

Mohammed Iqbal in winning form last night

Calm O'Connors survive scare

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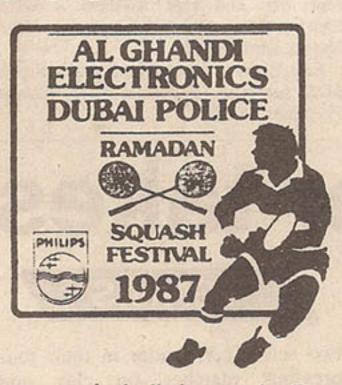
HUSBAND and wife pair Rory and Sylvia O'Connor just had the edge in a cliffhanger contest last night to survive in the Al Ghandi Electronics/ Dubai Police Ramadan Squash Tournament mixed doubles section.

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

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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
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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 — Massad