13-11, 11-4, 11-4. Urvashi took home a purse of Rs 7,000/-. Another talented youngster, Madhav Dhingra won the Boys Under 17 title and then paired with Sumer Rao to win the Handicap Doubles title. In the Under 17 finals Madhav beat Rahul Fazelbhai in five games at 5-11, 11-4, 3-11, 11-5, 11-9, while in the Doubles Handicap final with Sumer Rao, he defeated Rahul Modi and Kahan Gandhi 10-15, 15-9, 15-10.

Madhav received a cash award of Rs. 5,000/- for his Under 17 win while the duo took home Rs 8,000 for the handicap doubles title. The chief guest of the evening, Mrs Archana Tyagi (Director General, Central Industrial Security Force, Western Region) gave away the prizes.

Delhi's Karm Kumar and Jindal Squash Academics Urvashi Joshi proved they were a cut above the rest as they lived up to their top seed billing to win the mens' and womens' singles titles, defeating Sachin Jadhav and Aishwarya Kulkarni respectively in the Rs 1 lakh prize money 3rd GVK-JVPG Braveheart Ashok Kamte Squash Classic, 2011, played at the squash courts of the Juhu Vileparle Gymkhana.

Karm Kumar, in very good touch throughout the tournament, showing tremendous reserves of stamina, with a fine combination of shots won the final against professional Sachin Jadhav. The scoreline read

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PROSQUASH speaks to Riddhi Sampat and Diya Joukani upcoming squash players from Mumbai

Riddhi Sampat

Riddhi Sampat is an upcoming player from Bombay Gymkhana. She studies at J. B. Petit High School for Girls, Fort, Mumbai, in class 7. She has consistently reached the Quarter Finals in Girls Under-13 category of various tournaments- Pune Open 2011 - (Aug 2011); Matunga Gymkhana 2011 (Jan 2011); Little Masters Squash Tournament (Jan 2011); Western India Squash Tournament; Maharashtra State Squash Tournament - (October 2010)



PROSQUASH : Tell us about how you took up Squash?

RIDDHI : I took up squash at the age of 9 as I used to watch my father play. First, I only played for fun, but after a year I began playing seriously and started taking part in tournaments.

PROSQUASH : How do you train? How do you balance training with studies?

RIDDHI : I train at the Bombay Gymkhana under the guidance of Ritwik Bhattacharya and Raj Arora, as well as with Baban, Manish and Devdas Sir. Our training is a combination of fitness with Ahmed Youssuf and drills as well as match play. I practice 5 times a week.

My school is right next to the Bombay Gym squash courts, therefore it is very convenient to play before and after school. I am in class seven I can balance my training with my studies. My school is very supportive and grants me leave at the time of tournaments. As I do not take any tuitions, I have an easy schedule and get ample time to play.

PROSQUASH : We wish all children would follow a 'no tuition' policy and play more! Are your family members also interested in sports, or have a background in sports? How do they encourage you to play squash?

RIDDHI : My father plays squash and my aunt learnt squash at a young age and it is because of them that I got a liking towards this sport and started to pursue it. Even my grandparents played badminton and golf and were keen swimmers, so I guess playing sports runs in our family!

My parents support me whole heartedly and take me for tournaments. They have guided and helped me through my ups and downs.

PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?

RIDDHI : My ambition is to play good squash in the spirit of the game as well as reach the top 8 in the nationals. I would like to represent the state in the interstate tournament and it would be a great honour if I could represent my country someday.

PROSQUASH : What are your other interests apart from Squash?

RIDDHI : I love to swim and I enjoy listening to music.

PROSQUASH : Do you enjoy other sports and co curricular activities?

RIDDHI : I am learning Kathak, an Indian classical dance and I am doing my art grade examination.

Diya Joukani

Diya Joukani is a student of Billabong high, and trains at the Khar Gymkhana Squash Academy, where she has trained since inception two and a half years ago. She has made steady progress, and has now made a mark in competition. She participated in this year's Milo Open, Malaysia, and did reasonably well in the plate event. In the Indian Junior Open 2011, in the first week of September at Chennai. She beat higher seeded players to finish Runner Up.



PROSQUASH : Tell us about how you took up Squash?

DIYA : I first started playing Squash in Auckland. I've lived there for 6 years & squash is very popular within New Zealand. I used to go to the club to watch my dad & landed up playing the sport myself.

PROSQUASH : How do you train? How do you balance training with studies?

DIYA : I come home from school at 3:30, I have a quick snack, read for a bit, leave for the club at 4:30 and reach the club at 4:40. A I Singh is my coach who is there all through my session, which continues till 6:30, including Squash, fitness with Mr. Qayyas Chaudhary, and Yoga with Ms. Neha Shah. Finally when I go home I end my training session with a little weight training on some days. I follow this schedule 5 days a week and on Saturday we play matches and drills. There is no yoga and fitness but we have to stretch after we play. I study on Saturday mornings from 9-11. On Sunday I sometimes go cycling with my dad or we go to the courts. I don't study much on this day as I catch up with my friends and family. I do not go for tuitions. I wake up in the morning at 6:15 and study till 7. That has so far been sufficient for me. If I need to increase it, I will do half of my work when I come home from school and then I will leave for squash. **My school, Billabong High, Santacruz, goes out of its way by organising extra sessions to help cover studies missed due to tournaments.**

PROSQUASH : Does your family have a sporting background? How do they encourage you to play squash?

DIYA : Yes, my family does support me for my squash. My grandfather was once into boxing, my dad runs 21 km twice a week and cycles approx. 45 km twice a week. He also plays squash and helps with my training. I guess that is where I get my stamina from, it's genetic. My family supports me when I go for my matches, we have friendly bets which are my incentive. They come regularly to watch me in the club. My mom helps me with my weight training and diet and how to balance out my school work and studies and my dad does all the technical stuff.

PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?

DIYA : My ambition is to be world No 1 by the time I am 18.

PROSQUASH : What are your other interests apart from Squash?

DIYA : I love reading, basketball, swimming for fun. I used to play a lot of Netball in NZ and I enjoy skate boarding.

PROSQUASH : Do you enjoy other sports and co curricular activities?

DIYA : I also play football, I would love to play every sport, but there is no more time left in my day!

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Khan wins while Joshna retired hurt in the semifinals of Hamptons Open, New York (16/8/2011)

Final:

[1] Latasha Khan (USA) bt [4] Samantha Cornett (CAN) 11-5, 12-10, 11-7

Semi-Finals:

[1] Latasha Khan (USA) bt [3] Sina Wall (GER) 11-4, 11-5, 11-5

[4] Samantha Cornett (CAN) bt [2] Joshna Chinappa (IND) 5-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-2 (Ret Hurt)

Quarter-Finals:

[1] Latasha Khan (USA) bt [5] Thaisa Serafini (BRA) 11-8, 11-6, 11-5

[3] Sina Wall (GER) bt [6] Ivonne Diaz (MEX) 11-5, 11-9, 11-4

[4] Samantha Cornett (CAN) bt [8] Stephanie Edmison (CAN) 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 6-11, 11-8

[2] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt [7] Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) 11-5, 11-8, 11-8

1st Round:

[4] Samantha Cornett (CAN) bt [Q] Anaka Alankamony (IND) 11-5, 13-11, 11-9

[7] Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) bt [Q] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-7, 11-5, 10-12, 11-8

[2] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Elpiniki Clement (USA) 11-1, 11-5, 11-8

Nottingham Open 2011, England (14/08/2011)
Sharpe Cuts Through Mahesh in 1st round and Anthony Graham in the finals

Final:

[2] Charles Sharpe (ENG) bt [4] Anthony Graham (ENG) 11-5, 11-8, 8-11, 11-4

Semi-finals:

[2] Charles Sharpe (ENG) bt Sebastian Weenink (NED) 11-7, 11-8, 5-11, 11-7

[4] Anthony Graham (ENG) bt [1] Rasmus Nielsen (DEN) 11-8, 7-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-7

Quarter-finals:

[2] Charles Sharpe (ENG) bt Ben Coleman (ENG) 6-11, 12-10, 11-13, 11-9, 11-5

Sebastian Weenink (NED) bt [Q] Lucas Serme (FRA) 11-7, 8-11, 11-9, 11-5

[4] Anthony Graham (ENG) bt Declan James (ENG) 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9

[1] Rasmus Nielsen (DEN) bt Ben Ford (ENG) 11-8, 10-12, 11-9, 11-5

1st round:

[2] Charles Sharpe (ENG) bt [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-5, 6-11, 13-11, 3-11, 13-11

Viridian Australian Open, Canberra : 14/8/2011
Dipika & Saurav loses while Ramy Ashour Claims Australian Open Crown

Mens Open : Final:

[2] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [1] Nick Matthew (ENG) 12-14, 11-6, 10-12, 11-8, 11-4

Semifinals:

Nick Matthew bt David Palmer 11-9, 11-4, 11-5

Ramy Ashour bt Gregory Gaultier 7-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-9

Quarter-finals:

[1] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) 11-5, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5

David Palmer (AUS) bt [3] Karim Darwish (EGY) 11-3, 10-12, 11-8, 12-10

[5] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [4] James Willstrop (ENG) 7-11, 12-10, 11-4, 11-5

[2] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [6] Peter Barker (ENG) 5-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-4

1st round:

Stewart Boswell (AUS) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 14-12, 11-2, 11-5

Womens results :

1ST ROUND

[13] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt [Q] Amanda Landers-Murphy (Nzl) 11-4, 11-8, 11-2

2nd 1ST ROUND

Donna Urquhart bt Dipika Pallikal 11-6, 7-11, 11-6, 11-7

WISPA des Pyramides 2011, France (4/07/2011)

Finals:

[1] Camille Serme bt [2] Natalie Grinham 11-4, 11-4, 6-11, 11-9

Semifinals:

[1] Camille Serme bt [3] Dipika Pallikal 11-6, 11-4, 11-9

[2] Natalie Grinham bt [6] Joshna Chinappa 12-10, 11-4, 11-2

Quarterfinals:

[3] Dipika Pallikal bt [8] Tenille Swartz 11-9, 11-3, 11-9

[6] Joshna Chinappa bt [4] Aisling Blake 11-9, 11-7, 9-11, 11-3

Round One:

[3] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) bt Dominique Lloyd-Walter (Eng) 11-2, 15-13, 11-2

[6] Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Emily Whitlock (Eng) 4-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8

SquashWorks Open, Belmont, WA, Australia (30/8/2011)

Dixit unlucky in Semi's, while Hindle takes the title

Final:

[2] Bradley Hindle (MLT) bt [1] Mike Corren (AUS) 14-12, 11-5, 6-11, 11-0

Semi-finals:

[1] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [4] Ravi Dixit (IND) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

[2] Bradley Hindle (MLT) bt Valentino Bong (MAS) 11-9, 9-11, 11-3, 11-4

Quarter-finals:

[4] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt Tarek Salah Shehata (EGY) 12-10, 11-9, 5-11, 11-1

2nd round:

[4] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt Kim Sung Young (KOR) 11-9, 11-5, 11-9

Saurav loses in the 1st round of ROWE British Grand Prix, Manchester, England:20 September 2011

1st round : [6] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-4, 11-5, 11-2 (47m)

Qualifying finals: Simon Rosner (GER) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-9, 11-7, 11-8 (43m)

1st qualifying round: Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Declan James (ENG) 11-5, 11-5, 11-8 (43m)

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

12/09/2011 : Brazil Open 2011, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Rafael Alarcon bt Jan Koukal 11-8, 10-12, 11-6, 11-5

09/09/2011 : North Coast Open, Australia

[1] Bradley Hindle (MLT) bt [2] Rex Hedrick (AUS) 11-8, 11-3, 3-11, 7-11, 11-6

09/09/2011 : Colombian Open 2011, Bogota

Mohamed El Shorbagy bt Laurens Jan Anjema 7-11, 11-7, 11-8, 2-11, 15-13

21/08/2011 : National Squash Academy Open, Canada

[4] Dane Sharp (CAN) bt [1] Joel Hinds (ENG) 11-8, 8-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7

14/08/2011 : Australian Open 2011, Canberra

Ramy Ashour bt Nick Matthew 12-14, 11-6, 10-12, 11-8, 11-4

13/08/2011 : Egyptian People 2011, Cairo

Karim Abdel Gawad bt Ali Farag 6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8

02/08/2011 : New South Wales Open 2011, Australia

Mens : [8] Raphael Kandra (GER) bt [5] Aqeel Rehman (AUT) 6-11, 13-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-9

Womens :

[7] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) bt [5] Samantha Cornett (CAN) 11-7 15-13 4-11 11-2 (33m)

31/07/2011 : Salt Lake City Open 2011, USA

Julian Illingworth bt Shawn Delierre 11-9, 10-12, 11-3, 11-9

31/07/2011 : Singapore Masters 2011, Singapore

Laura Massaro bt Madeline Perry 11-7, 11-8, 5-11, 11-9

MENS RANKING SEPTEMBER 2011

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nick Matthew	ENG
2	Ramy Ashour	EGY
3	Karim Darwish	EGY
4	James Willstrop	ENG
5	Amr Shabana	EGY
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 Punwaney	IND
430	Supreet Singh	IND
430	Aditya Jagtap	IND
430	Abhishek Pradhan	IND
430	Vrishab Kotian	IND

WOMENS RANKING SEPTEMBER 2011

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Jenny Duncalf	ENG
3	Rachael Grinham	AUS
4	Madeline Perry	IRE
5	Laura Massaro	ENG
24	Dipika Pallikal	IND
31	Joshna Chinappa	IND
110	Aparajitha Balamurukan	IND
110	Anaka Alankamony	IND
186	Anwesha Reddy	IND
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RESULTS

All Finals :

Doubles Handicap : Madhav Dhingra / Sumer Rao bt Rahul Modi / Kahan Gandhi 10-15, 15-9, 15-10

¼ Place : Rajan Chheda / Nilay Dalal bt Aijaz Shaikh / Rameez Mohmd 10-15, 15-9, 15-11

Doubles Top 8 : Kunwarpal Singh / Shashi Pandey bt Ness Billimoria / Arjun Kochhar 8-15, 15-11, 17-15

¾ Place : Sanjay Pawar / Virendra Pawar bt Vijay Waghela / Dipesh Borhade 15-13, 15-7

Boys Girls Under 9 : Tanay Punjabi bt Druv Vazirani 11-9, 11-9, 11-7

3/4Place : Vidish Puri bt Varun Gupta 11-8, 14-12

Womens Open : Uravshi Joshi bt Aishwarya Kulkarni 13-11, 11-4, 11-6

¾ Place : Maanvi Chopra bt Ruchi Mishra 11-9, 11-8

Boys Under 17 : Madhav Dhingra bt Rahil Fazlabbay 5-11, 11-4, 3-11, 11-5, 11-9

¾ Place : Arjun Kochhar bt Sumer Rao 11-3, 13-11

Mens Under 21 : Shashi Pandey bt Ness Billimoria 14-12, 11-6, 12-10

¾ Place : Dipesh Borhade bt Javed Mohammed 11-8, 13-15, 11-5

Mens Open : Karm Kumar bt Sachin Jadhav 11-5, 11-9, 11-9

¾ Place : Sanjay C. Pawar bt Laxman Joshi 11-0, 11-6

All Semifinals

Boys Girls Under 9 : Tanay Punjabi bt Varun Gupta 11-1, 11-2

Druv Vazirani bt Vidish Puri 11-3, 11-7, 11-1

Womens Open : Uravshi Joshi bt Maanvi chopra 11-4, 11-5, 11-5

Aishwarya Kulkarni bt Ruchi Mishra 11-8, 14-12, 12-10

Boys Under 17 : Madhav Dhingra bt Sumer Rao 11-4, 11-0, 11-2

Rahil Fazlabbay bt Arjun Kochchar 11-8, 13-11, 11-7

Mens Under 21 : Ness Billimoria bt Dipesh Borhade 11-1, 11-5, 11-7

Shashi Pandey bt Javed Mohammed 11-9, 3-11, 11-5, 11-8

Mens Open : Karm Kumar bt Sanjay Pawar 11-5, 11-6, 11-6
Sachin Jadhav bt Laxman Joshi 9-11, 7-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-9

Doubles Handicap : Madhav Dhingra / Sumer Rao bt Rajan Chheda / Nilay Dalal 9-15, 15-5, 15-14
Rahul Modi / Kahan Gandhi bt Aijaz Shaikh / Rameez Mohmd 6-15, 15-9, 15-9

Doubles Top 8 : Ness Billimoria/Arjun Kochhar bt Sanjay Pawar/Virendra Pawar 15-11, 15-4

Kunwarpal Singh/Shashi Pandey bt Vijay Waghela/Dipesh Borhade 11-15, 15-8, 15-7

Iran Junior Squash Open

At Tehran, Iran (30/06/2011)

Adhitya Raghavan and Neharika Balamurukan
lifts Iran Junior Squash title



Neharika Balamurukan and Adhitya Raghavan

Adhitya Raghavan and Neharika Balamurukan trainees at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai won their maiden International squash title in the Boys' and Girls' Under 13 category respectively at the Iran Junior Open being held at the Enghelab Sports Complex, Tehran, Iran.

Adhitya and Neharika won with straight game victories against their local opponents. In the semi finals they defeated higher ranked opponents from Iraq and Iran respectively.

FINAL RESULTS:

Girls Under 13:

Neharika Balamurukan beat Ayli Nayeri(Iran) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8

Boys Under 13:

Adhitya Raghavan beat Alireza Shameli(Iran) 11-9, 11-6, 11-8



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Indian Junior Open 2011

At Chennai

Veer, Kush, Mahesh, Anaka win titles

(10/09/2011)



Veer Chotrani



Harshit Kaur



Mahesh Mangaonkar



Anaka Alankamony

Kush Kumar did the country proud by ousting the favourite and top seeded Ahmed Alsarraj of Jordan to win the Boys' Under 17 title in the third Indian Junior Squash championship.

Kush's 11-5 9-11 11-9 11-9 win over Alsarraj overshadowed the decisive efforts of his compatriots Mahesh Mangaonkar and Asian Junior Champion, Anaka Alankamony in claiming the Boys' and Girls' Under 19 titles respectively.

In the match between Kush and Alsarraj, the Indian played to a strategy and things went according to his game plan. His adaptability with difficult straight drives against an Asian Champion worked as a lethal weapon for Kush.

In the Under 19 finals, Mahesh, a member of the Indian squad that competed in the World Men's championship held in Germany in July was totally focused to score a 11-7 11-1 11-3 against compatriot Abhishek Pradhan.

In the Girls' Under 19 finals, Anaka was in her usual rhythmic style in dishing out eye catching effective drives and drops to win in straight games 11-6 11-8 11-9 against Ho Ka Po of Hong Kong.

In the Girls' Under 15 final, the 3-4 seed Harshit Kaur of India caused an upset beating second seed Chan Ho Ching 6-11 9-11 11-5 11-7 11-4. The Delhi girl excelled with her powerful smashes and delicate drops to claim the title.

In the Girls' Under 13 final, top seeded and favourite Aishwarya Bhattacharya fought gallantly before losing to Ho Ka Wing of Hong Kong 9-11 11-7 8-11 11-8 13-11.

The Boy's Under 11 title was won by top seeded Veer Chotrani, defeating compatriot Tushar Shahani 10-12 11-8 11-8 13-11.

RESULTS :

All finals:

Boys U-11: Veer Chotrani bt Tushar Shahani 10-12, 11-8, 11-8, 13-11

Boys U-13: Mohammad Alsarraj (Jor) bt Ranjit Singh 11-9 11-9, 11-5

Boys U-15: Yuen Tsun Hei (HK) bt Yohan Pandole 8-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-8

Boys U-17: Kush Kumar bt Ahmed Alsarraj (Jor) 11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9

Boys U-19: Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Abhishek Pradhan 11-7, 11-1, 11-3

Girls U-11: Lui Hiu Lam (HK) bt Diya Joukani 11-5, 11-1, 11-2

Girls U-13: Ho Ka Wing (HK) bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya 9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8, 13-11

Girls U-15: Harshit Kaur bt Chan Ho Ching (HK) 6-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-4

Girls U-17: Ho Tze Lok (HK) bt Choi Uen Shan (HK) 11-7, 19-17, 11-6

Girls U-19: Anaka Alankamony bt Ho Ka Po (HK) 11- , 11-8, 11-9

All Semifinals :

Boys U-11: Veer Chotrani bt Ayush Menon (USA) 11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 11-7

Tushar Shahani bt P Shankaran 11-8, 11-9, 10-12, 12-10

Boys U-13: Mohammad Alsarraj (JOR) Yash Bhargava 11-4, 11-6, 9-11, 11-6

Ranjit Singh bt Robin Mann 11-7, 11-5, 11-8

Boys U-15: Yuen Tsun Hei (H.K) bt Mohd. Fareez Izwan (Mal) 12-10, 11-6, 11-4

Yohan Pandole bt Sandeep Ramachandran 14-12, 6-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-9

Boys U-17: Ahmad Alsarraj (JOR) bt Yeung Ho Wai (H.K) 11-7, 13-11, 9-11, 12-10

Kush Kumar bt Gurshan Singh (Mal) 11-5, 11-8, 11-4

Boys U-19: Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Tang Cheuk Yan (H.K) 11-4, 11-7, 11-6

Abhishek Pradhan bt Vrishab Kotian 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-4

Girls U-11: Diya Joukani bt Adwiteya Kasliwal 11-3, 12-10, 11-8

Lui Hiu Lam (H.K) bt Aditi Raheja 11-1, 11-4, 11-2

Girls U-13: Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Cheng Nga Ching (H.K) 12-10, 12-10, 10-12, 11-8

Ho Ka Wing (H.K) bt Ashita Bhengra 11-3, 7-11, 11-7, 11-4

Girls U-15: Harshit Kaur bt Adya Advani 11-3, 17-15, 11-7

Chan Ho Ching (H.K) bt Mihiliya Methsarani (S.L) 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-7

Girls U-17: Ho Tze Lok (H.K) Chu Ka Hei (H.K) 11-5, 8-11, 11-3, 11-6

Choi Uen Shan bt Chan Pui Hei Pansy (H.K) 11-7, 11-7, 13-11

Girls U-19: Anaka Alankamony bt Lee Ka Yi (H.K) 11-7, 11-3, 11-1

Ho Ka Po (H.K) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan 11-6, 11-5, 11-6



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Team Event

World Junior Squash Championship Men's

Egypt Clinch World Title After Thrilling Final while India finishes 8th At Paderborn, Germany (22/08/2011)



The Winning Egypt Team with their trophies

Egypt sensationally retained their title in the WSF Mens' World Team Squash Championship after upsetting favorites England 2/1 in a thrilling final in Paderborn, Germany.

The 23rd staging of the World Squash Federation event - the first senior world championship since the IOC announcement that Squash is on the shortlist for Olympic inclusion in 2020 - has been taking place in Germany for the first time. The top two players in the world took to the court for the opening clash, with Egypt taking early honours when Ramy Ashour beat Nick Matthew, the world number one from Sheffield, 11-7, 11-9, 14-12.

Londoner Peter Barker brought the top seeds back into contention when he overcame Ramy's older brother Hisham Mohamed Ashour 11-6, 11-9, 11-7.

The decider featured second strings Karim Darwish and James Willstrop - a pair who have been opponents on a squash court since the world junior championships in 2000, with Englishman Willstrop boasting a 12-6 head to head advantage. This time however, Darwish got the better of Willstrop.

There were some notable final finishes lower down the order. Eighth seeds USA beat India, the sixth seeds, in the play-off for seventh place to record their best finish since 1983. Squad number one Julian Illingworth put the underdogs in the driving seat by beating Saurav Ghosal, ranked five places higher, in four games.

"With Gilly (Lane) still recovering from his back injury, we essentially played the whole tournament a man down," said team coach Paul Assaiane. "We'd love to have had the luxury of being able to rest our players. But to beat India today was very special and Julian's win was especially impressive."

Results:

Final:

[2] EGYPT bt [1] ENGLAND 2/1

Ramy Ashour bt Nick Matthew 11-7, 11-9, 14-12

Hisham Mohamed Ashour lost to Peter Barker 6-11, 9-11, 7-11

Karim Darwish bt James Willstrop 11-5, 13-11, 9-11, 11-4

Semi-finals:

[1] ENGLAND bt [4] AUSTRALIA 3/0

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

7th place play-off:

[8] USA bt [6] INDIA 2/0

Julian Illingworth bt Saurav Ghosal 11-9, 2-11, 13-11, 11-7

Todd Harrity bt Mahesh Mangaonkar 6-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-2, 11-5

Christopher Gordon v Harinder Pal Sandhu (Match withdrawn)

5th - 8th place play-offs:

[9] ITALY bt [6] INDIA 2/1

Marcus Berrett bt Siddharth Suchde 11-5, 6-11, 11-4, 11-0

Davide Bianchetti lost to Saurav Ghosal 5-11, 11-6, 7-11, 3-11

Amr Ramsy Swelim bt Harinder Pal Sandhu 11-9, 8-11, 11-4, 5-11, 11-8

Quarter-finals:

[1] ENGLAND bt [9] ITALY 2/1

[4] AUSTRALIA bt [6] INDIA 2/0

David Palmer bt Saurav Ghosal 7-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-6

Cameron Pilley bt Siddharth Suchde 11-9, 11-8, 11-4

Stewart Boswell v Harinder Pal Sandhu (Match withdrawn)

[3] FRANCE bt [5] MALAYSIA 3/0

[2] EGYPT bt [8] USA 3/0

Pre Quarters round:

[6] INDIA bt [17/24] DENMARK 2/0

Harinder Pal Sandhu bt Morten W Sorensen 11-6, 11-1, 11-8

Saurav Ghosal bt Kristian Frost Olesen 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9

Siddharth Suchde v Rasmus Nielsen (Match withdrawn)

Final Qualifying round:

[6] INDIA bt [11] SOUTH AFRICA 3/0

Siddharth Suchde bt Shaun le Roux 7-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-1, 11-6

Harinder Pal Sandhu bt Clinton Leeuw 12-10, 9-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8

Saurav Ghosal bt Stephen Coppinger 11-5, 11-3, 11-4

2nd qualifying round:

[6] INDIA bt [17/24] KUWAIT 3/0

Saurav Ghosal bt Abdullah Al Muzayen 7-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-6

Siddharth Suchde bt Ammar Al-Tamimi 11-4, 11-4, 11-5

Harinder Pal Sandhu bt Ali Bader Al-Ramzi 11-8, 11-5, 11-5

1st Qualifying round:

[6] INDIA bt [25/32] HUNGARY 3/0

Siddharth Suchde bt Sandor Fulop 11-6, 11-5, 11-9

Saurav Ghosal bt Marton Szaboky 11-6, 11-4, 11-3

Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Peter Hoffman 11-5, 11-4, 11-9

Event 2011

Individual Event

Marwan El Shorbagy Wins Historic World Title

At Herentals, Belgium

(21/7/2011)

Two years after his older brother won the title for the second time, 17-year-old Marwan El Shorbagy clinched the 2011 WSF Men's World Junior Individual Squash Championship crown at the Flemish Squash Centre in the Belgian town of Herentals.

Marwan and Mohamed El Shorbagy, currently ranked nine in the world, are the first brothers in the sport's history to win world individual titles.

In the second successive all-Egyptian climax of the World Squash Federation championship in Belgium, El Shorbagy junior beat close friend Mohamed Abouelghar, A 5/8 seed, 11-6, 11-6, 11-8 in 45 minutes.

Results :

Finals: Marwan El Shorbagy bt Mohamed Abouelghar 11-6, 11-6, 11-8

Semi-finals: [5/8] Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) bt [1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) 9-11, 11-8, 3-11, 11-7, 11-9

[2] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [9/16] Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (EGY) 11-6, 11-9, 11-9

Quarter-finals: [1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [5/8] Ramit Tandon (IND) 11-7, 11-7, 17-15

[5/8] Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) bt [5/8] James Earles (ENG) 11-8, 11-9, 11-7

[9/16] Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (EGY) bt [5/8] Declan James (ENG) 8-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-6

[2] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [9/16] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-7, 9-11, 13-11, 11-8

3rd round: [5/8] Ramit Tandon (IND) bt Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 11-6, 8-11, 11-3, 11-8

[9/16] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [9/16] Nicholas Hopcroft (ENG) 11-8, 11-5, 11-4

2nd round: [1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt Kush Kumar (IND) 11-4, 11-3, 11-1

[5/8] Ramit Tandon (IND) bt Abdulla Al-Tamimi (QAT) 11-5, 11-8, 11-9

Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt [9/16] Michael McCue (CAN) 9-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-7

[9/16] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Cedric Kuchen (SUI) 11-2, 11-4, 11-5

1st round: Kush Kumar (IND) bt Marc ter Sluis (NED) 11-4, 10-12, 8-11, 11-1, 11-0

[5/8] Ramit Tandon (IND) bt Aqeel Ashkanani (KUW) 11-7, 11-6, 11-4

Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt Remo Handl (SUI) 11-9, 11-5, 11-1

[5/8] Mohamed Abouelghar (EGY) bt Vrishab Kotian (IND) 11-5, 11-4, 11-3

[9/16] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Thomas Dembinski (USA) 11-1, 11-1, 11-4

Pune Open Squash 2011

At Poona Club, Pune (15/08/2011)

Yash, Akanksha lift Pune Open Squash title



Akanksha Salunke and Yash Fadte with their trophies

Yash Fadte and Akanksha Salunke, representing Goa at the 2010 Pune Open Squash Championships, won laurels for their State by winning the Under 9 boys' and Under 13 girls' segment respectively.

Yash Fadte defeated Tamil Nadu No 1 and second seeded Shree Roshan 9-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-5 in the finals to bag title in this category. Earlier, in the semi-finals, Yash Fadte beat Maharashtra No 1 Advait Adik 11-4, 13-

11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6 in a very competitive five-setter tie.

Akanksha Salunke, won the Girls Under 13 championships defeating third seeded Vridhi Doshi from Indore 11-3, 11-5, 11-7 in a straight setter to establish her superiority in the Western region. She had earlier beaten Mumbai girl and fourth seeded Vedhika Iyer 11-3, 11-3, 11-1. The other participant from Goa at the Pune Open Squash was Yash's brother Om.

Meanwhile, the Goa Association for Squash is planning a felicitation of both Yash and Akanksha and their coach Rehman Sayed.

RESULTS :

Mixed U-9 : Navneeth Prabhu bt Neel Joshi 11-9, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7

Girls U-13 : Aishwarya Bhattacharya bt Akanksha Salunke 11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 11-5

Girls U-15 : Vrudhi Doshi bt Aishwarya Nambiar 11-6, 11-9, 11-8

Girls U-17 : Vishruti Sahni bt Anandita Gupta 9-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-8

Boys U-11 : Tushar Sahni bt Yash Fadte 11-8, 11-6, 11-3

Boys U-13 : Abhay Singh bt Dev Vazirani 11-7, 11-3, 11-6

Boys U-15 : Kunj Rawani bt Siddharth Singh 9-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6

Boys U-17 : Manik Dutta bt Abhimanyu Shah 11-9, 11-7, 11-8

Boys U-19 : Deepak Mishra bt Sashi Pande 11-7, 11-7, 11-7

Men O-35 : Yudhvir Katoh bt Hemant Nadkarni 11-7, 11-6, 11-9

Men O-40 : Mohaneesh Sawant bt Rohit Thawani 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 11-1

Men O-45 : Samir Khare bt Deepak Moolani 6-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-5

Professionals : Parthibaan Ayyappan bt Paramit Singh 11-8, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9

Women's Open : Saumya Karki bt Anika Sharma 11-6, 11-6, 11-9

Men Open : Gaurav Nandariog bt Sandeep Jhangra 11-5, 6-11, 11-9, 11-6

Team Event

At Boston, USA

Egypt are world champions while India finished fourth

(31/7/2011)



The Winning Egypt team with the trophy

performance to demolish Ka-Yi Lee 11-3, 11-6, 11-7 in 20 minutes.

However, Ho Tze-Lok put paid to any hopes that the third-seeded Indians harboured by beating Saumya Karki 4-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8.

RESULTS :

Finals :

[1] EGYPT bt [2] USA 2/1

Nouran El Torky bt Sabrina Sobhy 11-9, 11-3, 11-3

Nour El Tayeb lost to Amanda Sobhy 9-11, 11-6, 6-11, 9-11

Nour El Sherbini bt Olivia Blatchford 11-8, 11-3, 11-8

3rd place play-off:

[6] HONG KONG CHINA bt [3] INDIA 2/1

Choi Uen Shan bt Aparajitha Balamurukan 11-9, 11-9, 12-14, 11-8

Ka-Yi Lee lost to Anaka Alankamony 3-11, 6-11, 7-11

Ho Tze-Lok bt Saumya Karki 4-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8

5th place play-off:

[4] ENGLAND bt [5] MALAYSIA 2/0

Semi-finals:

[1] EGYPT bt [6] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0

Nour El Tayeb bt Ho Ka Po 11-3, 11-2, 11-4

Nour El Sherbini bt Ka-Yi Lee 11-5, 10-12, 12-10, 11-2

[2] USA bt [3] INDIA 2/1

Amanda Sobhy bt Anaka Alankamony 11-8, 11-8, 11-5

Olivia Blatchford lost to Saumya Karki 7-11, 9-11, 9-11

Haley Mendez bt Aparajitha Balamurukan 11-8, 4-11, 11-9, 11-9

WSF Women's World Junior Squash C

Indian girls ended their campaign in the World junior team squash championships on a disappointing note, finishing fourth after losing the bronze medal play-off 1-2 against Hong Kong on the final day of the event at Harvard University in Boston.

Five-time finalist and two-time defending champion Egypt successfully retained the title defeating host USA, making its first-ever World squash team final appearance, 2-1.

Sixth-seeded Hong Kong took the advantage when Aparajitha Balamurukan lost 9-11, 9-11, 14-12, 8-11 to Choi Uen Shan in 36 minutes.

Aparajitha got off to a slow start and never seemed to recover against Shan who kept the pressure with her retrieving skills.

Aparajitha played well in the third game and had a very close fourth game but Shan edged past her in the fourth.

Indian nerves were settled when Asian junior champion Anaka Alankamony put in an assured

Quarter-finals:

[3] INDIA bt [4] ENGLAND 2/0

Anaka Alankamony bt Emily Whitlock 11-7, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9

Aparajitha Balamurukan bt Victoria Temple-Murray 7-11, 6-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-4

Final qualifying rounds:

[3] INDIA bt [13/16] ECUADOR 3/0

Anaka Alankamony bt Mireya Lucia Espinosa Proano 11-0, 11-2, 11-0

Ankita Sharma bt Maria Jose Guarderas 11-2, 11-5, 11-2

Aparajitha Balamurukan bt Nicole Gordillo Bravo 11-5, 11-2, 11-5

2nd Qualifying round:

[3] INDIA bt [6] HONG KONG CHINA 2/1

Aparajitha Balamurukan lost to Ho Tze-Lok 3-11, 8-11, 11-8, 15-17

Anaka Alankamony bt Ho Ka Po 11-0, 11-5, 11-3

Saumya Karki bt Ka-Yi Lee 12-10, 11-8, 11-6

1st Qualifying round:

[3] INDIA bt [11] FRANCE 3/0

Aparajitha Balamurukan bt Marie Stephan 9-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7

Anaka Alankamony bt Melissa Alves 12-10, 12-10, 11-6

Saumya Karki bt Julia Lecoq 7-11, 11-5, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7

Championship 2011

Individual Event

Third Time Lucky For World Champion El Tayeb

After disappointment in the 2009 and 2010 finals, it was third time lucky for Nour El Tayeb in the final of the 2011 WSF Womens' World Junior Individual Squash Championship when she beat fellow Egyptian and former champion Nour El Sherbini to win the World Squash Federation title at the Murr Center at Harvard University in Boston, USA.

As in their previous meeting in the 2009 final, the first game went well for El Tayeb, who took an early lead of 4-1 - extending it to 9-3 before closing out the game.

But, again as it had in 2009, the second game went away from the top seed as 3/4 seed El Sherbini, still aged only 15, built up a 9-3 lead before taking the game to draw level.

It was nip and tuck throughout the third and fourth games until two winners in a row brought El Tayeb her first match-ball at 10-7.

A daring - but unsuccessful - long drop temporarily reduced the gap for El Sherbini, but when the underdog's boast later then clipped the tin, El Tayeb was finally able to celebrate her status as World Champion.

RESULTS :

Final:

[1] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [3/4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) 11-5, 3-11, 11-7, 11-8

Semi-finals:

[1] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [5/8] Emily Whitlock (ENG) 11-8, 11-3, 11-5

[3/4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [2] Amanda Sobhy (USA) 11-5, 12-10, 11-9

Quarter-finals:

[1] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [9/16] Salma Hany (EGY) 11-8, 11-0, 11-4

[5/8] Emily Whitlock (ENG) bt [3/4] Olivia Blatchford (USA) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7

[3/4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [5/8] Nouran El Torky (EGY) 11-8, 11-3, 11-4

[2] Amanda Sobhy (USA) bt Mariam Ibrahim Metwally (EGY) 11-6, 11-3, 11-5

4th round:

[1] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) bt [9/16] Anaka Alankamony (IND) 13-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-3

3rd round:

[9/16] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt Alix Younger (CAN) 11-8, 11-4, 11-8

[3/4] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-6, 11-5, 11-6

2nd round:

[9/16] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt Olivia Fiechter (USA) 8-11,



Nour El Tayeb showing her trophy

11-9, 11-9, 11-9

[3/4] Olivia Blatchford (USA) bt Lakshya Ragavendran (IND) 11-0, 11-4, 11-3

Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) bt Choi Uen Shan (HKG) 11-9, 9-11, 11-4, 11-6

Mariam Ibrahim Metwally (EGY) bt Ankita Sharma (IND) 11-4, 11-3, 11-4

Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) bt Saumya Karki (IND) 11-13, 9-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-5

1st round:

Lakshya Ragavendran (IND) bt Julianne Chu (USA) 11-6, 5-11, 12-10, 5-11, 11-6

Orange County Squash Open 2011 Dipika on the move with Orange crown 12/9/2011



Deepika Pallikal

Dipika Pallikal vindicated her top billing by clinically dismantling all her opponents in straight games en route to the crown at the Orange County Squash Open in Los Angeles. The 20-year-old Indian, ranked 24th in the World, won her third WISPA (womens' professional squash tour) title after beating giant-killer Yathreb Adel of Egypt 11-6, 12-10, 11-9 in the final. Adel, the surprise package of the tournament, had reached the final after seeing off a couple of seeded players including second seed and home favourite Latasha Khan. The Egyptian was expected to test Dipika in the title clash.

DELHI & NORTH INDIA TOP 8 SQUASH LEAGUE-2011

at Kendriya Vidyalaya R K Puram, New Delhi

(15/08/2011)

The trainees and players of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sector 8, RK Puram Squash Academy won 7 of the 10 Titles and 35 of the 68 ranking positions contested. They also acquired 23 of the top 4 positions out of the 39 contested. The Noida Stadium players also excelled in the junior Boys' categories but due a lack of senior boys and fewer Girls' they had to forgo those positions. They won 3 Titles and 11 ranking positions with 7 of them in the top 4. A healthy competition between the academies in an amalgamated ranking is promoting squash and encouraging talent. The proximity of both academies to Delhi/UP and Haryana are tapping talent from all 3 states to hone a pool of talent to compete against Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the only states which pose the main challenge to the Delhi NCR players.

The advent of the Men U-21 category for the 2nd time in India after its premiere in Mumbai a month ago was a stupendous success. The pressure of the college syllabus had made it nearly impossible for this category to compete with the Men's circuit professionals and thus travelling for the concurrently hosted Poona Open to play in one category only seemed like an expensive proposition with no financial returns and thus this new age group fulfilled this gap.

The final of this new category was at 75 minutes the longest and most exciting match of the tournament. The first two games were won by Karm with relative ease as Rishi made too many uncharacteristic unforced errors despite being interspersed by some superb rallies. In the third Rishi was more focused and aggressive while Karm tried to tire Rishi with too many weak boasts which were put away easily and at 8 all Karm made unforced errors to lose the set. The 4th set followed the same pattern and Karm made more errors and sent Rishi in front by weak drops and boasts amid long tiring rallies. Karm again made the errors at 8 all and lost the 4th set. In the 5th set Rishi took a slight lead as Karm's strategy to move Rishi all over the court without going for the finish was not successful. One long grueling rally which Rishi won despite being stretched to all the four corners seemed to be the turning point as after that a tired Rishi started diving and slipping and finally going for misconceived winners which ended in the tin. A nail biting match with all the drama reminiscent of the ongoing CSA Rochester (Karm) versus Cornell(Rishi) intercollegiate rivalry was extended to the Indian shores.

The prizes were given by Misha Grewal, the ex 5 times National Champion, WISPA 27 and Arjuna Awardee and the new KV principal Mr. Sunil Shrivastava

RESULTS FINALS:

Mens U-21: Karm Kumar bt Rishi Jalan 11-3, 11-5, 8-11, 8-11, 11-8
Boys U-19: Uttarksh Kumar (STP) bt Abhihit Malik 12-10, 13-11, 3-11, 11-6
Boys U-17: Ranvijay Singh w/o Divij Kadan (unwell)
Boys U-15: Robin Mann bt Harshit Kaur 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9
Boys U-13: Robin Mann bt Yash Bhargav 11-6, 11-7, 11-6
Boys U-11: Sankalp Anand bt Gautam Nagpal 11-5, 11-2, 11-2
Girls U-19/17: Harshit Kaur w/o Tanvi Khanna (unwell)
Girls U-15: Isha Srivastava bt Amaya Kothari 11-1, 11-4, 11-8
Girls U-13: Ananiya Rustogi bt Megha Bhatia 12-10, 7-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-7
Girls U-11: Megha Bhatia bt Maitreyi Srivastava 12-10, 11-6, 11-9, 11-10

IN THE MEMORY OF SQUASH WRITER LATE RAJU CHAINANI

Hour of Glory

Mid-day 5th Feb 1999

By Raju Chainani



Late Mr. Raju Chainani

TUNKU Imran, president emeritus of the World Squash Federation, is a man of many parts. He came across as an effective communicator at the MID-DAY Lifetime Achievement awards night.

"Sport is about persons, about interpersonal relationships," observed the Malaysian prince, in his address to an august gathering of Mumbai society, including some of the biggest names in Indian squash.

"We in Malaysia are proud of our achievers. One of whom, Ong Beng Hee, has gone on to become the world junior champion," said Tunku Imran, who dwelt on the importance of recognising and appreciating sporting talent while presenting the MID-DAY Lifetime and the Indian Squash Professionals awards.

"Now with Nicole David showing the potential to become a women's world champion, we want to prove squash is not just for the Australians or Englishmen. Malaysia has shown that Asians can do equally well too, provided there is talent and the right support system," said the WSF president emeritus, who also heads the Malaysian squash federation.

Highlighting the need for sporting exchanges between Asian sporting powers, the driving force behind Malaysian cricket sought India's co-operation in chalking out tours involving junior cricketers from his country in exchange for tours where promising Indian squash players could get training in Malaysia.

The function was hosted by MIDDAY Publications chairman Khalid A-H Ansari and Rukya Ansari. The awardees included the victorious Maharashtra Inter-State men's team including coach Ananth Nayak, squash pros Chandrakant Pawar and Shyamal Verma, former national champion Adrian Ezra and women's sensation Mekhla Subedar.

ROLL OF HONOUR

MID-DAY Lifetime achievement awards

Anil Nayar, Adrian Ezra and Meherwan Daruvala

The Indian Squash Professionals (ISP) Awards

Shyamal Verma and Chandrakant Pawar

The Tunku Imran Award (donated by Simply Squash):

Ong Beng Hee, MID-DAY'S Rs 50,000 incentive to the Maharashtra team which won the Inter-state squash title at Calcutta. Team: Niraj Shirgaokar, Akhil Behl, Manish Chotrani, Parth Doshi, Avish Jaiswal and Saket Wali (Coach: Anant Nayak).

Special award

Mekhla Subedar, women's national champion.

ISP-AURANGABAD SQUASH TOURNAMENT

At Nath Valley School, Aurangabad (10/07/2011)



From L to R : Kalyan Gadekar, Mr. Yashwant Bhaskar (I.T.), Mrs. Bhaskar, Aishwarya Singtamkar, Asad Razvi, Shailesh Vyas, Sunil Dawkar and Rohidas Gadekar

ISP in association with Aurangabad District Squash Association organised a squash tournament at Nath Valley High School campus, in Aurangabad. In the Men's category Rushabh Sikchi beat Asad Rizvi and won the tournament. In the women's category Yashwini Bhaskar beat Aishwarya Singtamkar to get a purse of Rs 5000/-.

The two day tournament attracted 110 squash players. Mr Ranjit Das (Principal of Nath Valley School) made a fantastic arrangement for all players. Prize money of the tournament was Rs 25000.

Shailesh Vyas, Sunil Dawkar, Kalyan Gadekar, Satish Ingle, Manoj Bankar, Dharmendra Kale, Suresh Tribhuvan, Shrikant Aarak, Raviraj Phuche, Rohidas Gardekar (all members of Aurangabad Squash Association) organised the 1st tournament in Aurangabad very successfully. This was IPS 101st tournament. Best player of the tournament trophy was given to Shivam Chitnis and Sunaini Bhattacharya.

The winners got the prizes from Income Tax Commissioner Mr Yashwant Bhaskar, while Mr Das praised the tournament committee and players for participating in this tournament.

RESULTS

Mens Open : Finals : Rishabh Sikchi bt Asad Razvi 11-9, 6-11, 11-9

3rd - 4th place : Raashid Sikchi bt Aman Daga 11-9, 12-10

Semi Final : Rishabh Sikchi bt Raashid Shaikh 11-5, 11-9

Asad Razvi bt Aman Daga 12-10, 11-9

Quarter Final : Rishabh Sikchi bt Parth J. 11-5, 11-9

Raashid Shaikh bt Utkarsh Anand 11-7, 11-8

Aman Daga bt Akash S. 11-7, 9-11, 11-8

Asad Razvi bt Akash S. 11-4, 11-2

Womens Open :

Final : Yashaswini Bhaskar bt Aishwarya Simtamkar 11-3, 11-8

3rd & 4th Place : Siddhi Wadekar bt Ritika Bhaskar 11-7, 11-8

Semi Final : Yashaswini Bhaskar bt Siddhi Wadekar 11-6, 9-11, 11-2

Aishwarya Simtamkar bt Ritika Bhaskar 11-4, 11-6

Quarterfinals : Yashaswini Bhaskar bt Mayuri Bhosle 11-1, 11-4

Siddhi Wadekar bt Sunaini Bhattacharya 7-11, 12-10, 11-5

Ritika Bhaskar bt Avnita Ugalmugle 11-2, 11-4

Aishwarya Simtamkar bt Aishwarya R. 6-11, 11-9, 11-8

MANEK MATHUR'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



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Occupation : Squash professional

Preferred wall : Left wall

The youngest top-10 player, this 22-year-old Indian native and 2009 Trinity College co-captain is also by an even bigger margin the tour's biggest "mover" so far this season. He has improved his No. 35 2009-10 end-of-season ranking no fewer than 25 slots to his current No. 1 standing by virtue of his and partner Yvain Badan's final-round finish in St. Louis.

In their debut performance as partners; their run to the title in the Buffalo Challenger; and their pair of successful qualifying efforts in New York and Philadelphia. This former junior No. 2 in India who played for his country's national junior team in the World Junior Team Championships in 2006.

Slender and soft-spoken southpaw with a lethal front-court game (especially his forehand drives cross-court into the front-right nick) sustained a potentially serious injury in late September when his hand was cut nearly to the bone by broken glass, but after missing the first few events while the wound healed, he has burst onto the ISDA scene with a vengeance and figures to be a major factor on the tour for many years to come.

Top 10 World Professional Doubles Rankings
Rankings Last Updated: Sunday, May 1, 2011

Ranking Player	Country
1 Ben Gould	Australian
1 Damien Mudge	Australian
3 Clive Leach	English
3 Matt Jensen	Australian
5 Preston	Quick American
5 John	Russell English
7 Mark Chaloner	English
8 Chris Walker	English
9 Yvain Badan	Swiss
10 Manek Mathur	Indian

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