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## MORE POWER TO SQUASH



Jonathon Power, the first North American to win the World Open title at the Mahindra Open in Doha, receiving his trophy from Arun Nanda, Executive Director, Mahindras and Sheikh Jasssem Bin Hamad Al-Thani, the heir apparent of Qatar.

hurting an ankle playing basketball with his dad. The injury taught him that a pro must take care of himself all the time, or someone is there to snatch the bread away. So for a change it was Power who snatched the bread of his fellow pros. At the start of the year Power was number three in the rankings beginning at 16 in 1997. He had torn ligaments on the outside of his foot. He shocked his doctor by playing when he should have been resting. The injury was aggravated when he fell in the British Open second round against Davis Evans and he had to concede. Power has been known more for his acrimony on court than anything else. This time he made news for the right reasons—his game. Power conjures up the unexpected. From a full swing right down to the impact, you don't know where the ball is going, making it hard even for the speediest players to read where it is going. Low drives from swishing swings often force boasts unless they are retrieved before the back. His agility to reach flat-touch drops, his hard low drives, casual drops from the back are his strong points. And kills with the wrist snap reminiscent of Hiddy Jahan, the Pakistani all-time great.

As for the loser Nicol who, had won the British Open and the Commonwealth Games titles, it was a case of playing one tournament too many. Quarter-finals: Nicol beat Paul Johnson 13-15, 15-4, 17-16, 15-9; Castelyn beat John White 10-15, 15-13, 15-9, 17-15. Hill beat Alex Gough 13-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-7. Power beat Ahmed Barada 15-5, 15-2, 15-3.

## Zarak Jahan, Nicol, win Asian Games Gold.

There is little to choose between the second string of the Pakistani squash players. This was evident when Zarak Jahan Khan defeated top seed Amjad Khan to claim the Asian Games men's gold. Zarak, the son of Hiddy Jahan, the Pakistani squash legend, won 1-9, 9-0, 6-9, 9-7, 9-3. In the semi-finals, Amjad beat Hong Kong's Abdul Fahim Khan 9-0, 9-3, 9-3 while, Zarak put it across Malaysian Low Ewe-Loong 10-8, 9-7, 9-0. The women's gold was claimed by Malaysia's Nicol David who beat Hong Kong's Rebecca Chiu 9-3, 9-1, 9-6. The result was a repeat of the Asian final in July. Both the Indian entries, Mehkala Subedar and Sohini Kumari lost in the first round. Mehkala went down to Japan's Masami Kotuji 3-9, 9-1, 9-1, 7-9. Sohini was crushed by Chai Lin Kuan 9-4, 9-0, 9-0.

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## WILL THE NEW BROOMS SWEEP '?

**Khalid Ansari** has taken over as president of the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra. It's always good to see new people at the helm of sports affairs. Can he do something

that has not been done before that has not been attempted before? People have been crying from the rooftops for public pay and play courts but nothing has been done. This is the one way in which talent can be spotted from the common people. And that talent will stay in the country and serve it instead of being weaned away to better pastures notably the Ivy League.

This is the first priority. Then linked to this is staging of satellite events. In other countries events are staged with just five thousand dollars as prize money. Those countries which cannot afford it choose to billett the players who are only too keen to enter and gain ranking points. This could be done in India to get the foreigners in and also to enable our players to earn points. Once they start doing so they can look to other places in the

neighbouring countries. And gradually climb up the ladder. Once they do this maybe there may not arise the need to leave the country for good.

As of today this may, sound easier said than done. But it is up to the new brooms to prove that this can indeed, happen.

Otherwise what's the use of so much money being spent on the juniors?

## A WELCOME PLEDGE



How to broadbase squash is something that is agitating the minds of a cross section of persons in Mumbai city. **Khalid Ansari**, the newly-elected president of the **Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra**, has involved the heads of the big clubs and Giants International Chief **Nana Chudasama** in the brain-storming to give the game a boost.

New courts must come up, unutilised spaces like the ones beneath flyovers are targeted for new courts to come up. A lot of clubs promised to allot off-peak timings to coaching schemes.

It may be recalled that the **Professional Management Group** had conducted one such camp for kids at the CCI which was well attended by schools of Cathedral and Petit.

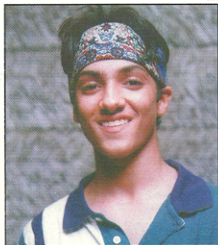
Advisors like **Suresh Kalmadi**, the IOA president, **Raj Singh Dungarpur**, the CCI president, **Gautam Thakkar**, the **Bombay Gymkhana** president, **Sumed Shah** of the **Professional Management Group** and squash patron **M.K.Sanghi** have been roped in.

their only stake development of the players and sport is secondary. So they lack the vision to take the sport beyond a certain level. This must end. The crying need is full-time officials whose stake is linked directly to the development of the game. Otherwise on the score of accountability and results they should be out of their posts. Can this happen in squash? One wonders.

## Nathani's crowning glory

Indian juniors got priceless exposure to international competition when the WMI Cranes Little Masters Indian Junior Open was put together at the **Willingdon Sports Club** in October. The four-member Malaysian contingent may have returned with two titles but India had something to show. They won the under-19 boys title through **Ritwik Bhattacharya** who beat **Bikram Uberoi** in an all-Indian final.

India also won the under-16 title when **Junaid Nathani** got past **Maresh Verma** in the title clash. **Siddharth Suchde** and **Mihir Seth** have been



having a ding dong tussle. It was **Suchde's** turn to win the under-14 crown after losing in the Junior Nationals.

The Indian girls didn't have it as easy as the boys. Only one of the three titles came their way. **Rhea Bhandare** beat **Teng Ooi Ean** in the under-14 final. She lost in the under-16 semi-final to **Teng**, who in turn lost to her Malaysian teammate **Tricia Chuah** the final. **Tricia** showed she is an emerging force on the Asian scene beating **Deepali Anvekar** in the under-19 final.

(Results on page four)



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# Ritwik, Mekhala a cut above the rest



Ritwik Bhattacharya and Mekhala Subedar were cut above the rest in the Credit Agricole CCI squash championship of western India. Ritwik has turned in to a formidable player in the matter of fitness and stamina and he is developing his court craft. In the final what turned the match in his favour was his anticipation of every move Manish Chotrani made. Now Manish has improved by leap and bounds but he could do little as his opponent kept his mistakes down to the minimum and gave that little extra to quell a determined challenge.

At this rate a maiden national title beckons Ritwik the junior champion of the previous years. The women's final was to have been a keen affair. But Deepali Anvekar was less than hundred per cent fit. So Mekhala Subedar had a cakewalk.

Otherwise it would have been interesting to see how Mekhala coped with an aggressive opponent like Deepali. A new name came to light when Anshul Manchanda beat Abhimanyu Jain for the boys under 19 title. Anshul the son of Brigadier Raj Manchanda former international had a walkover from Bikram Uberoi, Anshul, who studies at St. Xavier's college, has to improve in stamina and stroke play in order to challenge the top juniors but the fact that he has decided to make Mumbai his headquarters for the next few years and not his parents home at Allahabad, shows his determination to go up the squash ladder.

Mihir Seth has been training under Rahmat Khan and this had made a marked deference to his performances. He thus has been wrestling matches from his arch rival Siddharth Suchde. It happened twice in a short span, at Delhi and again at the Western India in the under-14 event. Nikhil Seth is a bundle of energy on court. He is bound to make waves on the circuit. He gave notice of this when entering the under-12 final where he lost to Gautam Kalani. It shouldn't be long before he turns the tables.

Rahmat Khan played his first tournament in India and made it a winning appearance. He won the over-45 title beating, Jayant Bakshi. Santosh More ended the run of Chandrakant Pawar in the professionals final. In the over 35 Vaman Apte beat Anant More in the over-35 showing a stroke or two of class.

*Results on page 4*

## Fitting tribute to Jansher

A collector's volume, that's the only description for a 42-page brochure, JANSHER: A GOLDEN ERA compiled and edited by Raju Chainani, the noted squash writer. Six of the best contemporary writers on squash give a lovely insight into the



greatest squash player of the last decade and the top five of all time. Like all champions Jansher has had his share of detractors but then as the writers suggest,

to be successful in life you will always have people who are jealous.

The volume does well to steer clear of the debate who is greater Jahangir Khan or Jansher. Jahangir has done enough for some to regard him as the best sportsperson of the



century because of his long run of invincibility.

Jansher's uniqueness lies in his being more adaptable than any player of any era, Richard Eaton tells us. At his peak he was able to employ every shot and every strategy, and was able to mix them in a unique and unorthodox combinations which would confound opponents who stayed in a match sufficiently long to hope to make a close finish of it.

The greatest tribute to Jansher comes from Geoff Hunt, the all-time great Aussie world champ, who rates him the most complete player of all time though he lacked the precision of Rodney Martin, the ferocity of Jahangir or the guts of Dittmar. The author sums it up by telling us that when Jansher takes his final bow five decades of the Khan domination will come to an end and Jansher, the sixth great champion of that clan, could perhaps be regarded as the last Emperor.



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# NEWS NEWS NEWS

## NATIONAL JUNIOR SUB-JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP (11.10.98)

**BOYS UNDER 19:**  
RITWIK BHATTACHARYA (DELHI) BEAT  
BIKRAM UBEROI (MUMBAI) 4-9-6, 10-8

**BOYS UNDER 16:**  
JUNAID NATHANI (MUMBAI) BEAT  
ABHIMANYU JAIN (AJMER) 9-0, 7-9-9, 10-9, 1-9-0

**BOYS UNDER 14:**  
MIHIR SETHI (MUMBAI) BEAT  
SIDDHARTH SUDHE (MUM.) 6-9, 2-9-9, 7, 10-8, 9-6

**BOYS UNDER 12:**  
IMRAN KHAN (DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS) BEAT  
MANPREET MALHI (CHANDIGARH) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0

**GIRLS UNDER 19:**  
AKANSHA HAZARI (HONG KONG) BEAT  
DEEPA ANVEKAR (MUMBAI) 3-9, 9-10, 9-6, 6-9, 7

**GIRLS UNDER 16:**  
AKANSHA HAZARI (HONG KONG) BEAT  
PIA ABRAHAM (CHENNAI) 9-2, 9-3, 9-4

**GIRLS UNDER 14:**  
JOSHNA CHINNAPA (CHENNAI) BEAT  
SUPRIYA BALEKAR (MUMBAI) 9-4, 9-2, 9-5

## LITTLE MASTERS INDIAN JR OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT (23-10-98)

**GIRLS UNDER 14:**  
RHEA BHANDARE (MUMBAI) BEAT  
TENG QOI EAN (MALAYSIA) 9-0, 6-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-4

**GIRLS UNDER 12:**  
TRICIA CHUAH (MALAYSIA) BEAT  
TENG QOI EAN (MALAYSIA) 9-3, 9-5, 9-4

**GIRLS UNDER 10:**  
TRICIA CHUAH (MALAYSIA) BEAT  
DEEPA ANVEKAR (MUMBAI) 9-3, 9-5, 9-4

**BOYS UNDER 14:**  
SIDDHARTH SUDHE (MUMBAI) BEAT  
MIHIR SETHI (MUMBAI) 9-2, 9-6, 10-8

**BOYS UNDER 12:**  
JUNAID NATHANI BEAT  
MAHESH VERMA (JINDAL) 9-3, 9-2, 5-9, 9-5, 9-3

**BOYS UNDER 10:**  
RITWIK BHATTACHARYA (DELHI) BEAT  
BIKRAM UBEROI (MUMBAI) 4-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-1

## ROYAL PALMS HANICAP SQUASH TOURNAMENT (TEAM EVENT) (11-11-98)

**FINAL 5: OTHERS X BEAT THE LEGALS (3-1):**  
MANISH CHOTRANI BEAT SAKET WALI  
(+10-10, 15-15, 10-15, 17-16, 15-13)

KARANPAL SETHI BEAT KAVITA NALAWADE  
(+8-9, 15-15, 9-10, 15-12)

CYRUS PONCHA LOST TO SUNIL VERMA  
(+12-9, 15-15, 11, 13-15, 15-12, 10-15)

SANTOSH MORE BEAT SUBHASH WALI  
(+10-10, 15-15, 10-15, 13-15, 17-14)

FOR THIRD PLACE - WILLINGDON CATHOLIC  
GYMKHANA BEAT OTHERS "B"

## WESTERN INDIA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT (CCI, MUMBAI) (15-11-98)

**BOYS UNDER 12:**  
GAUTAM KALANI BEAT  
NIKHIL SETHI 9-6, 9-5, 9-1

**BOYS UNDER 14:**  
MIHIR SETHI BEAT  
SIDDHARTH SUDHE 9-6, 4-9, 9-1, 9-2

**BOYS UNDER 16:**  
JUNAID NATHANI BEAT  
SIDDHARTH SUDHE 9-2, 9-5, 9-7

**BOYS UNDER 18:**  
ANSHUL MANCHANDA BEAT  
ABHIMANYU JAIN 9-3, 6-9, 9-0, 9-1

**GIRLS UNDER 14:**  
DEEPA BEAT RHEA BHANDARE 9-2, 9-6, 9-0

**OPEN:**  
RITWIK BHATTACHARYA BEAT  
MANISH CHOTRANI 9-7, 9-2, 7-9, 9-5

**WOMEN:**  
MEKHALA SUBEDAR BEAT  
DEEPA ANVEKAR 9-0, 9-4, (CONCEDED)

**OVER 35:**  
VAMAN APTE BEAT ANANT MORE 9-5, 9-4, 9-1

**OVER 45:**  
RAHIMAT KHAN BEAT JAYANT BAKSHI 9-0, 9-1, 9-2

**PROFESSIONALS:**  
SAITOSH MORE BEAT  
CHANDRAKANT PAWAR 9-1, 9-5, 9-6

## FIRST ASIAN SQUASH FEDERATION JUNIOR UNDER-19 NEW DELHI

**BOYS UNDER 19:**  
RITWIK BHATTACHARYA (INDIA) BEAT  
YAN KAH HO (HK) 4-9, 6-9, 0-9

MUBASHIR GUL (PAK) BEAT  
FAHIM GUL (PAK) 9-4, 9-5, 9-6

**GIRLS:**  
NICOL DAVID (MAL) BEAT  
TAN WAI SIEW (SIN) 10-8, 9-0, 9-1

**FINAL 5 BOYS:**  
RITWIK BHATTACHARYA BEAT  
MUBASHIR GUL 9-3, 10-9, 9-5, 9-2

**GIRLS:**  
NICOL DAVID (MAL) BEAT TRICIA CHUAH 9-3, 9-3, 9-9, 7

## DO YOU KNOW

THAT THE NUMBER OF SQUASH-PLAYING COUNTRIES IS 122?  
THAT THE WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION HAS 97 MEMBERS?  
THAT THE NUMBER OF SQUASH COURTS IN THE WORLD IS 46,000?  
THAT THERE ARE OVER 15 MILLION SQUASH PLAYER IN THE WORLD?

## WORLD NEWS:

### AL-AKHRA INTERNATIONAL

**WOMEN:**  
AHMED BARADA (EGYPT) BEAT  
MARTIN HEATH (SCOT)  
15-7, 15-17, 15-11, 13-15, 15-13

### U.S. OPEN (12-10-98)

**WOMEN'S FINAL:**  
MICHELLE MARTIN (AUS) BEAT  
SARAH FITZ-GERALD (AUS) 4-9, 8-10, 9-3, 9-1, 9-6

### PHILADELPHIA OPEN (19-10-98)

**WOMEN'S FINAL:**  
MICHELLE MARTIN (AUS) BEAT  
SARAH FITZ-GERALD (AUS) 9-3, 10-8, 7-9, 9-7, 9-5

### CAROL WEYMULLER OPEN (27-10-98)

MICHELLE MARTIN BEAT  
SARAH FITZ-GERALD (AUS) 9-2, 9-4, 9-3

### PAKISTAN OPEN (12-11-98)

AMJAD KHAN (PAK) BEAT GRAHAM RYDING (CAN)  
15-8, 11-15, 15-9, 13-15, 15-8

### 12TH WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

AUSTRALIA BEAT ENGLAND 3-0  
MICHELLE MARTIN BEAT  
SUE WRIGHT 9-3, 3-9, 9-10, 9-2, 9-1

SARAH FITZ-GERALD BEAT  
SUZANNE HORNOR 9-6, 9-4

CAROL OWENS BEAT ANNE MARTIN 9-4, 9-7, 9-1

## Jahangir elected vice-president of WSF

Jahangir Khan, The record 10 times British Open squash champion from Pakistan, has been elected a Vice-President of the World Squash Federation. The appointment was made at the WSF's 28th annual general meeting on in Stuttgart, Germany. Jahangir Khan, the sports manager for Pakistan International Airlines, is also a vice-president of the Pakistan Squash Federation.

## Tunku Imran elected Malaysia Olympic Council President

Tunku Imran, the President Emeritus of the World Squash Federation has been elected President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia - succeeding by 66 votes to 13 the predecessor who held the position for 23 years.

## PSA RANKING FOR MEN AS ON 1-12-98

RANK	(PREV)	NAME	COUNTRY
1	(1)	PETER NICOL	SCO
2	(3)	AHMED BARADA	EGP
3	(4)	JONATHAN POWER	CAN
4	(5)	PAUL JOHNSON	ENG
5	(7)	MARTIN HEATH	SCO
6	(9)	DAN JENSON	AUS
7	(2)	RODNEY EYLES	AUS
8	(6)	JANSHER KHAN	PAK
9	(14)	SIMON PARKE	ENG
10	(12)	DEREK RYAN	URE

## PSA RANKING FOR WOMEN AS ON 1-12-98

RANK	(PREV)	NAME	COUNTRY
1	(1)	MICHELLE MARTIN	AUS
2	(1)	SARAH FITZGERALD	AUS
3	(3)	CASSIE JACKMAN	ENG
4	(4)	SUE WRIGHT	ENG
5	(5)	SUZANNE HORNOR	ENG
6	(8)	LEILANI JOYCE	NZL
7	(9)	LINDA CHARMAN	ENG
8	(6)	CAROL OWENS	AUS
9	(7)	SABINE SCHOENE	GER
10	(10)	LIZ IRVING	AUS



Guess who is this father and son? No, they aren't from the famous Khan clan of squash. (Answer in next issue)  
The answer to the last issue quiz is, Torsam Khan. He was the elder brother of Jahangir Khan and he died on the court. The winner is Despak Parekh from New Delhi. He receives Ten Switcher T-shirts.



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