

Iqbal, Masood move up

By our sports reporter

MOHAMMED Iqbal from Muscat defeated Roger Headford 15-12, 12-15, 15-9, 15-8 in the over 35 event of the Al Ghandhi-Dubai Police Ramadan Squash Festival at the Chicago Beach Sports Centre yesterday.

Roger did raise a vision of a fight-back when he won the second game but Iqbal, playing some superb shots, controlled the game well.

In another match Rory O'Conner comparatively had an easy outing against Ahmed Obeidi, winning the match in three straight games at 15-6, 15-10, 15-9.

Masood Zia, however, took time to settle down against Chaman Das but once he in his normal incisiveness he gave no liberties to Das and wrapped up the match in four games at 11-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-8.

Meanwhile, action warms up today with an array of glittering stars taking

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to the courts in the couples event.

In all eight matches are scheduled today, featuring top notchers like Shaikh Ahmed, Abbas Khan, Rory O'Conner, Brent Sherman, Mohammed Iqbal, to name few. Mohammed Iqbal will take on Rory O'Conner while Abbas Khan will cross sword with Shaikh Ahmed in what expected to be exciting affairs.

Other players on show would be Ramesh Prabhakar, Iqbal Khan, Phil Deeb and Brent Sherman along with their respective partners.

But the outcome the matches would depend on how their respective partner fare. Ginny Rusher (Abbas Khan's partner) will take on Jackie Francis (Shaikh Ahmed) and Heather Clinton (Mohammed Iqbal) is pitted against Sylvia O'Conner. These two matches, in particular, can upset any one's applecart.

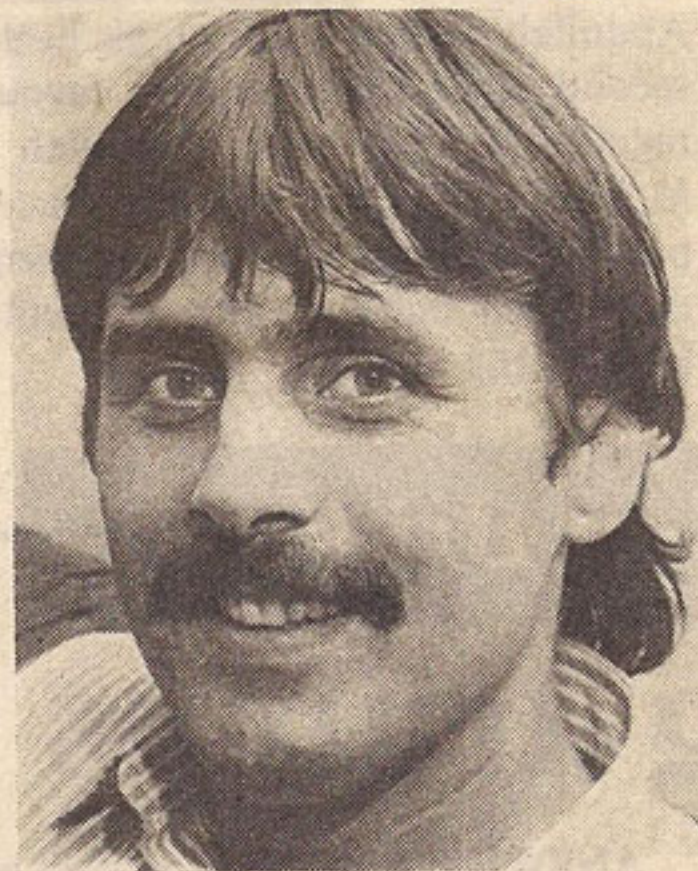
Kate Newns (Ramesh Prabhakar) will



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be in action against Jean Deeb (Iqbal Khan) while Nikky Harradine will play against Dot Higgins (Sherman).

Schedule for today:

At 7pm: Ramesh Prabhakar - Kate Newns v Iqbal Khan-Jean Deeb

At 8pm: Abbas Khan Ginny Rusher v Shaikh Ahmed-Jackie Francis

At 8.30pm: Mohammed Iqbal-Heather Clinton v Rory and Sylvia O'Conner

At 9pm: Phil Deeb-Nikki Harradine v Brent Sherman-Dot Higgins