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## KHAR GYMKHANA - ISP 1<sup>ST</sup> MUMBAI OPEN DOUBLE SQUASH (19/11/2003)

### Young old duo raise doubles to dizzy heights

Doubles squash is fun at the best of times but when the top players play it becomes doubly so. The tactics become intriguing because four can play at a game. Thus it was at the **Khar Gymkhana** when two national champs of different ages won the title at the Khar Gymkhana - ISP organised First Mumbai Open doubles.

**Manish Chotrani** has been the senior champ. **Vikram Malhotra** ruled the roost at under-15 level. Both combined to beat the CCI pair of **Sahil** and **Rushabh Vora** to win 15-12, 10-15, 15-7, 15-12.

The marathon match tested the players' physical as well as mental resources. After the first two games were shared the third game saw the CCI pair slip a little and the Khar Gymkhana duo capitalised by finishing off the game quickly. The fourth game had Manish and Vikram trailing throughout but they hung on tenaciously and managed to level the score at



From Right : Ashok Nagpal, Ashish Gupta, Hari Mehra (President, Khar Gymkhana), Manish Chotrani (Winner), Vikram Malhotra (Winner), Mahendra Agarwal (Director, ISP) and Girish Jadhav

12 points each with some great retrieving and excellent stroke play. Here on, it was a battle of nerves and the Khar Gymkhana duo managed to ward off the spirited effort of the CCI pair and wrapped up the match 15-12.

The champs took home Rs. 20,000 and beautiful crystal trophies while the runners up received Rs. 12,000 and crystal trophies too.

The form book was vindicated in the third

## MID-DAY JUNIOR SQUASH CIRCUIT 3RD LEG, KHAR GYMKHANA, MUMBAI (24/10/2003)

### Form book respected at the Mid-Day final leg

and final leg of the **Mid-Day Junior Squash League** which concluded at the **Khar Gymkhana**. There could have been an upset in the boys under-11 category. But the National champion and top seed **Maheesh Mangaonkar** wore down the challenge of second seed **Abhishek Pradhan** in five games. Mangaonkar showed tremendous maturity for a player so young as he emerged the stronger of the two in the decider, winning it 7-15. Though he and Pradhan tallied six points after the three rounds, Mangaonkar was declared the over champion by virtue of this victory.

In the boys under-19, National champion and top seed **Vikas Jangra** underlined his supremacy, beating second seed **Anurag Gill**. He also claimed the overall title with nine points. The under-17 and under-15 champs **Sandeep Jangra** and **Vikram Malhotra** did likewise. Sandeep dropped a game to **Manek Mathur** before winning in four, while Malhotra squashed **Naishad Lalwani's** aspirations with a fluent straight-games victory.

The overall winners in each age group were richer by Rs 5,000 while the runners-up took home Rs 2,500.

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## Results

## Finals :

**BOYS:** U-19 : Vikas Jangra (Jindal) bt Anurag Gill 15-11, 15-6, 15-11. **U-17 :** Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) bt Manek Mathur 15-12, 17-15, 8-15, 15-13. **U-15 :** Vikram Malhotra bt Naishad Lalwani 15-10, 15-11, 15-7. **GIRLS:** U-15 : Alisha Mashruwala bt Madhura Paranjpe 15-9, 15-3, 15-6. **U-11 :** Sachika Balwani bt Ankita Sharma 15-11, 15-13, 15-10.

## Semifinals :

**Boys:** U-19 : Vikas Jangra (Jindal) bt Ritesh Sharma (Jindal) 15-10, 15-9, 15-7. Anurag Gill bt Rushabh Vora **Boys U-17 :** Sandeep Jangra (Jindal) bt Sadiq Madraswala 15-6, 15-5, 15-7. Manek Mathur bt Sarvesh Chauhan (Jindal) 15-8, 17-14, 15-9. **Boys U-15 :** Vikram Malhotra bt Tanmay Govil 15-14, 12-15, 13-15, 15-11. Naishad Lalwani bt Cyrus Vakil 15-4, 9-15, 15-9, 15-5. **Boys U-13 :** Adil Zaveri bt Aditya Gupta 15-13, 15-3, 15-11. Zahan Dastur bt Rahul D'Cunha 15-10, 15-13, 15-7. **Boys U-11 :** Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Caran Arora 15-9, 17-16, 15-13. Abhishek Pradhan bt Tarun Nambiar 13-15, 7-15, 15-8, 15-12, 17-14. **GIRLS:** U-15 : Alisha Mashruwala bt Nikita Emanuel 15-2, 15-6, 15-4. Madhura Paranjpe bt Shivangi Paranjpe 15-13, 15-12, 15-2. **GIRLS U-11 :** Sachika Balwani bt Shria Khatri 15-6, 15-6, 15-9. Ankita Sharma bt Somiya Karkee 15-11, 15-10, 15-11.

## CLUB PRANA SPA &amp; FITNESS CENTER &amp; ISP DOUBLES SQUASH (BY INVITATION TOP -16) (23/11/2003)

## WCG pair triumph at the Hyatt

Competitive squash was a hit at Hyatt Regency hotel's fitness centre. The pro-youth combination of **Rajesh Sonavane** and **Bipin Batra** from Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana turned up trumps in the Club Prana Spa & Fitness Center-ISP Doubles Squash Tournament, involving 16 pairs from the top clubs in the city. Nagpal called for a one-pointer when the scores were level. The WCG pair played that point better and that settled the aspirations of Khar Gymkhana's Dhiraj Nagpal and Rajesh Rajani at 15-12, 9-15, 15-14.

The Khar pair of **Nagpal** and **Rajani** were leading 12-14 before **Sonavane** and **Batra** fought back with grit and determination.



Bipin Batra & Rajesh Sonavane (winner) of the Club Prana Spa & ISP Double Squash along with Riaz Mohammed, Brian Sopher, Andreas Nauhoimer (General Manager, Hyatt Regency), Shiv Malhotra (SRAM), Mahendra Agarwal (Hon. Secretary, SRAM) & Noreena (ISP)

## Motilal Sanghi Inter-Club Squash Tournament (19/12/2003)

Though being on the wrong side of 30, National champion **Manish Chotrani** proved his is still the best squash player in Mumbai while leading Otters Club to a 4-3 victory over **Cricket Club of India** in the final of the 29th **Motilal Sanghi Inter-Club Squash Tournament**, played at the Cricket Club of India. Chotrani routed CCI's **Sahil Vora 3-0** to set the tone for Otters Club's victories, the other winners being **Karan Bhatti**, **Anurag Gill** and **Dhiraj Nagpal**. CCI's youngsters **Mihir Sheth** and **Manek Mathur** did lead a rearguard action, but it was not enough in the final analysis. The women's title was lifted by Bombay Gymkhana, thanks to the skills of the Paranjpe sisters **Madhura** and **Shivangi**. In their last league outing Bombay Gym blanked CCI 3-0 to maintain their unbeaten run in the tournament.

## Results

## Final results:

Rajesh Sonavane/Bipin Batra (WCG) beat Rajesh Rajani / Dhiraj Nagpal (Khar Gym) 15-12, 9-15, 15-14.

## Semi-finals:

Rajesh Sonavane/Bipin Batra (WCG) beat Sonu Mirani/Sashi Gupta Beat (Sindhi Soc. Gym) 7-15 / 15-11 / 15-12 / 15-8; Dhiraj Nagpal/Rajesh Rajani (Khar Gym) beat Rohan Gracias/Jay Thapa (Kamla Vihar Gym) 15-12 / 15-10 / 9-15 / 15-7.

## Finals:

**OTTERS CLUB BEAT C.C.I. 4-3 :** Manish Chotrani beat Sahil Vora 3-0. Karan Bhatti beat Vaibhav Gupta 3-2. Anurag Gill beat Darius Surti 3-1. Kunal Jani lost to Mihir Sheth 0-3. Avinash Bhavnani lost to Manek Mathur 0-3. Dhiraj Nagpal beat Anant More 3-1. Santosh More / Janak Madhavad / W/O. **Women's :** Bombay Gymkhana beat C.C.I.

## Semi-finals:

**Men's:** Otters Club beat Khar Gymkhana 6-1. Manish Chotrani beat Rohan Gracias 3-0. Karan Bhatti beat Suraj Shetty 3-2. Anurag Gill beat Sanjay Goyal 3-2. Kunal Jani beat Vijay Waghela 3-1. Avinash Bhavnani beat Karan Malhotra 3-0. Dhiraj Nagpal beat Avinash Bathija 3-0. Santosh More / Mohd. Merchant w/o.

**CCI beat Bombay Gymkhana 5-2 :** Sahil Vora beat Yogesh Panchal 3-0. Vaibhav Gupta beat Vaman Apte 3-0. Darius Surti beat Mohan Malik 3-0. Anant More beat Bal Andhyarjina 3-0. Raj Arora / Vishal Jhujhunwala w/o. Janak Madhavad / Gopi Mohite w/o.

**Women's:** Bombay Gymkhana beat C.C.I. 2-1 : Kanika Premnaryan lost Rachita Vora 1-3. Madhura Paranjpe beat Deepika Chandratheya 3-0. Shivangi Paranjpe beat Shaheen Madraswala 3-0.



The Winning Otters Team with their trophies along with M.K. Sanghi (Chairman & M.D., M.K. Sanghi Group), Chief Guest Aditi Sumariwala (Director, Mid-day) and Mahendra Agarwal (Director, ISP)

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# THE 28TH BOMBAY GYM KHANA MAHARASHTRA STATE OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2003, MUMBAI (8/11/2003)

## Sahil loses way against Chotrani

**Sahil Vora** can be a handful for his opponents because not only of his rapid strokeplay and resources of stamina but also because of his obstructions and aggressive courtcraft.

But that didn't work against the stalwart **Manish Chotrani**. Chotrani raised his game and lost just one set to claim the title in the **Bombay Gymkhana Maharashtra State Open Squash Championship**.

Chotrani had beaten Sahil in the **Western India** final earlier. Memory of that no doubt spurred him to triumph at 9-3, 6-9, 9-4, 9-2 to pocket a purse of Rs 50,000 at the ABG Shipyard-sponsored event.

In the women's category, **Joshna Chinappa** of Tamil Nadu thrashed local lass **Deepti Anvekar** 9-5, 9-6, 9-1 to be richer by Rs 20,000. Vora committed many unforced errors in the first game and with Chotrani playing safe, the early exchanges went in favour of the older player. Vora's powerful forehand drives won him the second game but that was as far as he could go. Manish kept the ball in play and that worked against an over-excited opponent, 14 years younger than he.

Vora had won the first two and then lost three in the CCI meeting.

### 60TH C.C.I. WESTERN INDIA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT, MUMBAI (8/11/2003)

## Youth not enough for Vora against Chotrani

Sadly it was the younger player who ran out of steam in a battle of players 14 years apart. **Manish Chotrani**, 33, was pitted against 19-year-old **Sahil Vora** who has claimed most of the country's junior titles.

But after doing all the early running, the **CCI** youngsters appeared to have shot his bolt. He faded away in the final stanza being blanked in the last two by one who knows what it is to be the country's numero uno.

Chotrani, who was making a comeback after injury, won 7-9, 9-1, 5-9, 9-0, 9-0 in the Rs. 3 lakh prize money event, co-sponsored by **Lifebuoy**.

**Mekhala Subedar**, made her last event before her wedding a winning one by beating **Alisha Mashruwala** 9-0, 9-0, 9-4 in the final. Alisha, however, had something to show on her home courts when claiming the under-19 and 15 titles.

Chennai's **Shruti Reddy** and **Madhura Paranjpe** were no match for Alisha, with **Joshna Chinappa** giving the event a miss., **Sandeep Jangra** extended his winning streak over **Manek Mathur** with yet another four-game victory in the under-17 final and **Vikram Malhotra** outplayed **Cyrus Vakil** 9-6, 9-6, 9-4.

CCI youngster **Cyrus Sidhwa** won the **Fairplay Trophy** along with Rs 2,000, an award instituted for the first time by CCI.



All Winners

## Results

**Finals: Men's Open:** Manish Chotrani (Mah) bt Sahil Vora (Mah) 9-3, 6-9, 9-4, 9-2;

**Women:** Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Deepali Anvekar (Mah) 9-5, 9-6, 9-1;

**BOYS U-11:** Mahesh Manganekar (Mah) bt Abhishek Pradhan 9-5,

9-0, 9-3; **U-13:** Aditya Jagtap (Mah) bt Ravi Dixit (Del.) 9-1, 9-0, 9-

7; **U-15:** Vikram Malhotra (Mah) bt Cyrus Vakil (Mah) 9-9, 9-3, 9-0,

9-2; **U-17:** Sandeep Jangra (Mah) bt Manek Mathur (Mah) 9-7, 10-

8, 9-6; **U-19:** Vikas Jangra (SSB) bt Anurag Gill (Mah) 9-2, 9-3, 9-

4;

**GIRLS U-11:** Sachika Balwani (Mah) bt Anika Sharma 9-2, 9-2, 9-2;

**U-13:** Aakriti Sehgal (Del) bt Anika Sharma 5-9, 9-1, 10-8, 9-4;

**U-15:** Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) bt Madhura Paranjpe 9-2, 9-5, 9-

6; **U-17:** Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) bt Madhura Paranjpe 9-5, 9-1, 9-

0; **U-19:** Joshna Chinappa (TN) beat Shahnaz Dastur 9-1, 9-2, 9-

1;

**Seniors: Over-35:** Darius Surti (Mah) bt Christopher Louzado

(Mah) 9-1, 9-7, 4-9, 0-9, 9-3;

**Over-45:** C S Pawar (Mah) bt Vaman Apte (Mah) 9-7, 7-9, 3-9, 9-3,

9-7;

**professionals:** Mahesh Verma bt Sachin Jhadev 9-2, 9-2, 9-0.

**All Semi-Finals: Boy's U-11:** Mahesh Manganekar (Mah) bt Samir Mistry 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; Abhishek Pradhan (Mah) bt Caran Arora 9-1, 3-9, 10-9, 9-5.

**Boys Under 13:** Ravi Dixit (ND) beat Aadit Zaveri (Mah) 9-1, 9-5, 10-8; Aditya Jagtap (Mah) beat Rahul D'Cunha 10-8, 9-5, 9-0.

**Boy's U-15:** Vikram Malhotra (Mah) bt Laxman Joshi 9-1, 9-2, 9-1;

Cyrus Vakil (Mah) bt Jay Bhagat 9-6, 4-9, 8-10, 9-2, 9-4.

**Boys Under 17:** Sandeep Jangra (Mah) beat Vikram Malhotra 9-

5, 9-7, 9-2; Manek Mathur (Mah) beat Sarvesh Chauhan 9-7, 9-6, 9-

5.

**Boy's U-19:** Vikas Jangra (SSB) bt Manek Mathur (Mah) 9-2, 9-3,

9-4; Anurag Gill (Mah) bt Ritesh Sharma 7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-1.

**Girl's U-13:** Aakriti Sehgal (ND) bt Shaheen Madraswala (Mah) 9-

4, 9-7, 8-10, 9-5, 9-1; Anika Sharma (Mah) bt Sachika Balwani (Mah)

9-7, 7-9, 8-10, 9-5, 9-1; **Girls Under 15:** Alisha Mashruwala (Mah)

beat Shivangi Paranjpe (Mah) 9-2, 9-4, 9-3; Madhura Paranjpe

(Mah) beat Surbhi Misra (Raj) 10-8, 9-3, 9-0 **Girl's U-17:** Alisha

Mashruwala (Mah) bt Surbhi Misra (Raj) 9-2, 9-5, 9-3; Madhura

Paranjpe (Mah) bt Shahnaz Dastur (Mah) 9-6, 9-2, 9-2.

**Girls Under 19:** Joshna Chinappa (TN) beat Avanti Shetty (Mah)

9-1, 9-0, 9-0; Shahnaz Dastur (Mah) beat Saachi Mehta (Mah) 9-3,

9-0, 9-0.

**Open:** Manish Chotrani (Mah) bt Supreet Singh (Mah) 9-0, 9-3, 9-

3; **Women:** Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Sarjeeta Das 9-0, 9-1, 9-2;

Deepali Anvekar (Mah) bt Sonu Kalkat 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

**Professionals:** Mahesh Verma bt Gopi Mohite (Mah) 9-0, 9-1, 9-

2;

Sachin Jhadev (Mah) bt Dashrath Tambe (Mah) 9-2, 9-7, 9-3.

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# RETURNS REAPED FROM RETURNING MACHINE By Pradeep Vijayakar

Count on Mumbai to make the most of the modern tools. On September 7, 2003, The **Indian Squash Professionals** took a step into the future when unveiling this little **squash ball shooter** – the Booster Mark 111 in Mumbai. By January nearly a dozen clubs and hotels had got a taste of it and made good use of it.

A portable squash practicing machine, this contraption can shoot upto **48 balls** at speeds varying from **31 m/sec** at intervals that can be varied between one second to eight seconds.

It was procured from **Yorkshire-based JMD Technologies** for a whopping Rs.1.6 lakh (including duty). The machine can make the job of the coach a lot easier. A player can now work on bettering a shot now that the shooter can send balls to a particular corner of the court consistently, something that the coach could not have possibly done over a period of time.



At the launch of Squash Booster Machine at The Leela from left to right Sanjay Goyal, Khalid A.H. Ansari (President, SRAM), Mahendra Agarwal and Chandrakant Pawar (Directors of ISP)

When in **Pakistan** at the invitation of the late **President Zia** to watch the **First Asian Squash Championships** in Karachi in 1981, one watched awe-struck how the Pakistan coach **Omar Daraz** would feed squash champion **Jahangir Khan** with 200 overheads at a time in on go. First 200 forehand overheads then 200 backhand overheads. Little wonder that Jahangir, then barely 18, went on to become a legend in his lifetime with two years of unbeaten play. Since man is not perfect, a machine to take a load off his back was bound to come. And it makes one proud that **Mumbai** city took the lead. Mumbai which boasts of the country's major national champs. The beauty of it is that the one who donated the money for this contraption, has remained anonymous.

In the words of professional **Chandrakant Pawar** "This machine will definitely take care of the coach's routine work. Coaches can now concentrate on a fine-tuning a player's skills. Beginners can really benefit from this machine and improve their strokes." The slowest speed, at about 13 m/sec, can be comparable to a 11-year-old's strokes while the fastest (31 m/sec) can be likened to that of a men's National champion. The shooting frequency can be regulated from intervals of one second to eight seconds.

The machine weighs about **26 kg** is portable and can be easily dismantled. The ISP's plan was to loan the machine for ten days each to every squash clubs in Mumbai and to finally instal it at the **Squash Racquets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM)** courts at the **Andheri Sports Complex**.

As many as nine clubs and hotels made use of the machine between October and January .. They were: **The Leela ; Khar Gymkhana 4-5 days; Willingdon Sports Club Oct 18-27; Chembur Gymkhana Oct 29-Nov 7; The Resort Nov 9-18; C.C.I. Nov 18-30; Bombay Gymkhana Nov 1-10; Juhu Gymkhana Dec 10-20 and Jindal Complex Dec 25-Jan 3.**

## NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2003, KOLKATA (30/11/2003)

### RITWIK, JOSHNA IN A CANTER

Delhi's **Ritwik Bhattacharya** and Chennai's **Joshna Chinappa** had little trouble claiming the **National squash titles**. Title holder **Mekhala Subedar** took a break and Joshna, who had lost to her last year, had a cakewalk.

Maharashtra had a consolation with **Mahesh Verma** regaining the professionals title, once the preserve of **Chandrakant Pawar**, beating Chennai pro Balamurugan. The state veterans won a clutch of masters titles.

## Results

### RESULTS OF FINALS:

Men: Ritwik Bhattacharya (Del) beat Saurav Ghosal (TN) 9-2, 9-1, 3-2. Women: Joshna Chinappa (TN) beat Sonali Philip (TN) 9-5, 9-2, 9-2.  
Masters 35-39: Rohit Thawani (Mah) beat Mukhtiar Ali (Del) 9-4, 9-5, 9-0. Over-40: O'Neil Pramanik (WB) beat Deepak Moolani (Mah) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3.  
Over-45: Vaman Apte (Mah) beat V Laxman (TN) 9-1, 8-10, 9-6, 9-6. Over-50: Kishan Lal (Mah) beat Sunil Patel (MP) 9-1, 9-2, 9-1. Professionals: Mahesh Verma (Mah) beat Balamurugan 6-9, 1-9, 9-6, 10-8, 9-4. Professionals Plate: Ajay Banania (Mah) beat Rakesh Solanki 9-0, 8-9, 9-2, 9-1. Men Plate: Vaman Apte (Mah) beat Deepak Moolani (Mah) 9-4, 2-9, 9-5, 9-4.

### ALL SEMIFINALS:

Men: Gaurav Nandrajog (ND) Lost to Saurav Ghosal (TN) 7-9, 4-9, 3-9. Ritwik Bhattacharya (ND) Beat Sahil Vora (MAH) 9-3, 9-0, 9-2. Women: Surbhi Misra (RAJ) Lost to Sonali Philip (TN) 10-8, 4-9, 2-9, 6-9. Joshna Chinappa (TN) Beat Neha Rathi (WB) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0. Masters Over 50: Sunil Patel (MP) beat Jagat Kapur (WB) 9-0, 9-3, 9-5. Kishan Lal (MAH) Beat Kishore Mansata (WB) 9-1, 9-1, 9-3. Masters 45-49 V Laxman (TN) Beat C S Pawar (MAH) 7-9, 9-0, 9-5, 5-9, 9-7. Vaman Apte (MAH) Beat Sunil Chainani (KR) 9-7, 9-4, 9-3. Masters 40-44: Manan Mashruwala (MAH) Lost to Deepak Moolani 2-9, 2-9, 2-9. O'Neil Pramanik (WB) Beat Tanveer Ahmed (WB) 9-4, 9-3, 9-6. Masters 35-39: Mukhtiar Ali (ND) Beat Lt. Col. Samir Khare (SSB) 10-9, 9-2, 9-0. Rohit Thawani (MAH) Beat Piyush Jaita (WB) 9-4, 9-3, 9-6. Men Plate: Vaman Apte (MAH) Beat Sunil Chainani (KR) 9-4, 9-3, 9-7. Gaurav Singh (WB-B) Lost to Deepak Moolani (MAH) 6-9, 4-9, 7-9. Professionals Plate: Adesh Gamre (MAH) Lost to Rakesh Solanki (MAH) 3-9, 4-9, 2-9. Vishnu Datta (HP) W/o Ajay Banania (MAH). Professionals: Dalip Tripathi (WB) Lost to Mahesh Verma (MAH) 6-9, 3-9, 0-9. Bala Murgan (TN) beat Vijay M. Sonavane (MAH) 9-0, 9-6, 9-0.

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## JUNIOR INTER STATE SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP, CHENNAI (13/10/2003)

## MAHARASHTRA BOYS CLAIM TWO TITLES

Chennai were expected to take the goodies away from Maharashtra in the **Junior Nationals**. Not quite, the Maharashtra kids covered themselves with glory when claiming boys under-19 and under-15 titles at the National Junior inter-state squash championship. The under-15 final was an all-Maharashtra affair and hence a fait accompli. But the under-19 final was a tough affair. The host team was spearheaded by India No 2 **Saurav Ghosal**. He was sure to take out one tie. Ghosal beat **Vikas Jangra**. But what of the rest? It was a tough call. A. Parthiban lost to **Sandeep Jangra**, also trained at the ICL Academy. In the decider **Vinayak Shetty's** best was not good enough to upset a higher rated player, **Anurag Gill**, who in fact played in spite of a nagging headache.



Members of victorious Maharashtra boys U-15, U-19 Squash teams who won the championship

**Tamil Nadu**, however, pocketed both the girls under-19 and under-15 titles. **Joshna Chinappa** was needed only for the last round-robin match. Both the titles were at the expense of Maharashtra.

In the individual events Tamil Nadu had a clutch of five titles out of 10. In the individual events Tamil Nadu claimed five out of ten. **Saurav Ghosal** and **Joshna Chinappa**, who are members of the India senior side, just went through the motions against **Gaurav Nandrajog** and **Alisha Mashruwala** (who had already bagged the under-17 title). **Vikram Malhotra**, the top seed from Maharashtra, failed to wrest the under-15 title from Tamil Nadu youngster, **Harinderpal Singh**, formerly of **Chandigarh**. However for **Sandeep Jangra** it was confirmation once again that he was the best under-17 in the country. Particularly after he beat Tamil Nadu's key hope **A. Parthiban** twice inside a week. **V. Anwesha Reddy** ousted the reigning champion and favourite **Dipika Pallikal** for the girls under-13 title. **Shibani Philip** was the other successful player for Tamil Nadu wearing out **Madhura Paranjpe** after bouncing back from a game down. **Mr. Shekar Dutt, Director General, SAI** gave away the prizes.

## Results

## FINALS TEAM EVENTS

BOYS U-19: Maharashtra beat Tamil Nadu 2-1: Sandeep Jangra bt A. Parthiban 9-0, 9-6, 4-9, 9-3; Vikas Jangra lost to Saurav Ghosal 3-9, 1-9, 3-9; Anurag Gill bt Vinayak Shetty 9-2, 9-5, 9-1. Third Place: Maharashtra 'B' lost to New Delhi 1-2: Dhiraj Nagpal lost to Dhruv Dhawan 4-9, 4-9, 1-9; Rushabh Vora lost to Karan Singh 10-9, 3-9, 9-0, 9-4, 3-9; Manek Mathur bt Arjun Sachdev 9-3, 9-0, 9-0. U-15: Maharashtra beat Maharashtra 'B' 3-0: Vikram Malhotra bt Laxman Joshi 9-3, 9-0, 9-0; Naishad Lalwani bt Anup Sharma 9-7, 9-3, 9-0; Tanmay Govil bt Nitin Chauhan 9-10, 9-5, 9-2, 9-0. U-13: Rajasthan beat Tamil Nadu 2-1: Parth Sharma lost to Harinderpal Singh 3-9, 5-9, 3-9; Pratik Baweja bt Arnish Uberti 9-6, 3-9, 9-0, 9-4; Ishaan Balwani bt Girish Sawlani 9-4, 9-5, 10-9.

## FINALS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

BOYS U-19: Saurav Ghosal (TN) bt Gaurav Nandrajog (ND) 9-7, 9-6, 9-7; U-17: Sandeep Jangra (Mah) bt A. Parthiban (TN) 9-0, 9-4, 9-7. U-15: Harinderpal Singh (TN) bt Vikram Malhotra (Mah) 9-5, 7-9, 9-7, 8-10, 9-5; U-13: Ramit Tandon (WB) bt Ravi Dixit (ND) 9-3, 9-7, 9-4; U-11: Mahesh Mangamkar (Mah) bt Abhishek Pradhan (Mah) 9-5, 9-3, 9-7.  
GIRLS: U-19: Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) 9-3, 9-6, 9-4; U-17: Alisha Mashruwala (Mah) bt Sruthi Reddy (TN) 9-5, 9-3, 9-5; U-15: Shibani Philip (TN) bt Madhura Paranjpe (Mah) 5-9, 9-6, 9-2, 8-10, 9-3; U-13: V. Anwesha Reddy (TN) bt Dipika Pallikal (TN) 10-8, 6-8, 9-3, 9-3; U-11: Sachika Balwani (Mah) bt Arikita Sharma (Mah) 8-10, 9-0, 9-3, 9-5.

## Dastur-champ and an ISP patron

**Eric Dastur** has been a well wisher of ISP and has been recently included as one of the **patron member** along with **Vivek Nair** and **Sajjan Jindal**. A 1975 **Indian Junior Champion**, he was also a 1976 champ at **London International Students House** where his usual rival used to be the late columnist **Raju Chainani**.

Eric, in 1977-1980 was member of the **Manchester University** first team. He played at No.1 one for two years and was presented their maroon colours by the university. He also played in the first division **North West England league**, was member of the **University Athletic Union** team. From 1981-1990 he played for various clubs in **Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia**.



Eric Dastur

He had the foresight in 1992-1993 to started the **Little Masters (Juniors) squash tournament** at Willingdon Sports Club. In addition Eric initiated projects to make squash accessible to the public at the large and helped get the first Booster training machine, now widely used by the **ISP**.

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# The best of Raju

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Know Your Stars... Anil Nayar

Sports week 01-05-1977

I TOOK up the game of squash in 1958 in Cathedral High School, Bombay at the age of 12. I was very fortunate to have the legendary **Yousuf Khan** as my coach and under him my agility, fitness and stroke play developed and I was able to move into top bracket.

I created a sensation in 1964 by becoming the first person ever to win the junior and senior titles simultaneously at the **Western India championships** which are virtually a dress rehearsal of the **Nationals**.

The following year was one of the best of my career as I won the National men's and juniors' titles convincingly and then went on to become the lone Indian ever to win the **Drysdale Cup**, considered to be the world junior championships.

The same year I had to leave India for higher studies at **Harvard**. American squash is a modified version of the English game which is played in India. However, I adapted myself to the hard ball and the modifications to win the **American National** title twice and the Canadian and Mexican titles, once each.

In between my services were required for India in the inaugural World Cup competition in Australia. A strained muscle hampered me in the championships, but I did create a fine impression, though I could not go far. I was rated as a fine young player in the world then. Unfortunately, my staying in the USA prevented me from regularly playing the English game and that was the reason I was unable to reach to the top of the international ladder. My finest moment came when I received the **Arjuna Award** from the Government of India in 1969.

Since my return to India in 1971, I have dominated the Indian squash scene as no other player has done. Winning the National crown has become a habit with me. In the last six years I have lost only two matches.

**SECRET**: The secret of my success silky smooth action, lightning reflexes, superb wrist work and deceptive strokes. A squash player must cultivate all these points if he hopes to make it to the top. If you want to play attacking squash, you must pick the ball as soon as possible. This will ensure that you are not cornered at the back of the court. Speed and fitness are the two important factors that all youngsters should note.

Two years ago I took up the honorary secretary's post of the **Squash Rackets Association of India** to get the game moving. This is a very difficult task. But my business keeps me busy throughout the year and in a way has affected my game to a certain extent. For the same reasons, I could not accompany the Indian team to **Pakistan** and **England** in early 1976. But I helped the four players selected for the tours in their training programme in **Bombay**.

I am always available if youngsters want to train with me. In fact, **Nikhilesh Senapati, Soli Colah, Anant Nayak** and **Gajendar Singh** have been training with me for some years now. They are all promising the first two have already represented India and should serve India for years to come.

I have no plans for retiring in immediate future. I would like to go on for a few more years.

## NATALIA - SAFI Grand Final (7/12/2003)

### Results

#### FINALS

- BOYS: U-19: Saurav Ghosal bt Gaurav Nandrajog 9-1, 9-3, 10-9;  
U-17: Sandeep Jangra bt A. Parthiban 9-5, 10-8, 1-9, 6-9, 9-6;  
U-15: Harinder Pal Singh bt Parth Sharma (Raj) 9-2, 9-6, 9-10, 9-3;  
U-13: Ravi Dixit (Del) bt Anuj Chauhan (Mah) 9-3, 9-2, 9-0;  
U-11: Tarun Nambiar (Mah) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (Mah) 9-5, 9-3, 9-2.  
GIRLS: U-19: Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Sonali Philip (TN) 9-4, 9-7, 9-6;  
U-15: Dipika Pallikal (TN) bt Shibani Philip (TN) 4-9, 9-2, 9-0, 9-7;

## The Inter State Squash Championship (26/11/2003)

### Results

#### FINALS

**New Delhi beat Tamil Nadu 3-2:**

- Varun Katruka lost to Vinayak Shetty 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 3-9, 2-9;  
Amjad Khan beat A. Parthiban 9-2, 9-6, 9-2;  
Ritwik Bhattacharya beat Saurav Ghosal 2-9, 9-6, 9-2, 10-8;  
Yashwardhan Singh lost to Harinderpal Singh 9-5, 6-9, 9-3, 1-9, 1-9;  
Gaurav Nandrajog beat Balamurgan 9-4, 9-5, 9-0.

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## PSA super satellite Chennai Open (7/12/2003)

**A memorable day for Heather**

Englishman **Mark Heather** will always remember his Indian sojourn. The 26-year-old was touring for the first time and had plenty to show—his maiden title. He beat No. 1 seed **Mike Corren** in the **PSA Super Satellite Chennai Open** at the **TNSRA courts**. Heather has been playing the pro circuit since he was 19 but a few breaks because of injuries have not helped matters.

The last step has always been the hardest for this player from **Portsmouth**. But the prospect of beating an Aussie maybe reward him. The Aussie felt drained out after a tummy upset and conceded the tie. Corren turned self-destructive mode after being pulled up by the ref and that sewed up the match for him.

**Mr. Abdullah Sani Karim, Vice-President, WSF**, gave away the prizes.

**INTERNATIONAL Results****Irish Nationals, Dublin, 18-21 Dec 2003**

Men's: Derek Ryan bt Steve Richardson 9-4, 9-2, 9-0.

Women's: Madeline Perry bt Aisling Blake 9-1, 9-0, 9-0.

**World Open (Womens), Hong Kong, 7-13 Dec**

Carol Owens (Nzl) bt Cassie Jackman (Eng) 3-9, 9-2, 9-7, 9-3.

**World Open (Mens), Lahore, 14-21 Dec 2003**

Amr Shabana (Egy) bt Thierry Lincou (Fra) 15-14, 9-15, 15-11, 15-7.

**Qatar Classic Squash, Doha, 1-5 Dec 2003**

Men's: Lee Beachill bt John White (Sco) 15-12, 15-5, 11-15, 12-15, 15-9.  
Women's: Natalie Grainger (Usa) bt Carol Owens (Nzl) 10-9, 9-7, 9-10, 9-10, 4.

**Monte Carlo Classic, Monaco, 19-22 Nov 2003**

Linda Charman (Eng) bt Nicol David (Mas) 8-10, 9-1, 9-6, 9-1.

**Pace Credit Union Canadian Classic, Toronto, 17-20 Nov 2003**

Jonathon Power (Can) bt David Palmer (Aus) 15-4, 12-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-12.

**Valid Dutch Open 2003, Maastricht, 13-16 Nov**

Men's Final: James Willstrop (Eng) bt Tommy Berden (Ned) 15-11, 10-15, 15-9, 15-5.

Women's Final: Natalie Grinham (Aus) bt Vanessa Atkinson (Ned) 9-6, 9-5, 4-9, 9-4.

**Buler Squash Challenge Cup, Hong Kong, 11-16 Nov 2003**

Women's Final: Rebecca Macree (Eng) bt Pamela Nimmo (Sco) 9-3, 9-5, 9-3.

Men's Final: Callum O'Brien (Nzl) bt Wong Wai Hang (Hks) 17-16, 15-12, 15-9.

**Behrderidge Trophy 2003, Mamaroneck, 13-16 Nov 2003**

Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS) bt Chris Walker (ENG) 15-3, 15-8, 15-7.

**Re-Max Tech Valley Open, USA, 07-09 Nov 2003 :**

Michael Corren (AUS) bt Alex Stait (ENG) 12-15, 15-5, 15-8, 15-13.

**Prince Canary Islands Open, Tenerife, 06-09 November 2003 :**

Alex Gough (Wal) bt Adrian Grant (Eng) 15-11, 13-15, 6-15, 15-7, 15-12.

**Results****FINALS:**

Mark Heather (Eng) bt Mike Corren (Aus) 11-15, 15-12, 15-4, 6-1.

**SEMI-FINALS:** Mike Corren (Aus) beat Ritwik Bhattacharya (Ind)

15-9, 15-9, 11-15, 15-14; Mark Heather (Eng) beat Saeed Hassan (Pak) 15-10, 15-10, 15-9.

**QUARTER-FINALS:**

Saeed Hassan (Pak) beat Dylan Bennett (Neth) 15-10, 15-6, 7-15, 17-16; Ritwik Bhattacharya (Ind) beat Stefan Leifels (Ger) 15-11, 15-11, 15-5;

Mike Corren (Aus) beat Khayal Muhammad (Pak) 15-13 15-10, 12-15, 15-13. Mark Heather (Eng) beat Ashley Flathers (Eng) 13-15, 15-8, 15-9, 15-11.

**World Mens Rankings Jan 2004**

Pos		Player	From	Last Pos
1	↑	THIERRY LINCOU	FRA	5
2		JOHN WHITE	SCO	2
3	↓	PETER NICOL	ENG	1
4	↑	LEE BEACHILL	ENG	9
5	↑	AMR SHABANA	EGY	11
6	↓	DAVID PALMER	AUS	3
7	↓	JONATHON POWER	CAN	4
8	↓	ANTHONY RICKETTS	AUS	6
9	↓	KARIM DARWISH	EGY	7
10	↑	JOSEPH KNEIPP	AUS	14

**World Womens Rankings Jan 2004**

Pos		Player	From	Last Pos
1		CAROL OWENS	NZL	1
2	↑	NATALIE GRAINGER	USA	5
3	↓	CASSIE JACKMAN	ENG	2
4	↓	RACHAEL GRINHAM	AUS	3
5	↑	VANESSA ATKINSON	NED	7
6	↓	NATALIE GRINHAM	AUS	4
7	↓	LINDA CHARMAN	ENG	6
8		REBECCA MACREE	ENG	8
9	↑	FIONA GEAVES	ENG	11
10	↑	NICOL DAVID	MAS	13

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