

City girls bag top 5 spots at Nat'l Squash tournament

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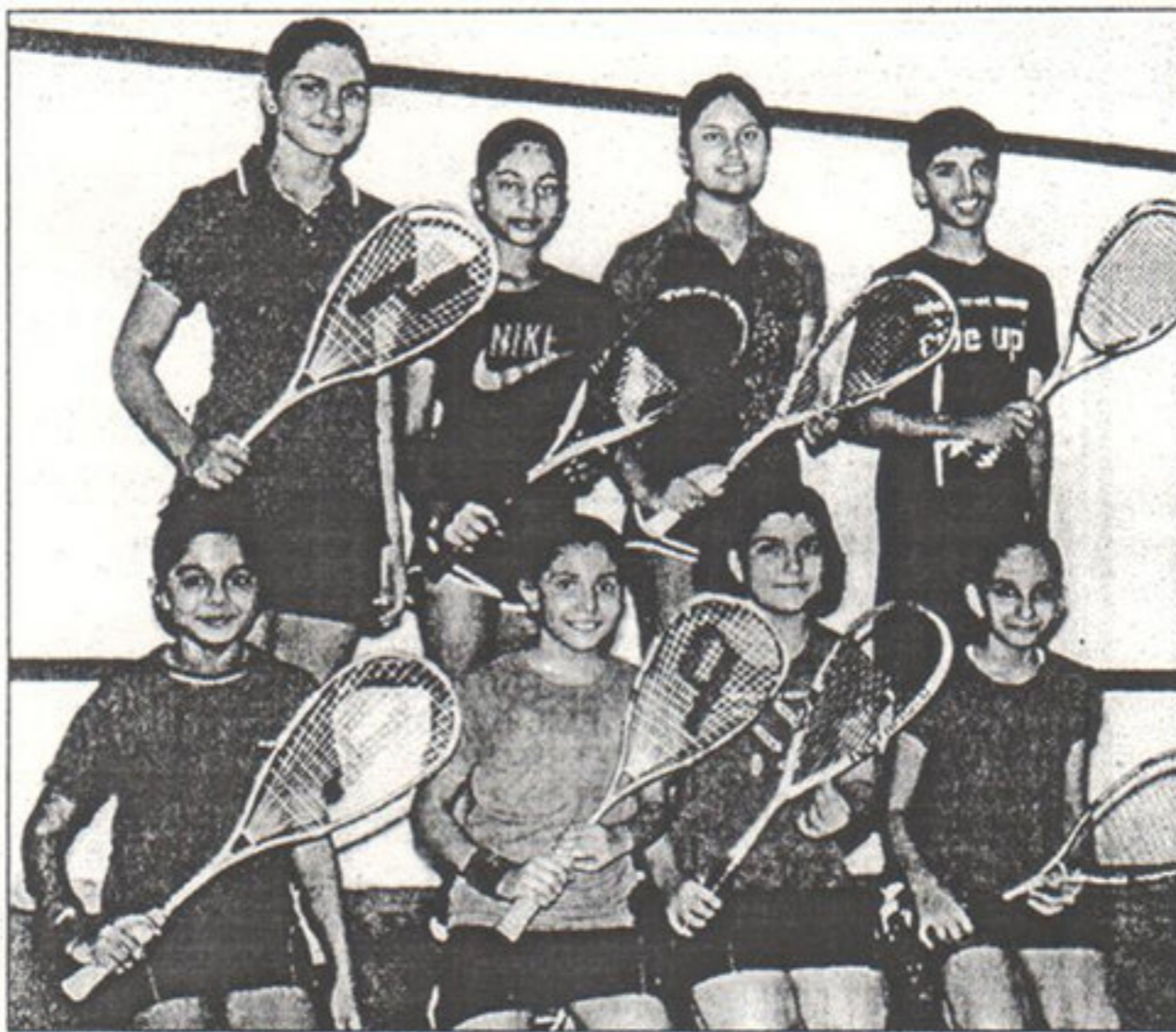
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A city school came into the limelight at the Pune Open Squash Championship, 2013, that was held at the Pune club recently.

Five girls from Hiranandani Estate, Ananya Dabke, Avani Nagar, Aryaa Ogale, Ananya Morey and Tina Lal reached the last quarter and bagged the top five spots in a single category. These girls are among the top ten seeds in India under the U-11 girl's category.

Aishwarya Bhattacharya was the star attraction as she defeated her rival and first seed Jui Kalgutkar in the girls U-17 category final. The match was dominated by Aishwarya from the start of the game. The last match was a thriller event, in which Aishwarya took the lead with 10-1. She finished the match at 11-7,3-11,11-8,11-9.

In the girl's U-19 category, Urvashi Joshi lost the match to first seed Sachika Ingale at 11-6,11-7,1-11,3-11,9-11.



GAME ALL: Five girls from Hiranandani Estate, Ananya Dabke, Avani Nagar, Aryaa Ogale, Ananya Morey and Tina Lal made it to the top five spots. (Above) Aishwarya Bhattacharya (in pink) and Ananya Dabke

GIRLS

GIRLS U-19,
2nd Urvashi Joshi (Jindal), lost to Sachika Ingale 11-6,11-7,1-11,3-11,9-11 in the final

GIRLS U-17,
1st Aishwarya Bhattacharya, bt Jui Kalgutkar 11-7,3-11,11-8,11-9 in the final.

GIRLS U-15,
8th Shrishti Nagar, lost to Akansha Salunke 4-11,3-11,3-11 in the quarter-final

GIRLS U-11,
2nd Ananya Dabke, lost to Megha Bhatia 5-11,11-3,8-11,11-6,8-11 - in final
3rd Avani Nagar, lost to Megha Bhatia 10-12,5-11,6-11 in semi-final
4th Aryaa Ogale, lost to Ananya Dabke 8-11,11-7,11-7,5-11,11-13 in Semi-final
5th Ananya Morey, lost to Megha Bhatia 5-11,4-11,4-11 in Quarter-final
8th Tina Lal,lost to Aryaa Ogale 0-11,3-11,2-11 in quarter-final

BOYS

BOYS U-19,
6th Akhilesh Yadav,
BOYS U-19,
7th Puneet Pareek,
BOYS U-17,
3rd Aishwarya Singh,
BOYS U-17,
8th Sandeep Paswan,
BOYS U-15,
7th Siddhant Iyer,
BOYS U-13,
4th Rahul Baitha,

In the U-11 girl's category, Megha Bhatia won the match against Ananya Dabke at 5-11,11-3,8-11,11-6,8-11. In the semi-finals, Aryaa Ogale lost to Ananya Dabke at 8-11,11-7,11-7,5-11,11-13.

In the boy's U-17 category, top seed Aishwarya Singh lost to Mudit Pant in the semi-final

by scoring 8-11,8-11,11-8,10-12.

Rahul Baitha also gave an incredible performance by entering the semi-finals in the U-13 category. But he lost the match to 1st seed Tushar Shahani 9-11,7-11,11-8,11-9,9-11.

In the boys U-15 category, Siddhant Iyer, lost to Yohan Surti at 7-11,6-11,5-11 in the

quarter-final.

Akhilesh Yadav and Puneet Pareek performed well in the boys U-19 category and secured the 6th and 7th spot, respectively.

All the juniors are now completing their 5th Indian Junior Open that is being held in Chennai from August 27 to 31.