



Mohammed Iqbal in winning form last night

Calm O'Connors survive scare

By A Sports Reporter

HUSBAND and wife pair Rory and Sylvia O'Connor just had the edge in a cliffhanger contest last night to survive in the Al Ghandi Electronics/ Dubai Police Ramadan Squash Tournament mixed doubles section.

They beat unlucky couple Steve Smith and Allyson Campbell by just one point after Dubai Country Club veteran Rory fell surprisingly 2-1 to Smith.

But he was saved when his wife won a close fought clash with Campbell 15-12, 14-15, 15-12 to leave the final combined score 84-83 in the O'Connor's favour.

Last night's ties were also too close for comfort for second seeds Brent Sherman and Dot Higgins who



were pushed all the way by Roger Headford and Sue Dawes before finally taking the match 77-66.

Sherman overpowered Headford 15-12, 15-8, 15-1 but Dawes fought back well to put Higgins on the rack winning 15-9, 15-12, 15-11 but it wasn't enough to rescue the match for her team.

Last night's most comfortable victory among the Chicago Beach Sports Complex clashes was for the fourth seeded Mohammed Iqbal/ Heather Clinton pairing. Iqbal, from Muscat, beat Ian Coulton 15-5, 15-8, 15-6 while Clinton beat Jean Byatt 15-11, 15-14, 15-14.

Results: Mohammed Iqbal/Heather Clinton beat Ian Coulton/Jean Byatt 90-58; Brent Sherman/Dot Higgins beat Roger Headford/Sue Dawes 77-66; Rory and Sylvia O'Connor beat Steve Smith/Allyson Campbell 84-83.

Tonight's fixtures (men's over 35's singles quarter-finals) 7.30pm — Mohammed Iqbal v Roger Headford; 8pm — Sajjid Oureishi v Scott Smyles; 8pm — Maseed

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