



Serving Dreams : Half a Century of Badminton in Kolhapur

The story of Varsha Gore Nadgonde is one of passion, dedication and excellence in Badminton. From a young age, her commitment to the sport propelled her to achieve significant milestones, not just as a player but also as an administrator, mentor, umpire and an organizer.

Leading Womens player in yester years in Badminton Kolhapur.

Varsha's journey began with a silver medal at the 1975 Nationals in Anand, Gujarat, where she partnered with Hufarish Nariman in the Girls U-18 category missing the title by a whisker. Her early years were marked by consistent performances, such as being the Mixed Doubles runner-up at the Maharashtra State Championship in Akola in 1978 and representing Maharashtra at the Nationals in Ludhiana (1974) and Anand (1975).

Her tenure with Shivaji University from 1974-1980 was remarkable. She captained the team from 1976 to 1980, demonstrating her leadership on and off the court. Varsha also represented the Combined Universities in national tournaments held in Goa (1977), Udaipur (1978), and Jamshedpur (1979).

Dominance in Regional Championships :

Varsha's prowess extended to district-level tournaments, where she clinched



the Sangli District Junior Championship titles in 1974 and 1975. Her crowning achievements came in the Kolhapur District Badminton Championships, where she secured the prestigious triple crown for three consecutive years (1978, 1979, 1980), showcasing her versatility and dominance in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles.

Beyond the Court :

Varsha's love for Badminton did not end with her playing career. Her administrative contributions are just as inspiring. She served as an Executive Member and Junior Selection Committee Member of the Maharashtra Badminton Association for 16 years



At Pune Nationals with Prakash Padukone, Ranjeet Natu & Nikhil Kanitkar

(1998-2014). Her dedication to organizing tournaments under the Kolhapur District Badminton Association (KDBA) since 1995 has left an indelible mark on the sport. She was the first Women's State level Umpire from Kolhapur, an achievement to reckon with...

As Vice President of KDBA for a decade and its Secretary and Treasurer during various years, Varsha demonstrated unparalleled commitment to nurturing the sport at all levels.

A Legacy of Excellence :

Varsha Gore Nadgonde's story is not just about her victories and titles; it is a testament to her lifelong devotion to Badminton. Her journey from a spirited young athlete to an influential leader in Badminton administration continues to inspire generations of players and enthusiasts.

A big round of applause to Varsha Gore Nadgonde, a beacon of excellence and dedication in the world of women Badminton!



Varsha Gore - Nadgonde with Varsha Vaidya, Kanchan Kelkar-Sane, Manik Kelkar Paranjape, Anuradha C Sarkar, Madumita Goswami-Bisht, Ami Ghia Shah, Moruin Mathaus & Sujata Mohile



Jaidev Marchant, Madhur Bezbor, Uday pawar, Pramanikh Sir, Tipu, Vikramsing, Balwantsing girls myself, Sujata Mohile, Kanchan Kelkar, Manik Kelkar Paranjape, Hufirish Nariman