

Young talent on display

By A Correspondent

THE Coca-Cola Youth Squash tournament was recently held at the Dubai Country Club. With over 60 participants, a busy weekend of squash was had by all. The players were divided into six age groups, with the largest group being the boys 7-10 with 20 competitors.

Dispite not being much bigger than

the racquet they were holding, the boys displayed a fierce desire that promised much for the future of squash.

Adil Khan and Arif Khan met in the semi-finals as did Darshan and Zarir Jeevakan with Arif and Zarir advancing into the finals. Zarir went on to defeat Arif 15-4 15-3 15-1.

Benaifer Kapadia beat Sophia Radovic in the finals of the girls under 12

while Yasmine Atassi retained her girls over 13 title defeating Zahra Soar 15-11 5-15 15-14 15-4.

In the boys 10-12 age group, Dhiraj Khiara won easily over Micheal Wozny to advance into the finals while Areez Jeevakan did likewise, defeating Thomas Steibelt in the second semi-final. Areez kept the pressure on Dhiraj in the final, but could not manage to get a game as Dhiraj won in three straight games.

The semi-finals of the boys 13-15 age group was a virtual carbon copy of the boys 10-12. Hayan Merchant advanced into the finals defeating Vineet Pabreja 2-0 as did Samir Aikal over Stewart McTavish. Hayan nearly took the first game but Samir did not lose his concentration as he went on to win 15-13 15-5 15-5.

After losing the first game, Tariq Mohammed got past Jos Woolford winning the third and deciding game of their semi-final match by one point. Manish Jethwani also lost the first game of his semifinal against Rahul Roy but came back to win 2-1.

Showing no signs of fatigue, Tariq controlled the match with Manish, winning the title 15-6 15-11 15-11.



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