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The India I team: Dev Reddy, Annette Stewart, Mustafa Abbas, Bharat Karani and Navdeep Jain.



Committee's Invitation team: John Mower, Sunil Oberoi, Allyson Ross, Danny Garvey and Keith Brown

## Rhebar upsets form book

By A Correspondent

THE first day of the Orient Irrigation Services International squash tournament, run by the Northern Emirates Squash Racquets Association, was qualifying day, with only two of the three teams in each of the four box leagues going through to the finals.

Very good numbers turned up to watch this most popular tournament.

In Group Four - Pakistan, Arab League and England 2 - were evenly balanced. The match of the day was between Pakistan's captain Rhebar Shariff and Karim Damiaty.

With both teams having lost to England 2, qualifying depended on the game as the match was locked at 2-2. An incredibly fast paced game saw Rhebar upset the form book and win 27-26 as Karim's legs went in the last couple of minutes.

### SQUASH

Nevertheless Mahmoud Hadi's Arab League will be missed as they brought a tremendous dash of colour to the proceedings.

Mahmoud with his full length yellow and black bicycle shorts, and Bridget Clifford, also wearing white bicycle short, under a white skirt, knee length socks, and luminous purple and orange laces in different shoes, being particularly eye-catching.

In Group One were England 1, Ireland and India 2. However Ireland went out.

But if Jim McDonough could have only squeezed out two more points against Steve Bennet, it would have been the English lads who would

have been on the beach on Friday.

In Group Two Africa were eliminated, but only after Riaz Jamal had given Andy Mclean a good run for his money, leading 21-20 before he tired.

Andy won 30-26. Rest of the World won the group, winning both matches 4-1, and their line up looks invincible.

Sunil Oberoi starred in a couple of great games, representing the Committee's Invitation team. First, he beat Bharat Karani of India 1, 22-21, and then Dean Marcini, Emirates, 26-21, showing superb touch and speed around court.

Bharat also narrowly lost, his other game, against Dean, as India 1 were eliminated.

The final sees the eight qualifying teams in two boxes of four, with the two box winners playing for the title.