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## Asian Squash Team Championship

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**Indian Girls beat HongKong to make history while in Men's India loses to Pakistan**



The Winning Indian women's team of Aparijtha Balamurukan, Anaka Alankamony, Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal.

**M**aking history or getting into the record books in sport requires "discipline, flair and a never-say-die fighting spirit." And the Indian women's squash team of Dipika Pallikal, Joshna Chinappa, Anaka Alankamony and Aparijtha Balamurukan displayed all the three qualities while making history at the Asian Team Squash Championship in Kuwait.

The third-seeded Indians shocked top seeds Hong Kong in the final to lift the women's crown, with Joshna and Dipika outplaying higher-ranked opponents. This is the first time Indian squash players have won an Asian title, their best being third place finishes in both the men's and women's section in 2010.

However, it was a mixed day for the Indians with the men's team of Sourav Ghosal, Siddharth Suchde, Harinder Pal Sandhu and Mahesh Mangaonkar going down to Pakistan in the title clash.

But that didn't stop the Indians girls from celebrating during the awards ceremony, where they climbed up the podium wrapped in the tri-colour.

The Indians went into the final against Hong Kong as underdogs with Dipika (World No. 14) set to take on Annie Au, who is currently ranked No. 6 in the World. Joshna (World No. 71), who is coming back from an injury layoff, had the formidable task of taking on World No. 16 Joey Chan.

But Joshna, who opened the final tie for the Indians, went into the match all guns blazing, surprising Chan. The match went into five games but Joshna always had the upper hand in crucial rallies.

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Then Dipika came up with a disciplined effort against Au. Dipika played to stick to the basics and play a no-frills game against her higher-ranked opponent and the Chennai girl stuck to that game plan and won the title for India.

In the men's Mehboob, who took on Ghosal, was scoring winners at will from all over the court. But Ghosal stepped up his play too and stretched it to the fifth and deciding game but Mehboob's inspired show prevailed.

Suchde, meanwhile, began on the back foot against Zaman and came back from two games down to take the match to the decider where he faltered.

The India's men's team equalled its silver-winning performance in the team championship in the inaugural edition of the tournament held in 1981 in Karachi, then Brig. Raj Manchanda had put up a spirited fight against the then World Champion Jahangir Khan, and Col Narjit Singh lost to Qamar Zaman, Farhan's Uncle.

## RESULTS

### Women's Finals:

#### India beat Hongkong 2-0

Joshna Chinappa beat Joey Chan 11-3, 11-8, 8-11, 11-8

Dipika Pallikal beat Annie Au 11-8, 12-10, 11-8

### Semifinals:

#### India bt Korea 2-0

Anaka Alankmony bt Yang Yeon Soo 11-8, 8-11, 11-9, 11-2

Dipika Pallikal bt Song Sun Mi 11-7 11-8 11-2

### Quarterfinals:

#### India beat Malaysia 2-0:

Joshna Chinappa bt Delia Arnold 8-11, 11-4, 11-5, 12-10

Anaka Alankmony bt Siti Munirah Josoh 11-6, 11-5, 11-4

Dipika Pallikal vs Lo Wee Wern (match withdrawn).

### Mens Final:

#### Pakistan beat India 2-0

Farhan Mahboob (PAK) beat Saurav Ghosal (IND): 3-2 [11-7, 6-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-9]

Farhan Zaman (PAK) beat Siddharth Suchde (IND): 3-2 [11-6, 11-7, 11-13, 7-11, 11-9]

### Semifinals:

#### India bt Kuwait 2-0

Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu bt Salem Fayed Mohammed 12-10, 11-9, 11-7

Saurav Ghosal bt Abdullah Al Muzayen 12-10, 12-14, 11-9, 11-7

### Quarterfinals:

#### India beat Japan 3-0

Saurav Ghosal bt Shinnosuke Tsukue 11-3, 11-6, 11-5

Siddharth Suchde bt Yuta Fukui 11-4, 8-11, 11-8, 11-3

Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu bt Ryosei Kobayashi 11-1, 11-6.

## Mixed Doubles Squash Championship

### Mathur and Krizek Win Top Mixed Doubles

At Philadelphia (USA) (30/4/2012)

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Suzie Pierrepont with Manek Mathur in the finals

Manek Mathur and Narelle Krizek defeated Greg McArthur and Suzanna Pierrepont in four games, 15-4, 15-13, 9-15, 15-12, to take home the title in the Open division at the 2012 U.S. Mixed Doubles Squash Championships at the Philadelphia Country Club, in Gladwyne, PA.

Manek Mathur is the product of Cathedral High School and had honed his skills at CCI Squash Academy when it was setup and run by Coach A.I. Singh. Manek was top Indian Junior player and part of the Trinity College Team thereafter. He is now coaching in USA.

Ed Chilton and Demer Holleran stopped David Rosen and Amy Milaneck in a hard fought 15-13, 15-6, 11-15, 15-12, final to take home the 40+ crown while Alan Grant and Joyce Davenport coasted to a 15-8, 15-8, 15-9, victory over Virginia Schmidt and Kenneth Pollack to win the 50+ division.

In the Open B Division Jeffrey Welsh and Leigh Wood topped Anthony Soslow and Arden Saligman, 15-10, 15-12, 18-16, for the championship

## RESULTS

**Open:** Mathur/Krizek bt McArthur/Pierrepont- 15-4, 15-13, 9-15, 15-12



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# WISPA Chennai Open Women's squash tournament

## Joshna wins her maiden WISPA crown in Chennai

27th May 2012

Joshna Chinappa bagged her maiden WISPA crown — sixth overall — in her hometown, hardly seven months after recovering from a major knee surgery. The 25-year-old Indian gave it her all in scripting a 9-11, 11-4, 11-8, 12-10 win over England's Sarah Jane Perry in the final of the Chennai Open \$10,000 women's squash tournament at the Indian Squash Academy.

Shrugging off a hesitant start where she lost her first game, Joshna came back strongly in the second. Sarah made a lot of uncharacteristic errors especially on the backhand. Joshna took a 7-3 lead, her confidence started to grow and she beat Sarah in the second 11-4.

After taking the third game in a pretty close battle, Joshna held the mental edge. But it was Sarah who started off well, running away to a 7-3 lead in the fourth. Joshna didn't give up as she retrieved exceptionally to equalise at seven each.

Ranked eleven places below Sarah at 71, Joshna had two match points at 10-8, but Sarah saved both. At 11-10, Joshna was lucky to get a 'let', and then a backhand error from Sarah saw Joshna win the title.

"It's great to win my first title in Chennai after being in the final twice earlier. I'm grateful to be playing, let alone winning. Winning is a bonus," said Joshna, who received \$1900 and 350 ranking points.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

Joshna Chinappa (Ind) bt Sarah Jane Perry (Eng) 9-11, 11-4, 11-8, 12-10.

#### Semifinals:

Joshna Chinappa bt Salma Hany Ibrahim Ahmed (Egy) 13-11, 11-4, 11-8

Sarah-Jane Perry (Eng) bt Anaka Alankamony 8-11, 11-5, 6-11, 14-12, 11-6.

#### Quarter Finals:

Anaka Alankamony beat [1] Siti Munirah Jusoh 4-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-8, 11-4

[3] Sarah-Jane Perry beat [8] Victoria Bell 8-11, 11-4, 11-9, 11-4

[5] Salma Hany Ibrahim beat [4] Pushpa Devi 7-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-8

[2] Joshna Chinappa beat [6] Carrie Ramsey 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

#### 1st Round:

Siti Munirah Jusoh (MAS) bt Saai Meera (IND) 11-4 11-1 12-10

Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt Zulhijjah Binti Azan (MAS) 4-11 11-

0 11-5 4-11 11-8

Victoria Bell (ENG) bt Lakshya Ragavendran (IND) 11-8 11-3 11-6

Pushpa Devi (MAS) bt Harshit Kaur (IND) 11-8 12-10 12-10

Carrie Ramsey (ENG) bt Ashita Bhengra (IND) 11-5 11-0 11-2

Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt Nouran Ahmed Gohar (EGY) 11-8 11-9 5-11 11-7.

#### Qualifying Finals:

Mariam Metwally bt Sunayna Kuruvilla 11-1, 11-1, 11-3

Saai Meera bt Janvi Rathore 11-5, 11-3, 11-1

Lakshya Ragavendran bt Shamika Reddy 11-7, 11-2, 11-2

Ashita Bhengra bt AV Apoorva 11-3, 11-4, 11-6



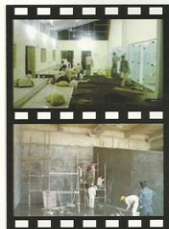
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# Milo All-Star Junior International Squash Open

## Veer Chotrani bags gold in Malaysia Junior Squash Open

At Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia

(9th June 2012)



Boys Under-11 winner Veer Chotrani



Girls Under-19 Semifinalist Ankita Sharma

**M**aharashtra's Veer Chotrani touched a new high as he beat Malaysia under-11 No.2 Havineshwaran Mugunthan 9-11, 11-6, 11-1, 12-10 to clinch the Milo All-Star Junior Malaysia Squash Open title, in Kuala Lumpur.

Apart from being his first triumph outside India, the win was special for more than one reason for the boy. He was the only Indian to win a title out of the 30-40 Indians participated this time.

"He spends three hours every day practicing squash, yoga and other fitness regimes at the Khar Gymkhana Academy run by A.I. Singh, Squash Australia Level 3 Coach", informs Meera, Veers Mother. And his commitment to the sport shows in the figures. In 2011 alone, the Mumbai lad bagged 13 titles, including a gold in junior nationals, silver in Malaysia and a bronze in Penang. With every junior title in the country under his belt, the class 6 student of Jambhaji Narsee school will now only participate in under-13 tournaments. "His coach has advised him to play in only under-13 category tournaments in India. This will help him better his game. For international events he will continue to play under-11," informs Meera.

With little Veer showing a level of discipline, focus and hard work that belies his age, expect bigger feats from this 10-year-old in the days to come. After all squash is in his genes with his father Manish Chotrani being the multiple times National Champion and current Over 40 National Champion.

### RESULTS

#### Boys U-11 Finals:

[1] Veer Chotrani (b) H. Mugunthan 9/11, 11/6, 11/1, 2/10

#### Boys U-17- Quarter Finals:

Choi Uen Shan (Hkg) bt Lakshya Raghavendran (Ind) 11-7, 7-11, 11-4, 8-11, 11-9

#### 4th round:

Agil Ra (Mas) beat Kush Kumar (Ind) 11-8, 11-7, 6-11, 4-11, 11-0

#### Boys U-19- 3rd round:

[9/16] Cheuk Yan Tang (HKG) bt [8] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 11-9, 12-10, 10-12, 11-7

#### 2nd round:

[8] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt Mugilan Moorthi (MAS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-2

[5] Tayyab Aslam (PAK) bt Maunil Vora (IND) 11-0, 11-3, 11-3

[9/16] Muhammad Tarmidi (MAS) bt Deepak Mishra (IND) 11-5, 11-3, 8-11, 11-7

#### 1st round:

Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt Shaun Lynch (NZL) 11-4, 11-2, 11-8  
Deepak Mishra (IND) bt Johannes Fourie (RSA) 11-6, 11-7, 11-5

#### Girls U-19- Semi-finals:

[1] Bethany Brazier (AUS) bt [4] Ankita Sharma (IND) 12-10, 11-6, 11-2

#### Quarter-finals:

[4] Ankita Sharma (IND) bt [5] Natalie Newton (AUS) 12-10, 11-6, 11-2

#### 2nd round:

Ankita Sharma (IND) bt Nadia Ramchandra (RSA) 11-1, 11-2, 11-2

Ashleigh Schepers (RSA) bt [6] A Kulkarni (IND) 5-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-8, 11-3



# 19th Asian Junior Squash Championship 2012

India win two gold in Asian junior squash

At Kish Island, Iran

(23rd June 2012)

**T**here was double joy for India in the 19th Asian Junior Squash Championship in Iran. Anaka Alankamony and Kush Kumar won the Asian crowns in the girls U-19 and boys' U-17 respectively.

This was Anaka's second title making her the first Indian player to win it back-to-back. Kush won his first Asian crown. The third Indian in the final Dev Vazirani manage a silver in the boys' U-13 category. Dev Vazirani's giant killing run in the boys U-13 ended against Pakistani Hammas Tarav. A student of Bombay Scottish (Mahim), Dev gave it all he had but Hammas was stronger on the day. Dev lost in straight game 9-11, 9-11, 7-11.

## Gold Medal

Anaka Alankamony (Girls under 19)

Kush Kumar (Boys under 17)

## Silver Medal

Dev Vazirani (Boys under 13)

## Bronze medal

Ashita Bhengra (Girls under 13)

Nikita Joshi (Girls under 13)

Harshit Jawanda (Girls under 15)

Robin Mann (Boys under 15)

Vijay Kumar (Boys under 17)

Mahesh Mangaonkar (Boys under 19)

## THE MEDAL WINNERS

### Mens Junior U-19:

#### Final:

[1] Danish Atlas Khan (PAK) bt [3/4] Syed Ali Shah Bokhari (PAK) 11-7, 11-6, 12-10

#### Semi-finals:

[3/4] Syed Ali Shah Bokhari (PAK) bt [2] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 9-11, 11-9, 11-9, 12-14, 11-9

#### Quarter-finals:

[2] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Erfan Jamshidi (IRI) 11-3, 12-10, 11-6

#### 1st round:

Erfan Jamshidi (IRI) bt [5/8] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 14-12, 5-11, 7-11, 11-5, 11-7  
[2] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Deepak Mishra (IND) 11-5, 11-8, 12-14, 11-3

### Womens Junior U-19:

#### Final:

[1] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt [3/4] Ho Ka Po (HKG) 11-3, 11-5, 7-11, 11-4

#### Semi-finals:

Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt Chiu Ka-Hei (HKG) 11-5, 11-9, 11-8  
Ho Ka Po (HKG) bt [2] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 11-8, 6-11, 11-6, 16-14

#### Quarter-finals:

[1] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt [5/8] Ankita Sharma (IND) 3/0  
[5/8] Chiu Ka-Hei (HKG) bt [3/4] Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND) 11-5, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6  
Ho Ka Po (HKG) bt [5/8] Sachika Ingale (IND) 11-8, 11-7, 11-2

#### 1st round:

[1] Anaka Alankamony (IND) bt Riffat Khan (PAK) 11-5, 11-4, 11-4  
Sachika Ingale (IND) bt Mehrnoosh T. (IRI) 11-3, 11-3, 11-4

## ISP - SRAM Free Coaching Camp

### Wardha District

(1st to 25th June 2012)



Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) and Wardha District Government Sports Office.

The coaching camp was attended by 18 players they were coached by Sunil Hingola. The camp was followed by tournament amongst the players. This was the 1st coaching camp held in Wardha District and the main aim of such camps is to spread the awareness of squash in the interiors of Maharashtra.

The District Sports Complex was built by Government of Maharashtra and the Sports Minister had promised that by the year 2015 all districts of Maharashtra will have a squash court.

### Nanded District

(12th & 13th May 2012)

ISP in association with SRAM organised a free coaching camp at Nanded Club on 12th & 13th May 2012 in association with Nanded District Squash Rackets Association.

The coaching camp was attended by 45 players they were coached by Kalyan Gadekar. The camp was followed by tournament amongst the players. In the men's open Jagdish Khade, Prakash Kalyankar, Namdeo Hatkar were amongst the top four and in the junior category Ashish Godbole, Rohan Gaikwad were winner and runners-up and in girls category Vidhya Waghmare, Sambodhi Waghmare, Vidhya Raut, Shivani Dawkar were in the top 4.

All the Semifinalist and Winners were given cash prize and certificates by Sushil Kumar Chouhan and Sunil Dawkar. The Nanded District Squash Rackets Association members Dayanand Kadam, Arvind Ingale and Dayanand Gaikwad were instrument in making the coaching camp and tournament successful.

## British Open 2012

Hatrick for Nick Matthew and 4th British Open title to Nicol David  
At Weybridge, England

(20/05/2012)



Nicol David (Mas) and Nick Matthew (ENG) with their trophies

**N**ick Matthew overcame fiery Egyptian Ramy Ashour in straight games in the final of the Allam British Open to secure his place in history as the first Englishman to win the world's most famous squash title for a third time.

The 31-year-old from Sheffield produced a high level of accuracy throughout the match to win 11-9, 11-4, 11-8 in 49 minutes in front of a near capacity audience watching the PSA World Series event at the O2 Arena in London.

In the women's event it was Nour El Sherbini's first major final as a senior, whereas her opponent Nicol David had already won three British and six World Open titles along with countless others.

But young Nour acquitted herself well, beyond any reasonable expectations if we're honest, staying with Nicol for the first half of the first two games before Nicol pulled clear to take them 11/6, 11/6, 11/6.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) 11-9, 11-4, 11-8

#### Semi Finals:

[4] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt [1] James Willstrop (Eng) 8/11, 11/6, 11/6, 11/8

[3] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt [6] Peter Barker (Eng) 11/5, 11/8, 11/6

#### Quarter-finals:

[1] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [7] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-4, 11-7, 11-9

[4] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [5] Amr Shabana (EGY) 11-8, 12-10, 5-11, 1-11, 11-4

[3] Nick Matthew (ENG) bt [8] Laurens Jan Anjema (NED) 4-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-5

[6] Peter Barker (ENG) bt [2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 11-8, 2-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-6

#### 2nd round:

[6] Peter Barker (ENG) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 7-11, 11-2, 11-6, 11-6

#### 1st round:

Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [Q] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-7, 11-6, 11-5

#### Qualifying Finals:

Alan Clyne (Scot) beat Siddharth Suchde 11-6, 11-5, 11-7

#### 1st qualifying round:

Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt James Earles (ENG) 11-5, 11-6, 11-1

#### Women's Final:

[1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [16] Nour El Sherbini (Egy) 11/6, 11/6, 11/6

#### Semi finals:

[16] Nour El Sherbini (Egy) bt [5] Raneem El Weleily (Egy) 14/12, 7/11, 11/4, 11/9

[1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [3] Laura Massaro (Eng) 11/5, 11/8, 11/4

#### Quarter-Finals:

[1] Nicol David (Mas) bt [12] Joelle King (Nzl) 8/11, 11/3, 11/4, 11/0

[3] Laura Massaro (Eng) bt [10] Camille Serme (Fra) 11/13, 11/3, 11/9, 11/9

[16] Nour El Sherbini (Egy) bt [7] Annie Au (Hkg) 9/11, 11/7, 11/6, 9/11, 11/6

[5] Raneem El Weleily (Egy) bt [2] Jenny Duncalf (Eng) 12/10, 11/7, 11/5

**2nd Round:** [5] Raneem El Weleily (Egy) bt [14] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 11/4, 8/11, 11/4, 7/11, 11/7

**1st round:** [14] Dipika Pallikal (Ind) 3-2 Omneya Abdel Kawy (Egy) 8/11, 9/11, 11/9, 11/5, 11/5

**Qualifying Finals:** Heba Al Torky (Egy) beat Joshna Chinappa 11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 11-3

**Qualifying 1st Round:** Joshna Chinappa (Ind) beat Olga Erlova (Cze) 11-8, 4-11, 11-6, 11-7

## SRAM Annual District meet in Aurangabad

**S**RAM organised annual meeting of district officials on 8th April 2012 at Hotel Rivera in Aurangabad District, Maharashtra.

The meeting was to finalise tournaments and coaching camps in 36 districts of Maharashtra. It was attended by officials from 19 districts they are as follows: Gondhia, Pune, Dhule, Latur, Oosmanabad, Yavatmal, Sindhudurg, Sangli, Ratnagiri, Washim, Wardha, Buldhana, Jalna, Ahmednagar, Amravati, Nanded, Satara, Akola and Jalgaon Districts.

The members present decided to have 6 coaching camps and 2 tournaments in the districts having squash court with the help of ISP professionals. All the expenses will be borne by the district organising the event or they can take Sports Ministry's help as squash is now recognised in Maharashtra and government has recognised SRAM as official body of Squash in Maharashtra.

## Deepika Pallikals interview in fram corner of squashsite.com

**NAME :** Dipika Pallikal **AGE :** 20 **HOMETURF :** Chennai, India

**WHO AM I :** India's number one woman's squash champion and ranked number 14 internationally.

**CURRENTLY I AM :** Preparing for the Allam British Open Squash Championships 2012.

**HOW IT ALL BEGAN :** I started playing squash when I was just 10 years old, as a weekend pursuit, and not formal training. I had played tennis for a year, so I was quite familiar handling the racket. What kept me going was that I could hit the balls more times than any other kid on the court.

**COACH CATCH :** When I began, my coach was Hariom Tripathi, and then I started training with Cyrus Poncha. My current coach is five-time world champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald.

**LEARNING CURVE :** At 14, I moved to Egypt for four years, I had to walk from my house to the club for practice sessions. And it was tough to be away from family and friends. I then moved to England for a year, and since then I've been living between Melbourne, Australia and India..

**PET PEEVES :** What really bothers me is that squash is such a male-dominated sport, especially in India. I've heard people (even within the Indian Squash Academy) say things like, "No one wants to see the women's matches because they aren't exciting enough", "You girls don't move fast on the courts like the boys do". And the funny part is, in terms of world ranking, the Indian women's team, led by me, ranks higher than the men's team.

**TOP SPOTS :** If you want to go pro, some of the best spots for training are Egypt, England, France and Hong Kong.

**INSPIRATION :** Malcolm Willstrop coached me when I moved to England. That when I met James Willstrops (his son and the number one squash player in the world). I used to constantly play with his girlfriend, Vanessa Atkinson. And even though they are worlds champions, they take time out to train younger players.

**INNER CIRCLE :** I am very close to my family, especially my two older sisters, Divya and Diya. Divya is a chartered accountant and Diya is a graphic designer. I'm always kidding around and telling them how they stole all the brains of the family, so I had no choice but to play a sport. I do miss hanging out with my friends on a daily basis, but when I look at it objectively I know that it's all with the sacrifice.

**STYLE FILES :** I go to the US about twice a year and that's when I take a week off from practice and matches. I literally shop till I drop. People mistake me for a tomboy but I am the opposite. I love florals, pretty saris and everything girly.



## Squash Players Target World Record To Back 2020 Olympic Bid



Squash players all over the world are uniting to create the biggest squash match in history, with two teams playing in one global event showcasing the sport's bid for a place in the 2020 Olympic Games.

World Squash Day takes place on Saturday October 20th and the format has a 2020 theme: Clubs are invited to field two teams of 20 players, with team members playing against their opposite

number in one game up to 20 points.

The scores from every club will count towards an overall global result between Team Squash and Team 2020.

Andrew Shelley, Chief Executive of the World Squash Federation (WSF), said: "There are more than 50,000 courts spread across the world and to give the players on all of them the chance to compete in the same championship will bring the world of squash together in such a unique way. A day to look forward to, a day that will be remembered!" Event founder Alan Thatcher commented: "Our aim is to get this event into the Guinness Book of Records, and we hope that kind of response will show a tremendous global support for squash and the Olympic bid. Along with event co-ordinator Vicky Clark I look forward to being inundated with club registrations!"

Further details from World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher at [alan@squashuk.com](mailto:alan@squashuk.com)  
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## 3rd Pathways Invitational Interschool Squash Tournament

KV makes its presence felt (27/04/2012)



All winners with their trophies

This tournament was held on 26th and 27th April at one of the most scenic locations near Delhi, atop the Aravali hills and in the grand premises of the Pathways school. The competition was held in 2 age groups U-15 and U-17 and the participating schools like Modern Barakhamba, DPS R K Puram, Hamdard, and Ahlcon International had a tradition of squash, while Pathways, Kendriya Vidyalaya, R K Puram, Step by Step International (Jaipur) and Sanskriti were the new entrants. The Pathways management was gracious enough to let the team stay 2 nights at their plush apartments used as dormitories with all meals included, in one of the best self service cafeterias in the country.

This was the first time that a KV squash team (U -17 boys) had entered a squash interschool and apart from Shaurya Sharma, who being from an Air Force family had prior experience of the game, the rest were all novices with minimal practice but unbridled determination. Amongst the KV newcomers Saurab has practiced the most and has the best understanding of the game. They had just a couple of day's intensive practice with their coach Akash Sharma and some mentoring by Rahul Kumar who initiated and oversees the KV squash program. The other KV players according to rank were 2. Saurab Babu 3. Radha Krishna 4. Tanay Wadodkar and 5. Deswarth Anas.

Their first match was against Pathways B, and by their gritty performance the score stood at 2 matches all and the decider was a matter of nerves and will to win. Deswarth Anas, despite his badminton background ran down every ball and won 3-1 to create the first historic win for the KV Team.

The 2nd match was against the 1st seeds from Hamdard who had produced some junior National champions but KV boys had no respect for reputations and gave their best. Shaurya took a game off Junaid, the 1st seed of the tournament and a spirited Tanay Wadodkar playing at no 4 ensured the only victory against the champions.

The 3rd match was against a Step by Step who have 2 courts of their

own and are trained by Naveen Jhangra a top level National player who has just curtailed playing the circuit to concentrate on coaching. The KV Players undaunted by reputation demolished the opposition 5-0 to obtain the 3rd position and thus ensuring a successful outing at their first attempt.

The Pathways A team beat Hamdard in both the U-15 & U-17 finals and incidentally the former's top players train at KV whenever possible and it is amongst the best academies in India that produces nationally and internationally ranked players. The future is bright for the KV players if they choose to pursue squash at the highest level and not abruptly give it up due to studies etc.

### Profile of Saket Wali squash Professional in Delhi

#### Professional objective:

Generate as many player in the sport of squash to get elected into the Olympics. Keeping them away from injuries and making them enjoy their fitness through all forms of physical and mind empowering activities like strength training and yoga.



Saket Wali

**2003-04:** Postgraduate Diploma in Sports and Leisure Management Loughborough University, UK.

#### Sporting experience and achievements:

Winner of Inter-State Team Championship three years in a row 1999-2001 once as captain.

Winner of All India Inter-University Championship twice (2000-2001) and once runner up (1999)

Winner of Inter-university Singles Championship Maharashtra twice 2000-2001 and 1999 runner up

Runner up Inter-University Team Championships, UK 2003.

Chief guest at sports day of his school Arya Vidya Mandir

Sportsman of the year at Narsee Monjee College for having won medals in state and All India University tournaments.

#### Trained Under:

- ✓ C.S.PAWAR as a junior for Squash
- ✓ Rahmat Khan during my start of Mens squash
- ✓ Satinder Bajwa during his final years before quitting circuit in 2003
- ✓ Prasad Rangnekar introduced me to physical fitness through gyming and yoga.

Presently residing in GURGAON (DELHI NCR) coaching all age groups in the sport of squash.

#### Life time goal

Having his own Sports Club(s).

## PROSQUASH speaks to squash players Sandeep Jhangra and Vikas Jhangra (Services/ Air Force / Naval Squash Champions) and Rhea Badal



**Sandeep Jhangra and Vikas Jhangra**

**Sandeep Jhangra & Vikas Jhangra are both ex-Junior National Champion and top ranked in the mens category for several years.**

**PROSQUASH - What are the reasons as both of you have been declining in the National Rankings.**

**Sandeep/Vikas -** There is a lack of top class coaches in India. There is no support from the SRFI (National Federation) as they are only promoting Tamil Nadu players as all office bearers are common. Unlike many TNSRA players we had to pay our own PSA membership fee as the SRFI does not present our case to the Sports Ministry for funding. Then due to the lack of promotion of squash it has not gathered mass appeal and thus there is a shortage of sponsors.

**PROSQUASH - How are you going to overcome these problems?**

**Sandeep/Vikas -** We have realized not to depend on the SRFI anymore but take our own initiative to recover lost ground.

**PROSQUASH - Along with other players both of you have also not got your CWG allowances.**

**Sandeep/Vikas -** Both of us actually spent about 6 months training at the TNSRA academy before and after the SAF Games during the CWG funding period. Unfortunately we had to stay at the SDAT facilities outside the academy and were given no food, supplements, fruit juices or daily allowance and even the room was paid by us personally, despite the GOI having released these funds for us. We were not even allowed to watch TV or have meals in the academy cafeteria.

**PROSQUASH - Do you know that SRFI has disaffiliated SSCB from squash and what are your thoughts about that?**

**Sandeep/Vikas -** This had to happen as the Services were anyway being ignored despite having the maximum courts in India and our players represented India and having won the Nationals / Inter State numerous times.

**Rhea Badal - 11th Standard - Choate Rosemary Hall - Wallingford, Connecticut, USA**

**What is your squash background before you left for USA**

**Rhea Badal -** I was being trained by the Egyptian coach Omar at the KV Squash Academy in Delhi and studying at Vasant Valley in Divij Kadans class. I represented the first Punjab Inter State U-19 Girls squash team at the 2010 junior nationals, as their top player.



**Rhea Badal**

**PROSQUASH - What is the difference between the squash scenario here and there and do you have a dedicated women's coach?**

**Rhea Badal -** They are more focussed and have a more professional attitude towards the game. A competitive environment ensures that we maintain our standard. I have improved my fitness and match temperament as we play in the New England league which has about 15 girl's teams and we compete every weekend. Our coach is Rebecca Schiller and she is very efficient.

**PROSQUASH - What are your goals in squash?**

**Rhea Badal -** I am playing at no 6 in a team of 9 players and hope to reach the no 1 or 2 position by next season and that can ensure my admission into a top USA squash playing college which will also improve my game.



## Coca-Cola Squash Open Championship 2012

24th to 29th July 2012

Kendriya Vidyalaya Squash Courts, Sector 8, R K Puram, New Delhi

**Total Prize Money is Rs. 2.25 Lacs plus gifts from various sponsors**

**Categories :** Mens Open / Mens U-23 / Boys U-19 / Boys U-17 / Boys U-15 / Boys U-13 / Girls & Boys U-11 / Men's Over-35 / Girls U-19 / Girls U-17 / Girls U-15 / Girls U-13 / Handicap Singles 1 (Women's & Boys Upto U-15) / Handicap Singles 2 (Men's & Boys Above 15)

**Tournament organised by ISP and SRFD**

## El Gouna International Squash Open

Ramy is the El Gouna Champion as Willstrop pulls out because of slippery court

At Egypt (13/04/2012)

It was an unlucky Friday 13th for world number one James Willstrop as he pulled out of the final of the El Gouna International Open when trailing Ramy Ashour by two games and 5/2 in the third.

It was the second time in two editions of the event that the final failed to reach a natural conclusion, but whereas in 2010 Ashour had been the one forced to pull out with injury, this time James pulled out because of a slippery court.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

[5] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt [1] James Willstrop (Eng) 12/10, 11/5, 5/2 rd

#### Semi-Finals:

[1] James Willstrop (Eng) bt [4] Karim Darwish (Egy) 11/7, 11/5, 11/2

play suspended due to slippery floor, match moved to Movenpick

[5] Ramy Ashour bt [3] Nick Matthew 11/4, 9/11, 11/8, 11/9

#### Quarter-Finals:

[1] James Willstrop (Eng) bt [8] Laurens Jan Anjema (Ned) 9/11, 11/2, 11/8, 11/5

[4] Karim Darwish (Egy) bt [7] Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egy) 11/9, 9/11, 11/9, 6/11, 11/6

[3] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt Hisham Ashour (Egy) 11/6, 12/10, 11/7

[5] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt [2] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) 11/5, 12/10, 11/8

#### Round Two:

[1] James Willstrop (Eng) bt Saurav Ghosal (Ind) 14/12, 11/2, 11/7

#### Round One:

Saurav Ghosal (Ind) bt [Q] Robbie Temple (Eng) 8/11, 9/11, 11/9, 11/7, 11/4

## Berkshire Open

Siddharta loses in 1st round as Alister Walker takes Berkshire (USA) title

At Williamstown, Massachusetts, USA (16/04/2012)

It was a second successive Berkshire Open runner-up finish for Tom Richards as top seed Alister Walker romped to a straight games victory over the Englishman in the final of the PSA World Tour International 35 squash event in its eighth year at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, USA.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

[1] Alister Walker (BOT) bt [2] Tom Richards (ENG) 11-7, 11-8, 11-8

#### 1st round:

[2] Tom Richards (ENG) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 12-10

## Kuwait Open Challenger

Al Muzayen Clinches Kuwait Crown

Hong Kong China

(31/05//2012)

Local hero Abdullah Al Muzayen delighted the crowd at the South Surrah Ministries Complex in Kuwait City by beating Egypt's Omar Abdel Meguid to win the Kuwait Open Challenger (Cup Martyr Fahad Al-Ahmad) - and celebrate his sixth PSA World Tour title triumph on home soil.

In the semi finals fourth seed Harinder Pal Sandhu prevailed in a first game tie-break to open up an early lead. Meguid, ranked almost 50 places higher, reasserted his authority on the match to take the next two games for the loss of just eight points.

The fourth game also went into extra points, but after 71 minutes it was second-seeded Egyptian Meguid who triumphed 10-12, 11-4, 11-4, 13-11 against Harinder.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

[1] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt [2] Omar Abdel Meguid (EGY) 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 7-2 ret.

#### Semi-finals:

[1] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt [3] Rex Hedrick (AUS) 11-2, 11-5, 11-9

[2] Omar Abdel Meguid (EGY) bt [4] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 10-12, 11-4, 11-4, 13-11

#### Quarter-finals:

[1] Abdullah Al Muzayen (KUW) bt Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 11-2, 11-7, 9-11, 11-6

[3] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt Ammar Al-Tamimi (KUW) 11-3, 11-6, 11-6

[4] Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) bt Danish Atlas Khan (PAK) 11-6, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10

[2] Omar Abdel Meguid (EGY) bt Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (EGY) 7-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-4

## 5 QSF PSA Challenger

Mahesh loses in 1st round while Arthur Gaskin Wins

(15/04/2012)

At Doha, Qatar

In a rare final between two qualifiers, Irishman Arthur Gaskin clinched the first PSA World Tour title of his career when he beat Pakistan's Syed Ali Shah Bokhari in the climax of the QSF PSA Challenger, the PSA Challenger 5 squash event at the Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex in Doha, Qatar.

### RESULTS

#### Final:

[Q] Arthur Gaskin (IRL) bt [Q] Syed Ali Shah Bokhari (PAK) 8-11, 11-7, 12-10, 11-9

#### Semi-finals:

[Q] Arthur Gaskin (IRL) bt [1] Ammar Al-Tamimi (KUW) 11-6, 11-6, 11-4

[Q] Syed Ali Shah Bokhari (PAK) bt [Q] Mohammed Yaqoob Hajeyah (KUW) 4-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-5

#### 1st round:

[Q] Arthur Gaskin (IRL) bt [3] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 12-14, 7-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-3 (84m)



## Buler Challenge Cup Locals Max Lee and Joey are champs

Hong Kong China (22/04/2012)

Three years after winning the Buler Challenge Cup title for the first time, Max Lee reclaimed his place on the winner's podium after beating unseeded Dick Lau in today's all-Hong Kong final of the PSA World Tour Challenger 10 squash event at the Hong Kong Squash Centre in Hong Kong.

### RESULTS

#### Mens:

##### Final:

[1] Max Lee (HKG) bt Dick Lau (HKG) 11-4, 11-8, 11-7

##### Semi-finals:

[1] Max Lee (HKG) bt [4] Leo Au (HKG) 11-9, 7-11, 11-5, 11-2  
Dick Lau (HKG) bt Kam Hing Choong (MAS) 10-12, 12-10, 8-11, 11-4, 11-9

##### Quarter-finals:

Dick Lau (HKG) bt Mahesh Manganar (IND) 5-11, 11-8, 11-9, 6-11, 11-5

##### 1st round:

[1] Max Lee (HKG) bt Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND) 11-6, 9-11, 11-2, 11-4  
Mahesh Manganar (IND) bt [Q] Tsukue Shinnosuke (JPN) 11-5, 11-2, 11-7

#### Women's

##### Finals :

[2] Joey Chan (Hkg) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (Aus) 11-7, 4-11, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9

##### Semi finals:

[1] Rachael Grinham beat [Q] Ho Tze Lok 11-4, 11-3, 11-5  
[2] Joey Chan beat [5] Siti Munirah Jusoh 11-4, 11-5, 11-9

##### Quarter finals:

[1] Rachael Grinham beat [6] Joshna Chinappa 11/7, 6/11, 11/3, 11/5

##### 1st Round:

[6] Joshna Chinappa (Ind) beat Karman Siu (Hkg) 11/9, 11/6, 11/3  
[5] Siti Munirah Jusoh (Mas) beat [Q] Harshit Kaur Jawanda (Ind) 11/3, 11/3, 11/7

##### Qualifying Finals:

Harshit Kaur Jawanda (Ind) bt Ho Ching Chan (Hkg) 11/5, 13/11, 4/11, 11/4

## At Khelshala, deprived kids dream big

Article courtesy (times of India, Chandigarh)

CHANDIGARH: In the dead heat of May, the basement of a hotel at Attava village is a 'cool' place to be. There is no whir of tireless air conditioners, but here, the dividing line between the two Indias seems to blur. A line of underprivileged kids troops in to pick up books, indulge in a passion for the 'elite' game of squash and, most importantly, learn to dream 'big'. Instructing them is a former Harvard University coach and his dedicated team of teachers. Manjit Singh, the 17-year-old son of a mason whose mother died two years ago, has put away his grief and found a new dream at Khelshala—to earn a sports scholarship to Harvard.



At Satinder Bajwa's Khelshala, 27 children of the lower working classes, such as scrap pickers, electricians, masons, carpenters and street vendors embody the new buzzword of an aspiring nation—empowerment.

Komal's father, a recycler of high society wastage, died. "I come to Khelshala because I like to play squash and study. The time I get from helping my mother at home, I spend at Khelshala. But I will soon have to leave Khelshala because my mother can't make the two ends meet and we will have to go back to our village in Sultanpur, UP," says Komal.

Bajwa, known in the world of squash for having mentored all-time great Jansher Khan, has invested his life's savings into these children. Some charitable trusts help Bajwa maintain the two squash courts and the expenses of his Khelshala. "It is better to impart knowledge to these children than to hand out clothes and money and doles. Unlike cricket or football, squash can be played in a small space, is a lifetime skill and doesn't require more than one playing partner," says Bajwa.

Manish, the headboy at Khelshala, has learnt squash so well that he now plays with the regular members from affluent sections. "I have learnt here how to speak well and communicate with different people. Kids from my background, who do not have the opportunity of Khelshala, lack these skills," he says, as Manjit, another student, quips, "It is the value of discipline that we have learnt here. Had the culture of our homes been disciplined, we would have done better in our lives."



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## To hell with male chauvinism (Article in deccanchronicle.com)

(28/06/2012)

**S**ania Mirza's accusation that All India Tennis Association's handling of the Olympics selection reeked of male chauvinism has rekindled the debate of gender discrimination in sports. Even the founder of the modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, said in 1896, "No matter how toughened a sportswoman may be, her organism is not cut out to sustain certain shocks." Since then, gender equality in sports has come a long way.

Sanja's jibe is just the tip of the iceberg as women in other sports too are going through torrid times. Shuttle star Jwala Gutta has been fighting for a while against the alleged step-motherly treatment of the Badminton Association of India. In squash, Joshna Chinappa had to win a "court battle" against the Squash Rackets Federation of India that banned her for "indiscipline" and more recently the federation showed no interest in recommending Dipika Pallikal's name for the Arjuna Award despite the Chennai girl's landmark achievement of becoming the first Indian in world top 15. She also helped India win their first gold in Asian championship. "It's always been there. I have suffered the same way. It is quite ridiculous. We have so many female athletes, big names who have done really well in sports. Many might be afraid to take up sports as a career," Jwala has been quoted as saying. Recently, the National Commission for Women wrote to sports minister Ajay Maken alleging discrimination in acknowledging the contribution of women. The letter was sent when the BCCI disbursed Rs 70 crore from the IPL surplus as a one-time payment benefit to 160 former international and domestic players who retired prior to 2004.

Slamming the BCCI for ignoring the effort of women, former players led by veteran Diana Edulji went up in arms. Ex-India cricketer Susan Pallikal, mother of Dipika, says, "Why should there be discrimination? A woman is second to none. If former male players are entitled to payment, women should also get it. We also represented the country with pride. We are not competing with men, just asking for our rights." And the discrimination is not only in prize money. While men cricketers get even more attention than they need — for instance, every move of cancer-stricken Yuvraj Singh has been lapped up as news, and his oft-repeated statements like 'I want to play in the T20 World Cup', get such wide coverage — women athletes have to shine that extra bit for them to get noticed. And when they are injured or sick, no one bothers about them. Will this ever change? PT Usha: Olympian and winner of four Asian Games gold medals broke down in front of media in 2009 when she was asked to share accommodation with five others during the national championship in Bhopal. Jwala Gutta: India's No. 1 doubles player in badminton lashed out at the Badminton

Association of India president V.K. Verma after winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal for not even congratulating her.

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## MENS RANKING JULY 2012

| RANK | PLAYER              | COUNTRY |
|------|---------------------|---------|
| 1    | James Willstrop     | ENG     |
| 2    | Nick Matthew        | ENG     |
| 3    | Gregory Gaultier    | FRA     |
| 4    | Ramy Ashour         | EGY     |
| 5    | Karim Darwish       | EGY     |
| 25   | Saurav Ghosal       | IND     |
| 45   | Siddharth Suchde    | IND     |
| 108  | Harinder Pal Sandhu | IND     |
| 140  | Mahesh Manganar     | IND     |
| 207  | Ravi Dixit          | IND     |
| 415  | Kush Kumar          | IND     |
| 415  | Ramit Tandon        | IND     |
| 415  | Sandeep Jangra      | IND     |

## WOMENS RANKING JULY 2012

| RANK | PLAYER                 | COUNTRY |
|------|------------------------|---------|
| 1    | Nicol David            | MAS     |
| 2    | Jenny Duncalf          | ENG     |
| 3    | Laura Massaro          | ENG     |
| 4    | Raneem El Weleily      | EGY     |
| 5    | Madeline Perry         | IRL     |
| 50   | Joshna Chinappa        | IND     |
| 15   | Dipika Pallikal        | IND     |
| 88   | Anaka Alankamony       | IND     |
| 108  | Aparajitha Balamurukan | IND     |
| 151  | Harshit Kaur Jawanda   | IND     |
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