

# DCC and Jebel Ali supreme

By Our Sports Reporter

DUBAI COUNTRY club and Jebel Ali Hotel won the tennis and squash titles respectively in the 5th Annual E.G.C. Inter-Club tournament which came to a conclusion earlier this week.

In the Mixed Doubles A event, DCC having the more balanced side were able to cash in on the inexperienced sub players of the Le Mirage, who fought gallantly in replacing Radha Dabholkar and Bela Pandit.

Kevin Murray and Sue Evans, with team mates Rod Hartshorne and Chris Gulliford, won consolation matches while DCC pairs Tony Munday/ Megna Rao and Andy/ Sue Fake swept the board, winning four matches out of 6 for victory.

Although the final group match was comparatively one-sided, most matches were closer than expected before the competition started. EGC and

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Dubai Metropolitan could easily have improved on their final positions. However their best team performance were saved for last in matches against Le Mirage and DCC respectively.

Hilton Beach used only nine players during the tournament and finished in third place with expected wins over the Met and EGC.

The B event became a tussle between the Hilton Beach B and C teams along with DCC B. DCC B scraped through with a 5-3 semi final over Hilton C and dashed any hopes of an all Hilton Beach final. Hilton B convincingly beat EGC B in the other semi final.

At the half way stage in the final between DCC B and Hilton Beach B,

matches were level 2-2. In the decisive 3rd/ 4th rounds, vital DCC victories for Tilley/ Smith 7-6 against Roy Noor/ Elia Samaha and Seymour/ Bullock against Shadi Refai/ May El Refai edged DCC 4-3 ahead.

With the nerves and tension high on both sides, captain Jim McGee/ Carol Tapley ended Hilton's ambitions to retain the trophy when they defeated Elia Samaha/ Sereen Refai by a 7-3 score for an overall DCC 5-3 victory.

Jebel Ali and Dubai Police fought their way through to the Double Elimination Squash Division 1 final. Dubai Police had the luxury of knowing that if they lost, the final would have to be re-played immediately afterwards as both teams are allowed one loss each before being eliminated.

In fact that was what happened when Jaffer Khan and Karim Al Domaity defeated Shaikh Ahmed

Mohammed Hasher Al Maktoum and Abbas Khan. Javed Rashid defeated Mahmoud Hadi 44-36 but Jebel Ali took the final into a reply with a 122-105 total victory.

The reply took the same pattern when Jaffer Khan was pressurised a little more for a reduced winning margin (28-23). Abbas Khan troubled by a groin strain conceded to Karim Al Domaity 78-38, making the margin of 45 points safe for Jebel Ali despite Javed's 53-30 win over Mahmoud.

In the Division 2 Final between EGC and Al Nasr, all matches were decided by 8 points or less. Al Nasr came out on top with 3 victories. Adel Fahmi beat Ansel Candelario (44-33), Suleiman beat Richard Freeman (37-34) and Saeed Bin Jarsh's 44-38 win against Ramsey Assal guaranteeing a 122-105 result.

Warren Hill assisted the Dubai Marine Beach Club to the Third Division title easily defeating Mustafa Abbas of Le Mirage, beforehand No 2 player Nadir Franjeh earned a tie against Nick Webb (38-38) with Sami bin Saad edging out Phil Edmonson by one point (34-33). MBC final (125-93) victory placed them top of the Round Robin group with Al Ghurair players Hussein Shah and Zulfiqar Khan winning matches against DUTCO to help their team take second position ahead of Le Mirage.

Trade Centre Apartments defeated EGPC 138-100 to take the Division 4 title, Rad Al Merri making the difference with a convincing 52-20 win over Dev Reddy when the points difference after two matches was only 6. Aviation were second with the same number of group points but were defeated by Trade Centre earlier in the tournament.

Le Mirage 3 won Division 5 which included players Rajat Barua, Tariq Hassoun and Shabbir. The tournament was sponsored by Orient Irrigation Services and Pepsi Cola International.



● The DCC A and B teams