

Today, yet another team Jamuna B entered the league. We had a sell out crowd here on the Narmada lawns with equal numbers lined up to cheer for either team. Fanfare and colourful pageantry were the unique features of the day's proceedings. CVR and Vijay Iyengar drew many a wolf whistle from an appreciative crowd.

Coming to the matches proper, one could witness hockey at a snail's pace (may be it was part of the strategy) down to the extent that Kalyan took time-out twice to wipe the sweat off his nearly bent and in umpire like fashion strode about the field like a colossus. One just cannot condole the indolence of the Jamuna A team. But time and again Kalyan thwarted his opponents' advances. It was he who set the pace (or rather retarded it) He foil'd many a pass with his timely interceptions. And to make a long story short, it was he who was responsible for Jamuna A's a litery goal victory and for a boring thirty five minutes as far as the spectators were concerned. It was a sizzling pass from that heavy stick (22oz.) of Kalyan which Mota converted for the all-important goal. Satish Pai pulled off some good saves and had a thumb in every Jamuna pie. Pai once missed the line of the ball and the ball sprung a surprise on him by springing back into play off the goalpost and to his dismay he saw Mota rolling in, in an attempt to score but by then Pai, who had recovered his senses, swept the ball from dire straits to calmer seas. Sithu excelled on many a goal-line save and played a game which belied his age. In a nutshell, Jamuna drew first blood and hung on for dear life to this slender lead at all costs and this was how they 'crawling' through into the league.

The second match set things 'swinging' in a game of a blistering 'pace' set by Chellakumar of Narmada C who many a time broke through the entire Ganga defence and centred the ball perfectly only to see his passes go abagging. Bucket's guarding of the goal did not hold water. Post. -There's a hole in the bucket. Chellakumar used this goal hole to his (w)hole advantage to notch up his second net trick of the tournament but alas in vain. Two of the Ganga goals came seconds before the whistle for the breather and the end. Sithu improved with the progress of the match (lack of practice, Sithu?) and dazzled the capacity crowd with some deft and adept stick work towards the end. Although the result was a foregone conclusion, the margin could have been much narrower had some weights been attached to King's legs.

There's some exciting and lucrative fare for tomorrow. Spectators, please note! For this tournament tomorrow will be a first (of september?)

**RESULTS:**

Jamuna A	beat	Tapti A	1 - 0
Ganga A	beat	Narmada C	8 - 3

**TOMORROW'S FIXTURES:**

4.45 P.M.	Ganga A	vs	Gauvery A
5.30 P.M.	Narmada B	vs	Saras A

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