



● The England team of John Clarke, Ken Broadhead, Lyn Hodgins, Mick McAllister and Dominic Preece

UK, India dominate at squash

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THE UK and India share the top spots in Group A and B respectively of the Dubai Country Club 15th annual Orient Irrigation Tournament held at DCC recently. Eight teams, divided into two groups, played a round robin in the preliminary stages.

Each team comprises five players, including one woman, who played three games on the American scoring. For each game won the team was awarded a point. The top two teams in each group would then go on to the semifinals. Group A consisted of Pakistan, Chairman's Invitational, UK

and Egypt, while Rest of the World, India, Pan Global and England are in Group B.

Last year's finalists Pakistan and Rest of the World both took a beating in their first match as UK overwhelmed Pakistan 10-5 and England beat the Rest of the World 9-6. India served an early notice as they trounced Pan Global 13-2. Late recruit Shefali Verma proved an asset at position five as she beat all comers.

Egypt narrowly beat Pakistan 8-7 thanks to Jim Naguib's 3-0 win over his son's schoolmate Hayan Merchant. In the final matches of the day

Pan Global recovered to beat England 8-7; India and UK served up identical scores as India beat Rest of the World 10-5 and UK beat Chairman's Select 10-5. ROW's Kevin Gale played extremely well to beat Raj Shahani 2-1.

The halfway tallies put UK on top in Group A with 20 points, Egypt on 15, Chairman's Invitational (13) and Pakistan (12). Group B saw India dominating with 23 points, England with 16, Rest of the World (11) and Pan Global (10).

With the top spot virtually claimed, the battle is left wide open for second place.