



Jeevahan pips Arif for title

Dubai

The future of squash looks promising if the competitive enthusiasm of the 60 players entered in the Coca-Cola Youth Squash Tournament, recently held at the Dubai Country Club, is any indication. By far the largest group of competitors was the beginners 7-10 age group, with 20 players. Arif Khan defeated Adil Khan in the first semi-final while Zaarir Jeevahan beat Darshan in the second semi-final before going on to win the finals over Arif Khan 15-4, 15-3, 15-1.

The Boys 10-12 age group saw Dhiraj Khiara and Micheaal Wozny winning their way into the first semi-final and Thomas Steibelt and Areez Jeevakan competing in the second. After winning their games quite easily, Dhiraj Khiara and Areez Jeevakan met up in the finals. Zarir's brother was not as lucky as he was, a Areez lost to Dhiraj in 3 straight games.

Sophia Radovic and Benaifer

Kapadia advanced into the finals of the Girls Under 12 age group. Sophia tried hard but Benaifer left little room for doubt winnign 15-9, 15-3 to take home the trophy. In the Girls Over 13 age group, Yasmine Atassi sucessfully defended her title for the second year running as she defeated Zahra Soar. After taking the first game 15-11, Zahra came back and won the second easily 15-5, but it all went Yasmine's way after that as she won the next two games 15-14, 15-4.

The Boys 13-15 age group showcased the promising talent of twelve up-and-comers. Hayan Merchan defeated Vineet Pabreja 2-0 in the first semi-final while Samir Aikal competently handled Stewart McTavish 2-0 to advance into the finals.

Hayan pushed Samir hard in the first game, narrowly losing it 13-15 but Samir hit his stride after that, winning th enext two games 15-5, 15-5 for three game sweep.

With four of the eight competi-

tors in the Boy's 16-18 age group already competing on a weekly basis in the Men's What's On Squash League, it was little surprise to find them in the semi-finals. Manish Jethwani faced off agaisn Rahul Roy, losing the first game but fighting back to take the next two for a 2-1 win. In what may have been the match of the tournament, Jos Woolford and Tariq Mohamed battled it out in a hard fought mach. Jos narrowly won the first game and then completely lost concentraton in th second, managing only 3 points as Tariq breezed past him to win the second game.

Both players got serious in the third and deciding game in which Tariq just squeezed past Jos by one poin to advance into the finals 2-1. Not showing anysigns of tiring dispite some fine retrieving from Manish, Tariq remained in control of the match winning the finals 15-6, 15-11, 15-11.



Winners of the Coca Cola Youth Squash tournament with the organisers.