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Punj Lloyd PSA Masters To Promote Squash In India



(L-R) Mr. Neerav Tomar (CEO, IOS PVT. LTD.), Mr. Atul Punj (Chairman, Punj Lloyd Group), Saurav Ghosal (India's No. 1 & World No. 26 Squash Player), Mr. Sreevatsan Subramaniam (Gen. Sec, SRFI)

The Punj Lloyd Squash Masters 2010 ("Masters") is the largest ever corporate initiative to promote squash in India and will be played between the months of August and November across various cities in India. The Masters will be followed by a USD 192,500 platinum super series Punj Lloyd PSA Masters, 2010, for the top 32 male players in the world as well as a USD 36,500 Punj Lloyd WISPA Masters, 2010 for the top 16 available female players in the world, which will be played simultaneously in New Delhi between the 12th and the 19th of December.

Together, these two prestigious international events will constitute the largest ever squash event in India and one of the largest squash extravaganzas in the world.

The Masters has been designed with the goal of promoting squash at the grassroots level across the country by involving as many squash playing constituencies as possible. Accordingly, the Masters comprises of the Punj Lloyd All India Inter School Championship for schools across the country, the Punj Lloyd All India Inter University Squash Championship for universities across the country, the Punj Lloyd Defence Services Challenge for the armed forces and their training establishments as well as the Punj Lloyd Club-Corporate Challenge for clubs and corporates in New Delhi and Mumbai. Each of these promotional tournaments are being organized in association with the SRFI, which has agreed to extend its support to this initiative from the Punj Lloyd Group.

The Masters kicked off with the Punj Lloyd All India Inter School South Zone Squash Championship which was played at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai between the 26th August and 5th of September, 2010 for boys and girls in the Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 individual categories as well as in the Under 15 and Under 17 team categories. The South Zone championship saw participation from over 75 children and was extremely well received by the sports media in Chennai.

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PROSQUASH speaks to budding squash player

Druv Vazirani is an upcoming Under-9 player. While still to reach the higher rounds in big tournaments, his speed around the court and determination to chase every ball indicate that he is a player with potential.



Druv Vazirani

PROSQUASH : How did you take Squash?

DRUV : Watching my brother Dev play, I also took up playing squash.

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

DRUV : I train for at least one hour everyday with A.I Singh Sir. My school gets over at 1.45 p.m so I also get time to study for one hour.

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

DRUV : My brother Dev plays squash. He encourages me by playing with me often. My Father also plays with me.

PROSQUASH : What is your ambition?

DRUV : My ambition is to be a fair sportsman.

PROSQUASH : What are your other interests apart from Squash?

DRUV : I also love playing cricket.

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

DRUV : I was the winner of the under 9 title at the Khar gym home tournament.

PROSQUASH speaks to a squash professionals



Devdas Tambe

Devdas Tambe is a coach at Bombay Gymkhana with 15 years of experience. He is fondly regarded by players and colleagues as the gentleman who is always caring and kind, willing to help. Prosquash caught up with him for an interview-

PROSQUASH: How did you start playing squash, and how did you take to coaching?

TAMBE: I started working in 1986 in Bombay Gymkhana as a Ball Boy for Lawn Tennis till 1992. I was working as an

attendant in squash court and seeing all players playing squash. So I thought of playing myself as well! I started off playing on my

own and I used to practice alone every day. Gopi Mohite taught me the rules of squash. In 1986, our Squash Secretary, Dr. G. M. Deodhar promoted me as squash marker. Presently, I am a Level 1 coach.

PROSQUASH: Who are the players you have coached?

TAMBE : I coached many players, including Manek Mathur who was a top level junior player, and was part of the Trinity college team, presently coaching in USA. Other players include Chaitanya Shah U-11, Abhimanyu Shah U-15, Adit Zaveri- all these players are now on the top most level.

PROSQUASH : How was the coaching experience with them?

TAMBE : They all were good players. I used to enjoy a lot while coaching them. Each one of them is hard working.

PROSQUASH : Who is your idol?

TAMBE : My Idol is Saurav Ghosal.

PROSQUASH : Squash has grown, with several Indian players taking it up so seriously- what do you feel about this?

TAMBE : Squash has developed a lot. It should be in the Olympics soon. Most of the residential complexes and clubs have squash courts now. People in India are now well aware of the game.

PROSQUASH : How do you keep yourself fit?

TAMBE : I play squash everyday so that it keeps me fit and as it is a good exercise. Squash is an Indoor game and so we can play all season and we can work out everyday.

JSW Karnataka State Open 2010

Moolanis shines at Karnataka

(26/09/2010)



Dheerav Moolani receiving trophy at the event.

Karnataka State Open was held from 24-26th September at Vidyanagar, Jindal Steel Works, Bellary.

Moolani pair of father and son did Maharashtra proud by winning their respective categories in style.

Deerav Moolani seeded 3, beat 2nd seed Adesh Yadav in semis in straight games to face Prithvi Raj of Chennai in finals. In finals he beat Seed No 1 left handed Prithvi, 3-0, collecting the Under 19 title.

Deepak Moolani seeded 2, in over 35 category beat Aditya Shetty of Hyderabad, 3-0, in finals. Earlier Shetty beat Seed no 1 Laxman of Chennai. Deepak Moolani is Head Coach (squash) of Poona Sports Academy at Residency Club.

Well done to both Maharashtra players from Residency Club, Pune.

International Events

Joshna, Dipika exits from World open qualifiers (18/09/2010)

Finals :

Nicol David bt Omneya Abdel Kawy 11-5, 11-8, 11-6 (30m)

Qualifying finals:

Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-9, 11-5, 11-2 (31m)

Kanzy Emad El-Defrawy (EGY) bt Joshna Chinappa (IND) 11-4, 11-7, 5-11, 11-9 (39m)

Saurav loses in the quarters while Siddharth loses in the qualifying finals of Grand Prix (20/9/2010)

Finals :

Ramy Ashour bt James Willstrop 11-7, 3-11, 11-3, 11-5 (40m)

Semi-finals:

[5] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [4] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 11-9 (101m)

[2] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [8] David Palmer (AUS) 5-11, 11-

6, 13-11, 11-9 (57m)

Quarter-finals:

[5] James Willstrop (ENG) bt [14] Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (37m) Qualifying finals:

Chris Simpson (ENG) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 11-8, 11-8, 11-4 (52m)

1st qualifying round:

Siddharth Suchde (IND) bt Lewis Walters (ENG) 11-7, 11-9, 11-7

Joshna loses in the semis of El-Kersh Heliopolis Open in Cairo (13/08/2010)

Final:

Nour El Sherbini bt Rachael Grinham 11-6, 11-9, 6-5 ret. (21m)

Semi-finals:

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [3] Joshna Chinappa (IND) 11-1, 11-7, 11-5 (19m)

[5] Nour El Sherbini (EGY) bt [4] Nour El Tayeb (EGY) 8-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-9 (42m)

Quarter Finals:

Joshna Chinappa beat Heba El Torky (Egy) 7/11-9/11-11/9-11/8-11/8 (64m)

1st round:

[3] Joshna Chinappa (IND) bt [Q] Farah Abdel Meguid (EGY) 8-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (34m)

Saurav advances in Kuwait Open Qualifiers (10/09/2010)

Qualifying Round :

Saurav Ghosal(IND) bt Alan Clyne (SCO) 7-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-4

Siddharth Suchde lost in qualifying finals of Saudi PSA World Open, Weybridge, England (08/09/2010)

Qualifying finals:

Borja Golan (ESP) bt Siddharth Suchde (IND) 8-11, 11-3, 10-12, 11-1, 11-8 (92m)

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Dipika Pallikal lost to Annie Au in the first round of Women's Australian Open, Canberra, Australia (11/08/2010)

Finals :

Madeline Perry bt Alison Waters 11-5, 12-10, 6-11, 4-11, 13-11 (75m)

1st round:

[9] Annie Au (HKG) bt Dipika Pallikal (IND) 11-8, 11-5, 11-7

Saurav Ghosal lost to David Palmer (AUS) is the 1st round of Viridian Australian Open, Canberra, Australia (10/08/2010)

Finals :

Nick Matthew bt Ramy Ashour 16-14, 11-7, 12-10 (59m)

1st round :

[10] David Palmer (AUS) bt Saurav Ghosal (IND) 10-12, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9 (59m)

Siddharth & Dipika loses in 1st round while Joshna & Harinder Pal crashes out in Qualifying rounds of CIMB Malaysian Open, Malaysia (22/07/2010)

Mens Final :

[4] Azlan Iskandar bt [7] Tarek Memon 5-11, 11-6, 8-11 (37m)

Womens Final : Nicol David bt Jenny Dincalf 11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-5 (72m)

Mens Qualifying round 1:

Siddharth Suchde beat Steve Finitsis (Aus) 11-8, 11-4, 8-11, 7-11, 11-8

Mohd Azan (Mas) beat Harinder Pal Sandhu 7-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-4

Qualifying Finals:

Siddharth Suchde beat Gilly Lane (USA) 11-7, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8.

Round 1:

[1] Mohamed El Shorbagy (EGY) beat Siddharth Suchde 11-4, 11-7, 11-9 (33m)

Womens Qualifying Round 1:

Joshna Chinappa beat Olga Ertlova (CZE) 11-4, 11-8, 11-7

Dipika Pallikal beat Aisling Blake (IRE) 7-11, 11-7, 6-11, 12-10, 11-4

Qualifying Finals:

Dipika Pallikal beat Siti Munirah Jusoh (Mas) 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-6

Joelle King (NZ) beat Joshna 11-7, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9

Round 1:

[8] Laura Massaro (ENG) beat [Q] Dipika Pallikal (IND) 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9 (61m)

MENS RANKING OCTOBER 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Ramy Ashour	EGY
2	Nick Matthew	ENG
3	Amr Shabana	EGY
4	James Willstrop	ENG
5	Karim Darwish	EGY
26	Saurav Ghosal	IND
71	Siddharth Suchde	IND
110	Harinder Pal Sandhu	IND
147	Ritwik Bhattacharya	IND
188	Gaurav Nandrajog	IND
214	Naresh Kumar	IND
365	Sandeep Jangra	IND
446	Waqar Khan Pathan	IND
446	Aditya Jagtap	IND

WOMENS RANKING OCTOBER 2010

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Nicol David	MAS
2	Jenny Dincalf	ENG
3	Alison Waters	ENG
4	Ornneya Abdel Kawy	EGY
5	Rachael Grinham	AUS
32	Dipika Pallikal	IND
33	Joshna Chinappa	IND
77	Anaka Alankamony	IND
95	Aparajitha Balamurukan	IND
105	Surbhi Misra	IND
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The South Zone championship was followed by the Punj Lloyd All India Inter School East Zone Squash Championship which was played at the Calcutta Racket Club in Kolkata between the 31st August till 4th September, 2010. Following the East Zone championship, the tournament then moved to the NCR for the Punj Lloyd All India Inter School North & Central Zone Squash Championship, which was played at the Sector 21 A NOIDA Sports Stadium between the 7th September till 11th September, 2010. With participation from 160 children and the prize distribution ceremony being presided over by Mr. Sandeep Dikshit, the Member of Parliament from the Eastern Delhi constituency, the North Zone championship was a grand success. The fourth and final leg of these championships, namely the Punj Lloyd All India Inter School North & Central Zone Squash Championship will be played at the National Sports Club of India in Mumbai between the 29th of September and the 4th of October.

In addition to certificates of merit awarded to the winners and runners up at each tournament, each participant was presented with a certificate of participation. The winners and runners-up in each zone were also presented with medals or trophies as well as with goodie bags from Prince in the Punj Lloyd All India North & Central Zone Squash Championship. The winners in each category of every zone will be invited to New Delhi in December to play the inter-zonal finals against the winners in each category in the other zones, to enhance their skills through squash clinics form some of the leading players in the world and to watch the finals of the Punj Lloyd PSA Masters, 2010 and the Punj Lloyd WISPA Masters, 2010 live at the venue in New Delhi.

The dates for the Punj Lloyd Club-Corporate Challenge have also been finalized and this tournament will be played simultaneously in New Delhi and Mumbai over two weekends, i.e. between the 22nd-24th of October and the 29th-31st of October.



Winners of Punj Lloyd All India Inter School Squash Championship North & Central Zone with their trophies

IOS signs Saurav Ghosal, India's best squash player!

Reinforces commitment to promote sports and sportspersons outside cricket

Infinity Optimal Solutions Private Limited (IOS), a professional sports management group has entered into an exclusive management and representation agreement with Saurav Ghosal, India's foremost squash player, for a period of 2 years. As per the terms finalized between the parties, IOS will coordinate Saurav's endorsements, media activities, rights and brand management.

Saurav is currently ranked 26 in the world as per the latest rankings released by the Professional Squash Association, which is the highest rank ever achieved by an Indian squash player on the professional circuit. At the young age of 23, Saurav has already been honoured with the Arjuna Award by the President of India in recognition of his achievements in the sport. In addition to being a four time national champion, Saurav's accomplishments include the bronze at the Doha Asian Games, gold at the Under-17 German Open and gold at the U-19 British Junior open (The Daysdale Cup)

Neerav Tomar (CEO and Co-Founder of IOS) said "It is a matter of great pride for us to represent and manage a prodigal talent like Saurav. We are certain that as Saurav climbs further up the professional rankings, his brand value will also rise further, and that an excellent spokesperson like Saurav will definitely become the face of several corporate houses in the future."

Speaking about the relationship, Saurav Ghosal said "Neerav and I have known each other since our junior playing days and I am delighted that we have been able to take a personal relationship and convert it into a professional one. As difficult as marketing squash is in India today, I know that Neerav and his dynamic team will leave no stone unturned in promoting my interests and I look forward to working with them in the coming days".

Saurav will, in addition to his professional commitments on the professional tour, also represent India at the Commonwealth Games later this year and also participate in the Punj Lloyd super platinum PSA Masters, 2010 scheduled to be held in New Delhi in December.

About IOS : Infinity Optimal Solutions Private Limited is a renowned sports management company headquartered in Delhi. In addition to the management and promotion of sports and entertainment celebrities, IOS is engaged in the business of conceptualizing, planning and managing recognized sporting properties and events, by offering customized consulting & marketing services geared towards ensuring uncluttered brand recall for a diverse portfolio of clients, advising on and organizing public relations & media interactions, arranging sponsorships for both individual athletes & events and engaging in the sale and purchase of television and other media rights. www.iosindia.com

**Neerav Tomar is an ex-squash player,
congrats for organising India's biggest squash event**

World Juniors Squash Championship

Indian men finish fifth in the team event at Quito, Ecuador (08/08/2010)



The Winning Egypt team with their trophies

India secured the fifth position after defeating New Zealand 2-1 in the placings match at the World junior men's squash championship in Quito, Ecuador.

After Aditya Jagtap was defeated in the first match by Paul Collter, Ravi Dixit was down a game in the second match against Lance Beddoes before the Indian took control.

In the deciding third match, Ramit Tandon came up with a solid performance to beat Bryce Redman to win in straight games and help India clinch the tie. The team title was won by Egypt which defeated Pakistan 2-1 in the final.

Team Event Finals:

Egypt beat Pakistan 2-1.

Semi Finals:

Egypt beat Canada 3-0

Pakistan beat England 2-1

Fifth place:

India bt New Zealand 2-1

Aditya Jagtap lost to Paul Coll 10-12, 6-11, 5-11

Ravi Dixit bt Lance Beddoes 15-17, 11-5, 11-8, 11-3

Ramit Tandon bt Bryce Redman 11-9, 11-5, 11-5

5th to 8 play off match:

India beats France

Lucas Serme defeated Aditya Jagtap 3-0

Ramit Tandon beat Damien Volland 3-0

Ravi Dixit beat Arthur Moineau 3-1

Quarter Finals:

Canada beat India 2-1

Andrew Schnell bt Aditya Jagtap 11-5, 11-9, 11-4

Nicholas Sachvie bt Ravi Dixit 11-7, 11-7, 11-4

Arjun Gupta lost to Ramit Tandon 2-11, 1-11

Pre-quarterfinals:

India bt Netherlands 3-0

Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Tomas de Paauw 11-3, 11-4, 11-7

Aditya Jagtap bt Rick Penders 11-7, 10-12, 8-11, 12-10, 11-6

Ravi Dixit bt Tim van der Pluijm 11-3, 11-3

To Top Pool D in Qualifying Rounds:

India beat Wales

Aditya Jagtap bt David Haley 7-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-6

Ramit Tandon bt Sam Huxtable 11-8, 11-7, 11-6

Ravi Dixit lost to Sam Fenwick 6-11, 11-7,

India bt Ecuador 3-0

Mahesh Mangaonkar bt Rodrigo Merino 11-2, 11-3, 11-4

Ravi Dixit bt Ernesto Davila 12-10, 11-5, 11-1

Aditya loses to Khalifa in the quarters of Individual Event (13/7/2010)

Amr Khaled Khalifa outlasted fellow countryman Ali Farag in the final of the Men's World Junior Squash Championship on an all-glass court at El Condado Shopping Mall in the Ecuador capital Quito to become the third successive Egyptian winner of the World Squash Federation event in its 17th year. Khalifa beat sixth-seeded Aditya Jagtap (IND) 11-5, 11-2, 11-2 at the quarterfinals of this event.



Aditya Jagtap

RESULTS

Individual Final:

[1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [2] Ali Farag (EGY) 8-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-7 (60m)

Semi-finals: [1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [9/16] Marwan El Shorbagy (EGY) 11-6, 11-1, 11-13, 9-11, 11-4 (74m)

[2] Ali Farag (EGY) bt [9/16] Farhan Zaman (PAK) 11-2, 11-4, 11-8 (23m)

Quarter-finals: [1] Amr Khaled Khalifa (EGY) bt [6] Aditya Jagtap (IND) 11-5, 11-2, 11-2

4th round: [6] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [9/16] James Earles (ENG) 11-6, 6-11, 11-6, 11-8

[17/32] Mohamed El Sherbini (EGY) bt [9/16] Ravi Dixit (IND) 11-1, 11-8, 12-10

3rd round: [6] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt [17/32] Lance Beddoes (NZL) 11-7, 11-6, 13-11

[17/32] Ali Ashraf El Karargy (EGY) bt [9/16] Ramit Tandon (IND) 11-6, 14-12, 11-6

[9/16] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt Damien Volland (FRA) 12-10, 11-7, 11-6

2nd round: [6] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt Jeong Dae-Hoon (KOR) 11-4, 11-4, 11-1

[9/16] Ramit Tandon (IND) bt Tamataka Endo (JPN) 11-1, 11-3, 11-7

[9/16] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt Alfonso Marroquin (COL) 11-9, 11-5, 11-1, 11-5

Ricardo Lopez Valdiva (MEX) bt [17/32] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 11-8, 11-7, 11-6

[8] Charles Sharpes (ENG) bt Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 12-10, 9-11, 11-7, 11-1

Karan Malik (IND) bt [17/32] Tom de Mulder (BEL) 6-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-5

1st round: Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt Jake Davidson (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-2

Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Luis Flores Muyschondt (GUA) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3

Karan Malik (IND) bt Juan Vargas Heredia (COL) 11-8, 7-11, 11-7, 11-5

Asian Junior and Masters Squash Championship at Colombo

Historic Double triumphs for India

(10/7/2010)



Ravi Dixit and Dipika Pallikal with their trophies at the event

India celebrated an historic double in the Asian Junior Squash Championships in Sri Lanka when Ravi Dixit and Dipika Pallikal won the U19 titles at the Gymkhana Club at Colombo.

Dixit created history by becoming the first Indian overage male to win an Asian squash title. The 18-year-old from Chennai (his age never seems to grow, banned by SRAM for age fraud), who won the Malaysian Junior Open last month, made his breakthrough in the semi-finals where he beat compatriot Abhishek Pradhan, a 5/8 seed who had ousted Pakistan favourite Farhan Zaman in the previous round.

Dipika Pallikal completed India's historic day by lifting the junior women's crown after defeating second seed Low Wee Nee of Malaysia 11-8, 12-10, 10-12, 11-8. But for a brief lapse in concentration, favourite Pallikal, 18, from Chennai, had the match very much in control.

RESULTS

Men's U-19 :

Final: [3/4] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt [2] Waqas Mehboob (PAK) 8-11, 8-11, 13-11, 11-5, 11-9

3rd Place : Abhishek Pradhan (IND) W-O From Aditya Jagtap (IND)

Semi-finals: [3/4] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt [5/8] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) 8-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-2

[2] Waqas Mehboob (PAK) bt [3/4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) 11-4, 11-3 ret.

Quarter-finals: [5/8] Abhishek Pradhan (IND) bt [1] Farhan Zaman (PAK) 5-11, 1-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-8

[3/4] Ravi Dixit (IND) bt [5/8] Muhammad Zul A Azhar (MAS) 11-8, 11-9, 11-2

[3/4] Aditya Jagtap (IND) bt Muhammad Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 16-18, 11-6, 11-8, 11-9

[2] Waqas Mehboob (PAK) bt [5/8] Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) 13-15, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9

Women's U-19 :

Final: [1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [2] Low Wee Nee (MAS) 11-8, 12-10, 10-12, 11-7

3rd Place : Tsz Wing (HKG) Bt Ananka Alankamony (IND) 11-3, 11-7, 11-3, 11-6

Semi-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt [5/8] Ananka Alankamony (IND) 11-9, 11-7, 11-2

[2] Low Wee Nee (MAS) bt [3/4] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 7-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8

Quarter-finals:

[1] Dipika Pallikal (IND) bt Tan Yan Xin (MAS) 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 13-11

[5/8] Ananka Alankamony (IND) bt Saumya Karki (IND) 3-11, 13-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-8

[3/4] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt [5/8] Anvesha Reddy (IND) 11-7, 11-8, 11-6

[2] Low Wee Nee (MAS) bt [5/8] Ho Ka Po (HKG) 10-12, 11-8, 11-4, 11-9

Boys U-15:

Finals :

Bilal Zakir (PAK) Bt Ammad Farid (PAK) 11-5, 13-11, 11-5

3rd Place : Kush Kumar (IND) Bt Young Jo Go (KOR) 11-9, 11-7, 9-11, 11-5

Girls U-15:

Finals : Chan Pansy Pui Hei (HKG) Bt Vanessa Raj (MAS) 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8

3rd place : Choi Uen Shan (HKG) Bt Lakshya Ragvendra (IND) 11-3, 11-2, 11-6

Quarter-finals :

Girls U-15: Lakshya Ragvendra bt Jadalee L. Jiaee (Mal) 11-8, 11-9, 11-6

Title for Vaman Apte at Colombo

(10/07/2010)

India's Vaman Apte won the Masters 50-54 age group title, while three other Indians finished runners-up, in the 3rd Asian Junior & Masters Squash Championship, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Avinash Bhavnani of Otters Club lost to Sgt. Wickramasinghe of Sri Lanka 3-2 in the over-35 final that could have gone either way until the Indian lost the decider 8-11.

Deepak Moolani of Pune and Mohanish Sawant were runners-up in the over-45 and over-40 categories, respectively.

Former boys' under-15 British Open champion Mahesh Mangaonkar finished sixth in the under-19, Saumya Karki, who recently clinched a double in the Otters Open, was seventh in the girls' under-19 and Madhav Dhingra of Otters Club went down 1-3 to second seed Ammad Farid of Pakistan in the second round of the juniors main draw, and reached the Classic Plate semi-finals.

RESULTS

court.

FINALS :

Master's 35 - 39 :

Lal Wickramasinghe W (SRI) Bt Avinash Bhavnani (IND) 11-6, 8-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-8

Master's 40 - 44 :

Wg Cdr Irfan Agshar (PAK) Bt Mohanish Sawant (IND) 11-8, 11-8, 11-8

Master's 45 - 49 :

Deepak Moolani (IND) Bt Gary Fung Fuk Ming (CHN) 11-5, 13-11, 5-11, 5-11, 11-6

Master's 50 - 54 :

Vaman Apte (IND) Bt Suresh Gurung (NEP) 12/10, 11/7, 11/1

Master's 55 - 59 :

William Fan Ying Wai (HKG) Bt Major S.Maniam (MAS) 5/11, 11/3, 11/7, W/O

Women's :

Hong Shen (CHN) Bt Jin Lu (CHN) 11/4, 11/3, 11/4

Surbhi, world number 83, kept up the pressure on Jawanda from the very beginning before humbling the latter in just 16 minutes.

In the semifinals, Sandeep had defeated his brother Vikas 11-7 7-11 11-6 11-4, while Surbhi got the better of Vishrutyi Sahni 11-2, 11-5 11-4.

Source : PTI

World Squash Masters 2010 held in Cologne, Germany

(28/08/2010)



From L to R : Vaman Apte, Mohanish Sawant and Rohit Thawani at the event

RESULTS

First Round : Mens 40-44: Mohanish Sawant beat Hassan Abdel Meguid (Germany) 11-9, 11-2, 11-9

Mens 45-49: Rohit Thawani beat Ulrich Schmerer (Germany) 11-3, 11-2, 11-6

Mens 50-54: Vaman Apte beat Jorg Schneider (Germany) 11-3, 11-2, 11-4

Second Round : Mens 40-44: Matthew Theodoris (England) beat Mohanish Sawant 11-5, 11-5, 11-3

Mens 45-49: Rohit Thawani beat Ralph Michna (Germany) 11-4, 11-9, 11-3

Mens 50-54: Vaman Apte gets a walk over

Third Round : Mens 45-49: Trevor Wilkinson (South Africa) beat Rohit Thawani 11-2, 11-2, 11-5

Mens 50-54: James Barrington (Hong Kong) Vaman Apte 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-5

Title triumph for Sandeep, Surbhi in Commonwealth Invitational Squash event at New Delhi (14/7/2010)

Sandeep Jangra and Jaipur's Surbhi Misra clinched the men's and women's titles respectively in the Commonwealth Invitational Squash Test event at the Siri Fort Sports Complex at New Delhi.

Jangra earned a hard-fought 6-11 12-10 10-12 11-9 11-7 win over compatriot and higher ranked Harinder Pal Sandhu in the 40-minute final match, while Surbhi showed urgency in going for the finish from short rallies to thrash Harshit Kaur Jawanda 11-2 11-5 11-4.

Sandeep launched a foray of aggressive rallies against his more fancied opponent after being one game down. The strategy paid dividends as Sandeep clawed his way back into the match to level the match 1-1.

After winning the second game, Sandeep failed to wrap up the third despite leading mid-way mainly due to unforced errors.

Down 1-2, Sandeep then shed his nervousness and came up with superb returns from his flowing forehands to clinch the fourth and fifth game and the match in the process.

Surbhi, on the other hand, had a field day against Jawanda in the women's final, making her opponent run all around the



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Congratulations to Dipika Pallikal for being selected as the Glamour Queen of Indian Sports website sportskeeda.com



1# Dipika Pallikal
(Squash)

Born on 21st September, 1991, Dipika is a fabulous squash player from Chennai. She played her first international tournament when she was in sixth grade and since then she has never looked back and has won German Open, French Open, Dutch Open, Australian Open, Scottish Open on the European Junior Squash Circuit. Currently she is the top women squash player representing India along with Joshna Chinnappa. Dipika is ranked 35th in world Rankings. Dipika's instilled glamorous looks has made her sign a modeling contract with Globus Ltd.



2# Pratima Singh
(Basket Ball)

3# Shikha Tandon
(Swimmer)



10 Most Glamorous Women in Indian Sports

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Wrestler



4# Tania Sachdev
(Chess)



10# Sania Mirza
Lawn Tennis



9# Shikha Uberoi
Tennis

World Squash Day Theme: 20/10 for 2010



The theme for this year's World Squash Day on Saturday 6 November is to encourage clubs and associations all over the globe to increase playing numbers.

So, on November 6th, the challenge for every club in the world is to attract: 20 new junior players, and 10 new adult members

World Squash Day is supported by the World Squash Federation, and Chief Executive Andrew Shelley says: "This is a wonderful idea to create an explosive worldwide rise in participation levels.

"Countries like Egypt are leading the way when it comes to producing wave after wave of fantastic junior players but the springboard for this is the sheer number of juniors at nearly every club in the country." If other nations wish to compete at the highest level then the starting point is to increase junior participation levels - as part of the main thrust to ensure that the lifeblood of our sport, the next generation, keeps expanding of course."

As leading squash players from all over the world arrive to compete in the Commonwealth Games in India, the plan for World Squash Day 2010 is to create a platform to encourage stars of the future.

World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher, chairman of the Kent SRA

in England, added: "Squash has a massive worldwide following with some 20 million players enjoying the game in more than 120 countries.

"Participation levels are increasing in a huge number of countries but here in the UK the game has suffered because of court closures. However, it has been heartening to see that trend being reversed in many regions.

"The single most important thing that we can do for the sport is to bring on a new generation of squash players to safeguard the future of the sport.

"Therefore it is essential that clubs and squash associations all over the globe get behind World Squash Day to produce a significant increase in participation levels."

Last year World Squash Day generated a massive global show of support for squash's Olympic bid. This year clubs and federations can announce their activities on the event website www.worldsquashday.com.

Thatcher added: "The website has a list of ideas for clubs to get involved and organise events to showcase our fantastic sport."

Follow WSD on Facebook: Further information from Alan Thatcher alan@squashuk.com **Source: squash player site.**

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UP State open squash championship 2010 at Noida

(01/08/2010)

The newly renovated Squash Complex in Noida Stadium was the host of one of the most popular squash events in the region. The event saw the presence of all the top players in Northern India converging for the event with a record 358 entries in nine categories (Women - 3 and Men - 6) ranging from Under 13 to over 40 for men with representation from Allahabad, Varanasi, Kanpur, Bareilly, Dhampur, Chandigarh, Delhi and the NCR.

The event was held under the aegis of the UP State Squash Association (UPSRA) and was organized by the District Gautam Budh Nagar Squash Racket Association (DGBNSRA). The 4 glass back courts complex with a wide viewing gallery within a stadium complex is an excellent facility.

The Noida Centre for Squash under the mentorship of Lalit Verma, Wg Cdr Bir Singh and nationally acclaimed squash coach Puneet Singh is attracting young talent even from Delhi and many of the children are seeded among the top 8 in the country including two national champions in a short span of less than two years stated Dr Tarun Sahni President of the DGBNSRA.

The Mens and Womens Final was a closely fought event followed by the Prize Distribution carried out by Mr. Pramod Aggarwal IAS Director Sports MOS&YA, Shri CB Singh Deputy CEO Noida and Dr Bharatinder Singh Chief Medical Officer for the Commonwealth games.

RESULTS

ALL FINALS :

Mens Open : Karm Kumar beat Amjad Khan (11-7, 11-4, 11-8)

Women's Open : Vishrutyi Sahni beat Janet Vidhi (9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-5)

Boys U19: Shakir Hussain best Ishaan Ghosh (11-5, 11-9, 11-7)

Girls U19: Tanvi Khanna Beat Vishrutyi Sahni (11-4, 11-6, 9-11, 4-11, 11-6)

Boys U17 : Divij Singh beat Aditya Advani (11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 11-6)

Boys Under 15 : Ranjeet Singh beat Rajat Sharma (11-6, 8-11, 11-4, 7-11, 11-3)

Girls Under 15 : Tanvi Khanna beat Anna Awasthi (11-6, 11-5, 11-4)

Boys Under 13 : Ranjeet Singh beat Junaid Muzaffar (11-8, 13-11, 11-6)

Mens Over 40 : Lalit Advani beat Nikhil Pant (11-4, 11-6, 11-4)

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Interview with Komal Sharma

Glamorous squash player from Chennai

PROSQUASH : Where did you learn squash?

KOMAL SHARMA : I started my squash at ICL SQUASH ACADEMY, Chennai and I'm still playing there.

PROSQUASH : Since how many years are you playing?

KOMAL SHARMA : I'm playing Squash from past 6 years.

PROSQUASH : We are having our 100th tournament in Bombay in 1st week of Feb 2011.. will you participate in it?

KOMAL SHARMA : I'll be really glad to be part of this wonderful occasion, I am looking forward to it.

Yes, of course, feel I am fit because of Squash. Staying in physical shape also helps the mind function better.

PROSQUASH : How does squash help you?

KOMAL SHARMA : Yes, of course, I feel I am fit because of Squash. Staying in physical shape also helps the mind function better. I'm able to work for longer hours, just because of squash, in gym you can just work on particular parts but while playing squash your whole body is active, more over you will be surrounded by the intelligent and high energy people, they keep you on, move to achieve higher goals and not be complacent.

PROSQUASH : Tell us more regarding your Miss South tittle ?

KOMAL SHARMA : A wonderful experience and learning tool, beauty pageants provide a platform to meet and interact with high energy people, who take care their mind, body and spirit. It brings in me energy to excel in

the future by winning a title in beauty pageant. It is helpful for my career as a model, to enable social work, to be a champion of social changes by fighting against social evils. One can showcase your special talents. I have also won the titles like MISS METROPOLIS 2009 and IBIBO I-FRESH FACES OF INDIA.

PROSQUASH : Also about your upcoming films?

KOMAL SHARMA : I've just finished a song called Tamil->AZAGA POONU, it means beautiful girl. This will be coming out at end of this month, few projects in pipe line and currently working on one script, it will be too early to talk about any project.

PROSQUASH : Do you know Dipika

Pallikal also from Chennai? How

do you rate her in squash?

KOMAL SHARMA :

I personally don't believe in rating anyone.

PROSQUASH : Do you have friends in squash community?

KOMAL SHARMA : It is really difficult to name my friends, I'm an extrovert. I respect all the coaches and speak as well as treat everybody equally as my friend. I have followed and following the same in my school, college, modelling and in movie industry also.

PROSQUASH : How were you introduced to glamour world?

KOMAL SHARMA : The quality of fascinating, alluring, or attracting, especially by a combination of charm and good looks. I'm a simple next door girl and will remain so in my heart. If glamour has come to me it is because lot of hard work and little bit of luck. Glamour in my life is also due to best wishes of my parents and the direction which is shown by my MENTOR.

PROSQUASH : Do you play squash regularly?

KOMAL SHARMA : Yes, I play squash regularly, I work out at gym a couple times a week. I like to stay active.

PROSQUASH : What do you think about ISP (INDIAN SQUASH PROFESSIONALS) and the work they do?

KOMAL SHARMA : I regularly visit the website of ISP. It helps me to keep updated with squash news. My special thanks to Mahendra Agarwal who have given me this opportunity so that I can interact with the readers. ISP is doing a great job for Squash.

