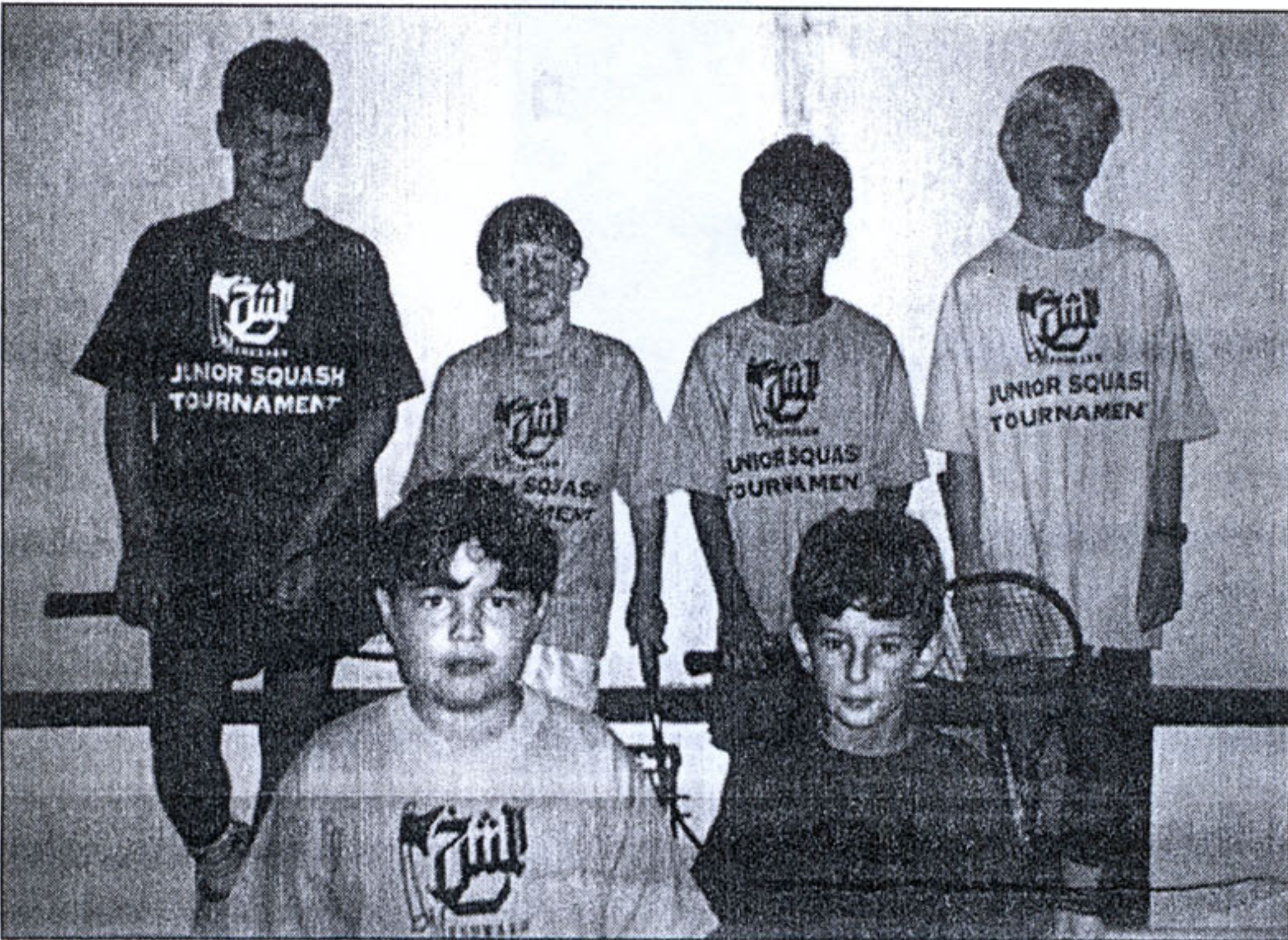


Harradine wins at Meshrakh squash



Participants in the boy's 12 and under group Meshrakh junior squash tournament. The group title was taken by eight-year-old Lawrence Harradine (front right) with 75 points.

EIGHT-year old Lawrence Harradine carved a narrow victory over Jean Michel to emerge victorious in the mixed 12 and under Meshrakh junior squash tournament held at the Dubai Country Club recently.

The mixed 12 and under group was a combination of the boys 9 and under and the girls 12 and under groups. The six competitors were pitted against each other and the player with the best record was declared the winner. Lawrence remained undefeated with a tally of 75 points, while Jean Michel took the runners-up slot with 71 points. Binaifer Kapadian was placed third with

a tally of 68 points.

The boys 18 and under group suffered from two late withdrawals, leaving only six competitors to fight for the four semi-final places. In Group A, Vineet Pabreja and Prathik Law advanced and were joined by Ritesh Tilani and Umair Hameed from Group B. Ritesh had an easy outing against Prathik, defeating him 2-0, while Vineet earned a hard-fought 2-1 win against Umair.

The final was a hard-fought affair, with Vineet coming up victorious 3-1 against a tired-looking Vineet, who had to also play in the boys 15 and under category.

Thomas Steibelt and Zarir

Jeewakhan dominated Group A, while Marwan Mattar and Darshan Selvaratnam qualified from Group B in the Boys 12 and under category. In the first semi-finals, Zarir beat Darshan 2-0, while Marwan edged past Steibelt with an identical 2-0 margin to set a meeting in the final with Zarir.

The final was a keen tussle, with Marwan taking the first game 15-13. But Zarir fought back and took the next two games and the title. The mixed 15 and under category was won by Ritesh Tilani who defeated Aimee Hart 3-0. Shaun Rossiter took the third place with his win over Mohammed El Aidy.

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