

MESHRAKH JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

APRIL, 1996. The Juniors Tournament received a new sponsor this year and over 60 competitors signed up for the inaugural tournament under the Meshrakh Recycling banner. The Dubai Country Club hosted the event which got underway on the Thursday afternoon with the young competitors divided into five age groups. The players were then further divided within their age group into boxes for the round-robin preliminaries.

In the Under-9's group, brother and sister were pitted against each other as Lawrence Harradine met up with his sister Natasha in the semi-finals. Lawrence prevailed and went on to face Luke Smith who defeated Michael Cottier to advance. Showing determination, Lawrence won 2-1 to take the title.

The Boy's Under-12's was heavily subscribed with players coming all the way from Abu Dhabi and Al Ain to compete. Suliman Abu Harb and Zahir Jeewarkhan fought their way through to the finals with Suliman taking the match 3-1.

Aimee Hart advanced undefeated to the Girls 13 & over finals where she kept up her winning ways relegating Zahra Soar to the runners-up position.

With all the semi-finalists in both the Boys Under 15's & Under 18's already playing in the men's league it's little wonder they provided the spectators with an enjoyable display of squash.

Ritesh Tilani managed to defeat Umair Hameed on his way to the finals of the Under 15's but then had his hands full. Samir Aikal used his shots to good advantage against Hayan Merchant in his semi-final match and saw no reason to change his game plan, going on to win the Under 15's 3-0 over Ritesh.

Rahul Roy, competing in his last tournament as a Junior, met up with Manish Jethwani in the Boys Under 18's final. Losing the first game, Rahul came back to win the match 3-1 with Manish forced to settle for second place.

Competition in the Under 9s group.



The winners and runners-up with tournament organiser Nikki Harradine and Steve Smith.