



Radha Guhahandan (India—right) in action against Janice Marla (Rest of the World) in their Orient Irrigation squash match at the Wanderers courts. — GN photo

Ireland give notice of their intention

By A Correspondent

In the first round of the Orient Irrigation Squash Tournament held at Sharjah Wanderers courts on Wednesday night, Ireland, led by Pat Seeney, gave notice to the rest of the teams in the group that they were definitely going for the winning trophy this year. In the first match of the night against England, Alysonn Cambell showed very little mercy with her first opponent, Val Richardson, by winning her three games with 45 points and only conceding 19.

In the second match, Ann Wheeler repeated this performance by also winning 45 — 21 against a struggling Yvonne Parker. With true style, Owen Lasker, the American with Irish descendants (of course!) took slightly longer against Tony Browne, allowing Tony to gain a total of 26 points while accumulating his 45.

Terry Marrion, in his first year of competitive squash in the Gulf, was the first player to win a game for

England by beating his opponent, Ireland's (up the Banner) Colm McGloughlin, 15-10. However, Colm was not to be daunted and reversed the 1st game result by winning 15-10 in the second. The third game was definitely a nail biter, at 14-14, Colm made one last desperate attempt at a winning shot and managed to slide the ball smoothly into the back corner to clinch the final point.

On the other court, in the Group B table, Phil Deeb's rest of the World team were battling with India. After ejecting the lockrepairing carpenter, Phil was desperately scanning the list of ladies 2nd Division players after only managing 25 points from his first match encounter between B. Cals. famed representative Janice Marler and newcomer Radha Nagarajah. Unfortunately, Janice was without Radha recent 3 days intensive training with Sri Lanka's No. 1 mens player in Colombo and lost 45-25. Mary Fay was next on court for India but was unable to contain Ann Miller and

was soon leaving the court after losing 45-17. Grant Baird continued his teams recovery and after having lost the knock-up against the flashy Shahji Shantaj, recovered his composure and won the first 2 games. In the third, Shahji recovered some of his style and battled constantly with Grant to eventually win 15-13.

Vijay Ramchandran was next on against Orients own representative, James Hartland. Although taking 15 points from his first game, Vijay was unable to repeat his performance and eventually lost 2-1 but managing to accumulate a valuable 37 points for his team. In the final match of the night, Noshier Kanga was matched against the famed Sharjah superstr Phil Deeb and finished with a total of 25 points to Phils maximum of 45.

The total points were accumulated at the end of the evening, with the help of some blue tube refreshment, and finally summed as follows.

Group A. Ireland — 198, England — 150.

Group B. Rest of the World — 200, India — 151.