

Favourites to play O'Connors

By A Sports Reporter

FAVOURITES Abbas Khan/Ginny Rusher will tackle the husband-wife team of Sylvia and Roy O'Connor in the final of Al Ghandi Electronics/Dubai Police Ramadan squash mixed pairs competition after last night's semi-finals at Chicago Beach Sports Complex.

As expected Abbas/Rusher beat the Ramesh Prabhakar/Kate Newns combination 86-75 while Sylvia/Rory downed Phil Deeb/Nikkie Harradine 100-61.

Abbas proved too good for Prabha-kar as he strolled in three straight games, the scores being 15-3, 15-5, 15-5. His partner Rusher, however, was beaten by Kate Newns in four games 15-7, 14-15, 15-7, 15-12 but the margin of Abbas' victory was too much for Newns to make impact on the final outcome.

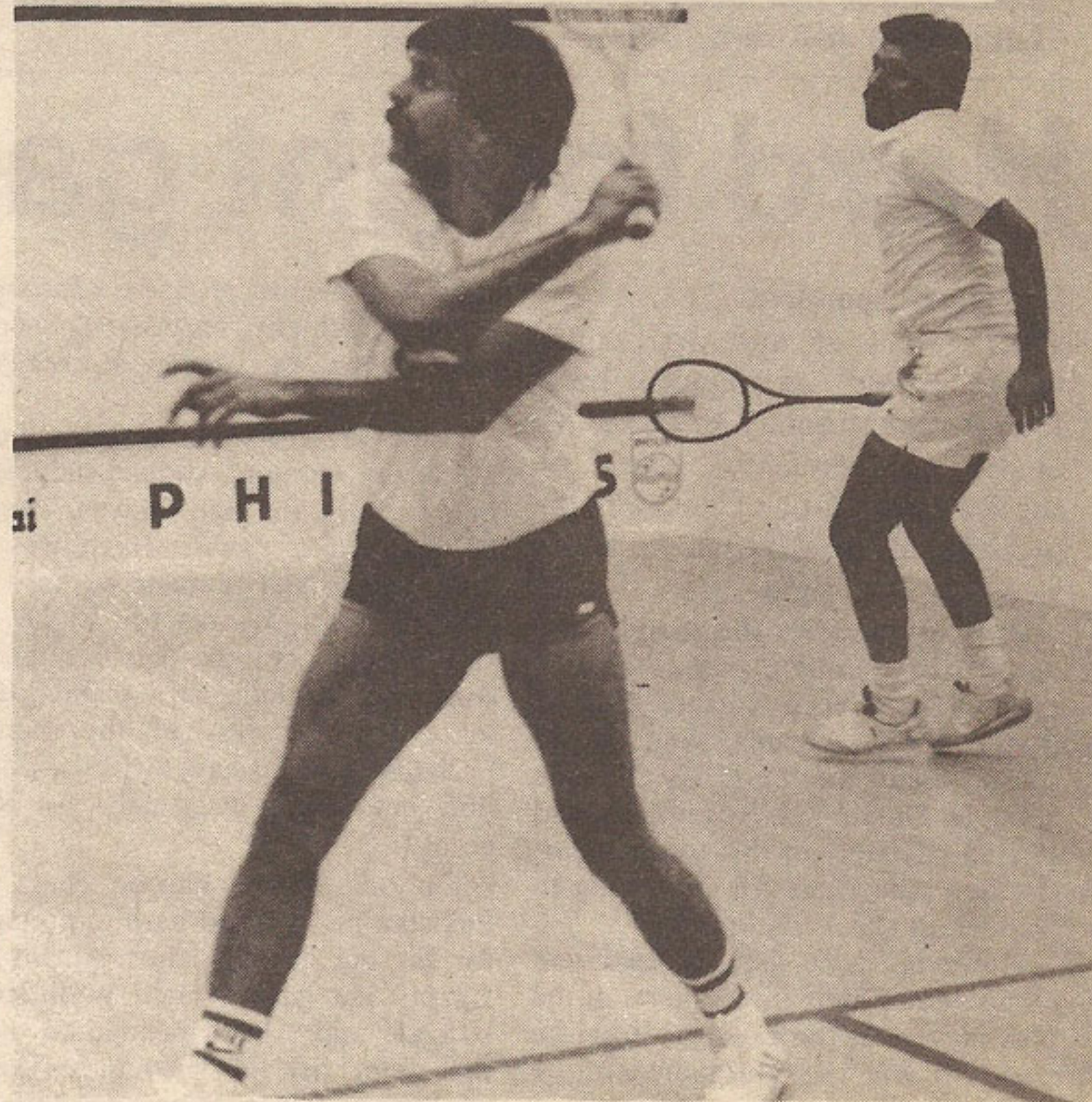
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The second semi-final ended in a triumph for Rory and Sylvia by a much bigger score. Sylvia outlasted Nikkie Harradine in four games 15-11, 10-15, 15-8, 15-11 while Rory just dropped only 16 points against Phil Deeb in coasting home 15-6, 15-4, 15-6.

There is no match today and the competition resumes tomorrow with the final and the third and fourth place matches for the men's over-35 competition. The mixed pair finals will be played on Tuesday.

Monday fixtures: Men's over-35 for third and fourth place: Scott Smiles v Masood Zia 8.00pm; Final: Mohammed Iqbal v Rory O'Connor 9.00pm.

Tuesday: Women's third and fourth place: K. Newns v N. Harradine 7.30p.m.; Women's final: Sylvia O'Connor v G. Rusher 8.15p.m., Men's third and fourth place: Ramesh Prabhakar/Phil Deeb 9.00p.m; Men's final: Abbas Khan v Rory O'Connor 9.45p.m.



Abbas Khan (foreground) and Ramesh Prabhakar during their game last night. — GN Photo