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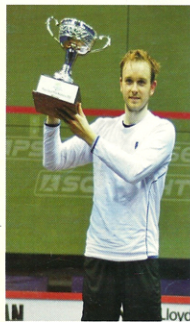
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## Punj Lloyd Squash Masters 2011

(18/12/2011)

at Sirifort, New Delhi

### James Willstrop: A PSA Master & World No 1



James Willstrop

The climax to an incredible end-of-year ran by James Willstrop on the international squash circuit saw the Englishman clinch his third successive PSA World Series title at the Punj Lloyd Squash Masters in India. He beat Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 19-21, 11-8, 11-4, 4-1 ret.

The opening game was a classic. The battle lasted almost an hour, with rarely more than a point separating the pair until the Frenchman emerged the winner 21-19 after one of the highest-scoring games in the history of the 'PAR to 11' scoring system.

But Willstrop fought back in the second game to draw level and was in control in the third as it became clear that all was not well with his opponent.

After treatment in the break, world No3 Gaultier returned to the court - but was clearly suffering from a cramp. After a few points, the Frenchman conceded the match to give Willstrop the title, and much more!

"We've been proud to play this event for three years now - we've been extremely well looked after. It's been a very enjoyable event to play in - so thanks to everybody involved, especially Punj Lloyd."

"I'm very proud I've done it here in India - I've had some really nice times here - and won the world junior title here as well." said Willstrop.

## RESULTS

### Final:

[3] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [4] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 19-21, 11-8, 11-4, 4-1 ret.

### Semi-finals:

[4] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [6] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) 12-10, 11-7, 11-1

[3] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [5] Peter Barker (ENG) 11-4, 11-3, 11-3

### Quarter-finals:

[6] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) bt [2] Karim Darwish (EGY) 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 11-3

[4] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [8] Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) 11-5, 11-2, 11-5

[3] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [7] Daryl Selby (ENG) 11-7, 11-7, 9-11, 11-5

[5] Peter Barker (ENG) bt [1] Rami Ashour (EGY) 11-13, 11-7, 11-8, 11-1

### 2nd round:

[5] Peter Barker (ENG) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-5, 11-8, 6-11, 11-5

1st round: Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Julian Illingworth (USA) 12-10, 11-4, 11-2

[4] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-4, 11-1, 11-6



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## 1ST NSCI Open Squash Championship 2011

(24/11/2011)

At the NSCI Club, Worli, Mumbai

Double delight for Harinder Pal, Saumya, Urvashi, Vrishab, Aditi and Madhav shines in the final



All winners along with the office bearers of NSCI club

**T**op seed and India No. 3 Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu helped himself to a double crown in the 1st NSCI Open Squash Championship 2011 at the National Sports Club of India, Worli.

Sandhu, the CCI-Western India runner-up, beat Sandeep Jangra of the Services 12-10, 11-9, 11-8 in an exciting championship round that lasted an hour. Jangra came up with a surprise challenge to make every set a close contest as Sandhu held on to take it away.

Later, Sandhu added the doubles crown along with Ravi Dixit as the pair beat cousins Sandeep and Vikas Jangra in straight sets.

Saumya Karki, who won a double at the CCI-Western India last week, continued to dominate the circuit by winning the women's title with an exciting 9-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-9 victory over arch-rival Urvashi Joshi of Jindal Squash Academy, after surprisingly dropping the opening set and enduring a tight fourth set. But the toast of the day was CCI lad Ness Billimoria who lit up the finals after going down fighting to top seed Vrishab Kotian of Tamil Nadu in a four-set thriller in the under-19 final.

Trailing 1-2, Billimoria gave the favourite a scare in the crucial fourth set that went down to the wire with Kotian snatching a nail-biter at 17-15.

While Akanksha Salunkhe of Goa completed a rewarding campaign by winning the girls under-13 crown, it was a rich haul for Tamil Nadu's talented posse of players as Adithya Raghavan, Sandeep Ramachandran, Mayuri N. and Professional Aiyappan Parthiban emerged victorious in their respective categories.

## RESULTS ALL FINALS

**Doubles:** Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu/Ravi Dixit (TN) bt Sandeep Jangra/Vikas Jangra (Services) 11-3, 11-5

**Men:** Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (TN) bt Sandeep Jangra (IAF) 12-10, 11-9, 11-8

**Women:** Saumya Karki (Hiranandani Club) bt Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) 9-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-9

**Professionals:** Aiyappan Parthiban (TN) bt Sanjay Pawar (Otters Club) 11-5, 12-10, 11-7

**Under-9:** Neel Joshi (Otters Club) bt Tanay Punjabi 11-3, 11-8, 11-8

**Boys U-11:** Tushar Shahani bt Advait Adik (Otters Club) 11-2, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7

**Boys U-13:** Adithya Raghavan (TN) bt Dev Vazirani (Khar Gym) 11-7, 11-8, 11-5

**Boys U-15:** Sandeep Ramachandran (TN) bt S. Velavan (TN) 11-9,

12-10, 11-9

**Boys U-17:** Madhav Dhingra (Otters Club) bt Arjun Kochhar (CCI) 11-6, 11-7, 11-9

**Boys U-19:** Vrishab Kotian (TN) bt Ness Billimoria (CCI) 11-8, 7-11, 11-9, 17-15

**Girls U-11:** Aditi Raheja (Otters Club) bt Megha Bhatia 7-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-4, 11-8

**Girls U-13:** Akanksha Salunkhe (Goa) bt Nikita Joshi (Otters Club) 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-8

**Girls U-15:** Mayuri N. (TN) bt Aishwarya Nambiar (Country Club) 13-11, 5-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8

**Girls U-17:** Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) bt Aishwarya Nambiar (Country Club) 11-4, 11-5, 7-11, 11-6



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# Maharashtra State Open Squash Championship

At Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai

Suchde clinches Men's title and triple for Saumya Karki

(11/10/2011)

RESULTS ALL FINALS



All winners along with tournament officials of Bombay Gymkhana

**M**en's top seed Siddharth Suchde earned his maiden State Open crown, while Saumya Karki helped herself to a triple, in the 36th Bombay Gymkhana-HSBC Maharashtra State Open Squash Championship, being played at Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai. Playing his opponent for the first time, India No. 2 Suchde beat second seed Mahesh Mangaonkar 11-3, 11-9, 11-8 in 45 minutes, in a well contested final between quality players and earned Rs. 1,40,000 for his effort.

After racing ahead in the opening set in the best-of-five championship round, Suchde, ranked No. 64 in the world, fell behind on three occasions with rare blemishes in the second set as world junior No. 3 Mangaonkar led 9-7 with flashes of brilliance. But Suchde's experience came to the fore when he snatched four points in a row to lead 2-0 and never looked back, as he warmed up for his next campaign in the Qatar Open. Favourite Saumya Karki won the women's, girls' under-19 and girls under-17 titles beating Urvashi Joshi of Jindal Squash Academy in all three finals. Saumya earned Rs. 55,000 for the women's crown. Among the juniors, top seed Aryaman Adik beat second seed Dev Vazirani 3-1 in a thriller to clinch the boys under-13 title, while top seed Yohan Pandole of CCI rallied from 0-2 to overcome Kunj Rawani of Country Club in a five-set thriller.

After beating Aditi Raheja in the Little Masters last week, second seed Abhilasha Bhasin once again upset her arch rival and top seed for the girls' under-11 crown. Second seed Sanjay Pawar upset top seed Rohit More of CCI for the Professionals title.

**Men's Open:** 1-Siddharth Suchde bt 2-Mahesh Mangaonkar 11-3, 11-9, 11-8.

**Women:** 1-Saumya Karki bt Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) 11-5, 11-3, 11-4.

**Under-9:** 1-Neel Joshi (Otters Club) bt 2-Tanay Punjabi (Otters Club) 11-7, 11-7, 12-10.

**Boys U-11:** 1-Veer Chotrani (Khar Gym) bt 2-Tushar Sahani (Khar Gym) 11-3, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7.

**Boys U-13:** 1-Aryaman Adik (Otters Club) bt 2-Dev Vazirani (Otters Club) 11-2, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9.

**Boys U-15:** 1-Yohan Pandole (CCI) bt Kunj Rawani (Country Club) 12-14, 8-11, 11-7, 12-10, 11-8.

**Boys U-17:** 1-Abhimanyu Shah (Bombay Gym) bt Arjun Kochhar (CCI) 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6.

**Boys U-19:** 1-Mahesh Mangaonkar bt 3-Utkarsh Kumar (Delhi) 11-5, 11-7, 11-4.

**Girls U-11:** 2-Abhilasha Bhasin bt 1-Aditi Raheja (Otters Club) 11-8, 7-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9.

**Girls U-13:** 2-Daksha Pathak bt Koel Shankar 11-6, 11-6, 11-3.

**Girls U-15:** 2-Aishwarya Nambiar bt 1-Aishwarya Bhattacharya 6-11, 11-8, 13-11, 11-2.

**Girls U-17:** 1-Saumya Karki bt 2-Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) 11-8, 11-6, 11-7.

**Girls U-19:** 1-Saumya Karki bt Urvashi Joshi (Jindal) 11-6, 11-4, 11-7.

**Professionals:** 2-Sanjay Pawar (Otters Club) bt 1-Rohit More (CCI) 14-12, 11-9, 11-9.

## Dipika Wins WISPA Dread Squash Series 2

(16/10/2011)

**D**ipika Pallikal faced her toughest tournament match in the final of WISPA \$12,000 Dread Series 2 in Washington, DC but won in three games, completing a shut out of her opponent, Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG), the unseeded surprise finalist.

Pallikal said "it took me a while to adapt to her style, and I found I had to keep it tight and deep to avoid getting blocked" or volleyed by her six-foot tall opponent.

After the match, Pallikal expressed satisfaction with her performance in a series of tournaments in the United States, saying it's "been a good week and I played well."

### RESULTS :

**Final:** Dipika Pallikal beat Sarah-Jane Perry 11-9, 11-3, 11-7

**Semifinal:** Sarah-Jane Perry beat Latasha Khan 14-12, 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 11-4

**Quarterfinal:** Dipika Pallikal beat Larissa Stephenson 11-3, 11-7, 11-5

**Quarterfinal:** Dipika Pallikal beat Sarah Cardwell 11-4, 11-3, 11-6

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## Sub-Junior / Junior Event

at Umed Club, Jodhpur (20/10/2011)

## National Squash

## Maharashtra players bags six out of Nine titles



Daksha Pathak



Veer Chotrani



Mahesh Mangaonkar



Urvasi Joshi



Aryaman Adik

**M**aharashtra boy Mahesh Mangaonkar stormed to victory over Vrishab Kotian of Tamilnadu in the Sub-Junior/Junior National Squash Championship which was played at Umed Club, Jodhpur.

The event which attracted more than 600 entries from all over India had Maharashtra bagging the maximum of 6 titles followed by 3 from Tamilnadu and 1 from Delhi. Anaka Alankamony (TN) had an easy win over Saumya Karki (MAH) in the Girls Under-19.

In the boys under-17 category Kush Kumar (TN) beat his own state boy Rishi Tandon in a well contested 4 game final and in the girl under-17 Urvasi Joshi (Mah) who was down 1-2 fought gallantly to beat Lakshya Ragavendran (TN). In the Under-15 finals Yohan Pandole (MAH) beat Ranjit Singh (UP) and Harshit Kaur (DEL) beat her own state girl Adya Advani after being 1 game down.

Under-13 finals had both the Maharashtra pair winning the titles, while Aryaman Adik beat Yash Bhargava of Delhi in a well contested 5 games final after being 2 games down and 2nd seeded Daksha Pathak won her first nationals when she beat Nikita Joshi (MAH). Boys Under-11 finals had top seed Veer Chotrani once again beating his own state boy the number two seeded Tushar Shahani and in the Girls Jeffrey Bianca of (TN) beat Aditi Raheja (MAH).

## RESULTS:

**Boys U11 Final:** Veer Chotrani (1), Mah, bt Tushar Shahani (2), Mah, 12-10 8-11 13-11 8-11 11-8

**3rd position:** Yash Fadte (3/4), Goa, bt Advait Adik (5/8), Mah, 12-10 11-7 11-7

**5th position:** G Yashwant Raghav (3/4), TN, bt Utkarsh Baheti (5/8), Raj, 11-5 11-8 7-11 11-3

**7th position:** Jash Chheda (5/8), Mah, bt S Navaneeth Prabhu (5/8), TN, 11-2 9-11 11-9 9-11 15-13

**Boys U13 Final:** Aryaman Adik (1), Mah, bt Yash Bhargava (2), Del, 11-9 7-11 13-11 9-11 11-8

**3rd position:** Adhitya Raghavan (5/8), TN, bt Siddhant Iyer (5/8), Mah, 10-12 11-6 11-6 11-9

**5th position:** Dev Vazirani (3/4), Mah, bt Solomon Ravi (3/4), TN, 11-4 8-11 9-11 13-11 11-6

**7th position:** Chaitanya Shah (5/8), Mah, bt RA Charaniyaselvan (5/8), TN, 11-3 11-6 9-11 7-11 7

**Boys U15 Final:** Yohan Pandole (1), Mah, bt Ranjit Singh (3/4), UP, 9-11 11-9 11-8 11-4

**3rd position:** Sandeep Ramachandran (2), TN, bt Aishwarya Singh (3/4), Mah, 11-7 11-8 12-10

**5th position:** Mudit Pant (9/16), Del, bt Kunj Rawani (5/8), Mah, 6-11 11-8 11-8 4-11 17-15

**7th position:** Velavan Senthikumar (9/16), TN, bt Robin Mann (9/16), Del, 8-11 11-7 11-7 11-3

**Boys U17 Final:** Kush Kumar (1), TN, bt Rishi Tandon (3/4), TN, 11-4 8-11 11-5 11-4

**3rd position:** Deepak Mishra (2), TN, bt Manik Dutta (3/4), MP, 11-7 11-7 14-16 10-12 11-9

**5th position:** Madhav Dhingra (5/8), Mah, bt Vijay Kumar (5/8), Raj, 14-12 10-12 11-5 12-10

**7th position:** Abhimanyu Shah (5/8), Mah, bt Divij Singh Kadan (5/8), Del, 11-5 11-8 11-6

**Boys U19 Final:** Mahesh Mangaonkar (1), Mah, bt Vrishab Kotian (3/4), TN, 9-11 15-13 11-5 11-7

**3rd position:** Abhishek Pradhan (2), TN, bt Vivek Dinodia (5/8), WB, 12-10 11-6 11-8

**5th position:** Aditya Advani (5/8), Del, bt Abhijit Malik (3/4), Del, 8-11 6-11 11-7 11-5 14-12

**7th position:** Shashi Pandey (5/8), Mah, bt Dhananjay Singh (5/8), MP, 11-4 11-3 7-11 11-13 11-6

**Girls U11 Final:** Jeffrey Bianca (2), TN, bt Aditi Raheja (1), Mah, 11-3 9-11 11-2 11-8

**3rd position:** S Samita (3/4), TN, bt Avani Nagar (5/8), Mah, 11-4 11-3 11-11 4

**5th position:** Megha Bhatia (5/8), Del, bt Janiya Singh, Chd 11-2, 11-6, 11-6

**7th position:** Arnaaz Brar, Chd bt Amita Gondi, AP

**Girls U13 Final:** Daksha Pathak (3/4), Mah, bt Nikita Joshi (2), Mah, 11-7 11-8 5-11 11-7

**3rd position:** Akanksha Salunkhe (1), Goa, bt Ashita Pranaya Bhengra (3/4), TN, 11-8 11-8 14-12

**5th position:** Shamika Reddy (5/8), TN, bt Vedika Arun (5/8), TN, 11-3 11-7 11-13 11-4

**7th position:** Neharika Balamurukan (5/8), TN, bt Koel Shankar (5/8), Mah, 11-8 14-16 11-3 11-6

**Girls U15 Final:** Harshit Kaur Jawanda (1), Del, bt Adya Advani (2), Del, 10-12 11-8



# Championship 2011

11-7 11-9

**3rd position:** Aishwarya Nambiyar (3/4), Mah, bt Aishwarya Bhattacharya (3/4), Mah, 12-10 11-5 11-7**5th position:** Jui Kalgutkar (5/8), Mah, bt Mayuri N (5/8), TN, 13-11 11-4 11-7**7th position:** Gayatri Raheja (5/8), Mah, bt Anushka Nair (5/8), Mah, 8-11 11-7 11-5 11-9**Girls U17 Final :** Urvasi Joshi (2), Mah, bt Lakshya Raghavendran (1), TN, 11-7 6-11 10-11 11-8 11-8**3rd position:** Pankuri Malhotra (3/4), Del, bt Janet Vidhi (3/4), Del, 11-6 9-11 11-7 10-12 11-4**5th position:** Anandita Gupta (5/8), MP, bt Tanvi Khanna (5/8), Del, 9-11 11-8 8-11 11-9 11-9**7th position:** Aishwarya Kulkarni (5/8), Mah, bt Likhita Dugar, TN, 11-8 11-4 11-3**Girls U19 Final :** Anaka Alankamony (1), TN, bt Saumya Karki (2), Mah, 11-8 11-4 11-8**3rd position:** Aparajitha Balamurukan (3/4), TN, bt Anika Sharma (3/4), Mah, 11-7 5-11 11-3 9-11 11-8**5th position:** Sachika Ingale (5/8), Del, bt Shria Khatri (5/8), Mah, 12-10 11-1 11-2**7th position:** Saai Meera (5/8), TN, bt Vishrut Sahni (5/8), Del, 11-6 10-12 12-10 11-6

## Senior Event

at Chennai (10/12/2011)

### Dipika, Saurav, Rohit and Manish triumphs



Winners Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal with their trophies at the event

**S**aurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal, the two highest-ranked Indians in the world, are now in the best form of their life and they displayed their allround brilliance in ample measure in the senior National squash championships at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai.

Saurav didn't show any mercy to Harinder Pal Sandhu winning in 55

minutes 8-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-1 to bag the men's title for the sixth successive time and seventh overall while Dipika defeated Anaka Alankamony 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-7 for her maiden women's title.

The best of Anaka came in the second game where she proved equal to Dipika in the women's summit clash. Her placements caught the World No.17 napping.

But Dipika took a huge lead in the third game. Anaka wasn't finished yet as she kept pace with Dipika in the fourth. From 8-7, Dipika, however, took charge.

Dipika credited her rise in the World rankings to five-time World Open women's champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald. "She has been a huge influence on me. She has made a lot of changes in my mental outlook," she said.

### RESULTS : Finals

**Men:** Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (TN) 8-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-1**Women:** Dipika Pallikal (TN) bt Anaka Alankamony (TN) 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-7**Over 55:** Major S. Maniam (TN) bt Col. L.K. Agnihotri (ret.) 11-8, 11-9, 15-13**Over 50:** Viney Singh (Kar) bt Vaman Apte (Mah) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5**Over 45:** Rohit Thanwani (Mah) bt Chetan Ladiwala (Mah) 11-6, 11-7, 12-10**Over 40:** Manish Chotrani (Mah) bt Mohanish Sawant (Mah) 11-6, 16-14, 13-11**Professionals:** A. Parthiban (TN) bt B. Balamurukan (TN) 11-8, 10-12, 11-6, 11-8**Over 35:** Vikas Nayar (Chd) bt Cyrus Poncha (TN) 12-14, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7, 11-5

### Semifinals :

**Men:** Harinder Pal Sandhu (TN) bt Siddharth Suchde (Mah) 11-5, 11-8, 12-10;**Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Ravi Dixit (TN) 11-4, 11-7, 11-6.****Women:** Dipika Pallikal (TN) bt Anika Sharma (Mah) 11-2, 11-6, 11-5;**Anaka Alankamony (TN) bt Aparajitha Balamurukan (TN) 11-8, 11-4, 11-3.****Quarterfinals Men:** Ravi Dixit (TN) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mah) 9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-8;**Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Karan Malik (TN) 11-4, 11-4, 11-2****Harinder Pal Sandhu (TN) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (Del) 11-6, 11-9, 11-3;****Siddharth Suchde (Mah) bt Sandeep Jangra (Ser) 14-12, 11-7, 11-0.****Women:** Dipika Pallikal (TN) bt Tanvi Khanna (Del) 11-2, 11-1, 11-3;**Anika Sharma (Mah) bt R. Lakshya (TN) 3-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-3****Aparajitha Balamurukan (TN) bt Saai Meera (TN) 11-13, 11-4, 11-3, 11-2;****Anaka Alankamony (TN) bt Mayuri (TN) 11-3, 11-0, 11-2**

## The Little Masters Juniors Squash Tournament - 2011

At the Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai (05/10/2011)

**Navaneeth, Veer are Little Masters**

**Six titles for Maharashtra, one for Goa and two for TN**



All Winners with their trophies at the event

**T**op seeds Navaneeth Prabhu of Tamil Nadu won the under-9 crown, while Veer Chotrani of Maharashtra won the boys under-11 title, in the Little Masters Juniors Squash Tournament, organized and hosted by the Willingdon Sports Club, Mahalaxmi.

Upcoming Prabhu fashioned a thrilling 11-7, 7-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9 win over second seed Neel Joshi of Maharashtra, while Chotrani ended the winning streak of Goa lad Yash Fadte with another pulsating 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 11-7 victory.

Fadte rallied from a 1-2 deficit, winning the crucial fourth game by snatching seven points in a row to force the decider and rattle Chotrani. Fadte looked set to take the fifth and final set and match when he led 6-0 that put Chotrani under immense pressure. But just when it seemed over for Chotrani, the Khar Gymkhana lad fought back, winning eight points in a row to lead 8-6.

It was anybody's contest thereafter until Chotrani led 10-9 and sealed the match with a forehand winner. Vikas Mehra made it a double delight for Tamil Nadu following a 11-8, 5-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7 upset win over top seed Aryaman Adik of Maharashtra, after trailing 1-2.

Abhimanyu Shah of Maharashtra bagged the under-17 title with a 3-2 win over Divij Singh of Delhi, while top seed Aishwarya Bhattacharya beat No. 3 Aishwarya Nambiar 11-3, 3-11, 11-6, 11-7 for the girls' under-15 title. Maharashtra's Abhilasha Bhasin earned her first major title with the under-11 crown. World junior No. 3 and boys' under-19 top seed Mahesh Mangaonkar and girls' under-19 top seed Saumya Karki lived up to their reputations by bagging titles in their respective categories.

### RESULTS FINALS :

**Under-9:** 1-Navaneeth Prabhu (TN) bt 2-Neel Joshi (Mah) 11-7, 7-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9.

**Boys U-11:** 1-Veer Chotrani bt 4-Yash Fadte (Goa) 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 11-7.

**Boys U-13:** Vikas Mehra (TN) bt 1-Aryaman Adik (Mah) 11-8, 5-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7.

**Boys U-15:** 1-Yohan Pandole (Mah) bt Kunj Rawani (Mah) 11-5, 11-9, 11-9.

**Boys U-17:** 1-Abhimanyu Shah (Mah) bt 3-Divij Singh (Delhi) 11-9, 7-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-2.

**Boys U-19:** 1-Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mah) bt Utkarsh Kumar (Delhi)

11-2, 11-4, 11-0.

**Girls U-11:** 2-Abhilasha Bhasin (Mah) bt 1-Aditi Raheja (Mah) 12-10, 11-8, 11-9.

**Girls U-13:** 1-Akanksha Salunke (Goa) bt 3-Daksha Pathak (Mah) 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6.

**Girls U-15:** 1-Aishwarya Bhattacharya (Mah) bt 3-Aishwarya Nambiar (Mah) 11-3, 3-11, 11-6, 11-7.

**Girls U-19:** 1-Saumya Karki (Mah) bt 3-Urvashi Joshi (Mah) 11-6, 11-6, 11-4.

**Most Promising Boy:** Neel Joshi

**Most Promising Girl:** Navami Sharma



Chandrakant Sonawane (President), Pramod Patil (Secretary) of Jalgaon Squash Racquet Association along with ISP coach Yakub Shaikh and Sunil Dawkar (SRAM)

## Official Refree Coaching Seminar

At Jalgaon District, Maharashtra

(04/12/2011)

**J**algaon Squash Racquet Association had conducted an Official Refree Coaching Seminar at at Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Krida Sankul, Jalgaon on 3rd and 4th December 2011, in association with Squash Racquet Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) and Indian Squash Professionals (ISP). 35 Referees from 22 districts of Maharashtra namely Aurangabad, Beed, Usmanabad, Lathur, Nanded, Akola, Yashind, Pune, Satara, Sangli, Thane and others participated. The camp was conducted by ISP coach Yakub Shaikh and organised by Sunil Dawkar of SRAM. Chandrakant Sonawane (President, Jalgaon Squash Racquet Association) and Pramod Patil (Secretary, Jalgaon Squash Racquet Association) appreciated the efforts of ISP and SRAM and wish to have such camps in near future.

## Hong Kong Open 2011

**Dipika Pallikal wins third WISPA crown of year in Hong Kong** (18/12/2011)

**D**ipika Pallikal rounded off a very successful year with another victory, her third WISPA crown in 2011. The India No. 1 overcame a tough challenge from local favourite Joey Chan to win the Crocodile Challenge Cup in Hong Kong, after a grueling five-game affair.

The 20-year-old has had a golden year, having won two crowns in the US in September and October before rounding off the season with the triumph in Hong Kong. Dipika had also become the first Indian to reach the quarterfinals of the World Open last month, her exploits pushing her closer to the top-10 of women's squash, which is her target for next year. This is her fifth win in her professional career.

As of now, Dipika is happy she could end the year on a high.

### RESULTS

#### Womens Results:

**Finals:** Dipika Pallikal beat Joey Chan 10-12, 11-8, 10-12, 11-8, 14-12 (60m)

**Semi Finals:** Dipika Pallikal beat Sarah Kippax 11-6, 11-3, 11-6 (29m)

Joey Chan beat Donna Urquhart 11/6, 12/10, 11/9 (31m)

**QuarterFinals:** [3] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) beat Siti Munirah Jusoh 11/5, 11/6, 11/1 (21m)

#### Mens Results:

**Final:** [1] Max Lee (HKG) bt [3] Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) 8-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-3 (48m)

**Semi-finals:** [1] Max Lee (HKG) bt [4] Dick Lau (HKG) 11-0, 11-3, 11-7 (28m)

[3] Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt Ivan Yuen (MAS) 12-10, 7-11, 9-11, 11-4, 10-6 ret. (101m)

**Quarter-finals:** [1] Max Lee (HKG) bt [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-8, 11-2, 10-12, 11-7 (47m)

**1st round:** [Q] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Lucas Serme (FRA) 11-5, 11-4, 11-9

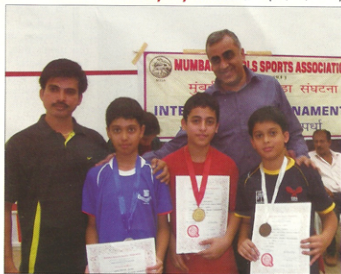
[4] Dick Lau (HKG) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 11-9, 13-11, 13-11 (50m)

[3] Muhd Asyraf Azan (MAS) bt [Q] Ravi Dixit (IND) 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9 (42m)



Winners Max Lee and Dipika Pallikal showing off their trophies

## MSSA Inter School squash Championship 2011 at Bombay Gymkhana (11/11/2011)



L to R: Deepak Shinde (Hon.Squash Sec., MSSA), Chaitnya Shah (Runners Up, Boys U-13), Dev Vazirani (Winner, Boys U-13), Aryan Parekh (3rd Place, Boys U-13) and Raj Arora (Member, Squash Sub Committee, Bombay Gymkhana)

### RESULTS

**Finals Boys U-16:** Madhav Dhingra (Dhirubhai Ambani) bt Yohan Pandole (Cathedral) 11-6, 12-14, 9-11, 11-7, 11-8

**Third Place:** Numair Sani (Bombay Scott. Powai) bt Harshvardhan W. (AVM) 11-6, 13-11, 11-6

**Final Boys U-13:** Dev Vazirani (Bom. Scottish Mahim) bt Chaitanya Shah (B. Scottish Mahim) 11-7, 14-12, 11-8

**Third Place:** Aryan Parekh (B. Scottish Mahim) bt Shlok Makhiya (AVM, Bandra-W) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7

**Final Boys U-11:** Veer Chotrani (Jamnabai Narsee) bt Tushar Shahani (AVM, Bandra) 11-7, 11-6, 11-4

**Third Place:** Ahaan Nalavadi (Dhirubhai Ambani) bt Zahaan Motiwala (B. Scottish Mahim) 11-8, 11-8, 11-8

**Finals Boys U-9:** Neel Joshi (B. Scottish Mahim) bt Tanay Panjabi (B. Scottish Mahim) 11-5, 11-9, 11-8

**Third Place:** Arman Darukhanawa (Campion) bt Jeh Pandole (Cathedral) 11-6, 11-0, 11-3

**Finals Girls U-16:** Jui Kalgutkar (St. Anthony's Girls) bt Aishwarya Nambiar (Cambridge) 11-8, 6-11, 1-11, 11-9, 11-5

**Third Place:** Anushka Nair (Gundechar Ed.) bt Gayatri Raheja (Dhirubhai Ambani) 11-9, 9-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 11-9

**Finals Girls U-13:** Nikita Joshi (B. Scottish Mahim) bt Koel Shankar (Podar Int. IB (SC)) 11-0, 11-5, 11-5

**Third Place:** Aditi Prasad (Cathedral) bt Diya Joukani (Billabong High, SC) 11-5, 12-10, 11-3

**Finals Girls U-11:** Aditi Raheja (Dhirubhai Ambani) bt Aariya Patel (Cathedral) 11-0, 11-1, 11-1

**Third Place:** Ananya Agarwal (Cathedral) bt Navmi Sharma (AVM, Juhu)



## PROSQUASH speaks to Aditi Raheja, Abhilasha Bhasin and Utkarsh Kumar upcoming squash players

### Aditi Raheja



**PROSQUASH : Tell us about how you took up Squash?**

**Aditi :** Squash to me came naturally as I watched my sister Gayatri enjoy playing it. The first time I held the racquet, it was taller than me! Yet I insisted I wanted to compete.

**Abhilasha:** Squash always fascinated me. I wanted to play a racquet game. I tried lawn tennis but wasn't too excited about it. My first session with Squash is what did it- I knew I would love the game.

**Utkarsh:** I had a lot of inclination towards sports. Before squash, I used to play a lot of other sports like badminton, swimming, football, hockey, tennis etc. One day the Mayo College squash coach, who was keeping a close watch at me on sports field came up to me and advised me to take up squash. Hence I took up squash. After this, I got so interested in Squash that I stopped playing other sports and concentrated major on Squash.

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

**Aditi :** I train very hard. My mentor has been Amit sir whose taught me technical, tactical aspects of squash but now I train in others club. I love it because I've made so many friends and we really have super fun while training.

Its a tough balance to keep squash and my studies. I've been getting academic awards so far, so its even tougher. But I pay lot of attention in school and my school, Dhruvhai Ambani International school is the best in the world! They permit me to come late in the mornings, reschedule my reviews and encourage me all the time. My teachers in school also give me one on one lessons when I miss out.

**Abhilasha:** Every morning I go to Bombay Gym at 6.30 for a drill. I sometimes follow it up with an evening session too. I do fitness twice a week. My father has given me permission to play squash provided I do not neglect my studies. I work very hard too and do my daily studies. It helped because I stand first in class too.

**Utkarsh:** I learnt the basics of the sport in Mayo College. I have two sessions in a day, morning and evening. Morning session is for fitness while the evening session is basically racquet practice. This makes it 3-4 hrs a day.

I set my curriculum in a way that supports my studies also. For half the year, I keep academics on priority and Squash for the other half. This however does not mean that I stop doing one of them, its simply that I bring down the intensity of one of these two for a particular time period. And this has really been successful as I secured pretty well in my class 12 exams.

**PROSQUASH : Are your family members also interested in sports, or have a background in sports? How do they encourage you to play squash?**

**Aditi :** My inspiration is my dad. He used to play squash while my

mother was a National level badminton player. So you can say, sportsmanship runs in my genes! Both my parents never stress on the outcome of the match but stress on the effort. Therefore, if I've not put in my best in practice, my parents do address that.

Last week I played the Bombay Gym U-11 finals and lost 9-11 in the 5th set. I came out smiling because I knew I gave it my 110%. My parents and my school praised me a lot!

**Abhilasha:** No, none of my family members ever play a sport or are Sportsmen! However my love for squash is rubbing off on my Father and Bhairavi who have now taken up to learning squash. They are all supportive of my dreams. My mother is always there outside the court encouraging and motivating me and my entire family comes to cheer me when I play my matches.

**Utkarsh:** My family is not into sports too much, nor do I have a sports background. But this does not imply that my family doesn't support me. And this is majorly due to the reason that I am doing well in academics. I guess...

**PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?**

**Aditi :** My ambition for now is to do well in next Nationals (Aditi was Runners Up in Nationals 2011, Girls U-11). You can safely say, I love the S of my life. My dad Awardees, Skiing, Speech and drama and Squash!

**Abhilasha:** My ambition is to be the best Squash player in the world. My short term goal is to win the Nationals.

**Utkarsh:** I want to keep my performance up in both the fields i.e. academics and squash because both of these interest me and I think if I keep doing well, these will open new possibilities for me. For now, I am fascinated when I see Entrepreneurs, I hope to have my own firm.

**PROSQUASH : Latest achievements in squash, as well as other sports and co curricular activities?**

**Aditi :** I've participated in two nationals so far. Last year I ranked 7th and that was the real start of my training. This year, I played the Malaysian Jr Milo tournament and the Indian Open in Chennai. I gave both these my best and ranked 4th at the Indian Open in the U-11 category.

**Abhilasha:** I have just won the Maharashtra State Open championship and the Willingdon club Little Masters tournament in the U 11 category. I have also been ranked 5 in the Indian Junior Open Championship in Chennai. Elocution is my other strength. I have participated and won in interschool elocution competitions and have just appeared for my Grade 4 Speech and Drama exam conducted by the Trinity College of London

**Utkarsh:** I haven't been playing a lot of tournaments due to college admissions and class 12 exams. But yes, I played two tournament in Mumbai in October and reached the finals in both of them in U-19 category. The tournaments were Maharashtra State Open Bombay Gymkhana 2011 and Little Masters 2011.



## 33rd Maharashtra State Squash Championship 2011

at Nanded District, Maharashtra

(30/09/2011)



Mr. D.P. Sawant (Minister, Government of Maharashtra) doing the traditional lighting along with Rajesh Tiwadi (Secretary, Nanded Club), Sanjay Goyal (Jt. Sec, SRAM), Ashish Gupta (President, ISP), Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, ISP) and Umesh Chauhan (President, Nanded Squash Racket Association)

The 33rd Maharashtra State Squash Championship was organized by SRAM in association with ISP at Nanded club, Maharashtra between 28th to 30th September 2011. Over 800 players from 22 districts of Maharashtra participated in this event.

The Event has various categories like U-11, U-13, U-15, U-7, U-19 in both Boys & Girls plus Mens open & Doubles open event. Mr. D. P. Sawant (Minister of State for Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra) was the chief guest and he promised to build a new squash court in Nanded so that international event can be held here.

The Nanded Squash Racket Association headed by Mr. Umesh Chauhan organized the Tournament successfully, he was supported by Nanded Club Secretary Mr. Rajesh Tiwadi association members Mr. Jagdish, Khade, Shyam, Hatkar, Ramesh Pate and District Sports Officer Mr. Gurdip Singh Sandhu.

## ISP welcomes Imroze



Imroze Pathan

Imroze Pathan joins Indian Squash Professionals as Organising Secretary. He has been actively involved in all areas be it sports, music or vocal. An Investment Banker in a leading American firm, he passed out from Holy Family High School, Andheri. He was the cricket team captain in school.

A good piano player he loves strumming the guitar too at times. He is an active squash player, having played number of District and National level tournaments.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### James Willstrop Wins Hong Kong Open Crown, Seven in a row for Nicol

(20/11/2011)

James Willstrop ended the five-year Egyptian stranglehold on the Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Open title when he beat Karim Darwish in straight games in the final of the seventh PSA World Series squash event of the year to become the first English winner of the prestigious trophy since Peter Nicol in 2002.

**Mens Final :** [3] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [2] Karim Darwish (EGY) 11-5, 11-9, 11-4

**Womens Final :** [1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [10] Raneem El Welseily (Egy) 11/5, 11/4, 11/9

**Womens 1st Round:** [4] Madeline Perry (Irl) bt Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 5/11, 11/8, 12/10, 5/11, 11/7

**Qualifying Finals:** Tania Bailey (Eng) bt Anaka Alankamony (Ind) 11/2, 11/9, 7/11, 11/2

**Mens 1st round:** Daryl Selby (ENG) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 9-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-3

**Qualifying finals:** Tarek Momen (EGY) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-5, 8-11, 11-3, 11-2

**Martin Knight (NZL) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 11-5, 11-9, 7-11, 4-11, 11-5**

**1st qualifying round:** Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Wong Chi-Him (HKG) 11-3, 11-2, 11-5

**Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Christopher Gordon (USA) 13-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7**

### Gaultier Storms To Qatar Classic Success

(21/10/2011)

In his first major title success for more than two years, France's Gregory Gaultier stormed to victory over England's higher-ranked James Willstrop in the final of the 2011 Qatar Classic to pick up the trophy for the first time in the sixth PSA World Series squash event of the year at the Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex in the Qatar capital Doha.

**Final:** [6] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [4] James Willstrop (ENG) 11-8, 11-7, 2-11, 11-8

**Semi-finals:** [6] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [3] Karim Darwish (EGY) 11-8, 11-4, 11-1

**[4] James Willstrop (ENG) bt Stewart Boswell (AUS) 11-8, 11-3, 11-9**

**2nd round:** [6] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [Q] Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-3, 11-3, 11-8

**1st round:** [Q] Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Mohd Ali Anwar Reda (EGY) 11-8, 11-6, 9-11, 11-1 (64m)

**Cameron Pilley (AUS) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-6, 12-10, 11-7**

**Qualifying finals:** Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Matthew Karwalski (AUS) 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 12-10

**1st qualifying round:** Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Leo Au (HKG) 11-7, 11-13, 11-4, 11-4

**Mohammed Abbas (EGY) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 12-10, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9 (54m)**

### James Willstrop Clinches Kuwait PSA Cup :

29/11/2011

England's James Willstrop won the biggest title of his career when he beat Egypt's Karim Darwish in the finals of the inaugural Kuwait PSA Cup, the eighth and penultimate