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Sports documentary on Bindra, Saina to be aired next month

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A new documentary series on seven Indian sportspersons, including Olympic gold medal winning shooter Abhinav Bindra, is all set to give a glimpse of what transpires during a tournament preparation of these athletes.

The documentary "Travelling with the Pros", to be broadcast on Sports channel ESPN from June 2 as a seven-part series, will showcase the behind-the-scene action of top golfer Jeev Milkha Singh, tennis grand slam doubles winner Mahesh Bhupathi, Formula One driver Narain Karthikeyan, ace marksman Bindra, cue ace Pankaj Advani, star shuttler Saina Nehwal and wrestling champion Sushil Kumar.

"It is a very unique concept and I conceptualised it in April 2010. I wanted to show the behind-the-scene life of a sportsman," former model Bikram Saluja told reporters here last night, adding that all the concerned sports' governing bodies supported the documentary.

Bhupathi, who was the first athlete Saluja approached for the series, said, "I am eagerly waiting for the series because they shot my part in August 2010. I thought it was intriguing. People normally associate with the glamour of sport and I wanted them to see what happens behind the scene."

Concurring with Bhupathi, Advani said, "Initially I was a bit apprehensive about it as snooker is not a physical sport and we tend to keep pretty much to ourselves."

Advani also said that he found it difficult to adjust with the TV crew following him.

"You are doing in a particular way and with seven people following around, you have to make allowance for that and put it in your routine," he said. (More)

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