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PROSQUASH TURNS 75

The 75th edition of the PROSQUASH, the news Magazine of Indian Squash Professionals launched by Mr. Bhushan Gagrani (IAS) the officials present were Mr. Mahendra Agarwal (Founder Director, Indian Squash Professionals) and Mr. Ashish Gupta (President, Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra).

SQUASH-A-MILE (SaM) FOR VCARE 2015 RUN A MILE SPREAD A SMILE!

Over 200 people participated in this unique event at the Bombay Gymkhana squash courts on August 23rd, 2015. The event involved walking/running of 165 court lengths – the equivalent of one mile, pledging a fixed sum of money or pledging a specific amount per voluntary lap run. The objective was to raise money for poor cancer patients on behalf of VCARE Foundation, an NGO that “provides support and hope for those touched by cancer.” The event was organised and executed by Rohaan Advani (18 years), Rhea Advani (19 years), Riddhi Sampat (16 years) and Sireena Divecha (17 years).

Five time national champion, Ritwik Bhattacharya, inaugurated and kicked off the event. Founder of VCare Foundation, Ms. Vandana Gupta, was also present with a host of VCare volunteers. V Care Foundation is an NGO that is “dedicated to providing free help, hope, awareness and education to cancer patients and their families through outreach programs and services that improve the quality of their life.” (www.vcarecancer.org).

The event also had the support of the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview under the leadership of Rotaractor, Mihir Parekh. The squash fraternity came together and the Pros at the Bombay Gym volunteered to keep time along with the organisers and the Rotaractors. The youth of Mumbai turned up in huge numbers to support this cause and Hill Spring School had the best turnout of students. Almost one hundred participants completed the mile run, with the youngest participant being 8 years of age and the oldest, 86! The fourth SaM for VCare 2015 has raised in excess of Rs.18 lakhs to date, making it a record collection!



NSCI Juniors Championship 2015

At NSCI Club, Mumbai : 10th August 2015

Akanksha, Ranjit Singh, Robin Singh, Nikita Joshi are winners



Unseeded Akanksha Salunkhe of Goa continued her giant-killing run en route to clinching girls' under-19 crown in the Rs 6 lakh prize-money All-India NSCI Junior Open Squash 2015, an SRFI 4-Star Ranking event, and played at the NSCI's glass-back courts, Worli.

Akanksha, who had knocked out top seed Vruddhi Doshi of Madhya Pradesh in the semi-final on Wednesday, sustained her fine run of form to quash the aspirations of second seed Aishwarya Bhattacharya winning the final in four games. Later in the boys' under-19 final, unseeded Ranjit Singh of Uttar Pradesh grabbed the top honours defeating Krish Kapur of West Bengal in four games 13-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-4 in little over 31 minutes.

Results

- Girls U-11:** 1-Yuvna Gupta (MH) bt 2-Pooja Arthi R. (TN) 11-9, 12-10, 12-10.
- Boys U-11:** Jaivir Singh Dhillon (DL) bt 3/ 4-Vivaan Shah (MH) 11-6, 11-5, 6-11, 8-11, 11-6.
- Girls U-13:** 2-Ananya Dabke (MH) bt 1-Megha Bhatia (DL) 13-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-6.
- Boys U-13:** 1-Neel Joshi (MH) bt 3/4-Kanhav Nanavati (TN) 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-4.
- Girls U-15:** 1-Navmi Sharma (MH) bt 3/4-Jannia Singh (CH) 11-5, 11-4, 11-7.
- Boys U-15:** 1-Veer Chotrani (MH) bt 2-Rahul Baitha (MH) 11-8, 11-9, 13-15, 11-9.
- Girls U-17:** 1-Nikita Joshi (MH) bt 3/4-Diya Joukani (MH) 11-3, 11-3, 11-0.
- Boys U-17:** 1-Robin Singh Mann (DL) bt 3/4-Aryaman Adik (MH) 11-4, 11-6, 15-17, 11-4.
- Girls U-19:** Akanksha Salunkhe (GA) bt 2-Aishwarya Bhattacharya (MH) 10-12, 11-9, 11-5, 11-6.
- Boys U-19:** Ranjit Singh (UP) bt Krish Kapur (WB) 13-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-4.

Men's Malaysian Tour No.6 2015

At Malaysia : 14th August 2015

Ranvijay Singh loses as 2nd seed Ivan Yuen of Malaysia takes the crown

Results

- Final:** [2] Ivan Yuen (MAS) bt [3] James Huang (TPE) 11-7, 11-7, 7-11, 13-11 (57m)
- 1st round:** [8] Cheuk Yan Tang (HKG) bt [Q] Ranvijay Singh (IND) 11-5, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8 (30m)
- Qualifying finals:** Ranvijay Singh (IND) bt Ampandi Muhammad Aqif (MAS) 12-10, 4-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-9 (52m)

September 2015

Men's Club el Nogal Colombian Open

At Colombia : 8 August 2015

Saurav Ghosal loses to Alfredo Avila in the Finals



Despite high expectations, India's champion player Saurav Ghosal ended an otherwise glorious week on a disappointing note going down to giant-killer Alfredo Avila of Mexico 9-11, 11-8, 4-11, 8-11 in the final of the Albierto Colombiano squash tournament.

Ranked 54 in the Professional Squash Association (PSA) register as compared to Ghosal's 19, the Mexican came to the main draw from the qualifying phase. Avila then beat second seed Peter Barker of England for a place in the final.

Avila's relentless march saw the Indian go on the backfoot here on Saturday. Barring a brief moment when Ghosal grabbed a game, it was Avila all the way in the 55-minute contest that also brought the Mexican his seventh PSA title.

Results

- Final:** [Q] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [6] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-9, 8-11, 11-4, 11-8 (55m)
- Semi-finals:** [6] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [1] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) 11-8, 12-10, 7-11, 4-11, 12-10 (101m)
- [Q] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [2] Peter Barker (ENG) 8-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-2 (71m)
- Quarter-finals:** [1] Miguel Angel Rodriguez (COL) bt [8] Zahed Mohamed (EGY) 12-10, 9-11, 11-2, 11-8 (42m)
- [6] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt Diego Elias (PER) 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-3 (48m)
- [Q] Alfredo Avila (MEX) bt [3] Borja Golan (ESP) 6-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-9 (53m)
- [2] Peter Barker (ENG) bt [7] Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-4 ret.
- 1st round:** [6] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bt [WC] Sebastian Laguna (COL) 11-3, 11-1, 11-3 (18m)

Tushar Sahani the star of Khar Gymkhana

"Tushar Sahani, the star of Khar Gymkhana Squash Academy has been sponsored by Mahindra Sona Ltd. The sponsorship covers his travel and hotel expenses for all his tournament participation till the end of this financial year.

Tushar is the reigning national champion and world No-7 in Boys Under-15 age group. He will remain in this age group till March 2016. However, he is participating in Boys Under-17 to get better match practice. In this age group too, he is in the top 8 ranks in the country!

We hope this sponsorships helps him attain more glory!"



Victorian Open 2015

At Melbourne, Australia, 2 August 2015

Joshna Chinappa wins Melbourne Squash Meet to Clinch Tenth Professional Title



Joshna Chinappa

Joshna Chinappa upstaged second seed Line Hansen in straight games to win the USD 15,000 Victorian Open squash competition for her 10th WSA title. Third seed Joshna beat the Dane 11-5, 11-4, 11-9 in the final of the WSA event. It was only last week that Joshna lost to Line in Kooyong.

The Indian's last triumph had come in the Richmond Open in April last year. Coming as it did soon after her recent success in the National Championship, she was happy with her current form.

With the Australian Open to start in a few days and the venue being the same, the Joshna is looking forward to more

success. "I am so happy it will be at the same centre," she said. The title in the men's section went to Australian Ryan Cuskelly who beat Greg Lobban of Scotland 12-10, 13-11, 11-9.

All Women's Result:

Final: [3] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [2] Line Hansen (DEN) 11-5, 11-4, 11-9
Semi-finals: [3] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [8] Christine Nunn (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 11-9
 [2] Line Hansen (DEN) bt [5] Siyoli Waters (RSA) 15-13, 12-10, 11-3
Quarter-finals: [8] Christine Nunn (AUS) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 11-9, 11-8, 4-11, 11-7
 [3] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt [7] Megan Craig (NZL) 11-6, 11-4, 8-11, 11-9
 [5] Siyoli Waters (RSA) bt [4] Donna Urquhart (AUS) 12-10, 11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 11-5
 [2] Line Hansen (DEN) bt [6] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) 8-11, 11-6, 11-2, 9-11, 11-3
 2nd round: [3] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [14] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-2
 [6] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) bt [12] Sachika Ingale (IND) 11-7, 11-2, 11-2

All Men's Result:

Finals: [1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [4] Greg Lobban (SCO) 12-10, 13-11, 11-9
Semi-finals: [1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [3] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 11-6, 11-6, 11-6
 [4] Greg Lobban (SCO) bt [6] Steven Finitsis (AUS) 17-15, 5-11, 11-13, 11-8, 11-4
Quarter-finals: [1] Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) bt [7] Paul Coll (NZL) 11-5, 11-9, 14-12
 [3] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [8] Jaymie Haycocks (ENG) 13-15, 12-10, 11-8, 11-7
 [4] Greg Lobban (SCO) bt Joel Makin (WAL) 11-5, 11-8, 11-7
 [6] Steven Finitsis (AUS) bt Kush Kumar (IND) 11-5, 11-7, 11-9
 2nd round: [3] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-7
 Kush Kumar (IND) bt Kashif Shuja (NZL) 8-11, 11-3, 11-6, 11-3
1st round: [3] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt [WC] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5
 Kush Kumar (IND) bt [2] Nasir Iqbal (PAK) 12-10, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7

September 2015

World Junior team Championship

At Squashtime Centre, Eindhoven, Holland: 4th August 2015

Egypt retain world junior team squash title as India settles for 8th place

Egypt retained the World Junior Women Team Squash Championship title after a 2-0 win over the United States in Eindhoven, Holland.

It was Egypt's record seventh title and the fifth in succession. In a repeat of the 2013 final, the Egyptian girls simply overpowered the Americans with 16-year-old Habiba Mohamed beating Sabrina Sobhy 11-7, 8-11, 11-6, 11-1 in the first tie.

Egypt's third stringer Salma Hany then sealed the win by edging Kayley Leonard 11-7, 11-13, 11-8, 11-9 in 53 minutes.

India settled for the eighth place after a 1-2 loss to higher ranked Hong Kong in the play-off match on the final day of the girls' team event in the World junior squash championship.

Adya Advani lost the first match to Choi Uen Shan despite showing a will to fight, but Nikita Joshi made it 1-1 by winning the second singles against Hiu Kam Hui. However, Ka Wing Ho defeated Harshit Jawanda in the deciding third singles to wrap up the tie for Hong Kong.

Results

Final: [1] EGYPT bt [2] USA 2/0

Habiba Mohamed bt Sabrina Sobhy 11-7, 8-11, 11-6, 11-1 (33m)
 Salma Hany Ibrahim bt Kayley Leonard 11-7, 11-13, 11-8, 11-9 (53m)
 Nouran Gohar v Reeham Sedky (match withdrawn)

Semi-finals: [1] EGYPT bt [5] MALAYSIA 2/0

Nouran Gohar bt Andrea Lee 11-0, 11-7, 11-4 (19m)
 Habiba Mohamed bt Sivasangari Subramaniam 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 (21m)
 Salma Hany Ibrahim v Zoe Foo Yuk Han (match withdrawn)

[2] USA bt [3] ENGLAND 2/0

Reeham Sedky bt Amelia Henley 11-4, 11-2, 11-5 (29m)
 Sabrina Sobhy bt Georgina Kennedy 11-5, 11-9, 11-8 (34m)
 Kayley Leonard v Lucy Beecroft (match withdrawn)

5th - 8th place play-offs: [6] NEW ZEALAND bt [7] INDIA 2/1

Abbie Palmer lost to Harshit Jawanda 9-11, 4-11, 11-6, 13-11, 6-11 (39m)
 Eleanor Epke bt Adya Advani 12-10, 11-4, 11-3 (20m)
 Juee Bhide bt Akanksha Salunkhe 8-11, 8-11, 12-10, 11-0, 11-3 (41m)



The winning Egypt team

Men's Shepparton International

At Victoria, Australia: 16 August 2015



Kush Kumar loses in the Quarter-Finals

Results

Final: [5] Douglas Kempzell (SCO) bt Joshua Masters (ENG) 11-7, 11-8, 11-5 (34m)

Quarter-finals: [1] Jaymie Haycocks (ENG) bt [Q] Jong Myoung Park (KOR) 11-5, 11-7, 11-9 (34m)

Joshua Masters (ENG) bt Kush Kumar (IND) 11-9, 11-8, 11-5

[4] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt Ko Youngjo (KOR) 11-6, 12-10, 11-7 (43m)

[5] Douglas Kempzell (SCO) bt [2] Tayyab Aslam (PAK) 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 10-12, 11-5

2nd round: Kush Kumar (IND) bt Martin Svec (CZE) 11-8, 12-10, 11-6

1st round: Kush Kumar (IND) bt [7] Jonathan Maloney (ENG) 11-2, 11-6, 13-11

Australian Open squash tournament

At Melbourne, Australia : 8th August 2015

Joshana Chinappa loses to top seed in Australian Open Quarters as Paul Coll & Joelle King are champ

Results

Men's Results: Final: Paul Coll (NZL) bt [1] Cameron Pilley (AUS) 11-7, 5-11, 11-6, 11-5

2nd round: Steven Finitsis (AUS) bt [6] Mahesh Manganakar (IND) 7-11, 4-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7

[2] Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) bt Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) 11-4, 7-11, 11-4, 13-15, 11-9

1st round: [8] Rex Hedrick (AUS) bt [Q] Kush Kumar (IND) 9-11, 11-3, 11-6, 11-3

[6] Mahesh Manganakar (IND) bt [Q] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-4, 9-11, 11-0, 11-9

Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) bt [WC] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-8, 6-11, 11-3, 11-9

Qualifying finals: Kush Kumar (IND) bt Martin Svec (CZE) 9-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-8

1st qualifying round: Kush Kumar (IND) bt Jason Holmes (AUS) 11-4, 11-2, 11-7 (19m)

Women's Result: Final: [2] Joelle King (NZL) bt [1] Annie Au (HKG) 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 (36m)

2nd round: [6] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt [12] Megan Craig (NZL) 5-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-8 (40m)

Quarter-finals: [1] Annie Au (HKG) bt [6] Joshana Chinappa (IND) 11-7, 11-4, 11-8 (34m)

[3] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [7] Joey Chan (HKG) 11-9, 11-6, 13-11 (31m)

[4] Delia Arnold (MAS) bt [5] Line Hansen (DEN) 9-11, 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 12-10 (66m)

[2] Joelle King (NZL) bt [8] Donna Urquhart (AUS) 11-4, 7-11, 12-10, 12-10

1st round: [6] Joshana Chinappa (IND) bt Alexia Clonda (EST) 11-6, 11-6, 11-3 (13m)

[9] Siyoli Waters (RSA) bt Sachika Ingale (IND) 12-10, 11-8, 11-9 (26m)



Paul Coll



Joelle King

Men's / Womens City of Greater Bendigo International

At Australia: 23 August 2015

Kush Kumar loses in Semi-Finals as Joel Makin of Wales takes the Title

Results

Final: [2] Joel Makin (WAL) bt [3] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-4, 11-5, 11-7 (50m)

Semi-finals: [3] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [1] Tayyab Aslam (PAK) 11-9, 7-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-8 (68m)

[2] Joel Makin (WAL) bt [8] Kush Kumar (IND) 11-7, 11-9, 11-6 (50m)

Quarter-finals: [1] Tayyab Aslam (PAK) bt Ko Youngjo (KOR) 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6 (51m)

[3] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [7] Valentino Bon Jovi Bong (MAS) 11-4, 11-9, 11-4 (35m)

[8] Kush Kumar (IND) bt Joshua Masters (ENG) 12-10, 6-11, 11-8, 11-3 (65m)

[2] Joel Makin (WAL) bt [5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-0, 11-2, 11-2 (35m)

2nd round: [8] Kush Kumar (IND) bt Lewis Doughty (ENG) 11-7, 11-8, 11-4 (27m)

1st round: [8] Kush Kumar (IND) bt Jong Myoung Park (KOR) 14-12, 11-9, 11-8 (37m)



Joel Makin and Cyrielle Peltier

Top Seed Milou Heijden is the Winner as Sachika loses In 1st Round

Final: [4] Cyrielle Peltier (FRA) bt [1] Milou van der Heijden (NED) 6-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9.

1st round: [3] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt Sachika Ingale (IND) 7-11, 11-9, 11-6

Men's Malaysian Tour No.5 2015

At Sarawak, Malaysia : 31 July 2015

Addeen Idrakie is the Winner as Ravi Dixit & Ranvijay Singh loses

Results

Final: [1] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [8] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-6 (41m)

1st round: Basem Makram (EGY) bt [4] Ravi Dixit (IND) 11-5, 11-13, 11-4, 12-10 (56m)

[8] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) bt [Q] Ranvijay Singh (IND) 13-11, 11-3, 11-8 (31m)

Qualifying finals: Ranvijay Singh (IND) bt Marcus Wei Jie Sim (MAS) 1-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9



Addeen Idrakie

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