

Headford extends Muscat's Iqbal

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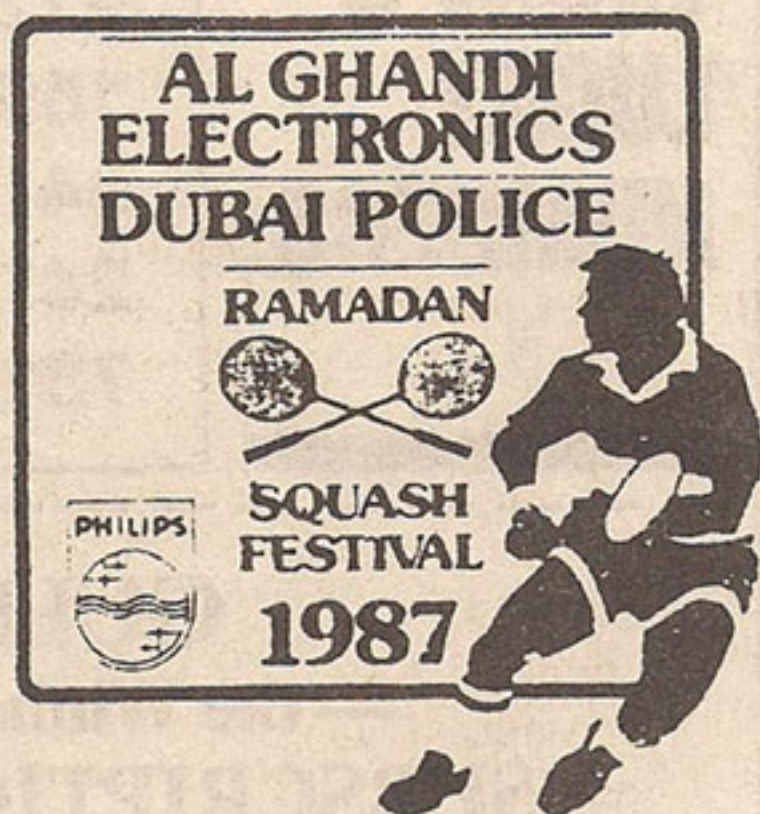
MUSCAT's Mohammed Iqbal had to work hard to overcome a game Roger Headford to set up a semi-final date against the winner of Sajid Qureishi and Scott Smiles clash in the men's over 35 singles tournament of the Al Ghandi Electronics/Dubai Police Squash tournament at Chicago Beach Sports Complex yesterday.

Headford fought all the way and took the second game to level the match at 1-1 but Iqbal's superior play in the end proved decisive as he won the next two games 15-9 and 15-8 to reach the last eight.

The other semi-final will be battled by Rory O'Connor and Masood Zia.

Rory O'Connor has an easy outing in the quarter-final as he outclassed Ahmed Obeidi in straight games. The scores being 15-6, 15-10, 15-9.

His semi-final opponent Masood Zia was however stretched to four games by Chicago Beach coach Chaman Das. Das won the first game 15-11 but Masood Zia's steady game eventually clinched the tie.



Zia came into his own from the start of the second game and won the next three games 15-12, 15-12 and 15-8.

Today is the mixed doubles quarter-finals and some interesting matches are in store.

Yesterday's results: Mohammed Iqbal (Muscat) bt Roger Headford 15-12, 12-15, 15-9, 15-8; Rory O'Connor bt Ahmed Obeidi 15-6, 15-10, 15-9; Masood Zia bt Chaman Das 11-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-8.

Today's fixtures: Mixed doubles: Ramesh Prabhakar/Kate News v Iqbal Khan/Jan Deeb 7.30 p.m.; Abbas Khan/Ginny Rusher v Sheikh Ahmed Jackie Francis 8.00p.m.; Mohd Iqbal/H. Clinton v Rory & Sylvia O'Connor 8p.m.; Phil Deeb/Nikki Harradine v Brent Sherman/Dot Higging 9p.m.